

## Round 3 match reports

### MASTERS vs Rockingham

Given the obvious quality of the main course (Supers report) that follows, it would be prudent to keep the entrée short. Not difficult when one reflects on the considerable lack of highlights from the Masters game!

We first acknowledge the bravery of the diminutive Prindi who currently lies uncomfortably in Joondalup hospital overnight with only a blonde or three to keep him company. An unnecessarily aggressive tackle from the Rams ruckman rattled our mate's kidney and we wish our talented forward the speediest recovery and a return to normal goalkicking heroics in due course.

We welcomed Tim Boekman into the side for his debut who slotted in comfortably in the back pocket – some fine work down there Boeky!

Whilst the contest had an even feel about over the first half, Rockingham clearly held the ascendancy in the second as our turnovers handed the Rams too many easy opportunities to rebound with telling effect (I got that from the Richmond Round 4,5 and 6 match reports...) Whilst the likes of Josh, Jimmy, Bero, Monty, Fev and Sarge toiled manfully to get things moving, we struggled to hit targets across half forward and too often allowed the Rams to grab the crumbs and swarm forward.

And who can forget Hurls with his 'double fake, double take or double flake' which rates as THE highlight.

Good fun all the same and looking forward to Round 4

Cotch

### SUPERS vs Rossmoyne

**"What this club does for us and our man therapy is f\*%ken ace!"** (Paynie, Team App). A deep felt message from Paynie which I'm sure we can all relate too and would go a long way to motivating any AFL club into action.

A big shout out to Prindi who bodied a nasty tackle in the earlier Masters game, resulting in him visiting the emergency room and copping some slap and tickle from the nurses there. We all hope you recover quickly and look forward to seeing you back on the track soon.

Well, well, well what can I say? After a below par effort in the Masters, the Supers game against Rossmoyne had a completely different feel to it. It's amazing what you can achieve when you run, you're committed, you contest the ball and you don't have Irish in the ruck.

That brings me to the new kid on the block, Tony Two-Fingers who put in a great display of ruck tapping so the ball landed where he said he'd put it and provided a feeding frenzy for our mid fielders who went about doing what they do best. We saw vintage Paynie, effortlessly spinning out of tackles on his bionic ankles. Yappa bullsh\*tting his way through the packs reminiscent of the Looney Tunes Tassie Tiger, Bretto with a bunch of Hulk-like smash and grabs and Mike Rowney with his typical 'now you see me, now you don't' ball movement.

Up forward, we had the usual glamour-trons of Rookie, Chachi, Monty and Selfey (sorry for including you in the group Selfey) putting on a lead-mark-goal clinic for the crowd. There were even reports of a Freo Dorkers drone flying over taking footage for their next training session. My only concern is there seemed to be a bucket load of sharing amongst the guys.... WTF who shares when you're inside 50. Glory lads, go for glory... Also good to see Chachi's lip was at it again giving the opposition some much needed advice.

Some great up-forward cameos by Baulshey (loves to run that guy) on goals, Tony Two-Fingers' goal from the pocket and Nankers pack mark in the goal square. As usual we had the stock standard string of contested marks on the half forward line by Adam 'Grievous' Greaves who was well supported by Ray and some other guy who I can't remember for the life of me (apologies to that mysterious guy). Grievous - you've really got to do something different, it's getting a bit boring talking about your contested marking exploits each round.

In contrast we witnessed Irish do his best 'lay back Sally' impersonation by going for the mark in the goal square and ending up flat on his back as a result of no contact. That's right, no contact. That was karma for Irish for doing another burn and turn on Mike Rowney. To Irish's defence, he did manage to handball to Rookie inside 50 whilst being dragged down by two blokes at the time (reports suggest those two blokes were WVFC team mates).

Warning, Top Gun reference – "You Can Be My Wingman Anytime!" That pretty much sums up the efforts of BP and Trav. 100% effort, 100% of the time. BP with his rebounds out of the defensive 50 into the forward line and Trav's run and delivery into the forward line. In other words, making the forward line glamour-trons look good.

There's a saying, 'you're only as good as your defence' and our defence was sh\*t hot (no guesses who's writing this match report). Josh Franco's second and third efforts across half-back to set up goal scoring chains of play were fantastic as were Baulshey's efforts in winning the contested ball (when he wasn't up-forward being a wannabe glamour-tron) and rebounding out of defence. Sarge impressed on the half-back line using his wide receiver skills to make the most of his opportunities. I honestly thought 'wide receiver' was used by Sarge as his casting name when he was a porn star, not based on his footy ability. Dozer was being his brutal best with a handful of 'you won't forget that for a while' tackles.

Good to see Hurls play within himself and not make another 'double candy sell' mistake like he did in Masters – faark me that was funny! On a positive note, he did make good use of the ball when the ball was with someone else. Nankers was very solid in getting his hands on the ball and disposing of it effectively. And even when he didn't he managed to bowl over at least 3 of the Rossy lads in the process, which made it very easy for lazy crumbers such as myself. Wally as usual was having a holiday in defence, but his presence alone magically forced the ball to rebound and make the forward glamour-trons look good, again!

My votes go to Brainy (3), TK (2) and Tony Two-Fingers (1). If you're prepared to swap jumpers, help out the opposition and take on the might of the WVFC, you're definitely playing in the spirit of the game and deserve the votes (expect Jake). Good work Brainy and TK!

Finally, a big thanks to Bassie for managing the bench, even though at times it was about as organised as a bunch of teenagers in a brothel with \$50 between them, trying to decide what to do.

Cheers, Bero!