

Point Post

Round 5, 2016

Editorial

Another bumper edition! Don't forget to be early for the home games this week as it is Dockers team photo day.

Club photos

It's photo time again! Wouldn't it be nice to have a photo of your little Docker and their friends to mark the season? Team and individual photos will be taken before each game on May 15th.

As a guide please organise to be at the field 30 minutes before your scheduled warm up time fully dressed in your game gear so that we can take team photos – your manager will be back to you with an exact time. Please be on time to

ensure no-one misses out on being in the team photo.

Following the group photo there will be some action photos taken. These also will be available for viewing and sale.

– Sarah Platts

Auskick

I hope everyone had a lovely Mother's Day, and loved the flowers handed out by the kids.

Auskick had a big morning on Sunday. We were lucky to have Lou come out from the AFL to provide the parents with the Level 0 training course. We had a great turnout and from the feedback I received it was very helpful & fun. New coaches in the making!



The kids are getting a hang of the game and Lou was out on Tuesday night assisting with training, and said that they were a very talented & well-behaved bunch. We started to hand out the Good Sport award this week – this is given for the player who demonstrates good listening skills, team work and improvements.

Last week they were given homework to learn the Dockers club song so we would start to practise at the end of each session. So on Sunday they performed it with such passion and it was great to watch. A big thank you goes out to Sam for coordinating the Canteen, and to Andreas, Matt & Parent helpers who assisted this week.

– Melinda Jenkins

[U9 White](#)

Round 5 saw a full complement of 13 players make the Friday night trek up the Pacific Highway to Hornsby Heights... with the late addition of new boy Alex making both 14 and his debut in jersey 27. The young field umpires kindly agreed that the teams could play with 14 a side, taking substitutes out of the equation and giving all the boys (and girl) a really solid run in the cool night air.

The game started very evenly, with the midfield quartet of Harvey (nice handball skills!), Harrison, Will and Tommy tackling and scrapping really well. Kaelan tackled hard, and worked on the ball, leading to an excellent tackle, breakaway and debut goal for Tommy. Alex made his debut noteworthy with some solid defence and a clean mark.



Oliver, on debut, showed why he was drafted to the big time with some truly memorable efforts including a contested mark. Archie used his body well in a tackle, dislodging the ball towards Lincoln who headed for the big sticks.

Manager Judy finally managed to produce the fabled oranges, only to be rebuffed by the coaching team, and sent away until half time...

The second quarter again saw the Dockers playing hard with Tommy, Will, Captain Harrison and Xavier pushing hard and Will outstanding

on the forward line. Lincoln was marking all over the park, and causing all sorts of trouble with his incisive runs. An excellent team effort released the ball to Aarish who lifted to another level, and all of a sudden he was in everything. Excellent defence from Friyana, Harvey, Nathan and Archie helped keep the ball out of Hornsby's attacking territory.

At the main break, the Dockers were looking really good, with solid skill improvement all over the park, and everyone really focussed on team work.

Archie started the third quarter like a Docker should, tackling everything that moved. Kaelan kept up the pressure by contesting and tackling well. Hornsby also lifted by taking the ball to their forward line and once again Aarish responded with a great run and kick, and Alex slotted an early nomination for goal of the year from a really fine angle, literally from the boundary line a couple metres from the point post. Tommy, Oliver, Harrison and Archie kept on tackling, and Aarish kept up his performance.

The final quarter saw Will lift to another level, with aggression on the ball paying strong dividends.

Harrison, Archie and Alex were strong, and they needed to be as the intensity of the tackles from both teams lifted. Lincoln looked like he was just warming up as he used his skill and speed continuously to outwit the defence, helping Will break through 3 tacklers in a single piece of play.

At the end of the game, the contest for the post-match snakes was as fierce as any earlier in the night... we all left the ground for the trip home with echoes of the team song and "McDonalds" ringing in our ears...

Best on Ground: Will

Debut: Oliver, Alex

Debut goal for the Dockers: Alex, Tommy

– Andrew Loadsman

U9 Purple

An 8.00am start up at Pennant Hills saw many Mums play the Mother's Day card and have a sleep in (or that's what happened in my house at least)!

The game started with a string of handballs in the forward zone by Jeremy, Jack and Ryan that resulted in the first goal. Unselfish play by Callum resulted in Harry kicking his first goal for the year, whilst Hugo

took a great mark and Callum finished off for another goal.



In the second quarter Jack kicked a goal after good work from Ali, then another string of handballs involving Scarlett, Jeremy and Harry ended with another 6 pointer. Ali kicked another one late from the boundary line.

Callum and Jack switched to the opposition (without complaint) for the third quarter and set up a goal for Pennant Hills.

Liam R ran down the wing and sent a looping handpass to Charlie who was crunched in a tackle. He left the ground briefly but returning in the last quarter was a gutsy effort.

Good defensive work by John saved a goal. Brodie made a second effort in a contest and won a free kick after a strong tackle. The fourth quarter saw more tackling and handpassing by the Purples, whose

teamwork and linking of handballs was a feature of the play this week.

At the end of the game all the Mums present were in the middle while the boys (and Scarlett) sang the team song in a circle around them. All this was accomplished with many parents not having any caffeine, which made it a commendable effort by all concerned!

– Andrew Darnell

U11

So what was the secret sauce for today's game? What inspired the U11 Dockers to play at a level that was beyond anything we have seen in 2016? Super Coach Matt's tactical brilliance? Assistant Super Coach Sean's rousing speeches? Endless goal kicking practice on Tuesday night? No, No and No!!! It was Mum power... when 18 young blokes get told to make their Mum proud, anyone in their way better watch out!

