

GLENUNGA UNDER 8 YELLOW

ROUND 16 MATCH REPORT V GOODWOOD SAINTS - 28 AUGUST 2016



For our last game for the year, we travelled to Goodwood Oval which had dried out to a nice and bouncy hard surface with a strong breeze going to the southern end.

The toss was a hard one to lose as Goodwood Saints played a great quarter, had some tall and very organised players and unfortunately our boys didn't get much of the ball in the first quarter and Goodwood piled on the goals with the strong breeze at their backs. Well done to Goodwood for one of the best quarters we have seen this year from an opponent.

Sometimes the ball bounces one way for a team and the measure of a good side is how they respond. We were all very proud of our boys for dusting themselves off and playing a great 3 quarters of footy against a very strong, organised and much taller side. Ultimately, our boys held our own against Goodwood in the last three quarters.

In the second quarter our midfield got their hands on the ball with Oscar, Harry G and Hudson battling hard and sending the ball forward. The boys kicked well with the wind and Harry N, Leroy and Talan (2) all hit the scoreboard with majors.

The boys continued to play our team style looking for handballs and running hard to the ball. In the third quarter, our boys did well against the wind with a couple of goals from Oscar and our defence of Will, Josh and Hudson kept them to 2 goals. Special moment this quarter was the desperate act by Will T to run back 20 metres to touch the ball on the line and save a goal. Hugo, Ethan and William did a good job in the midfield to limit Goodwood's supply to the forward line.

The boys continue to battle away in the last quarter with great efforts from Will T, Josh and Hudson against taller opponents in the midfield. Hugo was being stood by a much taller opponent and could not kick, but in the team way, he gave 2 handballs to mates when he could have run into an open goal. Ethan was able to kick his goal and William made a great effort but was blocked by good defence by Goodwood. Hugo kicked 2 exciting goals with the last one from a great chase, grab and bump and then pace to kick a goal (Dad was a bit biased on this one!!).

The boys finished with a respectful shake of the hands with their Goodwood opponents who should be congratulated for a strong and fast paced game. Some last words from Justin to each player, the club song and then a team photo to make sure Harry N was included, and that is our season.

The boys did us all proud with the way they played today. They kept their heads high and kept working to get to the next contest. Today was a good lesson for the boys and we are all looking forward to getting together on the 24th for our end of season presentation.

Best on Sunday was Leroy, Hugo, Will T, Oscar and Harry G.

Thanks again to Justin for his terrific coaching. All agree that the growth in the boys teamwork, development, skills and attitude has been amazing. We look forward to another exciting year in 2017.