

# Point Post

Round 2, 2014

## Quiz

It's the school holidays and we're having a break from footy over the Easter weekend, but here's your chance to test your knowledge about the game! Kids might need to call on their parents' memories for a couple of the questions, but all answers are at the end of this issue.

(1) The first season the Fremantle Dockers played in the AFL was...

- (a) 1992
- (b) 1995
- (c) 1998
- (d) 2001?

(2) Before they merged with Fitzroy and became the Brisbane Lions, the Brisbane Football Club was known as...

- (a) The Brisbane Bananas
- (b) The Brisbane Browns
- (c) The Brisbane Bears
- (d) The Brisbane Budgies?

(3) Which champion Carlton player is a former premiership winner with the West Coast Eagles?

- (a) Thomas Judd
- (b) Chris Jubb
- (c) Thomas Jubb
- (d) Chris Judd

(4) If, during a regular AFL game, the ball is kicked and (without being touched) hits the point post on the full, the umpire should...

- (a) give a score of one point
- (b) call for the boundary umpire to make a throw in
- (c) call the ball as out of bounds on the full, and give a free kick to the other team
- (d) let the player take his kick again?

(5) Who won the Brownlow medal in 2013?

- (a) Matthew Pavlich
- (b) Jobe Watson
- (c) Dane Swan
- (d) Gary Ablett Jr?

## Auskick

Despite some rain and pretty wet conditions under foot we had a solid turnout for Auskick this week with around 24 players participating. We started out with some handball / dodge ball which the kids loved and then some other competitive handball games before moving onto some more traditional handball and kicking drills.

Our modified game had plenty of highlights despite the wet ground

and limited space on offer this week. Leif and William had a good old fashioned one on one battle in the midfield early in the game before Leif moved down forward for some late goals. Ryan toiled away solidly in defence bring the ball back with some run and carry and there were many other good performances from Charlie, Alex, Nicholas, Jon, Matilda, Noah and Friyana. It was terrific to see so much handballing in the game, particularly from the some of the older kids passing to the younger ones, which meant everyone had a touch of the footy. This was fantastic to see from a coaches perspective given we'd just spent 20 min on handballing...!

For all the parents please remember the month of April is the Bring a Buddy campaign. So over the school holidays please encourage friends and neighbours to join us. Even though our next game is technically in May I'm sure we can include the numbers in the campaign. Our upcoming Half Time game will be Swans v. GWS on 28th June so maybe put this one in the calendar nice and early.

As always please try and be available for Canteen and BBQ duties throughout the year as this is the lifeblood of the club and all

teams including Auskick need to help out when it's our turn.

Key dates to remember after school holidays:

\* Next Training Tues 29th April

\* Next Auskick Sunday 4th May

– Auskick Coaches

### U9 Whites

Round 2 saw the U9 Whites take on the Hornsby Berowra Eagles. Ground conditions at Rofe Park were pretty good considering the recent rain. Coach Matt gave a rousing pre-match address to the boys with precise instructions on the game style he wanted. The boys were pumped and ran into position just prior to the starting siren.

The first quarter saw some unbelievable action in the Dockers forward line. In fact, the only time the ball was not in the forward line was when it came back to the centre after each Dockers goal. Captain Ben T lead from the front and put his body on the line a number of times, Matt, Sean and Luca starred in this quarter with several slick handpasses and kicks to advantage resulting in goals.

Liam played like a seasoned campaigner in only his second

game of AFL. The Dockers defenders wanted to be part of the action and over the course of the quarter moved into the centre of the ground and then almost into the forward line trying to get a possession.

The second quarter saw a shuffling of the line up with the same result as in the first quarter, i.e., Dockers players outnumbering the Eagles at every contest and the ball spending virtually the whole time in the Dockers forward line. At one stage, a head count was taken to ensure that both teams had even numbers on the ground, such was the performance of the Dockers boys.

In the third quarter Thomas and Jacob were outstanding in chasing and harassing the Eagles whenever the Dockers did not have the ball. Their efforts resulted in a number of scoring opportunities. Aarish, who was a tackling machine on the day, also managed to kick a terrific goal on his non-preferred left foot. Andrew, Ryan and Ben B were instrumental in sending the ball forward each time it came near them with second and third efforts that a league footballer would be proud of.

Highlight - At one stage in the fourth quarter, Luca picked up the ball on the run on the wing, saw a gap between two Eagles players that light could barely get through and yet somehow still managed to squeeze himself through without being tackled. The coaching panel stood and applauded this effort and wondered if Luca has special powers. We think he does!!

