

Team: Wests Juniors U9 White	Opponents: Jindalee Yellow
Date: 9/6/07	Venue: Wests
<p>A cold, and windy morning and a wet ground welcomed us. Winter at last. Good old fashion conditions that would be a test for both teams. Isaac Trigar was the Captain for the game and extra warm ups were the order to ensure the boys were ready to play. This time around, Jindalee had a full contingent of players which promised a very interesting tussle. Ethan Woolcock also joined us for his first game – congrats Ethan.</p> <p>As was expected, the first quarter was a slippery and scabbled contest. Many packs formed and lots of fumbles in the challenging conditions. Solid work from our backs led by Ethan, Isaac and Angus kept the visitors scoreless. Brad and Jack hustled hard in the middle and ensured our forwards had plenty of the ball but J defended well. Slick work by Lachie and a lovely running goal out of a muddy patch. Harrison, Aiden and Max barrelled into the packs to make sure the ball stayed in our zone.</p> <p>Into the second quarter and it was much the same as the first. Rugged pack work and numerous ball ups. J managed the first goal but after that, it was one-way traffic. Ethan collected a bag of possessions in the centre and with Isaac, Aidan and Lachie pumped the ball into the forward area. Jack dominated the forwards kicking two very classy goals. His partner in crime Brad did the same and slotted to smart goals to blow the game apart. Scott chased well and used his height to advantage Morgan Gillet threw himself at the ball and created several good handballs. Ethan W found his feet quickly and was unlucky not to goal. James belted the ball from the back half and ran hard. Harrison, Max the ‘terrier’ and Morgan Vile scrambled well in defence and dominated their opponents – tough stuff!</p> <p>The half time slaughter of snakes and oranges was carried out with ruthless efficiency. Scary what those doggies can devour! The third stanza was a torrid affair with the ball struggling to be moved cleanly. J goaled early but tough defence from Jack and Lachie meant that was it. Brad used his muscle and Max and Harrison pushed their opponents hard in the centre. This allowed Angus to slot a very clever goal. A great handball from Isaac to Ethan and he had a classic running goal – team work at its best. Morgan Vile and Morgan Gillett led well and made their opponents work hard for a kick.</p> <p>The last quarter followed script with both teams applying good pressure and big tackles. James led the doggies in the forward half never letting up. He and Max belted the ball to Harrison who crunched a goal. Solid work from Jack and Angus in the centre meant plenty of opportunities resulting in Max Dettl’s courageous running goal – nice bounce Max! Isaac set the agenda in the backs with Ethan, Morgan Gillett and Brad teaming well keeping J to one goal. Ethan W ran hard and worked tirelessly. Greta first game performance. Aidan burned his heels and Morgan Vile, tirelessly chased and harassed for the footy, almost snapping a left foot goal – impressive performance.</p> <p>At the siren, two happy teams and a well contested event. Tremendous team spirit all round and congratulations to J and their coach on a very successful encounter. Wests’ running ability and overall skills was the difference and the team work very impressive. Improvements continue to be evident. Well done boys and thanks to Ethan W for his fine effort with the team.</p> <p>Thanks to Karen Sivijs for organising all the <i>essential</i> support duties yet again and Rohan Teasdale as assistant coach for management of rotations and all other things as needed. Great support staff. Thanks to the parents for their support and assistance with their doggies at another home game. We’re playing away next week against Collingwood Park commencing 9.00am. Check the address of the ground at the AFLBJ web site www.aflbj.com Be there by 8.30am please.</p> <p>As always, go doggies!!</p> <p><i>Quote: ‘The principle is competing against yourself. It’s about self-improvement, about being better than you were the day before’. -Steve Young</i></p>	
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