



MATCH REPORT TACKERS BLACK

Tackers Black Round 1 3rd April Game Day review:

The first game of the 2011 Season saw the SPJFC Tackers Black Panthers team play a strong and determined Ashburton White team on home soil.

The team was lead out by our two game day captains: Sam McNidder and Andrew Eramo.

All Black Panthers players took to the field with new team mates. For some, it was their first ever game of competitive football. This may have resulted in some early nerves, but as the game progressed the team settled into a rhythm and came home strongly.

We also had Nicholas Karadaglis arrive to the team and it was great to see Nicholas fit in straight away.

The first quarter resulted in Ashburton opening a bit of a lead but through gallant efforts from the back line players, such as Thomas Kelly, Conner Ogilvie, James Olarens Shaw and Joshua Alfrenko, we managed to minimise Ashburton streaking too far away. Our forwards comprising of Jonty Bracken, Joseph Frania and Max Askew all tried gallantly to keep the Black Panthers on the board.

The second quarter saw solid performances from all members with great spirit shown by Lachlan Blake, Daniel McCarthy, Jye Preston and Oliver Sheehan.

It was the third quarter where the Black Panthers really started to gel as a team and with a great run by Angus Macdonald and strong support from Jake Lawrence Andrew and Sam, the team managed to claw their way back into the game.

The Panthers Black managed to finish the fourth quarter strongly. This was helped by the centre's Jack Helmot, Rhett Reynolds, Mac Perry assisting in making sure our forwards could convert, ably supported by the strong ruck work from Max Vandersteen and Joshua Meysztowics.

Well done to all players for a courageous first game of footy. Bring on the second game!