

Port vs Lions May 2nd at Port Pirie (Round 2)

Port – 11.11=77

Lions – 5.4=34

After showing signs of what our team could play after last weeks loss we were very determined to play 4 quarters of footy. Training was very solid and I was confident in the team working for each other and stopping their runners.

The first quarter was even but we were on top in the midfield and through our half back line but our inside 50 count was not showing on the scoreboard. Tackling pressure was excellent and we were blocking the corridor consistently.

The second quarter we were able to repel from our backline with young Jakan Magor stopping attacks and midfield players were working extremely hard both ends of the ground. Reward came from effort and goals were scored giving us a lead into half time.

Half time focussed on all the things we had talked about at training on Tuesday night. We had some honest conversations and pinpointed areas that we needed to focus on. These were now on the positive side of the board for us and enabled the lead to continue in the third quarter. The run we were getting from Henry Whiting and Greg Phillips enabled Mackenzie Keane, Zak Hutchinson and Terry Hall to drive the ball into our forward lines. Brad Inglis and Matt Thomson were making most of the opportunities be converting.

One of the things that has been strong in our conversations is winning games by big margins (at least 6 goals) and this became the focus in the last. Kicking goals in a row was where we have to improve and this was starting in the middle. Overall it saw our playing group play 4 quarters of footy and consolidate a good day of football for our club.

Things that we took from this game include :

- Putting 4 quarters of football we can play to our strengths and set up sizeable wins.
 - Important that we kick 3 or 4 goals in a row
 - Tackling and hardness at the ball is becoming what we are about!!
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- The better players for the day included Henry Whiting (half back), Brad Inglis (4 goals), Terry Hall, Greg Phillips and Macca Keane.

Looking forward to play West and cutting out their key goal kicker and runners.