

Port vs Centrals Round 10, 2016.

Port – 7.10=52

Centrals – 19.9=123

Our worst loss of the year! One quarter of footy was competitive with the rest of the game an inability to match the opposition with their pace, skill and scoreboard pressure.

The first quarter we maintained a consistent effort with clean movement and hard tackling. We managed to move the ball into our forward lines where we had placed Shannon Snook and Tim Byerlee in the forward 50 with instructions to move it in quick. Shannon was able to get 3 goals in the quarter and we were 2 points up.

The second quarter was over in the first 3 minutes. Centrals managed to get the ball out the midfield 3 times for 3 goals. This broke our back as they say and ended kicking 7 goals to one. James Gruitt in the centre was battling hard but needed more help around the ground.

The third quarter we needed a response and made a few positional moves around the ground. We went man on man around the ground and tried to open up our forward line while crowding theirs. We managed to slow Centrals goal rate but did not get the score on the board and this restricted the ability to challenge in the last quarter.

I said to the boys at three quarter time that they needed to show some character and come out and be competitive. We could not make any in roads into the score and were completely beaten at all contests.

The disappointing aspect of the day was the lack of character from some of our players and when involved in a contest could not win the ball. This has to be an in built competitive nature that you want to help and support your team mates and perform at your individual best.

The better players for the day included James Gruitt, Shannon Snook, Jacob Neary, Fraser Collins and Thomas Dickeson.

Cheers

Damien Mellow (A Grade Coach).