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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE NORTH RYDE DOCKERS JUNIOR AFL CLUB

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Hi Dockers,

As a club we want to be known for our good sportsmanship and this extends to the umpires. You will get good weeks and not so good weeks with umpiring but as coaches, officials and especially as parents we need to set the right example to our kids and players.

As most of you would have seen we have a new group of umpires at the Dockers this year. This has been a great step forward for us as we have not had new umpires in 4 or 5 years and this group are doing very well and if we look after them then we have good umpires around the club for some years to come.

The GREEN shirt umpires are new umpires under training and work every week with a ORANGE shirt or Umpire Mentor. Club umpires do the junior football games U9 – U12 and we get league appointed umpired from U13 to U16.

IMPORTANT: Umpires cannot be approached by anyone other than the ground manager on the day, usually that John Cooper, myself or a member of the committee. Each team fills out an Umpires Report after every game and these are read by me (as the Clubs Football Manager / Umpire Coordinator) and then passed onto the Regional Umpires Coordinator. These are read and actioned if umpires are consistently seen to be under performing so PLEASE fill these forms out in a reasonable and objective manner.

Yours in Footy!

Beachy

Round 4 Wash-up

Under 11's 14.13 - 97 def Kellyville Black 0.1 - 1

Under 12's 4.6 - 30 def by Manly 11.11 - 77

Under 13's 5.5 - 35 def by Drummoyne 16.7 - 103

Under 14's 12.5 - 77 def Western Suburbs 6.8 - 44

Under 16's 14.14 - 98 def St Ives 1.2 - 8

Upcoming Events:

- Sun 16 May - Round 5
- Sun 23 May - Round 6

Training Schedule:

Tuesday :- **U9/10's 5-6pm, U11/12's 6-7pm**

Wednesday :- Auskick 4:30-5:30pm, U13 5:30-**7pm, U14/16's 6-8pm**

PLAYERS NEEDED

There are still vacancies in : U11's, U13's, and the U16's teams

Please contact David Beauchamp on 0414 227727 for further information.

ROUND 5

Under 9 Purple vs Hornsby Red

9:00am Sun 16 May - ELS Hall

Under 9 White vs Baulkham Hills Brown

10:00am Sun 16 May - ELS Hall

Under 10 White vs Kellyville Black

10:30am Sun 16 May - Bruce Purser Oval

Under 10 Purple vs Hornsby Red

11:00am Sun 16 May - ELS Hall

Under 11's vs Baulkham Hills

8:30am Sun 16 May - Charles McLaughlin Oval

Under 12's vs St Ives

1:00pm Sun 16 May - Acron Oval

Under 13's vs Riverview

11:00am Sun 16 May - ELS Hall

Under 14's vs St Ives

12:20pm Sun 16 May - ELS Hall

Under 16's vs Western Suburbs

1:40pm Sun 16 May - ELS Hall

Team Talk

AUSKICK

No Report/Photos this week.

Under 9's



Team Talk

Under 10 Purple

It was an early Mother's Day for the U10's Purples as we travelled North to take on Hornsby-Berowra Blue. The aim of the day was a simple one: to get the ball moving forward to allow the Dockers to put some points on the score board. The Purples did not disappoint.

Led onto the field by captain Jayden, Hornsby-Berowra got the best of us early on with some quick goals, but the Purples began to shut them down late in the first quarter. Jake led the way with some particularly dogged defense, never giving up on the ball as he chased his opposite number around the park. James was very strong in-close, and managed to stop a number of attacks by smothering the ball at the ruck. Ehsen kept his 'eyes alive' and often successfully cleared to his centers.

The second quarter was much more even, with the ball continually moving around the park. All players saw action and it was great to see so many players willing to commit themselves to the high ball and the rucks. Emily was seemingly everywhere, earning the respect of her opposition as she frequently offloaded to fellow centre DJ and onto the forwards. The Purples were eventually awarded with some points on the board thanks to the left boot of Sam.

The third quarter was a torrid affair, with neither side gaining ascendancy. Particular praise must go to Flinders who continually beat his opposition to the ball and passed-on quickly with his trademark accurate kicks, often to Jake who was always busy.

Early in the fourth quarter it all came together. In one phase of play the ball travelled from Ehsen to Sam to Flinders to Emily, who rose high above the pack to secure a wonderful mark before rocketing the ball between the uprights. The crowd went wild! DJ, Jake and Sam continued to put themselves into space with Jayden and James coordinating the defence.

It was great to see the Purples support one another, score some goals and move the ball purposefully around the paddock. Thanks to Zach who volunteered to be flag umpire and Kate for her continuing work as manager. A very special thankyou to all the mums who, no doubt, sacrificed a morning sleep-in to support the Purples. Congratulations to Emily who deserved her 'Best On Ground' award.

Stephen.

U10 Purple Coach



Team Talk

Under 10 White

Our U10 Whites played the Baulkham Hills Brown team on Sunday. It was ideal conditions to play footy and our boys from the first bounce really showed our supporters their willingness to go in for the hard ball.

In the first quarter, Rory, Bryn, Matt and Connor provided a lot of drive from the center while our backs Zac, Will, Alex and Oli defended well. The forwards, Tom, Dylan, Maddy and Mitch also had a real battle with some pretty disciplined Baulko players not giving any space. It was a pretty even quarter but Baulko were in front at the break.

The second and third quarters were a real arm wrestle but Baulkham Hills did better on the scoreboard and I put it down to the pressure Baulko applied especially when defending. Tom showed his kicking skills with some raking drop punts from our backline and Zac started to get into the play with some good clearing kicks. Wil was also getting his share of possessions while Matt was starting to involve himself in the general play.

