

# Point Post

Round 6, 2013

## President's Report

Please welcome our new editor of PointPost, Phil Edwards. It's exciting to hand over to Phil now that PointPost is "off the ground". Thank you, Phil, for stepping up your family's existing contribution to the club.

Mac Warrior coaches and senior players attended our training last week and contributed to our drills. Thanks to Kyle, our U11s then got to watch Mac Warriors train on Thursday night. We hope to do this at least a couple of times throughout the season.

This week our U13's did us proud under lights on Friday night at the Gore Hill ground. Officials from Fremantle watched this match and also came to watch the bulk of our teams play at ELS on Sunday. It is important to note we belong to a group of Docker partner clubs of which NSW clubs include Balmain (senior), Niagra Park (junior) and Lake Macquarie (both senior and junior), all of us having support of the Fremantle Dockers.

Well done to Mitch, who was nominated by the club and

recognised by the City of Ryde – Volunteer Recognition Awards. His family are major contributors to the running of our club and we are truly grateful.

One of the many components to playing well is beating your opponent to the ball. It is no wonder that at the Ryde Little Athletics presentations on Sunday there were so many North Ryde Dockers on stage receiving awards. And it's not just this year either. Family names like Edwards, Fairhall, Gleeson, Hudson, Jubb, Lugsdin, Mistry, Muir, Plummer have worked hard at their running skills throughout the summers and it shows during their games. We welcome many athletes who have come from Ryde Little Athletics to our club, and of course the coaches at Little Athletics in Ryde want to see more AFL players register with them next season. There is great synergy in this relationship.

The inaugural independent schools full term sport playing Australian Rules football held 3 matches at ELS on Saturday. Thank you to the committee members who stepped in to open up, run the BBQ and

canteen and close the club at the end. This brought essential money into the club as well as fosters the creation of a new tradition. Anything we do to help schools take on AFL means our children will have a greater opportunity themselves to play at school. Our involvement has ensured AFL NSW/ACT commitment to funding some of the fees for our upcoming clubhouse renovation. Accordingly I will be calling upon teams to roster families on during the upcoming Saturday school matches and ask you to share in the enthusiasm for the growth of our sport.

– Thomas Jubb (0429 794 743)  
President, North Ryde Dockers

### Auskick

Another beautiful Sydney morning on Sunday for Auskick and another super turnout from this year's group with around 22 players in attendance including another couple of debutants. We also had close to 20 last Tuesday for training which was very impressive. Thanks again to the parents for getting their young ones to ELS for a 5pm start, it really does make a difference to their improvement and enjoyment of the game.

This week we did some initial kicking and handballing work as a large group and then we split the

Auskickers into two smaller groups with one focusing on ball handling (gathering the moving ball, with a kick or handpass) and other on contested marking and ground work and very early stages of defensive tactics.



We ended the session with a modified game, which had plenty of goals at either end. Next week we may even consider running two games side by side provided there's the same or even greater number of players. No doubt this will require some assistance from the parents... Hope to see you all on Tuesday night for training.

– Auskick Coaches

### U9 Purple

Today's game was the best team effort of the year so far and with this came a mountain of goals. It's amazing how well we can play as a team when everyone is helping each other out. It was a tough, uncompromising game but the tenacity of each player to get in and get the ball out to a team-mate was awesome. Well done everyone.

There was some great hand passing from Liam, Kyeton, Matthew G, Josh and Matthew B. Great overhead marking from Ben, James, Matthew G and Henry, fine evasive work from Hugh once again to snap a Buddy Franklin special or two and some fierce tackling from Kyeton, Mitchell and Noah. The funny coincidence of the day was James telling Emma he'd kicked 3 goals in the second quarter the same as his idol Daniel Hannebery did in the second quarter for the Swans the night before!

Welcome to the two Matthews for their first games for the Purples. They both fitted in very well and played some great team football. Thanks to all the boys who played for the opposition due to the extra numbers – I was really proud of the effort we all displayed playing against our own team mates. Well done to Ben for winning the Brownlow Award for player of the

week. Ben's general play, marking and passing to his team mates was fantastic. And special thanks to Cameron and Harrison from the Whites for helping out.

– David Lugsdin

### U9 White

A beautiful morning greeted both teams, with ELS Hall Park 1 basking in autumn sun. Both Under 9 teams were playing at home so it was an ideal opportunity for some of the children to double up and get some much needed extra game time. It was clear from the outset that Westbrook Red were raring to go and the game started at a rapid pace. So rapid that the first siren seemed to come around very quickly, when it was in fact the siren from Field 3!



Play resumed and Dockers went on the attack through Thomas after some good ruck work in the centre by Cameron. Scores were hard to

come by as the Westbrook defense, bolstered by some familiar faces, stood firm. There were signs of improved kicking following extra practice during the week, with Alex, Ashton and Daniel to the fore, and this is something the team will continue to work on this week.

