



MATCH REPORT PANTHERS U10'S

Round	5 - Surrey Park U10's V Ashburton Redbacks
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Back to Surrey Park for a well deserved home game on the top oval, which looked fantastic, and was just as good to play on. Two U10 Panthers not playing today were Joey and Yoshie, but the boys turned up anyway, just to encourage their team mates. Tremendous team spirit !! Markie also missed the game due to family commitments (I'm sounding like a press secretary). Terry reminded the crew to hit targets, and get the hard ball. Game skipper was Sam M. Well done champ! The Redbacks were short two players, so some of our boys filled the gaps, showing sportsmanship and fine spirit of the game. First clash in the new division against harder opposition, and there was an air of uncertain expectation and excitement in the boys (and Parents!).

Away and racing!!! The Panthers were inaccurate for the first few minutes as the forwards in JB, Conza, Nick and Jamie all kicked behinds due to lots of good defensive pressure from Ashburton. JB got the show going with a nicely executed goal, which was quickly followed by a wonderful 6 pointer by 'Mr Smooth' Dylan. Centreman Mitch dished out the ball quicker than new government taxes, while Jayco, Pas, and Ozman heaped on the pressure, resulting in many fast bursts from the centre and stoppages. Nick slotted a well deserved major, while an outstanding pass from Hammer saw Sam M drill a tremendous goal to stretch the score out to 4.7. Special mention to our reigning backmen in Mouth, Ben, Jonathan, Sam D, Dan "The Man" and 'Mr Iceman' Jared, always cool under pressure.

Coach Terry was pleased with the boys endeavours, but reminded them to punch from behind, and maintain the 'Great Wall of Surrey' !! The 2nd and 3rd terms were hard fought as both teams applied lots of physical pressure, and on ball intensity. Speaking of 'hard', the bustling Wylie was just that, applying a couple of pounding crunchies on unsuspecting Redbacks. The Carter boys treated the backline like their own, and not to be outdone, The Mouth wrapped up a fast tracking redback as easily as wrapping a Xmas pressie!! Wonderful to watch. Pas launched a huge kick from near the 50 metre mark (close enough anyway) which bounced and dribbled through for the goal of the day, and Mouth took a screamer through a crushing pack. T.J. as per usual, tried hard, and never stopped trying, which is the Panther way.

The irony of sportsmanship is sometimes double edged, as Jared playing for Ashburton kicked a goal, and Conor also playing for the Redbacks in defence, stopped two Surrey goals. The Ashy coach asked if there was chance that the boys could transfer to the opposition. Not a chance bucko!! Speak too the hand!! Ozman meanwhile booted a major, and Mouth grinded out another, then took a fabulous mark to slip home another 6 pointer. All goals start from somewhere, and our defensive six of Cam, Wylie, T.J, Morgan, Jayco and Liam, started many of our forward drives by applying the simple work ethic of footy.....Get the ball first!! Hammer was on fire, make that flaming!!! Just taking the game on, and having faith in his ability to contest and win the ball, then deliver with fantastic accuracy. Really impressive work rate, and his best performance for the year so far. Gutsy stuff fella!!

The Panthers were 'up and about' in the final term, but were a bit inaccurate. Dylan turned on the talent, and snagged a ripper goal, while Mitch threaded his way through a pack and contributed a sensational major. A top class effort. The Surrey forwards were miserly, as Jared, Dan, Ben, Ozman and Jonathan did not let the Ashy defence clear the ball. The onballers Pas, JB, and Jamie set up many thrusts with constant hustle and bustle, and the backline led by Wylie, Sam D, Cam, and Nick shut down the Redback forwards, and constantly cleared the ball to our wingers Morgan and Liam. The siren ended a really good contested game of footy. Final scores : Surrey Park 10.12.71 to the Redbacks 4.3.27, and a beaming Simon led the boys in the circle for a rousing rendition.

Being Panther supporters we know that one thing that won't be lacking, and that is the most important aspect...EFFORT. There are no passengers on this team!! Bring on Heidelberg!!! As usual, the boys play like they do because of the team effort off the ground, Simon, Dave, coach Terry, Bernie, Parents, Leisl, Tony on the boundary, Michael (a fine flag waver!!). Well done all!

Geoff Simmons