



## MATCH REPORT UNDER 15'S

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| <b>Round 9:</b> | Banyule vs. Surrey Park                            |
| <b>Date:</b>    | 6 June 2010  |
| <b>Scores:</b>  | <b>Surrey Park 7-11-53 defeated Banyule 6-2-38</b> |

The boys ventured out to Beverley Road Oval to take on another of the teams who we were defeated by early in the season in Banyule. The conditions were far different to what the boys have been used to with wet and slippery conditions greeting the boys. ***A fast start, first to the footy and getting the ball moving our way, anyway*** were the messages the boys were given before the game.

Skipper won the toss and elected to go with the slight breeze that blew to one end. The boys knew they were in for a contest very early on in the piece with both teams fighting hard to win the footy off the deck. A slippery ball made it difficult for most players to win clean possession and goals were going to be hard to get. Our first goal came from the efforts of the forwards working to keep it in our forward 50 with Copey cleaning up a loose ball and kicking truly. Another goal to Zoom and the boys were 12 points up in a matter of minutes. The game then became a scrap for the remainder of the quarter with neither team giving much away. A opportunistic goal from the opposition pegged one back late in the quarter before an excellent tackle from Robbo saw the ball travel from deep in defence into our forward line where Skipper put the ball into a dangerous position in front of goal for Zoom to swoop on and snag his second to leave the boys a few goals up at quarter time. Rowsa, Rich and Toddy C were playing the positions well while Nick, Robbo and Matty were finding a bit of the footy.

The second quarter again was a tough contest with the ball spending plenty of time on the deck underneath packs. Skipper was working hard to drive the ball forwards while Rowsa continued to lead his opponent to the footy and taking some big hits for his troubles. To his credit, he kept bouncing back up. Tommy R began to make (23) for Banyule more accountable while finding his own footy and Copey and Zoom were starting to get into the game. TD took a good pack mark in the square and kicked truly before Copey kicked a dubious goal from the pocket to put the boys 20 points up at half time. Again we won the first half of footy which the team wanted but there was room for much improvement in them.

The second half saw the boys play good footy in patches but too often simple turnovers allowed the opposition to find the footy. Delivery into our forward half was ordinary while our forwards were caught behind on too many occasions with not many honest leads being created. We lost Copey to an ankle injury which saw our run from the middle cease. Our only goal for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter came from the efforts of Rowsa to push the football out of our backline by soccering it along half the ground before Skipper dribbled it to the top of the square where Blake found himself in front and received a free kick for in the back. He kicked truly and again at 3/4 time, the boys were still 20 points up.

The last quarter saw the boys drop off in intensity which allowed Banyule to get back into the game. An early goal to Liam in the goal square from a free kick was the only goal for the quarter. 2 quick goals and Banyule were only 13 points behind with 10 minutes to go but with some disciplined efforts from Nick, Campbell and Kevin who were playing in front of their opponents halted Banyule's run. The boys finished 15 points up (more redemption for early in the year) **BUT** the boys know there is definite room for improvement before our next game against St. Marys in 2 weeks.

**OUR USE OF THE FOOTBALL GOING INTO OUR FORWARD LINE, OUR ZONE SET UP AND SIMPLE TURNOVERS BY HANDBALL ARE AREAS WE NEED TO WORK ON OVER THE NEXT 2 WEEKS. MAKE SURE YOU GET TO TRAINING SO WE CAN GET THESE RIGHT!**

Special mentions go to Rowsa for a wonderful effort from CHB, Tommy R across the midfield, Campbell in the back pocket and Skipper for his attack on the footy all day.

Goal kickers for the day were Zoom x2, Copey x2, Blake, Liam and TD.

**'IF YOU CAN, GET OUT TO BULLEEN PARK NEXT MONDAY AT 2PM TO SUPPORT ALEX WHO IS PLAYING FOR THE REPRESENTATIVE TEAM. BEST OF LUCK SKIPPER!!!!'**

**Coach**