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WOLVERINES DIG DEEP BUT ARE SPIKED OUT OF THE COMPETITION BY SKILFUL CHIFLEY SIDE!

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All good things must unfortunately come to an end. After a whirlwind victory in round 1 of the girls volleyball KO, the Wolverines unfortunately met their game, set and match in round 2 yesterday afternoon.

After proper warm up this time, and donning their Wolverine branded singlets the girls looked as impressive as their history making 1 game winning streak. Confidence was high that we could continue further into uncharted volleyball territory and push our streak to its limit.

And then the Girls from Chifley arrived.

It became apparently clear that we were in for an uphill battle as they began sizing themselves up next to the net, claiming that (of all things) that it was too low for them and one side was higher than the other and what even is a Wolverine anyway. Okay maybe that last part didn't happen, but you get the point.

After some final net tweaking, formations were formed, rules were explained and it was on for young old...but most young.

Chifley won the toss (aka what hand is the whistle in)and elected to serve, quickly



Boys KO Basketball Thursday 7th March Blacktown Boys HS 3:30pm



Regional Futsal Friday 8th March Stanhope Leisure Centre 8:00am



Boys Volleyball Thursday 14th March Rooty Hill 2:00pm

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establishing themselves as a force to be reckoned with establishing a dominating lead early in the first set. With the Wolverines struggling to hold their own they were rewarded with a mistimed serve from Chifley to get the ball back in Wolverines territory. Vanessa "Ice Girl" Sibald once again took the reins and served up a series of excellent hits to bring the girls back into the game. However, Chifley proved just too good taking the first set out 25-.

After the practice of the first round and a quick line up change, the Wolverines headed back to the court to try and get themselves back into the winners mindset. The break seemed to have work as the girls found themselves at one point only 1 point behind. They continued to push Chifley, returning some stinging serves to win vital points as they clawed to a dwindling hope of victory. Even after a Chifley time out, the girls continued to rattle their cage and score some great points. But Chifley once gain pulled out all the stops and managed to go up 2 sets to 0 with an agonisingly close 25-22 win.



"Its not the Olympics"

The third and final set saw another line up change in the to try and find a combination that might see us stay in the game. But the girls form Chifley meant business, like really serious business. So serious that after a comment from their referee about apparently having to wear your uniform when on the court (long story) Abigail "the Juggernaut" Johnston loudly proclaimed that "its not the Olympics!" in an attempt to lighten the mood, this. Abigail's words were remarkably similar to those of the legendary Shannon "the big dog" Finemore (longer story, as him about it some time) and met with similar enthusiasm. With play resumed, and uniforms on, the Chifley girls began an onslaught of volleys (pun intended) that saw the girls scrambling to return serves. Even after a tactical time out by Roxanne "Roxy" Brown to change players, the girls were simply not able to compete with a more organised and well practiced Chifley, going down in the last set 25-.

Defeat is never easy, but the girls did it with dignity shaking hand with every player after the game and putting on a brave face for the team photo.

Unfortunately its game over for girls volleyball for 2019, but who knows maybe the boys can go one better as they take on the lower-mountain goats from Springwood HS next week.

Big thanks to the year 11 Sports Coaching students form the Wyndham Sports Academy for their help in setting up the game and assisting with lines and scoring, plus giving the girls a good audience. Also thanks to Rachel "Radar" Kelso for some great action photos and general crowd control.

GO WOLVERINES!



