

GLENUNGA UNDER 8 YELLOW

ROUND 2 MATCH REPORT V GLENUNGA WHITE – 8 MAY 2016



The boys started the first quarter kicking against a strongish breeze and the strong midfield lineup of Will T, Ethan and Hudson kept possession and drove it down the forward lines regularly.



The defence with Josh, William and Hugo creating a wall, repelled all advances to keep the opposition goalless.



The photo shows Will T squaring the ruck against a taller opponent and Ethan with great eyes on the ball. All players had listened to Coach Justin and ran back quickly when they had a mark or a free like Will T above. Good handballs and link play started in the first quarter and continued throughout the game.

Goals to Harry Neave and Talan's first goal for the Under 8's against the breeze meant a very pleasing first quarter. Talan looked very relaxed after his goal.



Harry showed great style with this goal.

In the second quarter, Josh Scarce kept up his great first quarter form with great

vision and teamwork to get the ball down to Will T who hit the scoreboard with flair.



The backline didn't get much work with the opposition against a strong breeze but they kept a clean sheet when it did come down.

Here the midfield showed the wall they built with William working hard to get in line. William also stopped and was paid the mark after a rocket kick went straight for him.



The boys showed great encouragement and celebrated goals all day.

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The third quarter saw White with a strong breeze pick up and they played a very good quarter with lots of possession and passing to their teammates. Their height was certainly a factor with some good marks being taken. Our backline was under a lot of pressure and Ethan, Talan and Harry N battled hard all quarter.

Harry G, Leroy and Harrison competed well in the midfield and got the ball down a couple of times to the forward lines against the breeze where Hugo was able to bag a couple late in the quarter.

After a free kick, Hugo nearly kicked it into the Pavilion.

With Hugo and Josh resting, the team performed very well in the last quarter with Will T repelling attacks in the backline, Harry N and Talan making some great runs in the midfield, and Ethan getting the hard ball and handballing from the centre. Harry G, Leroy and Harrison got some nice touches and a few points but just missed out on the majors!



Oscar again showed great support and we are all looking forward to his dash when he returns from injury.

Finished with both sides singing the club song which was a nice touch to acknowledge that we are part of the same club that lives the RAMS (Respect, Attitude, Mateship and Success) message.

Thanks to all the Mums who attended and you might not have heard, but they also did a quick three cheers for their Mums to mark Mother's Day.

Thanks to Salli for providing some nice pics and please read on below for Justin's comments on what the players should be practicing and working on for next week's game against Unley Black.

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The two captains Harrison from Yellow and Nick from White singing together.



Josh played a great game today and really listened to the Coach during the breaks.



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Photos from the last 2 games - Hugo and Will T showed the importance of keeping your eye on the ball when you kick and mark.



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COACH JUSTIN'S COMMENTS FOR EACH PLAYER

Leroy

Good first up game Leroy. It can be difficult when you first start at a new club but the more you train and play matches with your 11 new mates the easier it will become. You are quick and strong so remember to take off when you get the ball, straighten your body and pass the ball to a teammate or kick the goal. Remember to always encourage your teammates and remain positive.

Talan

Another good game Talan, a great early goal got the team going. Keep working on your skills at training and your confidence will continue to grow. I really like the way you chase and fought for the ball when it was on the ground.

Harrison

Good Captain's game Harrison. It was great to get you a full game this week. Remember it was only your second game of football and once again you looked more confident towards the end of the game. Keep practicing your kicking at home, lots of bouncing the ball which will help your ball drop.

Harry G

Well done Harry, I thought you had another good game. You read the play very well and got yourself into good positions to win the ball. A bit like Leroy remember to steady yourself when you get the ball and straighten your body (try not to kick around corners) when you are having a shot for goal.

Hugo

Another excellent game Hugo, well done. You didn't get as many opportunities as the previous week but what you did was of a very high standard. Keep leading the team and encouraging your teammates to get better. I love your tenacity and competitive spirit. Well done on kicking some important goals in the 3rd quarter which steadied the team. Great effort!

Harry N

Great game Harry. I asked you for a couple of goal assists this week and you certainly delivered. You worked really hard providing a strong contest and carrying the ball. Some nice kicking for goal including a great photo in the match report! Keep it up.

Hudson

Good game Hudson. You compete really well particularly when the ball is on the ground. With more confidence you will understand the space you can run into and start calling for the ball a little more with a nice load voice. Your turn to play 4 quarters this week so a great chance to get lots of the ball.

William R

Great attitude again William. I could tell that you were switched on from the moment you arrived at the game. I like the way you are starting to really run fast when you get the ball and you gave an excellent handball to Hugo after taking a terrific mark. Keep concentrating and trying your best at training and the ball will continue to come your way on Sundays.

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Josh

Wow. Excellent game Josh. I thought you were outstanding all day, getting yourself into the perfect position and fighting ferociously for the ball. Your use of the ball is outstanding, particularly by foot and you bring your teammates into the game which is very impressive, well done.

Ethan

Really good game Ethan. Once again you fought hard when the ball was on the ground and delivered some excellent quick handballs to your teammates. You also took some nice marks because you were watching the play and thinking about where the next kick or handball was going. I was really pleased with the way you picked yourself up off the ground when you got a knock to the head and then competed in the next ruck contest. Good stuff.

It was also great to see Harry N and Talan get around you when you were hurt and give you a pat on the back and some encouragement. Great work Harry and Talan – that's what the 'M' is for in RAMS.

Will T

Another brilliant game Will. Your training was excellent again this week and there is an old saying that goes "you play as you train". Like all good footballers you try to be one step ahead of your opponent always thinking about the space around you. Keep using your voice and looking to find a teammate by hand or foot.

Oscar

Only 5 weeks to go! Great to see you out at the game supporting your teammates. Remember to watch the game closely and think about what you would do if you were out there. The more you watch your teammates the more you will learn about the way they play, how far they kick and handball the ball and where they like to run. This will really help you when you start playing in a few weeks.