Another terrific effort from the Whites. Bring on round 3!

– Naushad Mistry

### U9 Purples

Game 2 at the home ground was a muddy affair in the centre, with all the boys having to come to grips with the tricky surface and slippery ball. The team had to step up in defence early in the game as opponents Westbrook posted a strong attack. Despite the slippery ball, the boys kicked well with Connor showing some strong marking skills. Captain for the day Jack made some great tackles while Oscar used his strength to shrug off a few and give off a quick handball. Alistair was down and dirty early and was all over the midfield. The forwards were patient and when the ball came down their end, they showed good defensive pressure.

In the second quarter the boys put the pressure on in the attack, with a great run on the wing from Christian, and DJ scoring a goal with a great snap. The strong tackling continued with Ollie and Captain Jack showing the way. Jeremy was a role model for the team all day, racking up possessions and showing agility in the muddy packs.

In the third quarter Ned showed his marking ability in the wet with a strong grab to ease the opposition pressure. Jerome showed his marking skills too and was solid in defence all day. Daniel also worked a solid defence on his debut in 9s footy leading by example for some of his older mates – proud would be an under-statement from those who witnessed his passion.

In the last quarter the boys had well and truly adapted to the mud bowl and began to work the ball forward. Christian showed strong running through the middle while Oscar completed another strong mark and followed up with a good passing kick to a team-mate in the forward line. Connor was courageous up front in trying to work the ball towards goal. Zach got down in the muck with the sherrin throughout the four quarters with strong assists from

Tobin who looked for the ball all over the park.

The boys gave it their all under trying conditions, coming out more knowledgeable for the dirt and grime they had to contend with against a well drilled Westbrook side. By the end they looked about as happy as pigs in mud!

Bring on our first trip away on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup>!

– Deb Walker

### U10 White



### U10 Purple

Second game of the season and unlike the swans the players adapted to the wet conditions very well and played some excellent football.

It was the local derby against the Whites which is always fun and something the players look forward to. It was a very even contest in wet and slippery

conditions. Players from both sides showed some outstanding skills and most importantly some great team play.



There were a number of highlights from the game. Josh probably had his best ever game for the club with a stack of possessions, particularly in defence repelling a number of promising white's attacks. In his first game for the club Liam took a number of strong marks, chased hard and was rewarded with many tackling free kicks. Hugh was up to his usual tricks in the goal square snapping a goal from the point post. James seemed to have his own footy on the day with 20+ possessions for the game. His running, tackling, long kicking and defence was outstanding. Kyeton's strong tackling was a highlight that gave him many free kicks. Nicolas was strong in defence and chased down a number of whites to also be rewarded with many free kicks. Matthew had a strong game in all

the positions he played but particularly up forward and around goal. Lachlan used his speed to advantage continually breaking tackles and getting into space to enable a number of very effective passes to his team-mates.



In his second game for the club Ryan was awarded player of the week for his fantastic tackling, endless running and long kicking to team-mates. His marking was also a highlight as was his team play. Well done Ryan.

From the coaching box the really pleasing aspect of the day was the players improvement from week 1. Their leading and passing was first class to players in space. Their movement of the football from defence to attack was excellent in wet conditions and their tackling and willingness to get in and have a go was fantastic. Also, well done to all the players who congratulated Oscar on his excellent umpiring. I was

extremely proud of you all for showing such great appreciation and respect for Oscar in only his second game of umpiring.

A special big thank you as well to Jeremy, Zach and Ed who backed up for us after a playing a whole game in the Under 9s beforehand. They showed plenty of courage to get and chase and tackle with all the bigger boys.



Oh, and one further highlight was the mud slide in the centre at the end. Boys will be boys and mud is always fun. Muddiest award went to Kyeton and James... lucky our jumpers are purple not white...

– David Lugsdin

## U11

This week the U11s faced Westbrook Red at home with one of the one challenges being to avoid getting stuck in the mud patch in the centre of the ground!

The Dockers got off to a flying start with a quick 5 unanswered goals thanks great tap outs from ever improving ruckman Tom & quick mid-field clearances from Blake, Matt and Luke. Accuracy in our forward line also made a difference with good straight kicking & very few behinds from forwards, Rhys, Alexander, Fynn & Will who all contributed to the scoreboard.

As was the case last week, our defense lead by Adam, Aiden, Sam and Lucas was solid, with not much at all getting past them all day. Great excitement for the supporters came when Will, with a large defender hanging off him, did a great snap shot which was goal of the 1st half – what a shot!

