

Port vs Central May 30th at Port Pirie (Round 6)

Port – 16.10 =106

Central – 14.10=94

Going into this game we were looking for some key indicators including keeping our tackle count high, run from our young brigade and scoreboard pressure through accurate kicking.

The first quarter started well but we could not put the pressure on the scoreboard. The rest of the quarter we had some very bad turnovers which resulted in Centrals kicking 3 kick goals. This really dented our run and ability and we needed the quarter time break to refocus and regroup.

The second quarter we started to get some momentum and found some goals through Ethan Connor and Brad Inglis. We were running, winning the ball out the middle and our kicking efficiency improved. We then lapsed which saw the opposition kick 5 unanswered goals until Matt Thomson kicked a goal late in the term to put us 14 points down.

Halftime we needed to re structure and make some moves in our game plan. Nelson Magor had to stay in ruck for the rest of the game, Mark Balestrin went to centre half back and Jakan Magor was thrown up forward.

The third quarter was our best for the year. Our run improved and we were getting the ball through the middle. Brad Inglis was a standout kicking 4 goals in this quarter out of the 8 straight. To turn a deficit of 19 points into a lead of 33 points was credit to our style of game .

I asked the boys in the last quarter to build on the lead and finish off the team. I believe that we worked very hard in the third it took a toll which we then let Centrals come back at us in the last 10 minutes but credit was due to the boys ability to kick goals in a row.

Things that we took from this game include :

- We have the ability when switched on to play a style of game that can win a game in a quarter. The boys just need to keep believing in the game plan and each other.
- Being consistent over 4 quarters is going to be our main focus in the next few weeks.
- Having a young brigade running all day is important for us
- The better players for the day included Ethan Finlay (3rd quarter was excellent), Brad Inglis kicking 5 goals (6 in the paper), Nelson Magor who beat Mark Fuller easily, Brett Woodards at Centre Half Forward and Zak Hutchinson who was challenged early but responded when needed.

Looking forward to a week off and getting a full side to play Lions in a couple of weeks.

Cheers,

Coco.