



## **MATCH REPORT UNDER 15'S**

<b>Round 5:</b>	Surrey Park vs Boroondara Hawks
<b>Date:</b>	9 May 2010
<b>Scores:</b>	<b>Surrey Park 9-10-64 defeated Boroondara Hawks 2-6-18</b>

Round 5 saw the boys venture out to Rathmines Reserve to take on the new team to the competition, Boroondara Hawks 2, who came up from section 3 after winning all their grading games. We welcomed another new boy to the team, Oliver to replace the injured TD and Liam. Also back was big Rupert to give us another big target in our forward line. Not sure of what to expect from the Hawks, the boys were urged to continue with their run and carry and winning their positions. The boys were told that handballs received, shepherds and tackles were the indicators of how hard they were working.

The first quarter began with the boys again switched on from the start. James M was giving the team a great contest at the centre bounces with our midfielders in Richard, Oliver and Alex clearing the ball to our forward line consistently. Zander was enjoying the space created in our forward 50 and if not kicking goals, he was setting them up. Our first goal came to Kevin who roved a contest in the goal square a kicked truly. Zander then turned it on and in the space of 5 minutes, he had kicked 3 himself to have the boys clearly on top. Matt G, who was playing very well on the wing chipped in with a wonderful running goal from the pocket leaving the team 5 goals up at quarter time.

The second quarter was a scrappy encounter. Boroondara were clearly first to the ball around the ground and were starting to run the ball well. Only some desperate defence from our backline in Dylan, Rowan, Nick, Todd C and Richard kept the opposition from scoring goals but behinds instead. The boys played well in patches which resulted in goals to Tommy R and Blake, the latter from a great front and centre roving effort. Another highlight was Blake's running back with the flight of the ball effort just before the break. The boys finished the half still 5 goals ahead but if not for some poor kicking at goal from the opposition, the margin could have been tighter.

The address to the boys at half time was to forget the umpiring decisions that were being paid to the opposition and get back to the efforts of the first quarter. Too many players were second to the football and weren't prepared to man up on many occasions. They were asked to win the second half and that being first to the football would get that started.

The third quarter continued in the same fashion as the second with the game being very scrappy. Our forward line was far too congested and even though we had the ball in our forward half for the majority of the quarter, we just couldn't get the shots on goal. Our backline continued to put pressure on their forwards whenever they attacked but basic skill errors around the ground were costing us big time. Dylan and Nick were continuing to lead their opponents to the football while Alex R was working hard to keep the ball in our forward 50 when at ground level.

The last quarter saw the boys return to some of the form of the first quarter. James M, Richard, and Rowan were providing solid defence across half back while our midfield were getting first hands on the pill. Again the ball was in our forward 50 for the majority of the quarter but solid defence from our opposition keep our opportunities limited. Oliver, who had been playing midfield and across half back was shifted forward with instant success. He lead well and was rewarded with a great leading mark on the 50m line. He went back and kicked truly. Some hard running from Alex A, Richard, Dylan and Copey from the back half, through to George and Rupert across half forward was positive. Blake, Campbell, Tommy R and Kevin were working hard in the forward 50 while Jordan and Zander were linking up well on the wings. Oliver capped off a promising debut with a solid pack mark in front of goal and he kicked his second as the final siren sounded.

Overall, the boys began the game well, switched off for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> quarters and finished off the game in a positive fashion. All credit goes to the opposition for having a real crack after quarter time and making a contest of it for the remainder of the game. Not too many four quarter performances for the day, but consistent performances from Dylan and Rowan have to be mentioned for their work in the back half.

Goal kickers for the day were Zander x3, Oliver x2 and singles to Kevin, Matt, Blake and Tommy R.

Final scores were Surrey Park 9-10-64 to Boroondara Hawks 2-6-18.

### **Coach**