



**SURREY PARK
PANTHERS**

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MATCH REPORT PANTHERS U10'S

Round 8	Surrey Park V Doncaster Heights
Date	Sunday 5 th June

Home game, plus wind. Glad I'm not a kite!! The wind was howling so vigorously my umpires whistle was blowing by itself!! Not playing this week was the Carter boys (sadly missed), Wylie with injury and Markie due to a knock in last week's game, and I'm sure the bustler will be back as good as ever. Big birthday week as Sam D, Jayco and Conor, all are turning double digits. HAPPY BIRTHDAY BOYS!! Conor, Jayco and Sam D shared the captaincy, and all three boys got a rousing rendition of happy birthday on the field. I lost my goal kickers list so I have missed a couple of names, sorry boys, but you know who you are.

The wind swirled and twirled, even struggled to hear Terry (Yep that loud!), and with that play got under way. Huge tug of war commenced with the ball moving between the half back lines spending most of the time in our forward 50. Our defence of Jamie, Conor, Nick, Jayco, and Ben were quite exceptional repelling attack after attack and using the ball superbly, also ensuring our on-ballers of Mitch, Mouth and Pas had plenty to do. The wind threatened to hurl Mouth out of the game and I'm sure his parents filled his socks up with sand to hold him down. Jonathan and Sam D presented several times on really strong and positive leads, while Hammer contested both in the air and on the ground at centre half forward. Really good hard quarter of team orientated footy by Surrey.

The Dockers had the wind, although its direction was threatening to change. Surrey scored two quick goals, one a hard fought encounter won by Ozman who snapped brilliantly for full points. Joey, Conor and Dylan at the other end of the ground provided great drive, breaking the forward lines of Doncaster with run and carry footy. Dylan's three bounce run down the coaches bench side of the ground was creative, and drew three Dockers to him opening the gate for our loose boys to join in the forward drive. Most impressive, as Dyl is a smooth mover that the Dockers could not defend. Hammers ruck work, like his skills, improved as the quarter went on and I counted 4 tap outs to JB and Sam D whom took the ball away. Super skills also from Yoshie playing at fullback, and with Sam M on the lead took a wonderfully brave mark, blind turned, played on and smacked a 35 metre kick to our forwards. Where's the replay!!!! Cam in the forward pocket and Mitch in the back pocket, play similar styles of aggressive contested footy, but at opposite ends of the ground, and always ensure no easy out come for the opposition. Another fantastic term of confidence footy by the boys saw them: 3.3.21 to 0.0.0.

The Panthers continued unrelenting pressure on the ball carrier, running in numbers, and built a growing list of 1%'s. JB's shepherd at half forward set up a spring heeled Sam M to pump the ball onto our full forward Joel "The Mouth". Jayco's tackle and 2nd follow up effort was a gem of concentration and determination, and a fabulous slap on the ball by Jonathan saw Yoshie eagerly devour it and speedily dispatch it to the super Jamie, whom speared the ball to Mouth for a sensational goal. Fast flowing footy at its best!! Skilful Pas popped another 6 pointer through not long after, and was a contributing factor for the constant defensive pressure applied by our forwards on the Doncaster defence. 'Dan the man' Wick has perfected the hold up play, and knows how to get his team mates involved. Joey and Nick continue to impress with committed desperation on the wings and centre, and whose body work was responsible for considerable drive into our forward zone. TJ at fullback at no stage gave in, even when he had two Dockers trying to block him out from contesting the ball. Go TJ!!! Ben needs a miners lamp as he constantly gets deep under the packs and more often than not gets the ball out. Big efforts breed confidence, and the contested footy by the boys was really something special, or in the words of a AFL footy commentator:: DELICIOUS!!! Surrey 5.5.35, Dockers 0.1.1. A third term rendition of Happy birthday for our 3 boys was again a nice touch. Perhaps we should register the boys on Australia's Got Talent!!



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Ever seen the face and cheek flapping of a sky diver on their descent to earth?? That's how strong the wind had picked up to in the last term! The ball stayed in the Dockers half for a fair slice of the quarter, and not even the super booted efforts of Dylan (outstanding last term in defence) could get the ball forward. The ruck and on ball work of Sam M and Jared 'The Iceman' was of the highest order, and Jared's ball disposal was spot on as he never flinched from some heavy contested body pressure from the Dockers. The work rate of our defenders in Wick, Hammer, Mitch, Ozman, Pas and Dylan was quite intense, and the pressure was enormous. Down forward, Jayco, Yoshie and TJ flung themselves into every contest, and worked really hard against the flow of the quarter. The siren sounded, and there was a visible glee in the near wind chilled faces of the parents.

With the season half over, it looks tremendously well for our boys, whom improve with every round and show depth, talent and versatility that is being nurtured well by our coaching staff. So congrats to the team off the field, Lesil and Bernie, coach Terry, Dave, Simon, Eric, Travis, Andy and the parents for just being Panther supporters. A weeks break is too long!!

Geoff Simmons