

Port vs Lions Round 8, 2016.

Port – 8.1 =49

Lions – 10.14=74

We had been training to stop the run of Lions and improve the way we move the ball into our forward line hitting our key targets. Our first quarter was about pressure especially in the area of tackling. We had a couple of key match ups around the ground but the rest of our play was one on one contests.

The pressure was great and our midfield were on top in the clearances thanks to Josh Byerlee and his hit outs. Sam Clarke, Brett Woodards and Greg Phillips with a couple managed to get us off to a great start and with 4 quarters of footy like this we would get a win.

The second quarter we could not get the ball inside 50. Lions started to put pressure on our midfield and our turnovers increased. This allowed the opposition to kick 4 goals to none and take away the advantage we had set up early in the game.

The third quarter needed a response and it was led by our players like Jakan Magor from defence and James Gruitt in the midfield. Snook, Inglis, Phillips and Pisani all kicked a goal and we let Lions only kick 1 goal. We had an opportunity to hit the front late in the quarter which would give us confidence but missed the goal.

The last quarter message was to continue our tackle pressure and keep the turnovers low. This quarter we could not enter our forward 50 with this only happening twice in the quarter. Lions only managed to score two goals but we did not have the capability to continue with our score advantage.

The better players for the day included Jakan Magor, James Gruitt, Sam Dignan, Shannon Snook and Tim Byerlee

Cheers

Damien Mellow (A Grade Coach).