



Dingley Dingoes Under 10 Red (East): **Match Report – 25/6/10**

Dingley 13.7.85 d East Brighton 0.0.0

We thought conditions were tough for last week's game, but this week made those conditions look like Etihad with the roof shut. Excitement had been building in the village all week as the mighty Dingo pups made their only Friday night appearance for the year against the Vampires from East Brighton. The big guns in GPS and Zano were skippers for the night and the playing surface resembled a pitch more suitable for water polo than the world's greatest game of Aussie Rules, which we were about to compete in.

The boys were switched on for this game and looked ready to rumble ½ hour before the start. The channel 7 commentators had described Joel Selwood rocking up to the MCG with a big smile on his face as he looked forward to playing in the wet, well I reckon we had 22 broad smiles on Friday night as the “mongrel of the Dingo” were rubbing their collective hands together at the prospect.

And what a start it was – the first 5 minutes were clinical. The Terrier in Clancy and the fierce Tinman combined for every one of the first quarter centre clearances and the big skipper in Tom kicked 4 goals in the first 5 minutes in driving rain. The GPS threatened to kick 20, but the mercy rule was applied after about 8 minutes; this move by the SuperCoach being greeted with loud owl-like hoots from the assembled masses in the cage. Co-skipper in Zane was winning the rucks, Jake was desperate and Speccy Linthorne took a strong contested mark 25 metres out. The Cockroach was winning plenty of ball and entertained the crowd with an attempt at a bounce which plugged like a Tim Linthorne pitching wedge. 4.3 to zip at the first break.

More dominance in the second, where the Rolls-Royce found 4WD mode to plough his way across the centre square mud-patch and set up a lot of plays. The Dingoes were handling the ball exquisitely, typified by one passage where young Nick Matic took a great contested mark, followed with a strong drop-punt where Adam pulled in a freakish one-hander. Liam and Tom were directing traffic and dishing out plenty of ball across half-forward, Philip got into it with some good ruck work and we were 45 points up at the half-way mark after goals in this quarter to Tom (again), Liam and Josh.

The desperation and hardness of the Dingoes continued through the third but the goal square became a little congested as everyone tried to get on the scoreboard. It was very difficult to make out one player from the next (even from 10 yards away) as most of this quarter was played in the Northern end's quagmire and the Vampires decided to bolster their numbers down back. Adam had a great quarter, creating space and kicking 2, while Zano and Ky also slotted through one each. The Killer in Ky took over the centre clearances and the Bulldozer (Mitch) revelled in a stint on the ball, barging his way from

the centre and loving the heavy traffic. Liam and Lachie Scott combined on a number of occasions and we turned for home 72 points up.

The last quarter was played in even worse conditions but we managed to wack on another 2 through Liam and GPS. The Lach-Ness Newman showed his guts, pushing on desperately through the rain and the pain, Adam continued his team oriented play, while the Rolls Royce and the Tinman shared the ball as the Dingoes continued to push forward right through to the final siren.

It was a very impressive effort from the lads. That's now 156 points to 6 over the last 3 weeks. The easy run now ends; St Bedes next round, before a tough run up to the Lightning Premiership. Take a week off and recharge the batteries, keep working on those skills and focussing on the team work and the next few weeks look exciting.

Goals – Tom (6), Adam (2), Liam (2), Ky, Zane, Josh

Best Players – Tom, Liam, Adam, Lach Scott, Mitchell, Jake

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