

Ports vs Solomontown Round 11, 2014.

We went into the game with confidence knowing that every week we were improving with our game style and physical hardness at the ball and player. We just need a bit of confidence and a bit of luck to support what we were doing.

The first quarter was tight and physical but we were unable to put the score on the board which was being a theme for the year. Talk at the start of the game was to keep them under 7 or 8 goals and for us to kick this total or more. It sounds easy but we were focussing on our defence and scoreboard pressure.

Going into half time I was very pleased with all our attacks and efforts to get the ball inside 50 and only be 2 points behind. We were in the contest but the test would be able to sustain this for 4 quarters.

The third quarter started off well with us continually attacking the scoreboard but we could not resist Solomontown and let them score too easily at times. Being square at three quarter time we were going to be determined by our attack in the last.

The last quarter had positive signs and when Ben Luteria kicked a goal at the 15 minute mark to put us in front we were looking the goods. What happened after this saw a team not confident in their ability and start to lose faith in each other. Sollies was able to kick back and kick late goals which in the end was the difference in the whole game.

Notes to take out of the game :

We have the ability, now to install that belief

4 quarters is a key to success

Key moments in games can sometimes be the difference

Things are not too far away.

Players of Note

Shannon Snook - kicked 4 goals - just needed a few friends

Tim Byerlee - very strong at Centre Half back

Terry Hall - very good around stoppages

Henry Whiting - won his position all day

Zac Hutchinson - tough in 1 to 1 contests

Cheers,

Coco.