With a bit of a lead on the scoreboard the 2nd half was an opportunity to change a few things up. Flynn went into ruck, Alexander back into midfield with Aiden, Sam and Lucas all heading down forward. All three forwards made an impact. Aiden took a great mark, played on and kicked a lovely 6

pointer for his 1st goal of the year and Sam booted a big goal for his first ever for the Dockers – well done! Lucas was very close to getting a goal as was Connor zooming down from the midfield only to have his kick touched as it went through goals... oh well, next game boys.

The last goal of the day kicked by Fynn in the dying minutes of the game would have to go down as goal of the 2nd half. On the run, Fynn gathered up the ball kicked a booming torpedo 30+ metres into an open goal which rolled through to cap off a great day for him with 4 goals total and for the Dockers.

Mark of the day went to a screamer over on the far wing from Matt. I look forward to seeing that on the DVD.

Overall a good performance from our boys; they continued to run the ball well up the field, team talk is improving, as is the marking and kicking which is pleasing to see. Our new players are settling well & we can see good bond developing which can only strengthen them as a team & lead to a lot of fun for them on Sunday mornings as the year goes on.

Thanks to Debbie for the great DVD

footage, the boys love watching the game back and it's a great coaching tool.

Have a great Easter!

– Kyle, Julian and Liz

## U12

With the holiday period upon us, we had a number of players absent. So we are grateful to Dash and Fitzzy from the under 13's and, Fynn, Adam and Blake from the under 11's for joining our team for the day.

Despite a spirited effort from all, our Under 12s went down to Forest 67 points to 26. In a game played through intermittent showers the boys worked hard and kept trying until the final bell. In the final quarter, with a corked knee and a couple that had to move on to other games we had no reserves and the players had to play on regardless of what came. They played gamely and restricted Forest to only one goal in the final term.

Overall, the game moved from end to end and was enjoyable to watch, despite being a bit damp at times. We took some good marks, strung together some good passes from time to time, and made a lot of good tackles. The second and

final quarters were close contests, with most of the Forest lead generated in the first & third quarters, so we need to work on our consistency, but have shown that we can be competitive. Amongst our team, goals were scores by Fynn, Nick and two to Brok in only his second game of AFL ever – well done. There is plenty to work on at our next 2 training sessions before our next game on the 27<sup>th</sup>.

Also congratulations to Alistair on his first game for the club.

The team manager would like to thank those parents who pitched in and helped with the various duties, many without prior warning. Much appreciated.

– Bruce Duncan

### U17 Round 1

First round started in the late afternoon on a wet and miserable Sunday at St Ives. We started with 16 Dockers players v. the 20 St Ives players finding ourselves without a bench. The game however started on a bright note when the Docker's put on 4 straight goals, not bad for a season starter.

The game seemed to be in the Dockers favour until the 3 extra reserves arrived from the St Ives Div 1 side making it 16 to 23. Mmm, did they need additional players? Guess they did.

An injury in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter to a St Ives player saw the game stopped for over half an hour while an ambulance was called. The good news is the player we believe is OK and all the steps taken were precautionary. Following the break the St Ives team along with their extra reserves slowly started to haul back our 40 point lead.

The Dockers continued a hard fought match in the second half but with no reserves St Ives with 2 minutes to go St Ives kicked a goal to put them two points ahead. A valiant attempt was made in the last 30 seconds of the match to kick a winning goal but the football gods were not with us and the attempt ended in a behind.

So in the dead of night, in the pouring rain the siren went and the Dockers lost by a point. It was a great and hard fought match. We are very, very proud of all the boys, it was a valiant effort.

– Ian Whelan



## U17 Round 2

The second match of the season saw us up against a Manly side who from the get go were strong, full of running and were everywhere. Unfortunately our boys were taken by surprise and stood off the ball letting in 6 goals in the first quarter.

The Dockers fought back in the second quarter to win it by one point. The second half once again saw the Manly team run away with the match delivering a mercy rule result in the third quarter.

Once again the boys ran the full 80 minutes without reserves and we were also lacking some key players but no excuses we were beaten by the better team on the day and we look forward to our next meeting with a full team on deck!

– Ian Whelan

## Acknowledgements

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## Quiz answers

The correct answers are

- (1) b – 1995
- (2) c – the Brisbane Bears
- (3) d – Chris Judd (Thomas Jubb is the Dockers Club President!)
- (4) c – the ball is out of bounds on the full
- (5) d – Gary Ablett Jr