

Port vs South July 11th at Port Pirie (Round 10)

Port – 14.9=93

Sollies – 6.4=40

Firstly I want to say well done to Brad Inglis and Henry Whiting who completed in the Country carnival the previous week when all other players had the bye. They represented the club and did well from all reports.

This game as I said last week was vital for us to stay in touch with teams for the second spot. We could not afford to think about that we needed to concentrate on our game play and style and trust for each other on the ground. Some positional changes occurred (including Shannon Snook to half forward, Izzy Connor to on ball and Greg Phillips back to half back) and Alex Young was included into the side.

The first quarter we came out well and started using the ball well and moved it inside 50. Our focus for the game was to get marks inside 50 as this would give us scoring opportunities. Our midfield was on top and our backline were in front and attacking the ball. A lapse did occur near the end of the quarter.

The second was to consolidate and not have another game close. Nelson Magor was winning all ruck contests and Shannon Snook was finishing goals at the other end. The quarter was closer to what we liked with both teams kicking 3 goals each. Half time I was not happy with the lead and went through the stats. We were getting the ball inside 50 but needed to concentrate more on converting those chances.

The third was similar to the second and the weather was changing every 15 minutes. We were keeping our lead but not extending it. Run from Tim Bylerree and Henry Whiting was transcending to Brad Inglis up forward and Mark Balestrin. At three quarter time I asked the boys to lift again and have this contest put away.

The boys did lift and we kicked 4 goals to zero. We ran, back our team mates and the ball flowed forward. It was important to have a good win and not have a close game. Our score of 14 goals is consistent to what we are doing each we and no other team in this round got close to that margin.

Things that we took from this game include :

- We back each other which stopped the opposition having lose man
- Our defenders played in front
- Forward inside 50 is more dominant when we take a mark and convert
- The better players for the day included Shannon Snook (half forward 6 goals), Greg Phillips (half back) and Tim Bylerree (centre half back).

We play Centrals in the early game next Saturday and this will set up second spot for us when we win!!! Need to confident.

Cheers

Coco.