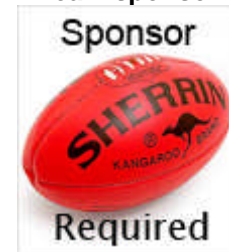




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MATCH REPORT PANTHERS U10'S

Round 11	Surrey Park V Glen Iris
Date	Sunday 3 rd July

Yet another howler that had the parents cowering in the club rooms while their Trojans fought out on the field against the Gladiators. On a rather sad note, all the Panthers, parents, and footy club, extend our sincere commiserations to Roger, Jo and family in their loss, and all the boys paid respect to the Gerny family who have been a positive and significant influence on the club and our lads. Skipper for the day was Mitch and all the boys were visibly pumped for the occasion. No Jared the "Iceman", Markie or Sam D for this week and we look forward to their return for the next clash.

Third and fourth ranked teams began the tussle for supremacy, and the opening term was one of endurance and determination as the wind played havoc with the ball and its direction. Nick set the scene with a ferocious tackle on a Gladiator (poor kid would have nightmares afterwards) and set the ball free for JB to run onto it and drive it deep into the forward zone. The Panther's high flyers in Jayco, Pas, and Yoshie spent so much time in the air they must have had fly by points!! They continuously soared (and marked), and really backed themselves in when the ball was contested. The forwards in Ben, Sam M, Nick, Jonathan, Jayco and Cam were all involved in keeping the ball in our forward 50. The on-ballers in Dyl, Yoshie and the unstoppable Joel were wonderful. Joel is small in stature, but huge in producing the goods in everything he does. He took on 3 Gladiators on the club room's side of the ground, baulked, swerved and on the burst took off like the Roadrunner! Nick pumped through the first game goal through clever reading of the play, and Jamie, Mitch and JB were controlling the bulk of the play through the centre. The backs of Joey, Hammer, Conza, Liam, Morgan were fabulous and really did not let the Glen Iris forwards any breathing space to move into space. Hard fought and low scoring first term with SP 1.0.6 to Glen Iris 0.2.2.

The second term saw Surrey over run the Glen Iris defence, as Jayco took a sky scrapper mark and not long after snaffled his first goal, followed quickly by Sam M after a sensational pass from 'Mouth'. The wall of Yoshie, Conor and Dylan were tighter than a Dave Blake shout, as they soaked all the forward thrusts of the Gladiators, and the run and carry of Dyl was yet again quite exceptional. The play making back line was marvellous as TJ, Ozman and Wylie repelled anything missed by the half backs. Mitch in the centre was playing hard and determined footy, and was responsible for the forwards receiving frequent use of the ball. Jamie was a busy boy enjoying the space on the half forward line, and his 1%'ers were outstanding, particularly his shepherds. The best example of productive 1%'s was a super gutsy smoother from Liam on the wing, when he was outnumbered and got the ball over the boundary line for a throw in. Second and third efforts were fantastic Liam! The Panthers were up and full of running as Jayco produced a great snap over his shoulder for full points, the difficulty not lost on his congratulating team mates. Cracking quarter of Panther footy, led by some sensational marking by Jayco. SP 4.2.26 to GI 0.2.2.

Coach Terry was delighted with his charges, in particular the way the boys were switching play across the ground, and their long kicking which the Gladiators could not leash. Into the 3rd term we go. Joey was switched into the ruck and really dominated his opponent with smart taps to his ever present rovers in Dylan and Jamie, both who thrived with their 'feeding' from Joey. Ben's trio of desperate tackling was sensational! Three tackles in seconds resulting in a loose footy scooted away by Pascal. Ben typifies the desire and commitment of our boys. A real highlight and well done my man!! Not all the stuff that Sam M does registers on the 'stat sheet', his shepherds, deft touches when the ball is loose works a treat, his work ethic is of the highest standard for his team. The fantastic and hard fought 1%'s have become so important to the of the structured play of our boys. Cam and TJ were applying body pressure on their opponents, which kept the ball in our strike zone and assisted JB who scored two fabulous goals and was really hustling and bustling into every contest. Jonathan and Wylie in the backline contested at every opportunity, and made sure that there was no easy ball for the Glen Iris forwards who were having a rather bleak day against the impenetrable Surry Defence. The 'crunchie' of the day went to Dylan with a superb run down and driving tackle that that left tears in my eyes for the poor unfortunate victim. Glad I was a spectator, and not a Gladiator. SP 6.6.42 to GI 0.2.2.



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Mitch started the term cutting up the Glen Iris centres while Sam M and Ozman took advantage of Jayco's domination in the ruck and gaining some super possessions and accurate disposal to the forwards of JB, TJ, Cam, Ben and Wylie. Jayco hurt the opposition with a lovely goal from way out, and Sam M slotted through a cracker on the run. Magnificent team work by JB who ran into an open goal, drew the opposition and then hand balled to Conza who quickly got ball to foot for a nice goal. Yoshie was having an absolute blinder and reads the game now like a book! Both sides had many brave and enduring foot soldiers, but it was some real Surrey class that saw the boys run out strong and convincing winners, SP 9.10.64 Glen Iris 0.2.2.

A well deserved award was given to Mitch for his fabulous efforts today, and Joel was quite outstanding in the guts and determination department, and it was great to see his team mates support him after some questionable incidents from an opposition player. Your number 1 in our books any day fella!!! Special mention to Roger for his generous and invaluable assistance in helping our boys in the rucking and clearance work. Love ya work Roger!! Thanks to the usual crew of suspects in Leisl & Bernie, Terry, Simon, Dave, Frank (great job bloke!), all the smooth parents. Great challenge in the forthcoming game against top place Warrandyte, and hope to see a full crew in support of our Panthers. Rise and Shine Surrey!!!

Geoff Simmons