

## GLENUNGA UNDER 8 YELLOW

### ROUND 7 MATCH REPORT V GOODWOOD SAINTS BLACK – 19 JUNE 2016



What another glorious day at Glenunga – bit of dew on the ground but the kids didn't seem to notice. Good crowd on the sidelines with Tony taking Ground Marshall duties and Sarah doing a fine job behind the goals.

Goodwood Saints were well organised and played well so we had a really competitive game for the full four quarters.

Coach Justin said he would be looking at the players who used handball and asked each player at the end of each quarter how many handballs they had given. Every player answered his call and did a good job sharing the ball around.

The team was without the run of Will T and William R this week but put in a great four quarter game.

The first quarter saw a great effort from all players with a strong midfield showing from Harry N, Leroy and Harrison. The spin by Harrison was a special moment. Harry G did some fine finishing for 2 goals and Oscar also potted a beauty. Hudson, Josh and Hugo repelled many attacks with good marks by Hugo and Josh made great position to receive the next kick and move it on to the midfield line.

Our best quarter was in the second with a dominant midfield of Hugo, Josh and Hudson sending in forward regularly. Harry N kept everyone on his toes with some great forward play and 2 goals with the ball inexplicably going at right angles when he kicked it from the goal square. Highlight of the quarter was Leroy's checkside from the boundary – his Dad Paul had a big smile – not sure we can name it the Leroy pocket though!! Harry G also showed great fight to defend well.

Coach Justin pointed out that Harrison had his best first half of the year.

The third quarter was a tight tussle with Ethan, Harry G and Talan fighting hard for the ball in the midfield and Oscar, Leroy and Harry N defending dourly. Josh kicked a goal from a good goal assist from Hugo, who also ran around the mark had a bounce and kicked a nice goal after a mark.

With Hugo having a rest, Coach Justin asked the players for a big effort in the last quarter and as good teams do, Goody Saints came back hard with good play and a few goals from nice kicking and marking. Ethan nearly eclipsed Leroy's goal with another brave mark he is getting known for. Had a shot at goal which went to the right, bounced back to Ethan who cleanly collected the ball and ran into an open goal. He had it planned like this the whole time!!

Again, our midfield of Oscar, Leroy and Harry N battled hard and played well. In only his second game, Oscar was very clean with the ball, used his pace well and kicked and handballed to advantage. Josh also ran hard and defended well in the last quarter including a long dash for the whole defensive zone where he didn't allow his opponent to get in front of him when he was wanting to kick a goal.

Overall, a great effort from the boys against a quality opponent. The umpire did an excellent job and there was good spirit all round with every player shaking the umpires hand and thanking him. After such a competitive game, the boys really enjoyed singing the club song at the end.

Player of the Day was Harry Neave who played 4 high quality quarters and kicked a couple of goals. Other best were Harry G, Hugo, Leroy, Oscar and Josh. Goal kickers were spread between 7 players.

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Special Achievement to Leroy for that goal and Team Player to Harry G for his many kicks and handballs that found his teammates.

Justin will send his report separately as I will be travelling interstate this week.

No photos to post as our resident photographer was on leave!

Regards, Graham

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#### 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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Josh

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.