



## MATCH REPORT PANTHERS U10'S

<b>Round 3:</b>	Surrey Park U10's V Whitehorse
<b>Date:</b>	8 May 2011

To all the special Panther Mums, HAPPY MOTHERS DAY from all the kids and Dads. Fantastic day, and fantastic performance by our boys as they really turned on the talent switches against Whitehorse. The greatly improving Morgan was game captain against the Colts, and was to play an important role in the tussle ahead.

The hounds were unleashed, and the Panthers surged forward time and time again out of the centre, overwhelming the Colts defence with incredible and accurate penetration. If footy were a crime, our boys would be the Mafia!!! Sam M 'Hitman' executed all the standout skills he possesses, while Josh M 'The Godfather' was merciless in the ruck, and Markie 'Standover' was his usual bustling self at centre half forward. On occasions there seemed to be at least seven Sam M's playing at the one time, so complete and encompassing was his domination of the play. Like watching a junior Judd at work, even popping in for a couple of majors. Our forwards swarmed all over the ball, then the opposition. Liam and Dan were sensational with their constant on ball pressure, while Ossie 'Ozman' and the silky Pascal both slotted two goals home. Our back six of Joe, Nick, TJ, Jamie, Conor and Mitch provided 'talk to the hand' defence. No leaks in this water tight ship!! Terry was most pleased with the "Mothers Day Massacre" at Surrey Park. Not seen such a dominant quarter of junior football like this before. It really was exceptional.

The second and third terms were similar, as Surrey piled on the pressure and score. Just fabulous and unselfish team work all over the ground. The engine room of Sam D, Jacob, Ozman and Jarred were hard at work, constantly clearing the ball quickly to our forwards of Ben, Sam M, Dylan, Joel, and Jonathan. Ben was back to his 'crunchie' best much to the dismay of the Colts back line. He could have easily booted a goal but instead handballed off to Sam for another 6 points. Love ya work Benny!!! Great running and set goals from 'Mr Smooth' Dylan, the Mouth, and a Panther who played his best game so far, Jonathan, who pumped through his first major for the season, and received a barrage of fives all round! Just his constant attack on the ball was really inspiring. Half time saw the boys well in front with Whitehorse yet to score. The third quarter saw the mighty Panthers continue playing aggressive and committed footy. Our forwards yet again were sensational, showcasing the massive diversity of our young footballers. Nick, Joey, Mitch, Jared, Jacob and Sam D all contributed to trap the ball in our forward 50 continuously, and the Whitehorse defence was punished by fabulous goals by Mitchell, Sam D, and Nick who had the ball on a yo-yo string!! The on-ballers of TJ, Conor and Jamie were super, and hard edged Ben got the ball out of the centre and moving forward on four separate occasions. The defensive 'Surrey Dam', of Ozman, Pas, Yoshie, Sam M, Dan and Dylan were impenetrable, and provided attacking thrusts when ever the ball got close to the Whitehorse scoring zone.

I think I saw a wry smile from coach Terry at the last change, but maybe that was just an upset tummy!! The final stanza was pretty much a continuation of the game up to date, although the Colts never gave up trying and scored two well deserved goals. The Carter brothers carved up ball they got so much of it, and Cam was spending so much time digging the ball out of the packs I thought he was part wombat!! The back six of Mouth, Ben, Jonathan, Jared, Jacob and Sam D were fairly busy, although Joel should be known as the 'vacuum', as he kept cleaning up the forward thrusts of the Colts. Joey was fabulous in his run and carry of the ball, and Hammer, Markie, JB and Conor made the most of their opportunities in the forward line. TJ never stopped trying and used his frame to move a couple of obstacles (Colt players) out of the way. Hammers unselfish shepherd resulted in Markie slotting through a well deserved major, while Jamie kicked a great goal from quite a distance out. Since joining the Panthers at the start of the season he has slipped into the rhythm of the team as if he had been playing with them since Tackers, great all round effort champ!!

The final siren sounded and the boys had chalked up another tremendous team win by 111 points, and the theme was sung with great zeal and passion!! Good work once again by the off field team of the dynamic duo of Woody and Dave, coach Terry, Bernie, King of the cure: Eric, and all the wonderful parents. The year looks very exciting and challenging as we are now in Green Div, and up against some very talented sides. Look out Ashburton, the Panthers are indeed hungry!!! Geoff Simmons.