

Dingley Dingoes Under 10 Red (East): **Match Report – 18/4/10**

Dingley 4.6.30 d MordiBrae 3.5.23

There was much anticipation in the village as we approached the start of the 2010 footy season. The young Dingo pups, coming off a very promising 2009, were up against an old nemesis in the red and white from Mordi-Brae, the only team that the Dingoes couldn't beat in '09. Memories were still fresh of the big dingo comeback to tie the match on the big stage of Friday night football, near on 12 months ago.

“The Terrier” in Clancy, coming off career-best form in the trial game last week, was rewarded with captancy for the day and he set the scene early, putting his nose over the ball and using his pace. Mitch was strong over the ball across half-back, with a number of second efforts, while Zane and Cody were in everything early. It was good to have the “Rolls Royce” in Lachie Scott, back in the team, using the ball efficiently as always. Liam was winning his share of the ruck stoushes, while Grant impressed with a strong overhead mark and a great smother and Ky could be found at the bottom of most packs. Despite a very determined Dingo effort, the Mordi-Brae mob were up 1.3 to a solitary point at quarter time.

SuperCoach applauded the boys' efforts in the first and asked for more of the same in the second. However, Mordi-Brae came out firing, with no. 19 grabbing everything in sight. The Dingoes battled valiantly, with “the gps” sniffing out a typically clever goal, Lachie Newman as gutsy as ever at CHB, Adam finding space in a roving role on the forward line and Jake desperate to lock the ball in up forward. James Burren also impressed at full back and his long drop punts were aesthetically very pleasing to the strong Dingo contingent on the Eastern mound. At the main break, we were down 3.5 to 1.2 and the game looked reminiscent of the LP semi last year.

Despite trailing, SuperCoach remained as calm as ever at the main break. He reminded the troops that we had come back from a bigger deficit against these guys last year and he was confident we could outrun them in the second half, following a belly full of last year's left-over snakes!

Jumping Jack was thrown into the ruck in the third and got his hand on the ball early, the Rolls-Royce pushed us into attack with a clean take, a lovely handball and shepherd and the Dingo machine started to whirl into action. Liam was scrapping hard across half forward and kicked our second goal, Cody was ferocious in the guts and the gps was cruisin' around picking up touches at will. The Terrier took an early candidate for mark of the year with a big overhead pack mark and for the second time in the match, James McLaren outmanoeuvred a much bigger opponent to fight his way to the front and deny two opposition players the ball. The siren went for three quarter time and although

we still trailed by 8 points, there was a sniff of something big to come in the last quarter (and it wasn't that second dog turd on my Dunlop Volleys at Mordi-Brae in 12 mths).

We had the use of the breeze in the last and SuperCoach was making moves faster than Messrs Malthouse & Lyon. The Dingoes looked like they believed they could win as they started the last quarter with great desperation. A number of second efforts from Tom, James Burren, Clancy and Zane kept the momentum running our way and when Lachie Scott kicked a goal to bring us within a point, we were storming home. A couple of minor scores put us a point up and when Liam the goalsneak, pounced on his second goal, we were home.

Against a highly-skilled opponent, our willingness to keep running and to attack the ball prevailed and finally wore them down. It was a very even team effort, with contributions from everyone.

Overall, the discipline was pretty good, with not too much wandering or kick-chasing going on. Our foot-passing had its highs and lows (need to keep focussing on perfecting those drop-punts!) and we had that forward 50 a little congested at times, but the commitment was sensational. It was a great start to the year Dingoes, job well done.

Goals – Liam (2), Tom, Lachie Scott

Best Players – Zane, Cody, Clancy, Lachie Newman, James Burren

GO DINGOES!!!!!!!!!!