

Round 6 Ormond vs Dingley Black

Final Score: Dingoes 14 11 95 defeated Ormond 1 0 6

Goals: Luke Peluso (2), David Cowell, Jacob Mitchell (2), Mitchell Newman, Laine Bramley (2), Lachlan Maher, Nicholas Matic, Christopher Zanelli, Thomas Schaeche, Rory Wallace (2).

Dingley ventured to Ormond for the first time in a match we were looking forward to as Ormond won our division lightning premiership last season. It seemed, however, that most of their team that day were second year players as this was a different team consisting of first year players who were no match for the 15 game veteran Dingoes.

The first quarter was a fairly even contest with some excellent running through the middle by first time centremen David Schaeche and Jacob Mitchell. This led to a couple of early chances that resulted in behinds from tight angles before our new '1st quarter specialist' Luke Peluso came in to action. He held his position and after excellent forward work from Jeramie Simmons and Billy Peake, he finished off nicely with our first 2 goals of the game. At the first break we were up by a goal.

Billy Peake started the 2nd quarter in the same form as the first with great run through the wing and into half forward and getting plenty of the ball. Mitchell Newman also showed plenty of dash breaking the lines into the half forward line. This led to terrific goals to Laine Bramley, Lachy Maher & Nick Matic. The quarter ended with a great running snap from Jacob Mitchell and at half time we were up 6 goals to 1.

Gavan urged the boys on at half time as we were 'going uphill into the sun' and asked the boys for a big defensive effort to maintain our lead. They responded really well with great running from Lachy Lamble through the middle and excellent work from Laine Bramley centring the ball to the 'hot spot' in addition to kicking a great goal. Lachy Maher had some great runs through half forward whereupon his Dad, Tony, predicted that he would be the next Adam Cooney. We had extended our lead by kicking 3.2 to nothing. Gavan had the rotations going nicely and gave all the boys some experience in the forward line to ensure that everyone had an opportunity to contribute. The game was pretty much played on our forward line and this correspondent's son, who was playing at full back, was seen sniffing around the half forward line for a few stats just to get into the action. This was unnoticed by the coaching staff....but not his Dad! Physical presence was established by Philip Hately and Jacob Mitchell who issued a 'don't argue', both of which could have come under the video scrutiny.

The last quarter was more of the same with more good work out of the centre from Laine and Lachy Lamble in addition to great work from Rory Wallace and Christopher Zanelli who both kicked goals. At $\frac{3}{4}$ time the coach placed our players yet to kick a goal on the full forward line and instructed the players to look for them to give them a chance to kick their first career goals. Well, who other than the coach's son, Tommy Schaeche, had the first opportunity. Great team work by Laine saw the ball in Tommy's hands within range. The coach couldn't look as young Tommy lined them up. His nervousness was unfounded however as Tommy slammed it right through the big sticks for a major and the crowd went wild. I think I even noticed a tear in Gavan's eye as his son 'high-fived' his team mates in celebration. Another goal to Rory saw the lead out to 89 points whereupon the rest of the time was spent looking for Jack Bertoli & Michael Lemon, who are the other boys yet to kick a goal. They had a chance or two between them but couldn't quite capitalise.

The teamwork and selflessness was great to see from 8 year olds who, despite having opportunities themselves, continually looked for their team mates. Lachy Lamble and Christopher Zanelli were exceptional in this area. Final mention to Billy Peake who had his best game for the Dingoes and who showed some great skills and desperation.

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