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**WOLVERINES TAKE TO THE DIAMOND AS THE BASEBALL/
SOFTBALL SEASON TAKES OFF!**

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A very keen group of social Year 12s enlisted. Lets just say none of them were on the team last year. Questions were asked about whether nails would get broken, what would be ordered for lunch, whether they could get an early mark etc. I was feeling dubious. But nonetheless I like taking them so with my car loaded after a trailer ride from Dave, & I met them at 8am at the field.

First of all I was way impressed that Hinemoa & Roxy were there first! Talk about keen. Both were wanting to start training straight away! The sporty Year 11s Chloe & Imogen arrived & with some sports-related jumpers on I felt quite excited by their input into the team!! As the rest of the team arrived, we also saw an esky filled with food, bags and bags of lollies & chips & some blankets wrapped around players - we had our priorities right clearly!

Shout out to Amelia for being the team Mum - there's always one & she provided a HUGE watermelon for all. She also had a great attitude throughout the whole day!



Zone Team Training

Monday 25th Feb
Wyndham College
3:30pm



Boys KO Basketball

Thursday 7th March
Blacktown Boys HS
3:30pm



Regional Futsal

Friday 8th March
Stanhope Leisure
Centre 8:00am

We ran through the rules of Baseball (as that was our first game) & with many not understanding, which is pretty standard we decided to just warm up regardless. Water started soaking into our shoes, mud covering our lower limbs & the day was underway. Rooty Hill then arrived, with a formidable uniform we immediately retreated with some of our confident statements of "we've got this Miss" to instead be "Ill sit off first Miss". We decided to bat first & with spreading the love as her main goal of the day, Billie took the plate to start the game with her ability to find light in all situations. Although she struck out, she set a tone of "rolling with it", laughing it off & Roxy was then able to connect! She made a base, however the next 2 also struck out so we swapped to fielding.



Our first innings of fielding was great! We had some quick plays to first with Imogen taking some calm catches & only 1 from Rooty Hill got home with 3 quickly out. I shouted at them "Guys, that was legit really good, we actually got them out!" Most asked what that meant, some wanting to check their snapchat stories, most wanted to start eating but quickly Emma (adopted player from Sports Coaching due to some naughty other ones not showing up despite handing notes in) realised she liked this & wanted to play hard.

Our best playing then came from the bench & in this batting innings - Hinemoa & Billie gave the best cheers whilst eating their recess. Alyssa H was a dedicated bat girl, with Hinemoa then manning the dugout gate wanting to keep us all safe from fly balls. Keeping calm & actually listening to me saying "you dont need to swing at something thats metres above your head" & "It's not golf guys, leave it," we then had Hinemoa & Chloe take bases from balls! Amelia also got a hit & she even stole a base here & there, getting around the diamond too!

The next few got out though & swapping again to fielding & into the next few ups & downs we saw some comical moments: taking food off students as they wanted to field in the outfield & continue to eat, Alyssa H wearing her snuggie style blanket jumper with a helmet over the top, Tiger reminding me that I had gotten the batting order muddled up & doing an excellent job at her work on the scoresheet, me asking Tegan what the score was & having her softly spoken response not quite heard from all but with 1 earnest response "we're winning arent we?" from Kayla when at that point it was about 9 - 1.

Additional sporting success (cos you know, #WyndhamSportsAcademy.. Nathan & Shannon, I do try get to the sports based learning outcomes) including Hinemoa making a hit & making first, then stealing to second & about to take third! Alex also took base from keeping calm with balls & managed to steal home, even though she would get frustrated from being sent back on every single fly ball, Roxy dominating as pitcher, teaching Emma to also then become another pitcher of commendable standard. Then towards the end, 3/4 of the team decided they all wanted to try & so Rooty Hill acquiesced & let them all have a go. Alyssa H took over from Abi as catcher & resplendent in her snuggie style blanket jumper & the safety gear over the top, she was great at catcher! Also... Chloe, Alex & Imogen become skilled in making a chain in the outfield, holding some plays with calm outfield decisions.

Ultimately, the game got away from us with a loss had. But, the girls loved playing in the rain, had friends on the opponents team & most important to me - NO ONE GOT HURT! We then had Rooty Hill depart & more food

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was had. We then started our training for the Softball game that afternoon, ate more lunch, did more training, ate again & then got a sad call from Blacktown Girls to say they didn't want to play in the rain. I excitedly thought this meant a win for us by default! The girls were ecstatic with this notion, celebrating happily. Shivering & cold with wet clothes not wanting to be worn for the rest of the day, we departed the field for warm showers & soap.

Watch this space for if we progress with the default win or if we have to have our reluctant rescheduled rematch.

Also coming soon - the Boys rounds! Don't get too excited!

GO WOLVERINES!