



MATCH REPORT UNDER 13'S

Round 9:	Surrey Park vs Hawthorn Citizens
Date:	06 June 2010
Scores:	Surrey Park 3.1.19 defeated by Hawthorn Citizens 8.14.62

Back on home turf for round 9 against Hawthorn Citz – a team who have come down from gold division, and keen to impress. . . and impress they did in the opening minutes of the first quarter. The Hawks seemed to have plenty of tall mobile players able to run and kick long that placed our Will-Grinterless backline under some early pressure. While this saw a couple of opposition goals scored early on, to our boy's credit they regrouped and tightened up significantly to stem the flow. Through some great team work through the midfield, Will Keogh was able to take a strong contested mark on the forward line, which enabled him to go back and calmly slot through a late goal to see us go in 2 goals to 1 down at the first change.

The second quarter was fairly even with play being transferred to both ends of the ground as the teams sized each other up. The weather turned seriously wet for 5 minutes which gave the players a quick taste of slippery conditions and kept scoring down. A great passage of play was kick-started down back by Mach, who picked out Toby who again marked truly and immediately relayed the ball to Darcy who gave Harry the opportunity to kick truly, on the run from 40m out - great stuff. Pat Dowling was relishing his run across the half-back line as he showed plenty of dash to clear the ball time and again. Tobias played his best game for the year as he was involved in several tackling contests and delivered the ball to team mates by hand and foot. At the long break we were still very much in the contest - only 10 points in arrears.

The boys must have cooled down too much at the break as when they returned to the field, they were often chasing brown and goal jumpers. Despite some clever in-and-under work around the stoppages from Dan, and Ozzie, the boys found some of their good work coming undone by some of the boys being second to the ball. This found us standing the mark far too often from free kicks being awarded against us. Nevertheless they continued to work hard and work the ball forward to give our forwards some opportunities. Callum was running hard and marking overhead, Adam was giving his customary solid performance down back, Pat O'Sullivan was marking well and running straight at the ball, while Jono was enjoying a run on the wing and getting amongst it. Lemo benefitted from the good work upfield as he swooped upon a loose ball in the half forward line, gave a glimpse towards goal and in true Cyril Rioli style, snapped the ball round the corner, which saw it bounce through for a much needed goal. Our opposition piled on 3 six pointers to see us go in at the last change 20+ points down.

Into the last and some further desperation and endeavour from Anthony saw him involved in a number of great contests, putting himself in, running hard, smothering the ball and giving his all. Declan and Ed were hard at it all day, putting their bodies in continuously and providing contests. Darcy laid some great tackles, which complimented his good running and delivery for most of the day. Nick again played some good footy for the first three quarters however he had to have a rest in the last due to a suspected hamstring injury – hope all is well there (the weeks rest will be handy). Despite these efforts the boys were unable to get the scoreboard ticking over any further and this saw the team score 3.1.19 for the second week in a row, as we went down by 43 points at the final siren.