

Day 1:

First game of the carnival the Mid North boys met Lower Eyre Peninsula in very wet and windy conditions. Kicking into the wind in the first half, the heat was on the defenders early. At halftime the boys were able to use the wind and display some good offensive pressure to keep the ball in their forward fifty for a majority of the half. Harry P kicked a cracker goal, with Fred H and Jobe C giving us plenty of drive out of the midfield. Eventual scores were: Lower Eyre Peninsula – 4.9 to Mid North 2.2

Game two, we met Airport who were runners up in Div 1. The game was fought in close, making it tough to move the ball to either end. Harry W provided good pace on the half forward flank to drive the ball into our fifty. Harry P was the lone goal scorer for Mid North, but the boy's effort and attitude in the conditions were to be celebrated. Eventual scores were Airport – 5.5 to Mid North 1.1

The last game of the day we met South West, with conditions drying up a little bit the boys were able to link up on occasions and move the ball more freely. The defenders stood up again with the ball coming in quickly to our defensive half, Thomas H and Rory L were able to get their hands on the ball and saved us on several occasions. Eventual scores were: South West – 4.3 to Mid North 1.2

Day 2:

Day two saw cleaner football and sunnier conditions. With a small breeze still around we matched up against Barossa & Light in our first game for the day. The boy's pressure was relentless, locking the ball into our offensive fifty, Zac S managed to kick 3 goals for the game. Ted S provided good pressure around the football laying several tackles and Levi C provided some great drive off the back flank. Patrick P took a mark late in the game and managed to put Mid North up by 2 points with only a few minutes to go, running out with scores: Barossa & Light – 4.1 to Mid North 4.3

Game two, saw us come up against Sothern Fleurieu which saw some of our best footy played for the week. The boys were able to link up and get speed on the footy, making it easier to score. Cooper M and Luka Z were both able to find the goals in the second half, while Thomas M provided great defence and run coming out of our back half. The boys ran out the game winning: Mid North 6.6 to Southern Fleurieu 4.2

Our last game of day 2, was against Upper Southeast. With the boys coming off a great win, we were able to replicate parts of the ball movement from the previous game. William J provided a good contest around the ball and Casey R offered great run off the wing. Eli S was solid down back, reading the ball well and Brock B, playing as a small pressure forward, laid a number of tackles to keep the ball in our fifty. With only 1 minute to go, Jobe C was able to snap the sealer getting our 3rd win for the day with scores: Mid North 4.4 to Upper South East 3.3

Day 3:

Day 3 was the pick of the days with the weather. Coming up against City South in our first game, Rory M set up well around stoppages making it difficult for the other team to get any clean

football. Ari B provided great drive off the back flank, helping set up 2 of our 3 goals. Despite the ball coming into our defensive half quickly, the boys stood tall and provided many great passages of play but unfortunately City South come out as winners: 7.2 to Mid North 3.3.

Game two saw another tight game, this time against East Adelaide. Fletcher R provided great run and skills off the back flank and in the middle to drive the ball into attack. The boy's pressure was a highlight of the game, not giving up and getting so close. Eventual scores were: East Adelaide 5.1 to Mid North 5.5

Our last game for the carnival saw us come up against an undefeated Gawler team. They gave their all and left nothing out on the field, playing with impressive spirit. It was a great test for the boys, and it was pleasing to see them keep their heads held high despite the result. Gawler finished as winners 8.10 to Mid North 2.0

A massive thank you must go out to all families and parents for their support over the 3 days. It was great to see how the boys gelled as a team and played high quality footy, with everyone contributing throughout the week.

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