



Round 5 v Lockleys – 29 May 2016

After the cancellation of training due to the Severe Weather Warning, the weather again smiled on Glenunga Yellow with our home game versus a Lockleys side with a few tall timber players. Nice to see so many parents and grandparents supporting the boys. Thanks also to Fletch for timekeeping and Sam for the goal umpiring.

Harry Neave captained the game and had this to say:

"I think everyone played well. I was happy to get my goals from great mid field passes. I understand rotation but love the mid field. With our break, keep kicking it and go the RAMS. Thanks to our coach too, he helps a lot. And thanks Graham".

It was clear from the start that Lockleys were well organised and had turned up for a good game with goals evenly spread between the sides in the first half. After a slow start, our forward line took advantage of the strong midfield play from Hugo, Talan and Harrison which resulted in a couple of goals to Josh.

The second quarter played out in a similar way to the first with goals back and forth between both sides. Hugo was continuing to take high marks and kicked a goal from a long way out. Talan has really improved his running toward the goals and deserved the great goals he kicked. Lockleys used their tall players to get hold of the ball and the game was still evenly poised at half time. Harry G was very keen to tell the Team Manager he kicked a couple of goals for the other Glenunga side in the second quarter – well done Harry. Coach Justin commented how Harry G was very switched on and he ended up playing his best game for the club with his pace to get to the ball evident all day.

In the 3rd quarter, with Hugo playing for the other Glenunga team, the side put in one of the best quarters for the game with the highlight being the courageous mark by Will T against a much bigger opponent. Captain Harry N overcame a knock to the leg in the first quarter to get his hands on the ball for a couple of goals – one from a great pass from Leroy. It could have been 3 as Harry was a bit unlucky hitting the post. Our ranks of new goal kickers for the team increased with the great snap from Leroy for his first goal for the club. The midfield and defence which included Ethan, Will, Hudson, Talan, Harry G and Josh did a great job keeping the Lockleys team goalless although a couple were disallowed as they were kicked by a midfielder from the wrong zone.



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The boys in the last quarter started to take control of the game with some strong attack on the ball, good running and excellent vision to find their teammate via foot or hand. Will T added to our goal tally with a lovely snap and Hudson and Ethan provided good forward pressure. Josh, Harry G and Talan battled hard in the midfield and Hugo was a formidable wall in the defence marking everything in sight and finding his teammates with excellent efficiency.

Coach Justin was extremely pleased with the efforts of the boys against quality opposition. Good team play, attack on the ball and efficiency to goal was evident over the whole four quarters. Thrilling to be able to report we achieved a couple Coast to Coast goals that started in the back line and through foot and hand, we took it the length of the oval for goals.

Best players in no order included the 2 Harry's, Hugo, Will T and Talan. We will keep the order a surprise for Friday night.

Team player award goes to Talan for a very consistent game and nice kicking and handballing, the Encouragement Award to Leroy for kicking his first goal and the Special Achievement Award to Will T for that brave mark.

Again many multiple goalkickers with 4 players kicking 2 goals each and 3 kicking a solitary goal (I have included Harry's 2 for Light Blue!)

Special mention to our 4 players who played a quarter with our Glenunga Light Blue team to help with their numbers. The Glenunga Light Blue Coach was not only grateful but made special mention how well Harry G, Hugo, Will T and Harry N played.

A big improvement was noted in the singing of the team song. The fact we waited to distribute the snakes after the song might have helped with things.

Here are some pics from our resident photographer Salli and Justin's comments for each player at the end of the report.



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Good action shots Salli.



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Coach to Harry N, why didn't you kick it to your teammate who was free?

Gold answer from Harry N.

"The Lockleys player wasn't standing the mark so I wanted to teach the Opposition a lesson by kicking the goal"

Coach speechless!!

It's OK Dad, have a chip!!



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Good first goal Leroy. Great pressure Josh.



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Harry G and Josh in action.



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Our boys are using the spread, Hugo runs around and spots Talan with his kick. Learnt from the Power!



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Great lead Talan – you got the kick from Hugo and sent it forward.
Team Award and McDonalds voucher for Harry N.



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Well done Harrison, Encouragement Award. Good support Ethan!



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COACH JUSTIN'S COMMENTS FOR EACH PLAYER

Leroy

Good game Leroy. Lots of good positioning and working well with your teammates. Some nice passes and a lovely snap for goal.

Harrison

Another step in the right direction Harrison. You concentrated hard and competed well when the ball was in your area. Keep practicing with Dad.

Harry G

Definitely your best game Harry. Really concentrated from the moment you got to the game and put in a magnificent performance with all your kicks and handballs going to a teammate.

Hugo

Another excellent game Hugo. Keep setting yourself a goal to improve a part of your game every week. I thought you really lifted your eyes this week and gave some excellent passes to your teammates.

Harry N

Great game Captain. Lovely skills with some excellent running and picking the ball up off the ground. Got another knock but picked yourself up, dusted yourself off and attacked the next ball with great vigour. Well done.

Hudson

Getting better every week Hudson. Had a great game for the school on Saturday and followed it up with some good possessions for the RAMS. Keep watching the game and learning all the time.



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William R

Playing in a team isn't always about getting lots of kicks and handballs and this week you did some really important things for your mates. You held the play up a couple of times forcing a ball up when it looked like the opposition were going to take the ball away. Well done.

Josh

Lots of good work on Sunday Josh. You picked the ball up really cleanly and once again used your skills to move the ball quickly to a teammate. Some nice goals and importantly some even better goal assists.

Ethan

You tried hard all day Ethan and did some really good things. It was nice to see you burst away from the opposition and kick to a teammate when a quick handball wasn't available.

Will T

Great game Will. Lots of hard running and nice loud calling for the ball. A brilliant mark showed all your teammates how courageous you are. Good vision always looking around for space and teammates in space.

Talan

One of your best games Talan. You watched the play closely and went to all the right positions. Got lots of the ball and used it every time with a nice kick or handball. Some excellent team play with a nice handball to Ethan.

Oscar

Well done again Oscar. The word on the street is you might be available for your first game this week. We can't wait to see you out there.