

Ports vs Central Augusta Round 3, 2014.

After a good win the week before against Solomontown we believed we were ready to tackle Central up in Port Augusta. We had lost Chad Tobin who we replaced with Ben Mader. One of the concerns for us was always going to be the height of Centrals. The first quarter was full of chances with our kicking efficiently poor, hitting the post 3 times. We had intensity and our inside 50's showed 6 times in for 6 scores.

The second quarter was much the same with pressure on in the middle but limited opportunities up forward and poor pressure on the scoreboard. The Centrals forwards were finding the ball much easier and were scoring the goals. We swapped Tim Byerlee down back from CHF. We gave away a goal late in the quarter which put us 14 points down.

The third quarter was our worst for the year so far with poor pressure on the midfield which put our defence under immense pressure. We had it inside only 4 times where we are aiming to have it inside 50 at least 10 times a quarter. This week at training will be about knocking the ball forward and not being reactive to the opposition eg waiting for them to get the and then tackle.

The led Centrals had was too great and this eventually blew out to a 11 goal winning margin. I was disappointed in our boys not responding to the challenge and being unable to move the ball forward at all opportunities.

Training will have the focus with an effort on improving our aggression at the ball and body and movement of the ball. Lions are fast paced and this is something we will need to stop to come away with a win next weekend.

With 6 home games in a row it is up to us to use this advantage and help consolidate a position on the table.

3 things we need to work on include:

- Aggression at the ball and body
- Not being reactive to stoppages
- At least 10 inside 50's each quarter

Stats

<i>Quarter</i>	<i>Inside 50's</i>
1 st	6
2 nd	6
3 rd	4
4 th	8
Total	24

Last week 42 inside 50's - Against centrals - 24

Players of Note

Brad Inglis - kicked 4 and easily our best

Zac Hutchinson - tries hard all day

Very little after this

Cheers

Coco.