



The first Saturday of Winter for the year and it came down wet but our boys played dry weather footy. It is one of those games where you could say that all played well.

The team was thrilled to welcome Oscar to his first game of the year after breaking his arm. Hudson was our Captain for the game.

Coach Justin said he would be looking at the players who gave goal assists and this was heartily embraced by all the players throughout the game.

And they were listening!! We had a great spread of goals across all four quarters and all 11 players kicked a goal. Special mentions to Oscar who kicked two goals and Harrison who kicked his first goal for the club in the last quarter. All players have now kicked goals which shows the great spirit of teamwork evident across the whole team.

The midfield of Ethan, Leroy, Harrison, and Josh were relentless in the first quarter, getting hold of the ball, sharing it with handballs and in particular, Josh put some nice kicks forward which resulted in goals. Ethan set the tone with terrific efforts on the ground to get the ball. Hugo marshalled the forward lines and kicked a few himself but had clearly listened to the Coach with good assists to Hudson and Oscar. The backline were a bit cold with the ball not making many entries.

The second quarter saw the rain get heavier and our efforts continued to impress. Ethan not only kicked a great long goal but he defended brilliantly to keep the ball in the forward line. Leroy kicked a couple including a long bomb and a great snap. Josh had many chances and finally kicked a goal after a nice pass from Harry G in the midfield. The midfield of Harry G, Will T, Hudson and William kept up the momentum and drove the ball forward on nearly every occasion. Harrison, Hugo and Oscar battled a bit of frost bite but did keep a clean sheet when the ball came down.

In the third quarter, the midfield of Harrison, Hugo, Josh and Harry G dominated the centre clearances with nice handballs, and kicks to the forward line. Will T, William and Harry N finished off this good work with excellent goals. William in particular, had his best game kicking a goal, taking a bounce and providing a great goal assist. All three players shared in the 6 goals for the quarter. Defence again were feeling the cold but also kept a clean sheet.

Hugo again in the last quarter went to great lengths to follow the Coach's encouragement around goal assists. He provided assists to Harrison and Harry G who finished with class. If the Hectorville player hadn't been in the way, Harrison would have had 2 goals! Coach Justin pointed out that Hugo had a chance of a goal from the boundary but did the team thing and looked to kick to Harry who had made space 15 metres from the goal – he understood how much Hugo wanted to kick one with a Banana from the boundary. Hugo did kick a goal earlier in the quarter from a long way out. Hectorville put in a great effort in the last quarter to kick the last 3 goals of the game with some nice passing and goal kicking. Ethan took a heavy knock in the last quarter after a brave effort to get the ball and this was Ethan's best game for the year – looks like he excels in the wet weather.

Overall, a great performance, with a consistent spread of goals across all four quarters and great efforts and team play from all the boys. Great supporting from the parents/grandies on such a wet and cold day. Disappointing effort from Fletch in the goals who struggled to jump the low fence to fetch the balls. Jeans might have been a touch tight!! Also pleased to see the players living the

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RAMS motto by showing good respect to the umpire and opposition especially at the end of the game.

Special mention to the cold and wet Coach Justin.

Although everyone played well, it was great to see some of our players step up with their best games for the club and thoroughly deserved to be named in our best players. Ethan who got his hands on the ball and then always had an effective disposal, Hudson who played a great Captains game, Leroy with nice marks and 2 goals, Harrison and William both with their best games and nice goals. All other players put in a strong performance.

Hugo got Best Team Player for the numerous goal assists, Oscar the Special Achievement for his great first game with 2 goals.

We have a break this weekend for the long weekend but hoping in our next game that we will have our 12 players all available so we will initiate a rotation so every player will get a quarter in each zone.

Below are Justin's comments for the players. As Salli is sharing her photos via Dropbox, I have held off including them this week.



**COACH JUSTIN'S COMMENTS FOR EACH PLAYER**

**Leroy**

Excellent game Leroy. Got yourself into some good positions to receive the ball and fought hard when the ball was on the ground. I really liked the way you looked for a teammate when you were a little too far out from goals to score.

**Harrison**

Your best game so far Harrison. You are starting to read the play well and I like the way you are concentrating and watching the game closely. Now that you are gaining confidence I am seeing you call for the ball nice and loudly. Great goal and some lovely handballs and kicks to your teammates.

**Harry G**

Another good game Harry. Lots of getting yourself into the right position. You are naturally a team player and look to pass to your teammates by hand or foot. I like the way you are really running hard to receive a kick when your teammate gets a free, just like at training. Great stuff.

**Hugo**

Well done Hugo. You really tried hard to bring your teammates into the game and I think you got a lot of goal assists this week. I know that you would have loved to take that difficult shot in the last quarter but I was very pleased that you centred the ball to a teammate who was in a good position. Fantastic effort and great team spirit!

**Harry N**

Only a half this week Harry but you were fantastic when you came on. Lots of goal assists along with kicking a few nice goals yourself. It was excellent to see how you Will and William worked together in the forward line and the joy you got helping your teammates score a goal.

**Hudson**

Well done Captain. Improving every week and this was no exception. You are really starting to believe in yourself and expecting to win the ball which is great to see. An excellent goal and some great handballs through the middle of the ground.

**William R**

A goal, goal assist, strong contests, chasing, bounce and even a tackle. Well done William, really pleased with the way you are improving every week and concentrating at games and practice. Great effort.

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Read the ball really well and got on the end of lots of play with some clever positioning. Moved smoothly as always and put in another good performance. Worked well with Leroy & Ethan with some nice passing in the forward line.

Ethan

Your best game for the RAMS so far Ethan. I thought you were really focused right from the first bounce. Got lots of the ball and used it with some good kicking and handball. You picked the ball up cleanly and won lots of contests out of the centre. Well done on keeping your eye on the ball and showing great courage in the marking contest.

Will T

Another great game Will. It was excellent the way you worked with Harry and William to set up so many goals, including kicking a few yourself. As always you read the play well and helped your teammates.

Oscar

Well done Oscar. It was fantastic to get you out for your first game and it didn't take long for you to make an impact. You got lots of good possessions and used your pace to great effect. Congratulations on your first goal for the club.