Connor, Jacob, Jack and Aarish all worked hard throughout the four quarters, whether in the backline, around the middle, or up in the forwards. With fourteen-a-side there wasn't too much space to be found at times, however captain for the day Matthew D, intelligently patrolled his goal square minimising goal opportunities where possible. A special mention and Thank You goes to our 'Purple' club-mates, Ben, Hugh, James, Matthew and Henry who all played important parts in what was an entertaining game of footy.  
– Sean Cronin

### U11 Purple

Our Dockers were on the back foot from the word go, and suddenly saw themselves down a few goals in the first minutes of the game. A very determined Dockers backline consisting of Robbie, Lachie and Sebastien tried to hold the high-skilled Westbrook players out. Their awesome effort held Westbrook goalless and we began to challenge them and stop their run. At the start

of the second quarter we made a couple of changes to our midfield which resulted in the Dockers lifting and winning their share of the ball. When the Dockers came out for the second half we started to win the ball from midfield and get it down to our forwards who were finding space, particularly Blake who took several good marks. Again the Dockers kept Westbrook goalless whilst kicking several goals themselves.

In the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter, great efforts from our faster midfields including Ned, Harry and Luke with big tap-outs from Nick who drove the ball into our forward line regularly, resulting in several goals including crucial goals from our midfielders, led by Fynn and Matt. In the end the whole team performed as a unit with beautiful hand-passes and kicks throughout the ground to cap off a great last quarter. We wish to thank the U/9 White team who in the true spirit of the Dockers gave the U/11 Purples a great guard of honour as the Purples ran out onto the field.

– Debbie Charters

### U11 White

It was great to see a much improved match by the Under 11 Whites against Westbrook Red who have a number of very strong players. It was a solid four-quarter effort with all players showing great commitment,



support of each other and improvements in skills like marking. Special mentions go to Luke who was excellent spoiling opposition marks all morning, Mason who saved a goal on the back line by a finger tip, and Samuel and Henry who almost took very strong marks. It was an excellent effort by all and it was valuable to see what we are learning in training translate onto the field on Sunday. This week we will be doing further training on tackling and shepherding, clean ball pick-ups, faster disposals, holding your marks, calling for the ball and hands up around the ball on the mark.

– Liz Thomson

### U12

The match against Westbrook started in exhilarating fashion with Wizard winning the ball, taking 3 bounces and kicking a magnificent goal in a “Goal of the Year” nomination – the problem was that only 2 bounces are allowed in Under12s!



Unfortunately, that typified our day and Westbrook won a close encounter as we again folded in the last quarter. Some really pleasing outcomes on the day were Sam’s continued rapid development in defence, playing his best game to date, and Justin’s accurate foot passing, which resulted in a goal to the Wizard. Merlin again set the standard for contested ball in the forward line, kicking another 2 goals, while the Ant (U11 Whites) set a great example with his hard running and hardness at the ball. This was a match that we should have won – come on boys, let’s get that spark back! Final score was NRD 4.7=31 to WB 6.12=48.

– Michael Hudson

### U13

It looks like the Under 13’s might well be a nocturnal bunch as they played their best game of the season under lights at Gore Hill on Friday night. From the opening whistle Dockers players were first to the contest and moved the ball forward on every occasion. The kicking to a player was the best all season. In the centre, Rory, Zac, Connor, Marley and Sam won nearly every contest. On the wing Hursty ran all day and for someone playing his 5<sup>th</sup> ever game looked like a veteran. Our newest recruit, David, also

impressed playing all over the ground in his first ever game of AFL.

Up forward we had six separate goal scorers, with Cory (2 goals), Macca (3 goals), Bryn (4 goals) and Tom W (5 goals) getting multiples. The back line didn't see much action although when the ball did come their way Ehsen, Oscar S and Dylan managed to defuse all danger. A special mention to Ryno, who turned up to support (and hold the coach's board) even though he couldn't play as he has chipped a bone in his foot. All round it was a wonderful performance and one that warmed the hearts of the spectators who turned up on a cold night.

– Christopher Whitnall

### U16

A long awaited win for the boys against Westbrook (12.10=82 to 5.11=41). Dockers led all the way and sang the team song for the second time this season.

It constantly amazes me to witness the courage and tenacity delivered by our 14 year olds, Isaac, Harry, Tim and Oscar week in week out. They are playing against 16 year olds, usually twice as tall yet are always at or over the ball. This week Isaac was rewarded with 2 goals and Oscar 1 (Tim got one last week!).

The 15's in the side provide the running with Coops scoring 2 goals this week and well backed up by Sam, Zac, Connor and Adam.



Our 16 year olds provide the backbone of the team with Sam, Drakey and Raphy strong in the centre and Harry, Paddy and Dale defending well to ensure only 5 goals against. Adam, Ben, Angus and Liam also had good games.

My thanks to all the parents who help out each week.

– Ian Whelan

### Thanks!

Thanks to managers and coaches for the timely submissions of their reports, and to Amanda Jubb for photos.

– Phil

## **QBE Sydney Swans Academy – Open Athlete Assessment Days:**

The QBE Sydney Swans Academy is inviting talented young athletes – not just footballers – to an assessment day where they will take part in a range of fun sporting activities.

### **U10 (Born in the year 2003)**

**DATE:** Monday 1st July

**TIME:** 12pm – 2pm

### **U11 (Born in the year 2002)**

**DATE:** Wednesday 3rd July

**TIME:** 10am – 12pm

### **U12 (Born in the year 2001)**

**DATE:** Wednesday 3rd July

**TIME:** 2pm-4pm

**VENUE** - Lakeside Oval, Driver Ave, Moore Park

**REGISTRATIONS** - Close Monday 24th June at 5pm

For further information and details on how to register, please click on the following link -

<http://www.sydneyswans.com.au/news/2013-05-04/academy-calling-for-next-generation.workstation1>