

Rd 7 v East Brighton

Vampires draw first blood

Our first meeting with East Brighton this year was also seen as our last realistic chance to notch up another victory in the first round, with games against the two ladder leaders scheduled to close out the first half of the season. And for the first half of the opening quarter, the boys played as if they believed it, and, aided by accuracy, quickly had four goals on the board. Unfortunately this lead proved fugacious because the Vampires clicked into gear and were back in front by the first break, never to be headed.

Another period of ascendancy in the third quarter, kickstarted by a brilliant spell from young Leigh Moore, saw us reasonably close and not totally out of it by the last change. Alas, it was not to be as East Brighton kicked away and the final margin was a comfortable 32 points.

There were, however, a few very pleasing aspects of this game from a Dingo point of view. The form showed by Andrew Green and Leigh Moore, two boys who coincidentally made their debut together against this very team last season, was exceptional at opposite ends of the ground. Through the middle Josh Boyle played a beauty and Tony Lavars and Wonnacott also provided drive. Alex Falkiner continued his exponential improvement, finding plenty of the ball, and “birthday boy” Fordy unleashed a couple of his trademark booming shots on goal. Whilst Tim celebrated his nineteenth, it is worth mentioning that in the reserves “old man” Spudda has reached a milestone of exactly double those proportions.

Let’s hope the injury to Jack Clausen is not too serious, for with Pitt already out for the year, we can ill afford to lose more experience, especially in the backline. On the subject of Pitty, I believe he is having an operation some time this week. I also believe there is something in the wind as far as the club organising some sort of event or function in support. Please get behind that one.

Colts Match Report

Rd 7 versus Hampton

The Colts were up against Hampton away – a good opportunity to see how we are tracking after coming up against Hampton in round 1, also a good opportunity to play on a terrific playing surface at the Petersen St Reserve.

The team were on from the start and despite some wasted opportunities held a handy lead by ¼ time with that lead being extended by half time.

The third quarter was possibly the best quarter of the footy of the season with the team having 17 shots at goal for a return of 10 6 (could have been more with a little accuracy) everyone contributed and played the Colts footy we have been striving for, 52 handballs and 68 kicks demonstrated the style and system we have been working on. Matt Moore and Phil Ball benefitted from the set up (both ending with 6 goals) Adam Hickford was in great form as was Dan Morris and the ultra consistent Steve Bagley was also in amongst it. Josh Ellis had his best game of the year with his attack on the footy and contest a great example and once again Jimmy Ball was on song and is having a great season. Andrew Bruce and Scott Buckland also enjoyed terrific games and kicked 5 goals between them as small forwards

The backline created a lot of the drive with creative link up handball and run and has been instrumental in our start to the year. In the end a good win, good team effort and some improvement on our round 1 game which is encouraging.

Final Score Dingley 26 14 170 to Hampton 5 4 34

Goal Kickers: P. Ball 6, M. Moore 6, A. Bruce 3, D. Morris 2, S. Buckland 2, C. Daniels , J. Ball , S. Williams , J. Pickford , J. Ellis , Z. Bojadzic , A. Hickford