

Point Post

Round 13, 2013

President's Report

Thank you all to the generous volunteers continuing to assist our club host the independent schools competition. Our U11 teams helped bring in canteen funds last Saturday. We have two rounds left. Please let your team manager know your preferred shift.

We continue to welcome new recruits to the club – thank you to those still recruiting.

Beyond the day-to-day running of the club please know that there is always some back ground work and dialogue with the AFL GSJ (Greater Sydney Juniors). Currently the club presidents are working with the GSJ towards having an affiliation agreement.

Extracts from the GSJ 2013 bylaws:
... (lightning or hail) or other life threatening events, terminate the game.

Play should cease if lightning is seen in the vicinity of the playing field. No risks should be taken in this regard.

Little Athletics NSW rules are to have everyone off the field of play for 30 min since the last visible lightning.

Please consider this with regards to training as well as match days.

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

Trivia Question

Two questions this week:

- (1) What is the most goals kicked by one team in a VFL/AFL match?
- (2) What is the most behinds kicked by one team in a VFL/AFL match?

Auskick

A beautiful morning for football on Sunday with 20 players taking part in Auskick training. With the season

	setup	game time					
	7:30 till 8:30	8:30 till 9:30	9:30 till 10:30	10:30 till 11:30	11:30 till 12:30	12:30 till 1:30	1:30 till 2:30
Sat 27 July	U12 - 2 people per hour				U16 - 2 people per hour		
Sat 3 August	U13 - 2 people per hour						

coming to a close we've started to focus our Sunday's on more game time, so after a quick kicking drill we got straight into it. There were some fine skills on display and a good even contribution across the field from all players. Jeremy put in some great defensive efforts in the back half stopping several goals and Ryan had the play of the day with a terrific smother, re-gather and goal which Luke Hodge would have been proud of. At the other end Daniel and Cosmo we're proving to be a deadly combination. Both kicked plenty of goals and worked well together with some handball assists.

Oliver and Dean are both new to Auskick but had plenty of touches in the middle of the ground along with Emma, Luke and William. Congratulations again to all the weekly award winners for their superb efforts on the field and for their listening skills and fair play. As mentioned on Sunday we've got some nice new Auskick footballs to give away to all Dockers players who bring a friend along for any of the remaining training sessions this season. Let's see if we can empty the box...and give some friends a taste of Aussie Rules.

– Auskick coaches

U9 Purple

What an interesting concept for us on Sunday, playing against a team of nineteen players when we only had ten. So our game plan was thrown into chaos but we did have a Plan B: Let's get 4 of their players to help us out. The biggest challenge for the boys was to remember the sixteen new teammate's names so they could call for them to pass the ball to them. A little bit of a challenge!

After a slow start in the first quarter we kicked into gear for the remainder of the game and matched the Demons on the scoreboard. Although the game was very congested with thirty players on a small field, the boys managed to hold their own in all areas of play.

Some of the highlights included a goal from Josh from about 30 meters out. I have to say the biggest kick I've seen Josh do, which is the outcome of a lot of practice on his kicking this year to achieve this result. I know he enjoyed that goal as I don't think I've ever seen a bigger smile on his face. Congratulations, Josh, on your dedication to improving your game, well done.

Similar to Josh, Ben also surprised himself and kicked a great goal from way out. In addition to a great goal Ben also took many marks around the ground and topped the count for the team on the day. Keep up the great work, Ben.

Henry, topped the goal count for the day with multiple goals. His pace and ability to step around the defence and go on to kick goals was a delight to see. A real highlight of the day to watch this free flowing football. Well done, Henry, let's see that again next week.

Players of the week were Matthew B and Lachlan for their continued effort and teamwork. They had a stack of possessions and looked for team-mates every time to either kick or hand pass to. Great team work, boys.

Noah, Hugh, Grechy, James and Kyeton played strong in defence all day and repelled a lot of promising forward plays by the Demons. Good stuff boys.

Special mention this week to our lead singer Hugh. Have you ever seen so much passion put into singing the club song?

Bring on the Kellyville Magpies next week...

Go the Dockers!

– David Lugsdin

U11 Purple

With Lachlan away and Rob nursing a hand injury, we saw this weekend's game against the Kellyville (Devon Smith) side as an opportunity to experiment with positions a little, in preparation for the last 3 games of the year. Every player was moved to positions that were largely different to where they most often play. A good opportunity for kids, and a chance to learn. Well, what did we learn?

Jack performed admirably as Ruckman for most of the quarter and whilst he does a great job week to week holding up our defence, if called upon he can step and do tap-outs to great effect and even go down forward and kick a goal as he did Sunday.

Lachie and captain-for-the-day Sebastien both played terrific games, not just when moved to the other end of the ground and kicked a few goals, but also when they saved plenty of goals back in their usual defensive role in the last quarter.

We didn't learn, but were more reminded that Harry just likes to

be set free to do his thing. He's not keen on the responsibility of the defender's job worrying about opposition players. Even Matt who doesn't mind a tagging role, was more keen on the attacking role than hanging around an opposition player he clearly thought he had covered. Both boys had a fine game.

We were reminded of Nick's great ruck work on the few occasions where he had a go at his old role. We learnt that little forwards Janne and Blake are just as relentless when sent down to the backs to defend. When Ryan (Frysie) gathered up a ball in the back line and charged through a couple of opponents, then through the midfield and kicked it into the forwards, we saw that with some room to move, he's got the power and pace to brush anyone aside. I've learnt to keep this in mind, when standing in front of him on the training field!

