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The Defenders: Part 2 First Blood

Wolverines set up local derby semi final with confident 4-0 win in Round 3 of the SW football KO.

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Tensions were high in the quarter final of the open boys SW football KO as the Wolverines looked for a shot at a third semi-final berth, and Granville South CAPA sought the chance to knock the defending champions off their perch.

With Granville having done their research into last years results, the Wolverines reputation had definitely proceeded them, adding to the pressure only defending champions come to know. But with an immaculate pitch and beautiful weather, the conditions seemed all but perfect for the Wolverines to claw their way to victory.

The whistle to begin was blown and the Wolverines kicked off wasting no time in going on the attack in an attempt to put the boys from Granville on the back foot early. Some great footwork from our midfielders led by Bailey Burrows had the Wolverines utilising all avenues of attack with striker Bilal and captain Lleyton getting several runs onto the ball in Granville's defensive half. As the clock approached 6mins a magic through ball from our midfield saw Bilal Kabi in a 50-50 contest with Granville's keeper, unfortunately the offside call was made, but it was too late for Bilal to pull out of his run and an unavoidable collision occurred between his knee and the keepers head.



Regional OzTag

Tuesday 7th May
The Kingsway
8:00am



Zone Cross Country

Friday 10th May
Wyndham College
9:30am



Zone Athletics

Thu/Fri 30-31st May
BISP 8:00am

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Time seemed to momentarily stand still as Bilal shook off the contact, but the keeper remained on the ground, hands firmly gripping his face. The realisation then broke that the injury was far more serious, with a call of “blood” being made by the referee and players.

In a serious situation such as this it is usually the coaches/teachers that take the lead, but in this case it was the highly trained members of the Wyndham Sports Academy that sprung to action. Without hesitation or instruction team doctor Emma Hemsworth and team physio Alana Stephan grabbed the first aid bag and rushed to offer assistance. Both girls putting their first aid certificates to good use by calmly controlling the situation, calling the ambulance and providing first aid to the injured player. Once the ambulance finally did arrive Emma went above and beyond by volunteering to travel with the student and remaining at the hospital until his parents arrived, keeping both coaches updated on his condition. This was an unbelievable display from the girls and they were commended by both coaches and the ambulance officers for their quick thinking, without which the situation could have been a lot worse.

Anyway, back to the game.

With the game restarting the boys from Granville came out with a spirit renewed, playing with fierce determination to avenge their fallen brother. Some brilliant ball play from their attacking players even saw them make it into our goal square several times, only for keeper Mitchell Pugh and centre back Cayleb Senico, to send the ball packing time and time gain. After what seemed like an eternity of fierce first half play, a cross in front of goals finally saw the Wolverines find the net off the foot of captain Lleyton Coleman. We were up one and the first half was done.

With the autumn sun beating down, the second half started and again both teams were almost evenly locked, with the Wolverines finding space on the wings to open up the Granville side. With several shots coming agonisingly close to finishing, the Wolverines finally found the break they needed with a second goal to Lleyton Coleman putting Wyndham up by two.

With fatigue finally starting to hit the Granville side, the Wolverines saw their opportunity and unleashed an onslaught of shots on the replacement Granville keeper. With Josh Nweke, and rookies Liam Howarth, Peter Davies and Blake Steward all unleashing volley after volley to no avail. It wasn't until right winger and resident speed demon Mitchell “the razor” Fraser cut down the sideline to find our third goal, and only moments later bagged his second to put Wyndham in a very comfortable position. In the dying stages of the game Fraser looked good for a hat-trick but narrowly found the post instead. The final whistle blew and the

Wolverines for the third year in a row found themselves as semi-finalists.

A big shout out to the boys from Granville who never gave up despite losing their main keeper, it was a stellar display of resilience. A special mention again to Alana and Emma for their quick and selfless thinking to ensure the safety of a stranger.

The Wolverines will now play a local derby semi-final with new comers The Ponds HS for a spot in the KO final and a chance to take championship glory once again.

Dare to Dream and...

GO WOLVERINES!

