

Round 3 East Brighton vs Dingley Black

Final Score: Dingoes 4 3 27 lost to Vampires 6 13 49

Goals: David Cowell (2), Jeramie Simmons, Christopher Zanelli

After a great win in Round 2, the Dingoes were poised to continue their form against East Brighton at Hurlingham Reserve. The boys appeared to have all been at the same sleep-over the night before and seemed tired and lethargic. The energy levels were low and we couldn't find any red cordial anywhere. This showed on the scoreboard once the game commenced and, after a first quarter dominated by East Brighton and played pretty much in their forward line, we were down 3 goals to nothing at quarter time. Things picked up in the second quarter with a goal to Jeramie Simmons and some excellent work from Phil Fenton and Chris Zanelli with both players sweeping across half back and running through the lines to push the ball forward. The game was still mainly in the East Brighton forward line and they had a couple of excellent running players who constantly drove the ball forward. At half time we were still down by 4 goals. Gavan must have found the red cordial and applied it liberally as the boys came out after the break intent on playing good footy and getting some scoreboard action. A mark and goal to David Cowell started things off, followed by more great work from Chris Zanelli pushing the ball forward and some fantastic running footy from Lachy Maher and, in perhaps his best quarter of footy for the Dingoes, Rory Wallace. Rory was in and under and running and kicking and looked like he had a license to thrill. Three quarter time saw us 3 goals down but still a chance. In the last quarter, Chris Zanelli kicked truly, capping another great game and the play of the quarter was provided by a forward thrust where Jordan Dudfield and Mitch Newman were involved in a passage where the ball ended up with David Cowell who ran past an opponent, bounced and kicked a great goal from centre half forward. The opposition responded but were repelled on at least 4 occasions by Lachy Lamble who showed great desperation and dash out of the half back line. Even in Under 9s, footy is a four quarter game but we outscored them in the second half to take away some consolation. As they say in footy, there is always next week.

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