



## Eagles U18 Boys

### U18's First Win against Brighton in 7 Years

#### West Torrens 20 def Brighton 2

West Torrens U18's finally broke the Brighton hoodoo after 7 long years. The core group of players who have been together since the U13's have never tasted success against Brighton, playing off in numerous Grand Finals without a win.

Until Saturday 28 June, 2008! And they didn't just win, they **smashed** the Bombers by **18 goals**.

The young Eagles knew this was the day to erase the history that had been created between these 2 teams and took control from the start, despite only having 13 players (including 3 x U15's players) compared to Brighton's 17 players.

The outstanding aspect of the game was the teamwork displayed:

- **8 of the 13 players scored**
- **7 players registered 1 assist or more ( 11 assists for 20 goals )**

Led by James Harley dominating Face Offs ( 5 goals ) and Luke Little controlling Brighton's key player(s), the Eagles raced to a 5-1 lead at quarter time. The attack team of Ryan Simpson, Oliver Valero & Peter Tait dictated terms and controlled the tempo, picking holes in the Bombers defence.

At the other end, Brighton could not penetrate the defence of Luke, Owen Retallick, Matt Smith and Michael Yallop in goals who is improving every week and was a big reason the Bombers were kept to a miserly 2 goals for the entire game.

The total domination continued through the midfield with Brayden Simpson (4 goals) and Henry Pearce (2 goals) moving the ball quickly and precisely into attacking opportunities. Constant rotations saw Sam Dietrich, Ty King & Grant Badcock also have a positive influence on the game.

Evidence of the total domination was Brighton's 2<sup>nd</sup> and final goal came late in the last quarter.

Despite the Eagles being on the receiving end of some heavy losses to Brighton over the years, this win was full of class and humility. Credit should go to Mark Harley for the way our guys went about their individual roles to assist the team and continued to play in this manner despite the scoreboard.

From the parents & spectators lucky enough to be there...  
WELL DONE GUYS. A GREAT TEAM EFFORT AND WELL DESERVED.