

Round 8 match report

Venue: Buckley Park

Essendon Dousta Stars v Tullamarine.

Weather

Fine / slight Breeze

Coming up against the top of the ladder team at their home ground was not going to be easy. They have 2 of the top 4 leading goal kickers in their side. A team full of top age girls who looked a lot bigger and mature than us. The final scoreboard was not a reflection of how well our girls played.

The constant pressure and intensity stayed all game not dropping off and it seemed to get under the oppositions skin. I think this had a lot to do with why the game ended early. They seem to retaliate by targeting our smaller girls whom to their credit continued on playing the game and not going in their shell. Rewind to round 2 when these girls were running rings around us, bouncing the ball and taking the game on at will.

They soon found that the Tulla girls are quite a different side than round 2. Never judge us by our stature because we come to play and never give in. Dousta Stars soon found that they could not run at will. The tackling ferocity of our girls was huge often catching them holding the ball. Sam White laid a staggering 13 tackles while battling against numerous ruck opponents all day. Two of our pocket rocket girls not big in stature, Sarah Montrose laid 8 tackles often bringing down girls twice her size. Little Amy Warden was having a stellar day out on the wing with a best on ground performance. She constantly gained yardage for us competing and beating on numerous occasions bigger girls for the ball. Jasmine Thorneycroft, Shayla and Rose, were given the shut down job on the Competitions leading goal kicker who had kicked 2 bags of 5 in her last 2 outings. They did a splendid job keeping her to 3 while giving away a fair bit in height and agility. She had to work hard for every goal she got and you could see she was not enjoying the close attention. Carmelite laid some great tackles and often fought holding the ball in till some help arrived stopping the opposition running away with the ball. Alexcia Talia and Maddison were very solid in defence all day.

As I said after the game I am proud of each and every one of you that took the ground. I think other sides are realising that when they play Tulla they are in for an arm wrestle to win the ball. We stayed disciplined even after being tormented.

A shout out to Lyndelle Hall who has come on board as my assistant. Eager to learn and give input, you can not be in better hands the next few weeks. Remember girls give her the respect because it's not too often you get a sportswoman with her credentials lead you. Daniel Will be assisting her on the sidelines as well.

I will be looking on at the results from overseas.

Cheers Anthony

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