We learnt that like most competitive players, Rob didn't much like standing on the sideline, even if he got to be our runner for the day. Most importantly we were reminded ('cause we all knew it anyway), that this bunch of kids are really rounded footballers who will do a great job in whatever role

they're asked of and, importantly, they do it as tight knit team, rather than as individuals. What more could a coach ask for?

As for the game, our Dockers got off to a whirlwind start with about 7-8 goals in the first quarter alone. The second and third quarters were still very good, but we did see Kellyville bouncing back with a couple goals of their own. The fourth quarter was a very close contest, with the Magpies putting 2 goals on us in quick succession through some really determined work. Although the Dockers did bounce back, they were reminded that if they switch off, opposition sides will take control.

Congratulations to both teams for the contest we saw. Well done to all in Purple (and White), go the Dockers!

– Kyle & Debbie

[U11 White](#)

This week we headed to Pennant Hills to play their strong U11 Red team and with a few players unavailable the boys needed all their energy as there was no one on the bench.

The Whites started with one of their best quarters of football this

year and clearly dominated. Congratulations to Henry who got his first goal for the season. The only downside of this period was losing Luke with an ankle injury. As the game progressed, the boys continued to play well with consistently strong attack and defense from Adam, Alex H, Mason and Rhys.

The Pennant Hills team did get the upper hand later in the game but it's easy to see that the U11 Whites are coming together very well as a team. Special mention this week to Samuel – this was his best game of the year. Other goals this week were scored by Yianni and Rhys. Back to ELS Hall on Sunday and I'm sure we'll see some more great teamwork.

– Liz Thomson

U12

Another competitive loss against a top side (we have played the equal top sides in the past 3 matches), with the half time score of 1.3=9 to 1.5=11 showing our ability when we play to our potential.

Unfortunately a period of poor concentration again cost us, allowing Pittwater to score a number of quick “cheap” goals. A strong defensive effort led by

Ranga, Jacko and Hammer was complimented by Justin’s hard work across the half forward line.

Bart contested well in the ruck and then displayed great discipline when moved to CHB, while Ryan played the perfect small forward’s game, finding space, tackling hard and kicking both our goals. Matt in his first game for the Dockers marked in the backline to repel a Tiger’s attack – welcome to the team, Phantom!

Despite not posting a win, the coach was generally happy with the desire showed by the team and the continuing individual improvement of the players. We have a vital match this **Saturday** against Westbrook, the outcome possibly determining whether we play finals footy this season – how much do we want it, boys?

Dockers 2.4=16 lost to Pittwater 7.7= 49

Goals: Ryan (2)

– Michael Hudson

U13

We always have a tough game playing out at Charles MacLaughlin at Baulkham Hills and Sunday was going to be no different to past

games with a few Baulkham Hills/Westbrook Div 1 players making up the 20 for the Giants. In the pre game address I told our Dockers to treat it like a final and that's exactly how we played the game. The Giants were in 4th spot and wanted to topple the Dockers as we were the competition leaders.

The wind was blowing hard across the ground all day and had a real chill to it. The first quarter was a real arm wrestle, until Tia managed to boot our first goal, which was the first score of the game at the 7 minute mark. From this point we gained momentum and our Dockers started to get on top with Hurstie, Connor, Bryn and Macca winning ball across the centre.

With Zac winning the hit outs and Rory tackling like a player possessed, we had the Giants under pressure from all the ruck contests. Our defensive effort was the best all year and it was a great effort by Ehsen, Oscar S, Sam, Buddha, Marley, Sharpie and Dylan.

Our forwards did the job but it was hard work with the Giants dropping a loose player or two to cut off Tom W's leads. Tom W, Tia, Rino, Matt, Cory, Dicko and Jake played well up forward considering the blusterly

conditions. The similar white strip of the Giants also made it difficult for us to hit targets but was also the same for the Giants. It must have also made the umpires job a bit harder as well.

We were a few goals up at half time and the Giants threw everything at us in the 3rd quarter. Our backs kept their nerve and both teams only managed a goal each. We got on top in the last quarter as our running game and fierce tackling finally had worn down a few of the bigger Giants players.

Everyone contributed on Sunday with being first to the ball and tackling hard. For our backs to keep a side like the Giants to two goals over four quarters was a great effort. I gave the player of the match award to Rory (captain on the day) for his four-quarter effort and outstanding tackling throughout the whole game. Macca, Hurstie, Bryn and Zac (some big tackles as well) also having big games and gave the Giants defenders problems with their quick ball movement down the ground. Ehsen and Sam were very good in defence on the Giants key forwards, while Buddha, Matt and Oscar S had their best games so far this season. I think this was our

team's best game so far this year but we can still improve and we also have Em and Ben to come back into the side after our bye next week.

Dockers 7.6=48 defeated Baulkham Hills/Westbrook Giants 2.1=13

Goals: Macca (2), Tia (1), Oscar D (1), Cory (1), Bryn (1), Sam (1).

Go the Dockers!!

– Garry Furey

Acknowledgements

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Trivia answers

(1) The most goals kicked by one team in a VFL/AFL match is thirty-seven. It has been done twice – by Geelong both times! In 1992 they kicked 37.17=239 against the Brisbane Bears (as they were until 1996, when they merged with the Fitzroy Lions to become the Brisbane Lions). And in 2011, Geelong kicked 37.11=233 against Melbourne.

(2) The most points kicked by one team in a VFL/AFL match is 41. In 1977, Hawthorn kicked 25.41=191. Despite the inaccurate kicking, they still ran out comfortable winners over St Kilda

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