After last week's win, the Dockers were looking to make it two in a row versus the Hornsby Berowra Eagles. The boys were switched on in the warm up and ready to go from the first bounce. The first 10 minutes of the game were a real arm wrestle between the two

teams. Slowly but surely the Dockers gained the ascendancy, with the midfield squad of Will, Jacko, Liam, Henry and Luke M providing service to the forwards.

Gilly was a standout, hunting the ball and breaking tackles – 2 first quarter goals were reward for his outstanding effort. This was matched by Jack L, who continued to lead the team in his desire to get his hands on the ball. He was at the bottom of every pack and scrapping to win the ball. To top off this hard work, he also scored 2 goals from general play.

Going into the second quarter the boys were determined to keep up the great work. What really stood out was the structure the boys bought to their play. Jack C dominated the ruck duels and ran himself ragged to get to the contest. Luke M, Jacko and Leandre really started to have an

impact on the game winning the ball in the centre and making great use of the possession, breaking lines and delivering the ball into the forward line.

Christian, Jacob and Liam dominated up forward, scoring 5 goals between them! At half time the boys went into the break with a lead of 63—0, a credit to an amazing effort across the board for the whole team.

In the second half, Coaches Matt and Sean took the opportunity to give the boys experience in positions they had not played before. This led to a more even contest in the 3rd quarter, before the team kicked away again in the last term to win comfortably.

Luke M was almost unstoppable in a best on ground performance, Zach was fantastic in his tackling pressure, gathering possession and



also bagging a couple of goals. Thierry, Dylan, Luke T and Tom all stepped up their work rate and made sure the opposition did not get a sniff as the Dockers cruised home to a great win. After a final address from the coaches, the team belted out the club song, woofed down the obligatory snakes before heading off to Mothers Day Lunch a happy and victorious bunch.

After today's effort, don't be surprised to hear Matt's pre-game talks to end with a rousing "Let's do it for the Mum's!"

Goal scorers: Gilly 3, Zack 2, Jacob 2, Luke M 2, Liam 2, Jack L 2, Henry 1, Christian 1

Happy Mothers Day.

– Byron Muntz

U12



U13

This week the U13s showed they are still a fierce contender for back to back titles. Bouncing back after last week's loss, the team had a very convincing win over the Mosman Swans playing at home.

The goals were plentiful and shared around however Sam, Matt and Will were on fire all coming up with hat tricks. Others to add points on the board were Fynn, Yianni, Tamas, Aryan and Ben.

The ease of the game gave us plenty of opportunities to define our skills and practice set plays as well as mix up our positions for something different. The ball very rarely came out of our half, which is a credit to the boys in the middle and out wide. Everyone shared the responsibility keeping play up our end. Lucas, Conor and Aiden all supported well. The morale boost and extra enthusiasm was great to see and it was good to see lots of smiles on the boys' faces. It was also nice to see the boys supporting the opposition and showing good sportsmanship when warranted.

Of course it was Mothers Day and who needs a sleep-in and brekky in bed when we can get up be apart

of a Dockers win. The boys shared the victory with all the Mums in the middle of the team song.

Keep up the great work. We need to stay healthy and strong and keep the momentum rolling into the weeks ahead!

– Bron Papandrea

U17

Canada Bay Dockers 2-3 (15) defeated by Cronulla 19-6 (120) with mercy rule applying at three-quarter time.

Gwawley Park is an awkward cuss of a ground. It's long... very long, narrow and features not one, not two, but three synthetic cricket pitches (all uncovered) with rolling swales reminiscent of a Scottish links golf course inhabited by

gophers. If you want to be competitive here you need to bring your "A" game and we didn't. Cronulla were bigger, faster, fitter, better drilled, more disciplined and gave us a fearful shellacking.

There were determined individual efforts from Luke who made a contest against a dominating forward target, Jack gave us some spark through the middle until fatigue set in, Tyler and Michael provided pace and determination.

Ehsen tried tirelessly against larger opponents. Harrison rucked all day against two bigger and experienced followers. Layton won the Five Dock Volkswagon "Played strong, done good" award for his best contribution this season. But 20 individuals, no matter how determined, weren't going to



prevail against a 16-man team effort.

Thank you to Andrew, Matt, and Scott for the official functions of boundary, runner and goals, also Jon from Spectrum Healthcare. Unfortunately our injury toll continues to mount with Ryan injuring his arm and the initial diagnosis is a fracture.

Best & Fairest Voting (people's choice): The link below will open a voting form for the Purple Haze's best & fairest vote. If you were at Gwawley your opinion is just as valid as anybody else's, so might as well make it count!

<https://penultimathule.wufoo.com/forms/canada-bay-dockers-u17/>

A reminder – Thursday additional training: For those who can make it there is second training run with Macquarie Uni on Thursday 6:30 – 8:00pm on their main oval located over M2 on the corner of Talavera Road and Culloden Road in North Ryde.

Purple Haze Supporters Group:

If there is an email address you want included in this distribution list or Teamer let me know or you can email them the following link to register.

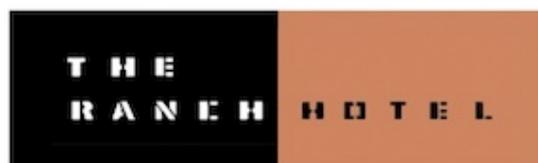
<http://tinyurl.com/jv2f2hn>

Teamer message for round 6 (scheduled v Forest @ Lionel Watts Oval) is due to go out tomorrow morning but there is a re-divisionalisation in the offing and I'll try to get confirmation before going to press.

– Graeme Durrant

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