#### **ROUND 13 MATCH REPORT V MITCHAM YELLOW - 7 AUGUST 2016**



Great to see the ground in such good condition after such a wet winter and the boys really enjoyed the perfect conditions with a slight breeze to the south and a bit of sun.

Mitcham came with a competitive spirit and certainly gave our boys some good competition, especially in the first half. They had a few taller players and had a good attack on the ball.

The midfield of Will, William and Leroy had a ding dong battle all quarter. William showed some good desire for the ball and held the ball in against his opponent. Leroy showed good run and broke free a couple of times and Will continues to make good use of the ball. Hugo kicked a lovely goal from the pocket and followed up in a similar position with a nice centring kick marked by Harry G. Mitcham also kicked a goal from some nice work down the ground. At quarter time, Justin told the boys to enjoy the competition as this is important for the boys to experience.

The second quarter was a tight affair with neither side able to score a goal but all the boys showed strong desire for the ball and it went back and forth between the defences.

The third quarter is called the premiership quarter and a player emerged to set the tone for a great quarter from the boys. With strong midfield work from Ethan, Oscar and Talan who finished with nice passes, Harrison bobbed up for three strong marks. The crowd was going wild and while Harrison didn't hit the scoreboard, his next kick found a teammate and Harry N and Josh took advantage with 5 goals between them. It was great to have Harry N back in the team and he showed how important he is to our team with a great quarter. With such a strong performance from the midfield and the forwards, Hugo, Hudson and Harry G had a quiet quarter but importantly, repelled the two times it came in the forward line. With a bit of extra run and possessions, the boys started handballing and moving the ball with purpose. Harry N's goal on the siren from around 25 metres out was a highlight.

Against the breeze in the last term Hugo, Hudson and Harry G revelled getting back into the action and Hugo played on a taller player and they both battled well at each contest. Hugo was able to get hold of the ball or execute a nice smother to then send it forward where Talan stood up and became our goal sneak with 3 goals. Talan showed how you can get the goal if you run straight at the goals. Oscar and Ethan took some nice marks and Ethans pass to Oscar when he was too far out from goal was great team play. Oscar finished off for a goal.

Justin was very pleased how well the boys responded when challenged by a strong side with a great attitude to the contest and with some taller boys with marking potential. Our boys learnt that they had to get in front to win the marking contest.

Best today went to 2 players who played their best games for the club. Harrison with his 3 strong marks and other work around the ground and Talan with 3 goals and hard work throughout the game. Next was Harry N who was a welcome return, Josh who was consistent across the whole three quarters and also deserved best team player due to his disposal efficiency. Leroy, Hugo, Oscar, Will T, Ethan and Harry G also featured in our best players.

Special mention to Dale for the dirt he got in his eye that caused it to water up after Harrison's great quarter and Paul for the urgent call to get the snakes for the end – now that would have been a tragedy!!

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Great to see the boys line up quickly to do a thank you to their opponents. Well done to the umpire for a very good consistent effort. Great to see these young umpires improving like the players as the year progresses. Thanks to Sarah for the timekeeping and Rhys for the immaculate goal umpiring.

Over to Justin for his comments.

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

# Leroy

Another excellent game Leroy. You got the team off to a great start winning some really important possessions. I also liked the way you looked for a teammate and delivered some lovely handballs and kicks. I especially liked the way you ran a few metres with the ball before taking a bounce. Showed great desperation and determination but importantly kept your feet....and no kicking around corners.

#### Harrison

Super stuff Harrison. You showed some good signs early in the game with a couple of desperate efforts before taking the game by the throat in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter with 3 strong marks. I really liked the way you looked for Harry N after taking one of your marks and then delivered a perfect pass.

# Harry G

Another great game Harry. I especially like the way you watch the play and start running into a great spot to receive the ball. You also showed lots of determination and a great attack on the ball. Well done.

# Hugo

Excellent game again Hugo. You kicked a great goal from the pocket in the first quarter and showed a lot of courage and fight competing for the ball. Some excellent team play with a lovely pass to Josh. You showed fantastic leadership throughout the match, well done.

## Harry N

Harry, I was a bit worried when you told me Dad had renegotiated your contract and you were on a per goal bonus. I shouldn't have worried as you continued to look for your teammates and went on to create a couple of really fantastic goal assists. You played a great game and we all loved having you back in the team.

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## Hudson

A pretty good game Hudson. You tried really hard when the ball was in your area but didn't have much luck on Sunday. Sometimes football can be like that but you need to keep thinking about how you can create your own luck and get hold of the ball. You have been one of the biggest improvers this year and I have been really proud of your efforts.

### Josh

Fantastic game Josh. I really thought you were one of our best players all day. My favourite play for the day was when you got the ball in the pocket and instead of trying to kick a difficult goal, you stopped, looked and passed the ball back to Hugo who was in a great position directly in front of the goals. You also gave out some fantastic handballs. Super stuff!

### Ethan

Another good game Ethan. You are getting more confident to break away from the pack and it was good to see you try a bounce. Showed some great courage flying for the ball including an excellent mark in the last quarter. I especially liked the way you passed the ball to Oscar when you were too far out to score.

### Oscar

Another excellent game Oscar. You showed lots of dash, determination and skill. You also took some fantastic marks and I like the way you look for a teammate in a better position. You can deliver a really nice short pass kick so remember to look for a teammate if you are a little too far out from goals.

### Talan

Wow. Great game Talan and super goal celebration! I thought you were fantastic all day winning lots of possessions all over the ground. You picked the ball up beautifully from the ground and your skills were excellent. Capped off a great game with an excellent last quarter.

## William

Good game William. It was great to see you jump on the ball in the first quarter and hold up a bigger opponent. You also competed well in the ruck winning a number of taps setting up your teammates. Remember to keep thinking about where you are running and remember to stand next to your opponent when they have the ball.

## Will

Another rock solid game Will. Excellent running, chasing, desperation and skill. As always you took some brilliant marks and looked to bring your teammates into the game. You worked really well with Leroy combining lots of times in the first quarter to get us off to a good start.

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# **PHOTOS**

Good kick to the goal square from Hugo that found Harry who slotted through a nice goal.





# Ethan and Harry N showing good dash.





The boys worked on their rucking at training and did well against taller opponents.



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Harrison and Talan both had their best games for the club with Harrison taking 3 great marks in the third quarter and Talan kicking 3 goals in the last quarter.





Josh working through traffic and Will looking to pass to Leroy.





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