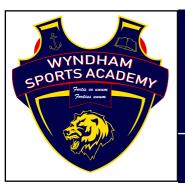
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## VOLLÉ OLÉ, VOLLÉ OLÉ

WOLVERINES TAKE FIRST VICTORY FOR 2019 SEASON IN STRAIGHT SETS WIN OVER GLENMORE PARK HS #wolverines

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Four. Not a large number by any standard. It's the same number of points that our Angelines scored in their Semi-Final win over Blaxland HS in last years football KO. Its also the same number of points our girls volleyball teams have scored in the last 2 years. Four points. Not games or matches, but points...four of them, in 2 years!

So with nowhere to go but up, our Wolverines rolled the dice in their first round match against the girls from Glenmore Park HS, bagging a historic, drought ending win.

After a quick warm up, consisting of; arriving, changing into their new Wolverine singlets and getting on the court, and a rousing pre game speech by resident heavy vehicle specialist Ronnie "Sensei" Saras "If you're not winning...You're Walking," the girls took to the court.



Zone Swimming Carnival Thursday 21st Feb Blacktown Aquatic Centre, 8:30am



**Boys KO Touch** Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> Feb Girraween HS 3:15pm



Girls KO
Softball/Baseball
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> Feb
Corbin Reserve
8:00am

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With a mixture of determination and slight fear of a long walk home, play quickly began with the Wolverines receiving the first serve. Within minutes the girls had notched up 5 points thanks to front court powerhouses Tahlia "lethal weapon" O'Connell and Emily "Jumpin" Joel. However, despite surpassing our previous points record (of four) the Wolverines trailed by 5, as some heavy hitters on the GPHS baseline continued to hammer our girls.



This was until Vanessa "Ice Girl" Sibald took control of the serve and in perfect Top Gun style led the charge with a lethal serve, sparking a come back of legendary proportions. With some nail biting back and forth play the Wolverines finally took the lead and laid down some quick points to see out the first game, our first in 2 years.

But things weren't over yet. With the second and potentially final game about to start, the girls were hyped with the knowledge that they were the most successful volleyball team in recent times. With a small line up and end change, the second game began.

"If you're not winning…You're walking"

Despite the girls new found motivation,

Glenmore Park took to an early lead, with communication failures and positional difficulties plaguing the Wolverines. But out was not to last, with a come back spurred on this time by Roxanne "Roxy" Browne. After floating the ball just enough to make the net, but not enough for Glenmore Park to get there in time the girls began their charging run to the finish line. But the girls from Glenmore Park were not going down without a fight, keeping up the pressure with some fancy footwork (you can use your feet in volleyball...who knew) scoring them some much need points.

But it was too little too late as the Wolverines quite literally put their bodies on the line, and the court, to dive across the finish line and claim our first Volleyball victory in straight sets and first victory of the 2019 season.

Congratulations to the girls for a monumental effort in breaking the volleyball drought and starting the 2019 season off with a win, and a big thanks to Ronnie for getting us there and back.

**GO WOLVERINES!**