

Round 4 Dingley Black vs Waverley Park

Final Score: Dingoes 5 11 41 defeated Hawks 5 3 33

Goals: Laine Bramley, David Cowell, Mitchell Newman, Luke Peluso, David Schaeche

The Dingoes, coming off a tough away loss were keen to defend our undefeated Corrigan Oval record against a team also sitting on 1 win and 2 losses. The boys got off to a great start and most of the first quarter action was in the Dingoes forward line. The coach had David Cowell at Full Forward for the first time and it was an inspired move as he kicked the first goal of the game and had 2 others touched on the line after taking a couple of good contested pack marks. Great attacking play by Lachy Lamble and the continued good form of Rory Wallace were evident and Luke Peluso kicked an excellent goal. He was pretty happy with himself but it was a pity that it wasn't captured by his Dad, Joe, who had just spent a couple grand on a brand new digital SLR camera but was too busy telling everyone about it to take a photo of his son. At quarter time the Dingoes were up 2.5.17 to 1.0.6. The second quarter was almost the opposite with Waverley attacking hard and the quarter played almost all in our defensive half. Dominant Dingoes were Jacob Mitchell who has 'put on a few kilos over summer' and has really improved his footy and Jeremy Simmons who, similarly, has shown a real passion for the game when in a roving role away from the full forward line. Billy Peake and Jack Bertoli also did their best to keep the ball out of their 'forward 50' which, on Corrigan Oval, is more like a 'forward 15'. At half time we were trailing 2.7.19 to 4.1.25, with inaccuracy troubling us. The 3rd quarter saw Laine Bramley who missed the first half make his entrance to the game. And what an arrival, within about 5 minutes he had swooped on several loose balls across the half forward line and had 2 shots for goal, unfortunately missing both, probably due to his excitement about being on the ground. The highlight of the quarter was the great team play, continually centring to the hot spot 10 metres from the goal mouth and more great shepherding, protecting the ball carrier. Jacob Mitchell showed great toughness and desperation for the footy which many parents are looking forward to see from his Dad, Assistant Coach Andrew, when he next plays for the Dingley Vets. Mitchell Newman was terrific in the midfield and also kicked his first goal for the Club. The look on his face was priceless. Great teamwork between Laine, Jacob and David Schaeche ended up with a goal to Davey to consolidate our position. Ethan Mason and new player Dakota Evans also tried their best and helped their team mates including Immanuel Argyropoulos to get a couple of hard ball gets in and under the packs. A good comeback saw the Dingoes up by three points at $\frac{3}{4}$ time: 4.11.35 to 5.2.32. At the huddle, Coach Gav was pretty fired up and asked the boys 'do

you want to win this game?'. A resounding 'YES' came back from the boys and after an urging to 'win it for your Mothers' from the coach, the boys lined up for the last quarter. Some frustrating decisions saw some red faces on the Dingley sidelines with the coach needing a new clipboard due to frustration. The boys started the quarter really well and Laine kicked a great goal from a pickup and snap. I think he has been watching Leon Davis. Lachy Lamble was again sensational. He is a real last quarter specialist and when the game is up for grabs, there is none better than 'the Lach' to save the day. His desperation for the footy is great to watch and somewhat surprising considering his Dad looks like a winger/half forward who specialises in getting the easy ball out wide. Sorry Rob. More great work from Jacob Mitchell in his best game for the red, black and gold (a BOG performance) and some great marking/run, bounce and carry from David Cowell helped keep the ball in our forward line but the last 10 minutes was all Waverley and they came close a few times. The siren was welcome in the end and we won 5.11.41 to 5.3.33. It was a great, fighting win, which the boys really enjoyed. We could tell by the way they all jumped in the air and ran to the huddle to pat each other on the back. The boys really want to win for each other and, when asked why he wanted to win, this correspondent's son replied 'for Mother's Day'. His Mum was chuffed. Under extreme last quarter pressure, the boys respond well.

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