

Round 10 Glenunga U9 Navy Blue vs Lockleys
Lockleys Oval, 9.30 am Sunday 10th July 2016

Great team performance, relentless pressure

We were lucky that it stopped raining for the game but it was a bit windy. Jesse took an awesome mark and played really well. Charlie the birthday boy had a great game and kicked two goals. We shared the ball like a team, tackled well and it was a great win. Thanks to Charlie's mum for the cupcakes. Eden.

The long trek to Lockleys this week and a howling gale across and towards the beach meant that one end was going to be the scoring end all day.

With school holidays in full swing the Glenunga White team was short one player, so Max S offered to play for them. I think he was just happy to get away from my 'constructive coaching advice' for a week!

Eden won the toss and kicked with the gale.

The forwards were working hard to share the ball around but we struggled to adjust to the wind and ended up 0.3 3 to no score at quarter time.

Jackson had a couple of chances to score but was just tackled on the goal line.

Our tackling effort was fantastic, all the boys really applied themselves and didn't give Lockleys any time or space to use the ball.

Lockleys had a young fella who was a star, he was in everything and put a lot of pressure on our boys.

In the second quarter the challenge was in front of us, kicking into the wind so we had to run and share the ball more rather than just kick the ball long in hope.

We adjusted well, particularly Max and Eden who put a lot of pressure on in the midfield when they didn't have the ball but also spread and ran hard.

Up forward Jesse had a couple of chances and after some great attack on the footy, clean skills and electric pace he scored our first goal for the match.

In defence Emerson, Seb, Charlie and Jackson competed hard resisting many forward entries from Lockleys.

The aim of the third quarter was to hit the scoreboard with the wind.

It wasn't easy but Tadgh marked strongly about 20 m out and kick a nice goal.

Harrison continued his goal scoring form kicking another great goal from a tight angle. He is becoming a specialist in this area.

Max and Eden also battled hard, continuously giving us plenty of scoring opportunities.

Jesse was setting the oval alight, tough attack, great skills and pace. He took a really brave mark running back with the flight of the ball, landed on his feet like a cat, then proceeded to sell the candy, play on and run around the man on the mark.

The boys in defence, well led by Emerson, and supported by Seb, Sam and Jackson held Lockley to 1 point for the quarter.

The last quarter we really strung some great team footy together. The quick handball and voice that we are using in our 3 on 3 handball game at training was really on show. The boys shared the ball, quick hands, clean hands and some really great kicks to advantage.

One particular play along the southern side from full back to Finn, to Seb, Sam and Emerson in the midfield, then to Charlie who had found space in the forward line with a great mark and goal.

Charlie topped off a great birthday extravaganza with 2 goals for the quarter.

Defensively, Finn, Harry, Elliott and Jesse were impenetrable, even with Lockleys kicking with the wind, there was no way through.

A great team effort. Particular mention to Jackson who played his best game for the year, focused, tackling, clean hands and looked dangerous.

Maxie Davis was back after a week away and was straight back in great form. Elliott continued his great year, contested footy animal and good team footy.

Jesse played his best game for the Rams and looks like he has really found the pace of the game and now his skills are being put on show.

A week off and then back into the last 6 games of the year!



Emerson gathering at top speed



Elliott playing in front and competing hard



Elliott getting us off to a good start



Jesse with a great mark running back with the flight and after this sold a nice bit of candy



Max clearing the pack



Harry bombing it long



Max about to evade another tackle



Tadgh with eyes firmly on the footy



Charlie with a great mark in the last quarter and goal