

Point Post

Round 12, 2016

From the canteen

Thank you to all who are punctual to their rostered hour for the year, and also to those who fill in when we are caught short. The canteen money goes a long way to pay for umpires, balls, jumpers, lighting, and ground hire.

We are stocked up on mouthguards again. Single plain mouthguards are \$10.



Alternatively, purple, white and black mouthguards are \$30 for a pack of two.



The AFL have asked all clubs to consider providing healthier options at the canteen, allocating a traffic light system to foods and drinks. You may be familiar with

school canteen red, amber, and green dots.

So applying some gradual change we added some healthier alternatives to our offering last weekend:

- \$1 soup made in canteen
- \$2 biscuits and cheese
- \$2 vegetarian air fried samosa
- \$3 natural yoghurt and berries

Come and try them, give us some feedback to further improvements you would like to see.



Also the long awaited clothing item, North Ryde Dockers hoodies are available in sizes 8 – L for \$60.



You may have noticed at the canteen we have had Entertainment guides for sale. There are just 18 left so please get in quick if you want one. They are a no brainer when it comes to saving money – you can go out twice in the year and they have paid for itself. It's \$70 for the *Sydney and Surrounds* book or a digital copy.



If we do run out of books at the canteen or you prefer a digital copy on your phone, go to <https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/9g35195>

The proceeds we make on the entertainment guide will pay for the new trestle tables you may have noticed we purchased this year.

– Anna, Chloe, Rahul & Thomas

[U9 Purple](#)

The U9 Purples were raring to go after the two-week break and took to the damp ground under clearing skies at Westbrook with enthusiasm. Westbrook got the ball down their end quickly and

Laim R 'touched' to save a certain goal in the opening minutes. The Dockers responded quickly with a fine display of teamwork with Scarlett and Callum moving the ball from the centre, down the ground through a series of accurate hand passes and resulting in a fine goal to the latter.



Harry worked hard in the mid-field with great positioning and tackling and the Dockers defence held strong throughout. In the second quarter Ali glued many passages of play together with great pick-ups and passing. John and Liam K had very solid quarters and Ryan displayed his trademark tackles and scored the first of his several goals

for the day. Nevertheless it would be fair to say the Bulldogs had the better of us by half time.

The third quarter got off to a great start with the Dockers winning the ruck early on. The team spent quality time in their forward '50' and scored a handful of goals and behinds. The Dockers were really getting some impressive sets of play together and it felt as though the siren sounded too early to end the quarter! All players ran across to Coach Kyle for some words of encouragement and so the X-factor could be applied to field positioning for the final quarter.



The momentum continued for the Dockers with a couple of quick goals early on – the X-factor field

positions clearly working well. Minutes later Jack was able to grab the ball out from the Westbrook pack just in time. Back in the centre Harry cleared the ball to the Dockers end however it wasn't long before Westbrook again gained possession. Tight defence from the Dockers backs kept Westbrook scoring to a minimum.

Jeremy took a classy mark in front of the Westbrook goal and then dashed along the wing and cleared back down to Dockers territory where the forwards were ready to add another goal.

Terrific team work and some very impressive personal bests on display this week. I am relieved I didn't have to pick the player of the week as that would have been much more difficult than writing a few words about such an entertaining game of footy – GO DOCKERS!

– Amanda Jubb

U9 White

It was a mild winter morning on Sunday that made for lovely conditions for the U9 Whites vs. U9 Hornsby Berowra Blues. The Dockers got off to a great start, dominating play in the forward line. Will started strongly with a

behind and some great clearances, and the first goal of the match.

Aarish was great in the mid-field with some strong kicks to the forward line. The Berowra Blues were struggling to maintain possession, with Xavier and Lincoln providing good solid tackling and ruck work.

Alex took a great mark towards the end of the quarter and was unlucky with a behind, with a great effort. Miller, Lincoln and Kaelan all took great marks, despite the Berowra Blues marking players well.

The 2nd quarter started with some magnificent play from Harrison, including a strong mark and great attacking in the forward line. Archer took a strong mark early on and he had fantastic support from Aarish who seemed to be everywhere with numerous possessions. The Blues once again were struggling to get the ball in their forward line.

Archer continued to dominate with good tackling, a behind and a goal. Lincoln shrugged off the opposition to bag a behind and a great goal, which drew a roar from the sidelines. Friyana tackled

bravely as did Xavier to prevent opposition attacks.

The 3rd quarter saw Miller throw himself into the opposition with great tackling, as did Will as always. Harrison bagged a couple of behinds and also assisted with strong tackling in the forward line. Xavier took a great mark in the forward line and kicked directly to Friyana who took a couple of strong marks and continued attacking.

The final quarter saw the Berowra Blues gain a little more possession. Nathan assisted strongly and special mention must be noted for Nathan turning up to play even though he was battling illness. He and Sam provided good support and tackling assisting players with possession change overs. Sam took his first ever attempt at kicking a goal after drawing a penalty. Harrison and Will both took great marks with another goal from Will. Little Will McKennay took to the field bravely in the final minutes allowing the three brothers to enjoy the limelight all at once.

Special thanks to the helping hand provided by Miller, Sam & little Will from Auskick, their efforts no

doubt assisted the U9s to a great victory!

Man of the Match: shared by Alex and Aarish.

– Caroline Donohue

U12

“The game was won in the first quarter, a blitz from the 1st bounce and a goal in the first 30 seconds!” quote from Coach Graeme.

By the end of the 1st quarter Dockers were up 5 goals to 1 point against the top side in the competition. The very competent Ruck and mid-field players of Tom, Cam, Kyeton and Bill were electric out of the middle providing clean ball movement into the forward line of Ibrahim, Luke J and Harry. During these early stages the back men were quiet due to the stunning start from the centre. Gradually the opposition found their feet and began the counter attack, providing some work for the back line.

Quarter 2 the opposition began clawing their way back into the game, but strong defence from Matt, Lachy, Harrison and Luke A restricted their goal scoring

opportunities. Cliff had an opportunity during this quarter to score his first goal after a spectacular mark, but he was just a fraction too far out to score and the ball came off hands and through for a point.



Half Time, a handy buffer was available to the Dockers but Mosman were beginning to show their top of the table form.

Q3 began as an arm wrestle with the wings being brought into attack as Mosman began to steady their play through the middle. Especially helped by the fact that our own Bill was now playing Ruck for Mosman, against Tom! Reece joined the boys in the middle and was a positive force.

Adam, Ashton and Ibrahim were now flowing along the outside wings to move our attacking ball into the forward lines, but any ball

handling errors were quickly pounced on by the opposition and our attacking play had to respond rapidly in defence, there were many moments when the centres and backs were required to join defensively and all boys played their part well.

Q 4 the Dockers held a strong lead and Harry scored our final goal for the match, sewing the game up. The Dockers held the ball in their attacking half for the majority of the final term and fast re-actions by Adam and Kyeton resulted in the ball peppering the goals, but only for minor scores.



A special Thank you to the following players who played a quarter or two for the opposition: Ashton, Cliff, Rhys, Aidan, Bill, Harrison, Luke, James, Ibrahim, and Luke A.

A word of warning from the coaches “Mosman were not at full strength, due to holiday commitments for some of their players. We need to play smarter, particularly coming out of defence, for the full game”

– Michael Reardon

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