

GLENUNGA UNDER 8 YELLOW

ROUND 15 MATCH REPORT V HECTORVILLE - 21 AUGUST 2016



This was our last home game at Glenunga and it certainly came good with nice weather and the oval still in pretty good shape. Morning coffee from Sarah Neave was exceptional so all the parents and grandies were set to go – all ready for an enjoyable game.

And didn't the boys start well.

5 goals in the first quarter as one of our best team quarters for the year. Hugo, Talan and Josh got the ball moving straight to the forward line and the 3 forwards of Ethan, Harrison and Oscar were very team oriented and shared the ball around. Harrison had a sighter with his point and then straightened up and kicked his highest tally for the season for 2 goals. Harrison's confidence and skills have grown all season and the whole team was thrilled to see him deliver on the scoreboard. Oscar also showed off his silky skills with 2 and Ethan with one. The backline got a quiet quarter but defended well when it came down.

Hugo played higher in the forward line and Justin noted the growth in his confidence in his team mates and he gave three lovely passes to Talan for 2 goals and Josh for one. Josh in particular was a nice long pass from a good lead from Josh. Hugo did contribute one himself. Harry G also responded to Justin asking him to look ahead and give handballs or find a teammate with a pass.

At half time, we had every player in the forward line with a goal each so the challenge was put to all the remaining forwards to share the ball around to give everyone a shot at goal. Harry N has a knack of hitting the post regularly and he gave it a good smack during the 3rd quarter. He did kick the only goal for the quarter in a tight contest with an improved performance from Hectorville in the midfield. Leroy also had a long shot which usually goes in for Leroy but it just rolled past the goal post for a point.

In the last quarter, Hugo had a rest and Hudson, Harry G and William were sent forward. William played one of his best quarters and firstly did a Malcolm Blight, kicking a decisive point but like Harrison, he got a good sighter and kicked a nice goal. Harry G and Hudson both also kicked a goal and we moved Leroy in for the last part of the quarter to try to add to his point from the previous quarter. Unfortunately, it didn't work out for Leroy although he was able to get his hands on the ball a couple of times.

We were very happy with the boys effort today. While the ball didn't get down much to the backlines, our boys worked hard to apply pressure defensively. The team play in the midfield in every quarter was impressive with kicking to a teammate in space and lots of handballs was great to see.

Friday will be the last presentation so we will keep best players and achievements a bit of a mystery till then.

It was great to see all the boys come back to Hugo's home for a lunch to celebrate our last home game. Some of the parents worked hard to achieve best on ground performances but we will keep that a mystery as well.

We had the chance to thank Justin for his great coaching all year and Hugo said some nice words on behalf of the players. Like a good coach that he is, Justin took the opportunity to have a few comments to each of the players about their development this year.

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Team Manager Graham was very thankful for the nice bottle of Penfolds and the nice words from Justin. All of us are hoping we can keep these great kids together next year to continue their football journey.

No photos from the game as our resident photographer was supporting Will at his Rugby tournament.

Next week will be a sleep in for our first 9.30am game at Goodwood Oval for the last game of the year. At this stage, we have the full squad of 12 playing so everyone will get 3 quarters. Don't forget to keep your eye out for more information about the official Presentations for the Juniors on the 24th of September. Harrison will be Captain for the last game of the year.

Please bring a jumper, t-shirt for the boys as I will be collecting jumpers after the game so I can wash them and deliver them all back to the club.

Over to Justin's comments.

COACH JUSTIN'S COMMENTS FOR EACH PLAYER

Leroy

Some really nice play particularly when you were in the centre section. Unfortunately the ball didn't quite bounce your way when in the forward line. Remember to take your time and steady yourself when you have possession.

Harry G

Another good game Harry. Good listening at quarter time and really trying to use some positive handball to bring your teammates into the game. Excellent.

Hugo

You continued to show good trust in your teammates with some excellent passes including a beautiful kick to Talan. Well done on another great game.

Hudson

Another good game Hudson. You took an excellent mark and showed that you are really starting to read the play. Your skills are also improving every week.

Josh

Well done again Josh. You continue to be really creative with your skills by both hand and foot. You also showed great determination fighting to win a number of contests.

Ethan

Really good game Ethan. You got lots of the ball and used it well with nice handballs and kicks to teammates. Showed some great determination fighting for the ball on the ground.

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Oscar

Great determination and pressure shown again Oscar. You also showed really good vision and poise with your passing to teammates leading into space.

Talan

Great game Talan. I really liked a couple of fantastic handballs you delivered to teammates. This created good run for your team and set up a couple of goals. Well done.

William

Excellent game William. You ran hard to get yourself into good positions and chased after the ball. Your teammates responded to your great positioning with some nice passes which meant you had 2 shots for goal.

Harrison

A great opening quarter Harrison highlighted by an excellent running goal. Remember to give a quick handball to your teammates if you have someone blocking you, then remember to keep running and get yourself into a good position to receive the ball again.

Harry N

Excellent game Harry. Lots of run, determination and skill. You used the ball well and showed good courage after a nasty 'falcon' incident. Good team play looking to get your teammates on the score sheet.