



MATCH REPORT UNDER 14'S

Round 6:	Surrey Park vs. Richmond
Date:	16 May, 2010
Scores:	Surrey Park 7-1-43 lost to Richmond 25-17-167

Another Sunday rolled around and there was a definite chill in the air as boots were found, mouthguards washed and off to the inner city did we travel.

Those of us lucky enough to be at the under 12's at 9.30 were welcomed by something out of the 1950's B grade movie as the fog moved in and all that could be seen was the green shirt of the umpire rookie. What was it going to be like in Richmond?

True to Melbourne's reputation as we neared Hawthorn the sun was out and our spirits lifted, Ikea on the corner and we were nearly there. The only green leafy cul de sac in the inner city Citizen's Park was a welcoming sight.

The boys were pumped as it was Ben's 50th game but we were down to 15 players. Richmond kindly lent us 2 players which would have had Captain Blood and Lou Richards in fits as the Surrey jumper was worn over the Richmond shorts!

The boys lined up for Ben's guard of honour and with the right amount of humility and pride Ben burst through the banner, (beautifully made by Dad) with family and friends there cheering him on. (A special thanks to Annabelle, cousin, who helped hold the banner)

The boys then lined up to shake hands with the umpire and then the whistle blew, siren sounded and the ball was bounced.

The first quarter was breathtaking with some great passages of play. Our first goal showed what our team is made of with a truly unselfish display of teamwork. The ball came barrelling down to our forward line and there was John in perfect position with Ben in support – John took a beautiful mark and simply turned and passed it to Ben for a goal. Go Surrey sounds from the spectators and the boys were fired up. We kicked goal for goal and then ended the quarter 2 goals behind. But we were unable to make up the difference. The boys were exhausted come half time and gobbled down the oranges and lollies provided within a minute although some needed a hand due to health regulations – they were covered in mud that looked like oil.

The second half was devastating but the boys still gave it their all. Charlie flew like an eagle for a sensational mark, Bailey was strong as always, Sam ran hard, Jordie ran down an opponent across the wing, Phil never gave up, Dec I think was mistaken for the ball sometimes as he was covered head to toe in mud and Elliot! – What can we say Elliot you were sensational in the back line and never gave up especially up against boy mountain!

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