



# SURREY PARK PANTHERS

## GRAND FINAL EDITION

### MATCH REPORT PANTHERS U10'S

<b>Grand Final</b>	Surrey Park V Warrandyte
<b>Date</b>	Sunday 28th August : Grand Final

What has become a favourable ground for the boys; Greythorn Park, became the final step in a wonderful journey for the Surrey Park U 10's as we took on The Bloods for the title of Premiers for season 2011. The boys had already won by just simply getting to the grand final, and anything else was a bonus. Skippers for the clash of the titans were TJ (with attitude Mohawk haircut) and Jonathan 'Bingers'. Early preparation as the boys inspected the field and did their normal warm ups, and instructions were gone over once again, keeping it simple but effective. Quite amazing watching the excited crowd building as game time finally ticked over and the boys ran through the Panthers banner, although the sticky tape nearly garrotted several of the boys as they stumbled through it. Game was nearly over before it started!! Fabulous work by the parents involved, the boys loved it and I've kept half of it as a memento, so if anyone wants some, five premier dollars a slice, joking!!!!

Kicking uphill and against the breeze, the game commenced with hundreds looking on. The backlines of Cam, Hammer, Nick, Wick, Yoshie and Mark were under pressure as The Bloods surged through the centre. Morgan in the ruck was winning just about all the taps but the Warrandyte players were good at reading the tap outs and took full advantage, scoring quickly and enjoying the breeze at their backs. Dan and Nick were fantastic early and really held the attack at bay on more than several occasions, and Nicks touched on line save was brilliant. The flow was with Warrandyte, but the boys worked hard in contesting all opportunities, and the play started to become scrappy which suited the Panthers. Near the end of the term JB produced our first major, as both wingmen, Conza and Wylie, kept persevering and we enjoyed a fair bit of forward movement late in the term. Dyl was being tagged, but that did not stop the champ as he produced several long kicks to our benefit and the dynamic trio of Mitch, Ozman and Joel started to get the ball first. Hammer was injured during the quarter and his leg looked a bit sore. We wanted the Hammer back!! Bloods 2.4.16 SP 1.0.6

The opening of the second quarter once again was heavily contested, and a bit scrappy, but that was the enormous amount of pressure being brought to bear, then Surrey got their game flowing. Mark, Nick and Pas started to dominate the stoppages, and Ben, Joey and Liam got plenty of run off half back giving our forwards plenty of chances. Sam M got involved, putting the brakes on Blood players with vice like tackles, and Dyl responded to being tagged with a sensational over the shoulder snap that had the outer howling with full moon delight! This followed quickly by a fabulous Jayco goal, as the boys started to apply score board pressure. The Bloods were throwing everything at the Panthers as several of our boys were crunched heavily. Morgan who was so strong at the ball was flattened and taken off, and several of our boys received some unwanted attention from Warrandyte players, but this at no stage distracted the main focus of our group. TJ and Jonathan were playing as hard as they could and were desperate to get the ball forward, as Sam D and Jared were gaining both space and ball movement from the wings. The quarter was summed up by a super gutsy clearance from Ben who was flattened but ensured the ball was pumped long out of defence. A marvellous goal on the siren from Sam M put the Panthers well placed after a tremendous fight back by the lads. SP 4.1.25. Warrandyte 2.6.18.

Coach Terry was wrapped in the boy's commitment to the game, each other, and to come from behind and snatch the lead. Warrandyte now had a helpful wind in the third quarter, and everyone was wondering about the outcome with a half to go.

The pressure was enormous on the Panther defence, as Jamie and Liam desperately sought to keep the ball out and near the boundary line. The Wick once again was sensational in the sheer 'G&D' department as he unselfishly threw his frame into every opportunity, and ensured that who ever was in his way soon knew he was there. Cam and Wylie both hustled and bustled their way into the contest and their off ball pressure was untiring and inspiring, and Pas and Ben continued to provide drive from the backline and wing. The two Panther moles in Mitch and Joel continued on as they have all year : see the ball, dig out the ball, then get the ball!! Their work effort was of the highest calibre, just as was Joey and Conza on the last line of defence who saved a couple of what looked like certain scores for Warrandyte. Dyl from a well deserved free kick posted Surrey's only major for the term. The games momentum swung back and forth, no side really gaining the superiority. Yoshie however was exceptional, roaming the ground, filling holes, repelling attacks, setting up team mates further up the ground. Dyl took a heavy knock, Ozman a smack in the face,



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Markie a heavy fall, the casualties were mounting but none of the Panthers wanted to come off!! Hearts as big as the ground! The final change had Surrey ahead by the slightest of margins...1 point.

