**FOOTBALL**

**Western Aranda holds on to win**

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Western Aranda has held on to defeat a fast-finishing Wests by three points at TIO Traeger Park on Saturday.

Straight kicking was a feature in the Bulldogs’ 15.7 (97) to 13.4 (86) win. But the Bloods stormed home after training by as much as five goals during the third quarter.

Wests had a goal spree in the final quarter, booting four out of the last five majors, but they simply ran out of time.

Travis Nyalakin was a spearhead up forward for Western Aranda, booting a game-high six goals.

Down the Blues end, it was Josh Johnny who was Josh Johnny who was one of the Blues’ best, while Lachlan Summers proved to be a talisman right across the ground.

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**Jurrah is tested in South’s narrow loss**

Starting at centre half back, Jurrah played a lock down role in defence.

“It was a bit of a change for me and I actually like playing back there,” he said.

“I can marshal the troops and make sure we have our defence set up.”

Jurrah admitted he liked the role in defence.

“I really enjoyed it back there, to free up the corridor for my teammates,” he said.

“I just talk to the back six and tell players where to go.” South coach Darren Talbot said Jurrah was a quality asset.

“It’s great to have Liam back but it’s not about the football, it’s just great Liam is getting back on track,” Talbot said.

Jurrah said while spending six weeks in jail, he had kept his football skills “sort of” up to scratch.

“I placed a bit of footy while I was in jail but it was a bit different out there today,” he said.

“We had a lot of scrapping matches there.”

The 24-year-old was sentenced for three months earlier this year.

The former Melbourne livewire has been doing as he pleased through his time in the NT.

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