

## Ports vs West Augusta Round 12, 2014.

Nothing to lose was the theme for this game. The match committee discussed at length at trialling some new positions and see how this would help support the team. Jayden Corrieri would start up forward, Henry Whiting on the ball and Matt Thomson to be a tagger. We were without Brad Inglis, Zak Hutchinson and Isiah Connor.

We looked at our match ups and had 2 of their players closely checked but we would be attacking as much as we could. Our defence again were stuck to the task to keep them under 7 goals while we were going to achieve 10 or more to win.

Our first quarter was great with attack coming from defence and lots of voice on the ground. Spirits were high and the boys were encouraging with their attack and ability to hit targets.

This took us into the second quarter where we were focussing on extending our lead into halftime by being consistent and not letting up with our performance. Switching the play and running not once but 2 or 3 times was really stretching the opposition.

After halftime the message was clear to keep running and using each other. This was starting to be the key with hitting targets at all times (reducing our turnovers) gave us more inside 50 than the opposition.

The message at three quarter time break was we have done nothing yet reminding the boys of last week. We had to play 4 quarters and finish the game. We did this well with Ethan Connor kicking his 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> goals for the game and putting a break on the opposition.

It was a long time coming but today we showed the footy that we had been training for and the self belief shone through. It will be backing up next week and getting 2 in a row against Centrals.

Notes to take out of the game :

Belief was finally there

Switching play and hitting targets were key to winning

Being in front early is something we need to do more

2 in a row

### **Players of Note**

Brett Middleton - rucked all day and won each and every contest

Tim Byerlee - another dominant performance

Greg Phillips - did not miss a target in the second half

Henry Whiting - new position - on ball

Matt Thomson - tagged and won a lot of the ball

Keiran Blackwell - great day on the wing