

Port vs Central 21/06/14

We had a few out with injury through hamstring and ankle injuries but were replacing these players with juniors and B graders who have shown they want to play A grade. Jamie Dunkley and Bray Rafanelli were 2 players who made the decision to apply themselves in B grade and were rewarded with a spot in the team.

We had match ups ready both in their forward line and midfield. Key areas to us winning the game included :

- Stopping their supply to their forward line
- Increasing our tackling pressure
- Hitting our targets with foot and hand
- Inside 50 – 10 times a quarter

We started off well in the first quarter with switching of play and controlling the middle of the ground. Our pressure did not respond to the scoreboard. This continued into the 2nd quarter with total control of the game. Our junior players in Ethan Finlay, Mitchell Stewart and Mackenzie Keane were accounting for themselves and kicking the ball to advantage. 10 minutes of dominance we could not kick accurately and this hurt going 3 goals down at half time.

Structurally we changed certain positions with Ben Lueteria going to full back and Chad Tobin to centre half forward. We swapped Lachie Murphy onto number 4 and our message was to straighten up in front of goal. We again had a lot of the play but could not get this to count on the scoreboard. Henry Whiting and Greg Phillips were repelling all entries but we were turning over the ball with our inaccuracy of kicks and handball.

The last quarter we threw Brad Inglis to full forward and Shannon Snook to the middle. We got within 5 points after Brad kicked a goal but could not get the next goal. Central got the last couple to extend the margin out to 17 points.

Points out of game :

- Goal kicking will be high on the agenda
- Kicking to advantage
- We are improving and our game style is starting to kick in
- We need to not accept a loss but raise our standard to winning.

Cheers

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