

President's Report

Fundraising committee: Scott Johnstone is leading a fundraising committee and requests that parents interested in joining the committee contact him directly on unlimitedplumbing@yahoo.com.au .

Keep a look out for an email from your team manager regarding the upcoming chocolate drive to raise needed funds to pay for the first aid courses so that we have one first aider per team.

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

Trivia questions

This time, three trivia questions related to the Fremantle Dockers! (Kids, you can ask your parents to help with these.)

(1) What was the first year the Dockers played in the AFL?

(2) The most goals kicked in a season by the one player for the Dockers was 72, in 2007. Who was the player?

(3) Have the Dockers ever played in a drawn game?

Auskick

An over and above Auskick session saw 12 boys get involved. We welcomed 2 first time Auskickers in Joel and Oliver – well done boys and we look forward to seeing many more times. After quickly refining some kicking skills the Auskickers enjoyed some good game time. In the first half Ryan proved a wall in defence sweeping across the back line sending some long kicks into the mid field. Oliver weaved through some strong defence to kick some good goals and Lach had many possessions.

Second half highlight was Liam finding a way to kick to nice goal. All Auskickers are learning what it takes to be part of a team and there's no doubt each one has improved their skills. Some of the Auskickers played a game during half time of a Macquarie University game on Saturday. Thanks to Macquarie University for making the Auskickers welcome and those that played had a great time.

– Auskick coaches

U9 Purple

WOW! I was so impressed by the effort of ALL the boys on Sunday. Everyone showed that Dockers

fighting spirit in spades. It was great to see and very rewarding from a coaches perspective.



Kyeton and Mitchell had their best games for the year. Kyeton kicking a fantastic goal after reading the play so well and being in the right position to mark on front of goal. Mitch topped his possession count with numerous hard ball gets and then handpasses to teams mates who kicked long into the forward line on many occasions.

The team play today was first class. All the boys looked for each other when they gathered the ball. Some great kicking to team-mates in space that lead to goals being scored almost every time.

Ben, Matthew G, Noah, Hugh and Henry were fantastic in passing the ball forward to team mates. Liam, Matthew B, Lachlan and Josh tackled hard all day coming up with

plenty of turnovers of possession. On one occasion Josh gained possession of the ball from about 30 metres from goal, ran hard toward goal and kicked from a long way out to unfortunately hit the post for a point. Well done Josh.



James (crash test dummy) spent a few minutes having a rest on the sideline with Doctor Thomas who clearly administered some good petites to get him back out there again. No further sign of the concussion or broken fingers or ribs from being squashed at the bottom of a pack. Hugh was also down and out after copping a footy to the tummy at very short range for a minute or two. But this didn't stop the boys getting back out there for their team-mates and playing on, well done for showing that fighting team spirit.



Keep up the great team play and see you all at training this week.

Go the Dockers!

– David Lugsdin

U9 White

It seemed like forever since the boys had played a game together, what with all the rain washing out two games and then the school holidays break, so it was with eager anticipation that everyone made the trip out to Bruce Purser Reserve for Sunday's game against Kellyville/Rouse Hill Kevin Sheedy Under 9s.

And what a glorious winters morning it was for Footy, barely a cloud in the sky and no wind. The enforced break showed in the initial stages of the first quarter with the opposition relying on their superior ball handling and kicking skills to maintain possession

although this did not amount to scores on the board due to strong defence from Cameron, Harrison and Zach. It was on the back of resolute defending that the Boys managed to get into the game and this was mirrored by persistent tackling both in the centre and in the forward line as the quarter progressed with Alex and Matthew chasing everything down.

The second quarter saw the team shed their rustiness and strong running by captain for the day, Jack, James and Thomas helped the Dockers get on level terms. Nicholas was playing his first game having recently graduated from Auskick and he won some vital ball in and around the ruck. After the half-time break Dockers did manage to get a couple of scores, a minor followed quickly by a major, which was just rewards for the hassling and movement in the forward line by Connor and Henry.

Three quarter time was no different to any other break, with the game still evenly balanced, and things didn't change much in the final quarter, with Ashton and Daniel working hard around the ball until the final siren. All in all it was a fairly even and fair contest with both sides playing their part in an entertaining and enjoyable

game of Footy. Proper kicking and offering a lead will be primary areas of focus in training this week.

– Sean Cronin

U11 Purple

We approached this weekend as a great challenge as we took on our toughest opposition this year, the Westbrook Red side. When we played them earlier this year, they stole a jump on us in the 1st quarter & we had to play catch up for the rest of the game, so getting a good start today was key for us.

