

Round 6 Glenunga U9 Navy Blue vs Glenunga Light Blue
Webb Oval, 8.30 am Sunday 5 June 2016

Wet weather footy – love it!

It was our first wet game of the season and all the boys worked hard. We used a lot of the skills we have been training on, and really worked well together as a team.

We had a lot of fun in the rain, it was slippery, we were all really wet but we played a very strong game. Well done boys!

Seb Miteloudis Round 6 Captain

A bit odd playing our Rams teammates this week. We also had a few boys birthday sleepovers the night before so operating on 3 hours sleep (that was just Johnny and Suz!). Winter well and truly arrived about half time, it was cold and wet and it was fun to see how the boys reacted.

I consulted the Bureau of Meteorology early in the week and saw it was going to be wet so conveniently handballed the on field coaching to Johnny this week – great job!

The game was played in great spirit, hard but fair and respectful across both teams. The highlight was both teams singing the club song together at the end of the match.

It was a pretty even first quarter, with plenty of the footy played in the midfield. Finn started very well winning clean possession, a few marks and some great drop punts. Will and Sam had a few pack breaking runs and Max S tackled well.



Max S pressuring the ball carrier



Finn had his best game for the year, played a great all round game

Bash (Seb) had a great start to the match in defence, winning plenty of contested footy and clearing the zone on a number of occasions.

Harrison kicked a nice goal, his first for the year and Elliott won plenty of the footy and a few chances to score.

The second quarter was impressive with Seb continuing his great form, Emerson, Harry and Darcy playing well in the midfield. Emerson reading the play beautifully and looking really balanced.



Emerson beautifully balanced

The forward line functioned well with the boys sticking to our plan of kicking to the top of the square. It worked with the boys taking shots from in front (not the pockets) and Finn on fire (could have kicked 4 for the quarter but ended with 1.3). Max S took a couple of great marks and kicked 1.1 (his first goal for the year and cost the coach \$2). Will also kicked a goal and Sam had a chance (the first quarter for the year where all players scored).



Will with the raking left boot



Sam looking pretty focussed

Charlie, back after a few weeks off paying for the dentist's new Audi, but you would not have known it. He crashed in hard, head over the ball and incredibly clean picking up the ball in tough conditions.



Charlie storming through

The rain started to come down and the boys responded in mixed fashion. A few were shivering and looked frozen, a few crashed in harder and tackled to keep warm!

The Light Blue Rams had a great quarter, a few of their boys were very dangerous in the midfield and up forward and kicked 4.2 pretty easily for the quarter. The key point for us to learn here was the importance of staying focused and picking up our opponents.

Tadgh and Max D had a great quarter and Jackson was doing exactly what we had talked about at training and used plenty of voice resulting in him getting a number of touches and having a good quarter.

Seb continued his great match as skipper slotting 2 goals and Harry one too.



Bash getting another clearing kick on his trusty left boot



Harry having another great game

We steadied in the last quarter with the boys continuing their pressure all across the ground. Tadgh stood out this quarter kicking 2.1 and Max D kicked one as well. Elliott dominated this quarter in the midfield, as well as Mitchell, James and Harrison working well together.



Max D bouncing to his feet after winning the footy like usual

The boys should be proud of how they have worked together defensively over the past few weeks. Across the last 12 quarters we have held the opposition to no score in 9 of those.

The boys have really started to work much more together, sharing the ball by hand and this week much better by foot, with a few plays where we had 5-6 clear possessions in a row.

The other great thing about our team is how all the boys support each other – special mention to Charlie over the last few weeks and Eden and Jesse coming along to support their teammates even though they were not playing.

Enjoy the week off. We are down at Lockleys on the 19th.