The last quarter was a struggle for both teams with Bryn and Connor, showing their hardness to the ball against the opposition, clashed heads. Both played on as did Rory when he sprained his fingers. Maddy and Mitch were battling hard to the end while Dylan kicked our only goal for the match in this quarter. Again we didn't finish off the hard work in getting the footy and converting on the scoreboard. We have only played 4 games and we will improve in this area as the season progresses.

Baulkham Hills Brown ended up well ahead on the scoreboard but Matt (Baulko Coach) told me after the game that our Dockers were much harder at the ball than their players all day. This is one of the best compliments I have received as a Dockers coach, especially from what I regard as the best team in the competition. I would also like to thank Oli, Alex and Mitch for playing again after their U9's match and they all did very well.

I would like to mention Bryn, Connor, Rory, Maddy and Mitch for their great game on Sunday and Rory received my coaches' award. He went in hard all day and never gave up and even a couple of sprained fingers didn't slow him down. It was great the club provided flowers for our players to give to their Mum's for mother's day and it was also a nice touch with Michelle Kelly-Sansone bringing the chocolates along for the Mums as well. Thanks Michelle.

I will be in Vanuatu for a work conference Sunday - Thurs next week so I wish the team all the best against the Kellyville Black team at Bruce Purser Oval. This will be a tough one, but with Daniel back from injury, we are putting our best team on the field this Sunday. Go Dockers!!!!

Garry Furey

Under 10 White Coach

Team Talk

Under 11's

This week brought another scintillating game from the Under 11 team. In hot summer like conditions the team destroyed Kellyville Black from the opening bounce. Kellyville came to play tough but our team went straight to the lead with 3 goals 7 in the first Quarter and we would have been further ahead if we didn't hit the post on at least 5 occasions. Hard work by the whole team, especially Lachlan H, Luke, Nick, Harry and Jack in the midfielders kept the ball being fed into the forward line. In defence Jemma was a tower of strength repelling many raids as was Josh, Oliver, Matt and Tom. It wasn't until the 3rd quarter that we conceded our first point and with 4 goals in both the 3rd and fourth quarter the opposition were totally outplayed. 12.11 .97 to 0.1.1 Congratulations to Josh on his 5 goal haul as well as Nick on his first goal for the Dockers.

The team played with great teamwork and commitment.

It was great to see Jemma back on the field and thanks to all the mothers who made sure all the kids were there on Mother's Day. Next Sunday at 8:15am will be an even tougher test!

Michael



Team Talk

Under 12's



Team Talk

Under 13's

Going in as underdogs, the 13's hosted Drummoyne this week. Again we only had 15 boys available, and were gratefully supported by several of the 12's boys playing up a grade to provide the additional numbers. The boys got off to a sound start kicking the first goal after some impressive, quick forward movement. It didn't take long for the Drummoyne boys to get moving and start to feed their key forward, who was unfortunately a former 'Docker'. A couple of quick goals saw Drummoyne have a handy lead at the first break.

The boys dug deep in the second quarter and managed to add to their own total, courtesy of a couple of the 12's boys. Equally as important, working together our boys managed to restrict the flow of the opposition scoring - all the boys lifted, giving their all.

Despite the score-line coming out of halftime, the boys were still enthusiastic. The third quarter was pretty even with our boys going kick for kick and matching Drummoyne on the scoreboard. Their key forward had been totally shut out of the game by some magnificent work in defence, supported by the midfielders clamping down on the loose runners.

Drummoyne came out hard in the final quarter and with the game out of their reach our boys were determined not to go down without a fight. The scoreboard didn't accurately reflect the contest, and although Drummoyne eventually ran out winners on the scoreboard, psychologically our boys had a massive win. The 13's had achieved what all the other teams combined had failed to do and presented a challenge to Drummoyne, making them work hard for each and every possession. Some great passages of play, plenty of teamwork and use of the ball were all positives to come out of the game, as was their determination to keep going and not give up. I'm sure that I speak for all the parents in saying that we are extremely proud of their efforts and in what they achieved this week. Very Well Done !!!



Team Talk

Under 14's

No match report/photos this week.

Under 16's

When St Ives drew first blood with a goal in the opening minute or two last Sunday not even the most optimistic amongst us would have dared predict that would be their only major score of the entire match. But the large Dockers' Cheersquad (featuring a host of Mums spending their special day just as they would have wanted!) are made of stern stuff and, combining with the talents of their formidable sons, they were able to keep the Saints goalless for the next 78 minutes of football.

And it wasn't as if the opposition didn't create enough chances to kick a decent score. Throughout the first half especially there were numerous entries into our defensive area, but on virtually every occasion the ball was rebounded out of danger by our tenacious backline. Big Jono in particular was a rock in the last line, equally adept in the air and on the ground, and was well supported by Liam, Josh and Seth.

The Saints held their own in the middle of the ground at various times, and although they had many more reserves to call on than we did, they were eventually overrun, a tribute to the Dockers chasing and tackling pressure. Jack Small and Kirky featured prominently in this aspect of the game, rounding up the opposition like well-trained cattle dogs on numerous occasions.

The usual suspects – Dunny, Jaryd and Greg - made their presence felt in the centre square, but in truth there were contributors all over the ground, with Charlie and Jacob having their best games of the season. And of course it would be remiss not to mention the boys backing up from the Under 14s, Jack Riley and Simon Zibellini, who had travelled from ELS to St Ives to help us out, and were nothing short of sensational. Both were rewarded with goals in the second half, and proved themselves more than capable of matching it with their bigger opponents.

Great stuff!



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