

Round 12 Glenunga U9 Navy Blue vs Goodwood
Goodwood Oval, 8.30 am Sunday 31st July 2016

Muddy scrap

The weather was much better than last week but the ground was very muddy. Ben told us that this week was like a Grand Final so we had to use our voices and work as a team. Instead of tossing a coin we did rock paper scissors. Everyone played well especially with tackling everyone tried their hardest but unfortunately we lost by 4 points - Sorry Ben!

Max Davis, Captain

A few of us were a bit ginger for this early start after the quiz night the night earlier, including the coach.

As we arrived, it looked like we were about to go 4 rounds of mud wrestling with not a blade of grass on what was a very small oval.

After a pep talk to rival great coaches such as David Parkin we were ready to go.

Goodwood were down in the changerooms preparing their team and they came to play.

The first quarter our boys had specific instructions for our defenders on who to play on and to play tight. That went out the window about 3 minutes in after Aston had two strong marks, and uncharacteristically missed them both. Time for a change.

After their quick start we started to tighten up and our tackling across the board was a feature of the game. Max D and Jesse in the midfield, Elliott and Eden in the forward line, and Emerson, Sam and Max S in defence.

It was great to see the boys reading the play and getting back on the goal line, touching the ball just before the ball went over the line and stopping two certain goals.

After some great team play and electrifying pace Elliott scored a great goal to get us underway.

In the second quarter we had quite a bit of the play in our forwardline, with Emerson, Finn and Max winning plenty of the footy and Max D holding it in the forward line.

Max D (aka Sloaney) stuck to the team rules, centering the footy from the boundary line where Jesse was in perfect position and marked strongly, and goaled.

Not long after Jesse slotted his second and was causing Goodwood problems all sorts of problems.

James started this quarter in defence and was really switched on. He attacked the footy really hard and had a number of really clean possessions where he always looked to pass it off to someone in better position.

The third quarter was a real battle, and the ball spent plenty of time in the Goodwood forwardline. Seb, Finn, James and Harrison positioned themselves well and battled hard. It was great to see Harrison just holding back from the ball ups and in great position to get the ball as it was kicked out of the pack.

Max D kicked a goal from the goal square to keep the game close.

Eden continued his great game in the backline, reading the play well and working well with Elliott.

With schnitzels and beer on the line for the coach he pleaded for one last effort. The oval was so small it was really hard to get the ball in space and use our pace and skills.

We held our own with the great tackling pressure all day and Harrison finished off the game with a nice goal to put us within a few points with not long to go.

Seb almost won the game off his own boot in the last quarter with one of the best individual quarters played this year.

We defended really well and kept Goodwood scoreless in the last quarter, a great demonstration of how all the boys are working really well as a team.

Our second really competitive and close encounter for the year.

The feedback from the Goodwood coaches and parents was that playing the Rams is the highlight of the year, close, great effort and pressure, played in great spirits.

Well done boys.

Only 4 matches to go so lets finish the year really well.







