



Well, we nearly beat the rain, nice breeze blowing towards the school end and weather threatened and finally came down in the last quarter. Well done to the boys for getting up early, taking a nice photo and then playing in cold conditions. Early mention for hair product to Ethan and Oscar, and nice work by the Team Manager for keeping his stomach in for all the shots!!

Great coffee Sarah, and good luck with the new Café at the Hub – great to see it busy and the food looks delicious.

Thanks to Tony for good goal umpiring and Rhys for the timekeeping duties.

The Glenunga White team certainly had a bit of height and our boys worked hard all day to get in front and get their hands on the ball. In the windy conditions, our speed was a big advantage over all the four quarters.

Ethan won a good toss and we kicked with the breeze. Our midfield of Josh, Oscar and Hudson were battling against 3 taller opponents and Glenunga White had a great quarter kicking a few goals with strong running at the goals. It only came down the forward lines a few times and Hugo gave a good centring kick to Talan who marked and goaled and then Hugo kicked one himself. Good team work from Hugo who handballed to William who was blocked by 3 players from kicking a goal. Backline of Ethan, Leroy and Will T rebounded the ball which was coming down regularly. Very tight first quarter and our boys certainly knew they had a competitive game ahead.

Our best quarter was against the breeze with Hugo, Harrison and Harry G keeping White goalless with strong marks and run out of the backline and most importantly, their kicks targeted our midfield. The midfield of Ethan, Leroy and Will T shared the ball around, showed great courage to play on after getting hurt (Ethan) and made sure their kick found one of our forward players. This was the quarter when Oscar showed what a talented footballer he is. He led well, had great hands and ran at the goal for 4 goals in the quarter. He also found Josh in the clear who finished off the good work. 5 goals against the wind was a good finish to a total team effort with all players working together against the breeze.

We took advantage of the wind in the 3rd quarter with Hugo, Harrison and Harry G doing a great job getting the ball and driving it forward. Harry G had some great runs as did Hugo who also marked strongly. Will T battled hard and kicked a couple and Ethan continued his good work with a goal. Leroy showed that he had listened to the coach by running at the goal and he kept the ball in the forward lines with great attack on the ball. Hugo snuck in a checkside goal from the centre which he assures me he was looking for Leroy but the wind carried it and it bounced for a goal. Not a lot of work for the backline but Oscar again kept up his good form for the day by rebounding on most occasions.

Hugo and Ethan had a rest in the last quarter and White were kicking with a stronger breeze and the rain started to fall. The midfield of Talan, Will T and William worked hard with William doing some nice leads. With the wind, the ball travelled down the backline and Oscar again showed great composure to mark, mop up and then run and kick to advantage. It was certainly Oscar's best game for the club and he thoroughly deserved to be Best on Ground for the day. Unfortunately, the ball didn't come down much to the forwards. White put in a strong quarter and kicked a couple.

Well done to the boys from both teams to get together and sing the club song. Really good spirit from all the boys but some strong competitive efforts from both sides made it an enjoyable contest for all the parents and grandies, who watched from the sidelines.



Boys finished with 3 cheers for the umpire and the customary snakes.

Player of the Day goes to Oscar for four quarters of hard running, terrific skills and for his best game for the Club. 4 goals against the wind in one quarter was also pretty special. Will T and Hugo continue to play great team play and aggressive football and Harry G for his run and Leroy for getting numerous touches made up the best players.

COACH JUSTIN'S COMMENTS FOR EACH PLAYER

Leroy

Good game Leroy. You really concentrated hard on straightening your body and not kicking around corners. Remember to use your pace and run a few steps before taking a bounce.

Harrison

Well done Harrison. You worked hard all day and concentrated well. Had many strong contests at the ball with good determination.

Harry G

Excellent game Harry. Showed some great dash sprinting away with the ball with some lovely bounces. Most importantly you then look for a teammate to pass the ball to.

Hugo

Brilliant game Hugo. Lots of courageous marks and some excellent play with your teammates including a really good pass to Talan to set up a goal. Some fantastic desperation keeping possession when you were outnumbered. Well done Hugo.

Hudson

Some really good work again Hudson. You always provide a fantastic strong contest when the ball is in your area and your skills are improving every week. Remember to never take your eye off the ball and look for space to lead into when your teammate has the ball.

William R

I was really pleased with your attitude this week at training and on Sunday. You are getting more confident every week and running harder during games – keep it up.

Josh

I was really pleased with your game Josh. You always keep your feet when going for the ball which is a really important trait. Remember to bend over and pick up the ball as you are very well balanced. You delivered a fantastic pass to Oscar which set him up for an easy goal. This showed great awareness and teamwork.

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Ethan

You did some really good things on Sunday. Lots of hard work around the contest and competed well for your team in the air. Competed really well after a couple of heavy knocks which made me proud.

Will T

Fantastic game Will. Lots of energy as always and competed ferociously for the ball. Great chasing and pressure on your opponent. I liked the way you looked for a teammate with a short pass. Don't worry that they got intercepted on a couple of occasions. It was the right thing to do and it will help your team get better.

Talan

Good game Talan. Kicked a nice goal in the first quarter after a lovely pass from Hugo. Keep watching the play and thinking about the best place to stand to get your next possession.

Oscar

Wow. What a game Oscar. You were fantastic for 4 quarters. You read the play beautifully intercepting well in the back line. I also liked the way you looked for a teammate rather than just kicking the ball as long as you can. Lots of courage and desperation along with excellent skill made for a complete game. Well done.