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MATCH REPORT PANTHERS U10'S

Round 3:	Surrey Park U10's V Ivanhoe
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Hooley Dooley!!! How big was Ford Park!? Needed binoculars to see the other side! Every time Woody went out with a message he had to take his cut lunch and latte! The size of the ground would test both teams' endurance levels. On the to the important stuff.....Full crew of Panthers, with Sam M on the side line, but giving great support to the Boys. The surface was more slippery than a used car salesman, and Coach Terry reminded the boys the importance of holding their feet and not underestimating their opposition. The lads from Ivanhoe were short on numbers and we saw some tremendous sportsmanship as some of our boys filled the gaps. Joel 'The Mouth' was skipper for the day, and set a fabulous standard during the game.

Ivanhoe to their credit, fought hard in what was a spirited but low scoring contest. The first term was a scrappy affair with little movement between the respective half forward / half back lines. Great to see the pumped up Wylie contesting and hassling while sensational and slick skills from Dylan on the wing resulted in a long probing kick that produced the first major for the game. Conor's 'hard on ball' work saw many long clearing kicks where unfortunately packs would form quickly turning the game into a hard fought scrum fest. There were some shining lights though. Mitchell, Joe and Ben were involved and hustled their way into several contests and challenged the opposition to stop them. Hammer took the screamer of the day that must have had him searching for the oxygen mask, and Josh M was sensational, in particular his precision delivery of the ball to his team mates. At quarter time Terry reminded the boys about maintaining positions, getting the hard ball, and not leaving the hard work to a few. No steam from the nostrils, but things could change!

And what a change!! What was in the water? Our small brigade sprung into action. Dan, Joel and Nick were super with clearances and long kicks. Markie dominated in the centre, while Jared, Jonathan, and Liam kick started some penetrating drives forward. Joey and Jamie owned the back line and repulsed attack after attack by Ivanhoe. Pivotal plays included a fabulous link of short passes from Dylan to Nick to Mark and another critical forward thrust. Conor's quick snap just missed to register a major, while Josh M, Josh B and Cameron had plenty of the ball to suggest the Panthers were back on track. There were no goals scored by either teams, but the vast improvement in our commitment really started to show, and the boys supported each other superbly in both attack and defence. In stark contrast to the first quarter Surrey were starting to shine.

The third term was what coach Terry wanted: pressure tackling, positional footy and tremendous team work. The boys in the centre were without a doubt the engine room. Jacob took control in the ruck, Jamie and Pascal were unstoppable as ruck rovers, and combined with Conor in the centre, chalked up clearance after clearance. Our forwards never stopped, and the score board really did not show up the sizzzzzling efforts of Josh M, Josh B, Ossie, Mitch and Sam. Josh M was awesome, and his unselfish work was rewarded when he drilled a pin point pass to Morgan, and from an angle slotted home a well deserved goal. His first for the year, and was mobbed by his team mates, a real magical moment. The quarter was highlighted by the Panthers 2nd and 3rd efforts, typified by Josh M. At the other end of the ground skipper Joel, TJ, and Dan were stopping Ivanhoe attacks with 'brick wall' determination, and their second up efforts saw the ball speedily move up the flanks to our forwards. Markie was a busy boy at centre half back and followed his first up efforts with constructive second efforts via a hand ball or kick. Sensational grinding footy by Conor who hit the ball out to Cameron from under a pack, then a slick handball to Mitchell who with a beaut kick hit Josh M on the chest. At the end of the term saw the boys had a couple of goals to Ivanhoe zip.



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The final term saw the pressure maintained by the Panthers as the lads won contested ball regularly. Ozzie's foot skills were a delight, and his pass to JB was superb. If burst football was the theme then Dylan was the 'Burster'. His quick sprints and bounce were a sheer pleasure to watch. Pascal, Jacob, and Joe were unpassable in defence. Ben and Jarred on the wings continuously pushed the ball forward, and TJ and Nick ensured forward pressure on the back line at every opportunity. The 'pack burster', Markie was winning the ruck with tremendous hits and taps to Dan and Ossie, while Wylie and Morgan threatened at every chance. JB 'The Sniffer' was a fantastic example of unselfish play, as he marked 10 metres out from goal, on a angle, but instead slipped a pass to Markie who was dead in front. Markie slammed it home but the goal came about by the great efforts of JB. Fantastic Surrey defence saw Ivanhoe unable to penetrate for a goal, and Dan played a fabulous game doing a great deal of the hard stuff like tackling and chasing, always applying constant pressure that more often than not resulted in a turnover. Super job by Dan 'The Man'!! One of the finer aspects of the team is the marvellous growth in confidence, especially of Johathan and TJ, who get better with every week. The siren sounded the end of a hard fought encounter.

Josh M was awarded the BOG for the Panthers by Ivanhoe, and it was well deserved. The Panthers linked arms, trod across the field, and proudly did the club anthem justice. We are lucky to have a great bunch of kids like this mob. Many proud parents were subjected to a deafening club room rendition of the Surrey theme, although the enthusiasm was not as great for Eric's warm down!!!! Hot dogs were more important!! Another fine effort by the cast of the U10's crew: Terry, Woody (we'll get you a golf cart mate!), Bernie for filling in for Leisl, Eric 'the soother', and the cast of parents. Bring on Whitehorse!!!

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