Thinking that we were 3 players down, Sam & Joe from the U/11 White team stepped in to help after playing their own game. Much to our surprise, we got Lachie back from a knee problem and had a welcome return from Janne after about 6-7 weeks weeks out with an arm injury.

This gave us extra numbers which allowed us to lend the Bulldogs a player as well as play Janne for just a couple of quarters to start with, to ease her back into footy. The 1st quarter of the game was a fairly even encounter, but after some solid mid-field work, the Dockers pushed into the forward line & we saw goals to Nick & Blake. Equally our backs made up of Rob, Jack, Sebastien & Lachie

held out repeated Bulldogs attacks, but through some fast play, the Bulldogs got a couple of goals of the own.

The 2nd quarter saw some improvement from the Dockers, but despite this, the goal of the day, kicked by Luke from the sideline, was whilst he was playing for Westbrook – great effort Luke!

We made a few changes in the 3rd quarter, to get us some more mid field speed. We moved a flu-affected Fynn out and added a couple of our speedsters, Ned & Luke, interchanging through midfield. These two, with our Captain Matt, along with our very own "Forest Gump" Harry, got our mid-field flying.

Big tap-outs in ruck by newcomer Sam and later by Jack, led to lightning fast raids into our forward line, Nick, Fynn, Blake, Frysie who all kicked multiple goals – Frysie's in particular was a cracker. Right across the park the Dockers were humming & began to really kick away from an opposition which competed bravely all day.

Play of day which took just 5 seconds to execute saw Joe lay a

great tackle on the wing. He then booted his awarded kick quickly & accurately to Fynn. Though he didn't take clean mark in the contest, he managed to get a lovely quick handball off to Blake who ran past in a textbook example of crumbing. Blake then ran in and fired a lovely low kick into Ned in front of goal, who put it straight through the middle.

Matt & Nick not only shared "player of the day", but they both took an amazing mark in the 2nd half to also share "mark of the day".

Thank you to each of the players who played a quarter for the opposition, to all 5 players who'd already played a game with other teams and to Janne for her patience. I know with her fighting spirit, she'd have played the whole game if we'd let her. We're all just happy she got through the day uninjured and is now back with us for the rest of the year.

Well done to all in Purple, go the Dockers!

– Deb Charters

U12

Taking on the ladder leaders after 1 month with no footy was the challenge facing the boys this

week. In a repeat of our previous match, while the team missed out on a win, no one could fault our desire. Disciplined tagging jobs during the match by Bomber and Diesel quietened two of Penno's best players, while still providing run from defence. Unfortunately, Diesel's head "tagged" Jacko's jaw, which resulted in an early end to the game for Jacko.

Rizza and Sticks both had successful comeback matches after illness/injury, with the team looking far more competitive with them in it. Dougal's last quarter was just what I was after, hard at the contest and enthusiastic tackling to keep the ball in the forward line.

Harry, Luke and Nick (U11s) played for us again and all did well. Play like this next week against Pittwater and we are a good chance to win.

Dockers 3.2 = 20 lost to Pennant Hills 7.13 = 55

Goals: Super (1), Ryan (1), Sticks (1).

– Michael Hudson

U13

A bright sunny day greeted us all at ELS and after so long without footy

the excitement was like to start of the season! We took a little while to get going although were able to put enough scoreboard pressure on to lead at each break. There were some excellent performances in the middle of the ground with Cory and Sam seeming to be everywhere, and Macca, Connor & Rory solid in the middle. Ehsen marshalled the backline and at half time to opposition had only one score recorded.

Sharpie and Ben were busy and had plenty of touches. Up front Tom slotted 5 goals to keep him on top of the divisions goal-scoring list with 35 for the season. Rino was the coach's player of the day with 2 goals and a fine all round performance. Macca chipped in with 2 goals and Emlyn 1.

The final score of 67-23 was a fair reflection of our effort. With other

results going our way, we are now sitting on top of the table and with four rounds left we are keeping a lid on the excitement, although finals footy looks to be on the cards for the team this season.

– Christopher Whitnall

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Trivia answers

- (1) The Dockers entered the AFL in 1995.
- (2) Matthew Pavlich kicked 72 goals in the 2007 season.
- (3) Yes, in round 8 this year! The Dockers kicked 9.16 = 70 to draw with the Swans 11.4 = 70.