It had come down to the last quarter of footy for the year, a point made clear by Terry. The boys looked determined as we had the wind, and there was still plenty of grunt left in the Panthers, best exemplified by Nick, Jared and Sam D, all who were involved straight away with hard ball gets from each. Loved Markie's fantastic and exhaustive efforts in the ruck and then his scrambling on the ground for possession, pure and utter desperation. Sam M was really involved and his tackle and then smoother was what Surrey would have to do for the remaining ten minutes. Ozman and Jamie's leg speed were required, as they shut down their opposition, and ran off their players. With matters tense, Dyl produced a simply magnificent side step kick from far out that flew straight between the big posts!! The Panther supporters erupted with glee, and the coaching bench were all star shaped. JB and Joel ran hard, and competed against larger odds on several occasions and to their credit either won the ball or put it out reach of opposition players. Sam M produced a spirited goal as he ran onto the ball, and with only a couple of minutes left, a few Warrandyte players heads had dropped. BBAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA! Final siren SP 7.6.48 defeated Warrandyte 5.8.38. Much jubilation, hugs, screams, back slaps, handshakes, high fives, a man hug from Brooke (thanks fella), Brett almost needed an ambulance he was that excited! But then this was a PREMIERSHIP VICTORY!!!!!! The boys were proud and happy (where's our Maccas Terry!!), and Markie received a best on ground medallion. The boys received their own premier medallions and what a great image as they hung the Premiers flag between them. Where are the tissues Terry!!

Hard not to be proud of our parents and supporters :Johnny Steiner and several dads in a pack of Warrandyte supporters urging our boys on, Brett shouting encouragement for the contest, Brooke encouraging the hard ball, Trav screaming support, Jo Gerny never doubting our lads, Andy and Matt barracking as barrackers should, Melinda and Michelle (The Wall!!) voicing approval and disapproval, Michael spruiking team work, Roger tuned into what our boys do best, Fran the Mega phone supporter, Sue, Meg and Lynne Kendall for being the best of our local teachers in coming to see their boys, the Pom Pom makers, the Parents who got there at 5.30am (close to it) but they were there early, Tony subtle and true, JB's grandparents who travelled hours to watch their boy play and left when the game was over, My man Keith Currie for helping out, The Surrey Park Netball club, the fantastic crew of Panthers from other age groups. Here it was in all its glory; Junior Footy; passion, commitment, fun at its best!

For the final time in 2011, thanks to our sensational crew of Terry "I'm nurturing" Mason, Simon "she's good" Woodfull, Dave "Let me Coach against Warrandyte" Blake, Eric "this kid weighs a ton" Yeap, Leisl and Bernie "Have you seen my green bib" May, and Roger "This premiership stuff is a breeze" Gerny, and Cheryl "I'm not doing this again (reporting)" Ryan. And finally to all the wonderfully supportive parents, none of this happens without you!!.....  
OOOOHHHHHH WE'RE FROM SURREY PARK...OI!..OI!

Geoff Simmons

Year Summary for 2011, a bit of fun.

Star log, March 2011 .....(Please hum to the sound of Star Trek).....to go where no Surrey Park Under 10's have gone before.....to reach new frontiers with a crew of 25 junior footballers.....to the galaxy of Premiershipland!!!!.....  
Swoooooosh!!! Led by Captain Terry, the young and inexperienced crew of Nick Balderanos, Jonathan Bingley, Josh Blake, Morgan and Liam Carter, Joe Cefai, Sam Davis, Mitchell Gerny, Hamish Harding, Oskar Huber, Thomas Johnson, Cameron Martin, Sam Mason, Joel May, Josh May, Jared Pederson, Wylie Siassios, Conor Ryan – Simmons, Jamie Simpson, Mark Steiner, Pascal Traczewski, Daniel Wicki, Dylan Williams, Ben Yeap and Jacob Woodfull, ventured into uncharted and challenging lands. Through wind swept and often muddy fields, our crew took on all before them in the great and dangerous quest. Encountering the hardened Gladiators; to the harrowing den of the Tigers; battling the Doncaster Dockers; to the hunting ground of the Sharks; encountering the lair of the Redbacks; the feisty and fiery Rovers; the nest of raging Eagles; the challenge of the stinging Bullants.....and finally after many clashes that would leave mere mortals shattered.....our band of comrades and footballers triumphed over the feared and dreaded Bloods by use of warp factor five speed, and stealth footy!!!!..... I can see rumblings in the distance.....yes the 2012 under 11's....Very much on the move!!! Next season here we come! Keep some room on the walls Rog!!!