

Point Post

Round 1, 2013

Hello to the players, families and supporters of the North Ryde Dockers, to the many returning, and to our new recruits. The hooter blows, an umpire starts the game, the players go for the first tap and the playing season is underway.

So many warm smiles from old friends. New families said to me, “what a great club,” new players registered after trying out, and our teams are starting to fill. Please remember that players can join up at any time in the season and we need to keep recruiting, so bring them along to a game or get them to call me after hours on 0429794743.

For every 30 new members signed up to the club, that are referred to the club by existing members, we will draw one of the 30 referring members names out of a hat to win an iPod touch. The more people you get to join the club, the more chance you have of getting the iPod touch.

Question: What makes a great club—what makes it so enjoyable?

Answer: You, the members who volunteer their time make it the club we enjoy.

Thank you to the coaches and managers who have stepped forward for the individual teams. Thank you to the executive, and committee members. Our Registrar, Greg Randle, has been putting in long hours at the database. Our Treasurer, Julian Turner, has been coordinating our funds, recruiting, and coaching U11Whites. Still more are required to share the load. So please consider being mentored to take on either of the following roles:

Ground Manager(s) Your club Vice President, Trevor Mitchell, who manages the canteen and equipment including uniforms also coaches the U16 team. He can not be at every home game and we need someone to help lighten the load. Contact him on 0419 479 186 or baclagit@iprimus.com.au to learn about how you can help.

First Aid Officer(s) Your club President, yours truly, oversees the running of the club, liaises with Freemantle Dockers, Sydney Swans, NSW AFL, newspapers, local schools, mentors Auskick, meets with council, is looking for first aid officers to assist with home games. The club will pay for your first aid qualification if you don't already have it. Contact me on 0429794743 after hours or tajubb@bigpond.net.au to learn about how you can help.

Help make our club a great club.

Thomas Jubb
President North Ryde Dockers

Canteen

Please say Hi to Amy Mitchell who will be the regular face at our canteen and make sure you do your shift when rostered on. Our registration fees are kept low and accordingly cover only insurances and ground hire. The money from the canteen pays the umpires, allows us to replace jumpers, goal post pads and training equipment. So get your coffee and other drinks and supplies from the canteen, and look out for that sizzling BBQ set up by Scott Johnstone. We are planning to sell fruit at the canteen and are interested in your feedback to Amy in the canteen as we get this initiative underway.

Team Reports

Auskick

Great first turn out for Auskick last Sunday with 20 kids participating in the session. The session was focused on basic kicking skills with a blend of pure skill and game based activities. A mix of new and experienced players helped create a fun day with the more experienced kids helping out with the skill based activities. There was some great talent on display and we clearly have the making of a great squad for 2013 season. Thank you to all the coaches and parents for helping make the session run smoothly .

U9 Purple

Well what a great start to the season, Well done boys it was a great effort all round on a pretty hot morning. There were highlights from everyone and also some funny moments such as mimicking our professional heros and then be pulled up as U9's play by different rules ... great skills anyway Hugh.

Well done to Ben and Henry who dominated in the centres with many strong chest and overhead marks and then some great passing to team mates in the forward line. Kyeton, Lachlan and Josh got plenty of ball around the ground with some great hand passing and tackling throughout the game. Well done to Mitchell who tried hard all day and got in there and contested the ball and tackled till the final siren.

The speed of Hugh and James in the forward line was nearly too fast to see. Both took on the defence and ran round them on numerous occasions brushing them aside with ease and going on to score some fantastic goals. Well done Hugh "aka Buddy Franklin" and James "aka Kieran Jack".

U9 White

It was a baptism of fire for the Under 9 Whites in the first competitive game of the season against a well drilled Pennant Hills team. It was clear from the opening bounce that Pennant Hills had the skills

to match their imposing physiques. The Dockers, some of whom are both new to the Club and the Code, all did their best and played the game in a wonderful spirit. While maybe not quiet matching the opposition on the scoreboard it was clear that every player to a man gave their all and as a team the order of the day was HAVE FUN!!!! And that was achieved. The jellies also went down well. Roll on Round 2.

U11 Purple

U11 Purple arrived extremely keen and focused for their 8AM game. They got off to an unusually slow start with dropped marks in the 1st quarter, partly due to a wet ball. The rest of the match was very competitive with some beautiful plays by the young Dockers to bring themselves right back into the match. Best for the day were Matt in midfield, Luke & Harry running down the wings & Fynn up forward. All players did very well for their first season game, showing their tough "never give up" attitude.

U11 White

We travelled to Kellyville to play a very well established side. This was our first effort as a team with some of our side never having played a full game of AFL before. Our team showed great spirit, good hustling in defense and put in 100% effort. We'll be working on our skills at training and we'll be getting better each week.

U12

It was a controversial start to the season for the Under 12 Division 2 team, with the result still in dispute - either a draw or a 1 point loss.

In our first game for premiership points we welcomed 2 new players, Justin & Sam, against a fast and skillful Hornsby team. A slow start and a poor 2nd quarter had us 26 points behind at half time. A "bake" from the Coach during the main break saw better discipline & team work, as last years slick U11s re-emerged. Although we outscored Hornsby in Q3, we were still 18 points down at the final change, requiring some unusual positional changes

(playing 2 Ruckmen in midfield) and a challenge to the boys to run hard and support their team-mates. Storming home, we kicked 4 goals to 1 in Q4 in a magnificent example of self belief and what we can achieve if we play as a team. While some players were a bit quiet on the day, everyone made a contribution and improved as the match progressed. Whatever the result, our second half performance was pleasing, in what will be a very competitive Division - well done boys.

U13

The under 13's hit the ground running with a solid win over the Canada Bay Cannons. The engine room (the players returning from last year) played like they had not had the summer off, with crisp passing and targeted kicking a key feature. The new recruits all fitted in really well and we hope that Marley, Cory, Tia and Emlyn had enough fun to bring them back for the season. A highlight was 10 separate goal kickers on the day, including 3 of the new recruits getting goals. All in all a positive start to the season and we all look forward to our next game after the school holidays.

U16

Dockers U16 div 3 defeated Westbrook 7.13.55 v 3.6.24. The score did not represent the hard fought close match it actually was. Six minutes into the third quarter Westbrook leading by 4 points (39 to 35). At this point in the game our captain called for a "player count" which found Westbrook to be fielding 19 players (1 additional to the rules). This then caused Westbrook to lose all their points up

to that point and the umpires reset Westbrook score at zero. The game continued to be close to the final siren.

For the kids—colouring competition

A BBQ voucher will be presented from the best entry from each team at Round 2. Get it in to the canteen before your match starts so the judges can make their determination during your game.

Your Name: _____

Your North Ryde Dockers Team: _____

