

Game vs Tanunda summary

Port travelled with 2 sides Tanunda last Sunday to match up on the Magpies Powerhouse on their home turf.

All in all it was a great hitout for our lads with much to be learnt from the game
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POSITIVES

Clearances- up to the last qtr where we rotated our usual midfielders out, the centre clearances were 11/11 and around the ground were 12/15 which was a good result against a quality midfield. Sometimes we roved too much to our rucks leaving our defensive side to open leading to some easy opposition clearances. We need to maintain contact on our direct opponents

Kick outs- we trialled a new zone defence that allowed us some invaluable match practice. We did allow too many deep flank clearances meaning we were too shallow and need to get deeper so we only allow short pocket kickouts. The players did set up quickly. We set the wall quite well but must push for more ball ups in the F50 to build pressure.

Newbies – some real positives from all our new players Tim & Justin in particular playing strong roles with good signs from Aaron & Tom as well. Welcome back to Burf, Murky and Jesse as well.

AREAS THAT NEED WORK

More work needs to be done on our tackling with too many broken tackles from the strong Tanunda bodies. 40 tackles is not enough.

We were run through in the 2nd and 4th quarter and we must be more aware and disciplined to apply ourselves to shut down opposition momentum. We must man up and slow the game down till we regain our poise, don't go to sleep and get blown away in 10min.

Too many of the opposition goals came from the 15-30m centre corridor and we must learn to protest the goal face and force opposition wider and deeper into lower possession pockets or longer shots- There 24-7 needs to be bought back to more points than goals. Eg 14-17

Tanunda goaled at 38% of the time they went inside 50 vs our 28% so we need to increase this % and be more direct. This will be helped with more marking targets and more effective crumbing.

OTHER POINTS-

It was with interest that Tanunda used an I formation in their forward line set ups that allowed plenty of leading space and made it harder to isolate their forwards to lead in one direction. This is something we may adopt from time to time to our advantage.

All in all a good day even though the scoreboard was lopsided in the end result. It shows the level of improvement we still have to make and we learned much from it. The bus trip was good for bonding and the lads all took the right spirit to the game and the trip up and back.

Many thanks to Tanunda for their warm hospitality and none of our lads left without a great feed and perfect for the trip home. Special thanks to their Coaches Ben Britton

and Jack Ferret for making the day a success and we wish them well going for 4 flags in a row and look forward to a return visit next year.

Connie scoring a goal was the greatest disappointment for the day with Case not quick enough to get on a smother!

See you at training, we have plenty to work on!!