

# Coaches Match Report

## Glenunga Rams – U9 White



**Round: 16**

**Glenunga U9 White vs Mitcham Hawks**

**Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> August 2016, 9.30am**

Today was going to be our final game for the season! The boys were keen to put in a strong performance and finish the season off with a good game!

We had great weather and the sun was out, the only thing we had to contend with was a strong windy breeze towards one side of the ground!

*Team Captain for the day was Blake Thredgold*

### Quarter 1

We started off slowly, and we were kicking against the breeze. Mitcham had the advantage of kicking with the breeze this Quarter and the ball spent quite a bit of time in their forward line. Our Backline players were under siege, thankfully Mitcham were kicking points and not goals! Will and Henry B battled away in defence all Qtr, their tackling was strong and they continued to keep rebounding the ball out of defence. Mid-fielders Blake and Darcy also tried hard all Quarter keeping us in the game! Our forwards had limited scoring opportunities.

### Quarter 2

This Qtr we had a chance to bounce back and get ourselves back into the game! We were kicking with a strong breeze and Darcy up forward kicked a great snapshot goal to start the Qtr off. Blake and Henry M also had opportunities this Qtr but unfortunately couldn't convert these into goals. Will and Jacko were playing well in the mid-field, their pressure and tackling on the opposition was superb all Quarter. Our back-line was also solid, keeping the pressure on Mitcham and limiting them to not too many scoring opportunities.

### Quarter 3

This Quarter was a tough, tight tussle with both teams performing quite evenly. Both teams had equal amounts of scoring shots on goal. Our Forwards kept on working hard all Quarter and Will was providing a strong target. He was determined to kick a goal in the final game of the season. Well done! Midfielders, Yeorgi, James, Hugh and Lachie were tough and hard at the ball. Lachie took a strong courageous mark which gave inspiration to his whole team. Our backline also was solid this Quarter, re-bounding the ball out of the defence on numerous occasions, well played Blake, Darcy and Sam.

### Quarter 4

The final Quarter for the season and the boys were going to give it all they had. It was going to go down to the wire as both teams wanted to finish off the season with a victory. Our mid-field was up for the challenge, Blake, Will, Darcy and Sam were all in the packs tackling hard and clearing the ball out of the Centre all Quarter, They were giving our forwards as many opportunities to score as possible. Both Will and Sam got hit hard and the game was played in a hard and fierce manner. Both boys showed plenty of courage to play on. Lachie up in the forward line was creating head-aches for the opposition and scored a great goal. Henry B was also doing his best in the back-line to keep the pressure up on the opposition all Quarter.

We had last Quarter interchanges left-right-and-centre, as we were trying to give all boys equal play on the field for the last game of the season. We had a great game and the boys never gave in until the final siren. Unfortunately,

we had a narrow 9-point loss. Nevertheless, the boys should be very proud of their efforts, in which they showed plenty of character and willingness to fight through and do their best as a team.

Finally, we just want to say a big thank you to all the boys. It's been a great season, the boys have shown such an improvement over the year, have learnt some great skills, and I hope have had lots of fun along the way. Thank you to all the parents, for coming along, supporting the boys, and your assistance to both myself and Tim throughout the season. We have had a great time, meeting you all and working with your sons.

A big thank you to Ollie for volunteering to be our Team Manager, and Geoff for the fantastic photos of the games throughout the year.

Thanks, we hope to see you all again next season.

Rocco Lagana / Tim Tape

### Some great shots of the boys from the Game





















