



MATCH REPORT UNDER 15'S

Round 8:	Surrey Park vs. Greythorn
Date:	30 May 2010
Scores:	Surrey Park 11-4-70 defeated Greythorn 4-8-32

The boys returned to Surrey Park to play Greythorn for the second time this year. Windy conditions greeted the boys with the breeze blowing oddly towards the Scoreboard pocket of the ground. Campbell returned to the team after a week out with an injured hand allowing the team a rotation off the bench for the day. The boys were instructed to take into the game the same intensity they displayed during the second half of last week's match against Park Orchards. The aim was to win the first quarter and this was aided with Skipper winning the coin toss, enabling the boys to kick with a 3-4 goal breeze in the 1st quarter.

The boys began the game on fire. Early goals to Zoom (an excellent pass from Oliver) and Jimmy (running goal from 50m) and the boys were making the most of the breeze. Richard again was everywhere, either playing a kick behind play or linking up through the middle of the ground while Alex, TD and Jordy were finding plenty of the footy. Once again Kevin was doing the 1 percenters, giving off handballs and providing shepherds to free up his teammates. Another opportunistic goal to Zoom, crumbing off a contest in the goal square and a down the field free kick and goal to Copey (from a great kick to the hot spot from Richard) and the boys finished 25 points up at quarter time.

The message to the boys at quarter time was to now work twice as hard against the breeze, ensuring that they ran the footy and moved the footy quickly by hand or foot. The boys continued in the same vain as the finished the first quarter. They had the football in their forward half for the majority of the quarter but were making hard work of getting shots on goal. Zoom chimed in for his third after some hardness at the contest before George chipped in with a snap at goal after some great work from the forwards to keep the ball in there. Although the boys were making some simple errors, including kicking to short 50/50 contests through the corridor (which resulted in a turnover and Greythorn's first goal of the game), the attitude was still to take on the opposition. Jordan was on fire, finding the footy and providing the link through the midfield. The back six again were holding strong with determined efforts to attack the footy on the ground from Robbo, Dylan and Garvs pleasing the coach as were the efforts of Toddy, Nick and Rowsa in the air. The boys went into half time 31 points up.

The boys were told not to let up and let Greythorn back into the game. The boys were reminded of previous matches where at half time we had a comfortable lead and didn't put the opposition away. The intensity had to remain the same and not to just rely on the breeze to get us our goals.

Greythorn came out a much better side in the 3rd quarter. Their attack on the footy and running the ball against the breeze was impressive and they totally outplayed the boys for the first 10 minutes of the quarter. We were lucky that Greythorn weren't putting the score on the board. The boys finally woke from their 10 minute slumber and got back to the team of the first quarter. Rossy was doing another job on his opponent and Campbell was finding a bit of the footy across half forward after a quiet first half. Another goal to Zoom from a solid mark inside the forward 50m and a great snap from Oliver and the boys went into the 3/4 time break 5 goals up.

A rev up from the coach to win the last quarter saw the boys fire up. Although Greythorn were finding a lot of the footy, they weren't making great use of it. Some disciplined play saw marks directly in front of goal from Oliver and TD (who both kicked truly) and a goal to Blake (running into an open goal) and the margin in the end was 38 points. The boys got one back on the opposition after the round 1 result. Apart from making the most of our opportunities around goal (accurate kicking), the boys won all four quarters for the first time this year (I think!!!) Well done boys and now we take on another team we lost to early in the season, Banyule (3 points).

Special mentions to Jordy for his four quarter effort, Matty G across half back and Jimmy in the middle.

Goal kickers for the day were Zoom x4, Oliver x2, and singles to Jimmy, George, TD, Blake and Copey.

Final scores were Surrey Park 11-4-70 defeated Greythorn 4-8-32.

Coach