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Home court advantage!

Wolverines return to volleyball spotlight after win in marathon Round 2 match vs Springwood HS.

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It is often said that the 'better team always wins'. "Better team" usually referring to the side with the most training, skill, tactical awareness and basic knowledge of the rules for the sport in which they compete. But once again the mighty Wolverines have thrown the rule book out, as they proved a game can be won on enthusiasm alone, even when you aren't entirely sure of the rules.

With the school gym resembling a sauna by the afternoon, the Wolverines trickled in ready for their first match of the boys competition. Following a forfeit in the first round this was their opportunity to make up for the round 2 loss suffered by their female teammates less than a week before. With Daniel "all legs" Allport dressed in head to toe compression wear and matching head and wrist bands it was clear the boys were relying on intimidation to give them the winning edge.

As Springwood took their time arriving (they forgot to account for the time difference when travelling internationally), the Wolverines began their warm up demonstrating a severe knowledge gap when it came to the sport of volleyball.



Girls Touch Football

Thursday 14th March
Rooty Hill 2:00pm



Sydney West Rugby League

Thursday 14th March
Whalan Reserve
8:00am



Sydney West Girls Football

Friday 15th March
Colo Football Club
8:30am

Upcoming Games

With Springwood finally arriving from their lofty mountain home, they began their own warm up that clearly showed training, skill and a clear knowledge of the rules and gameplay. Every thing you need to win a game, but lacking a certain spirit only found in Wolverines.

At this stage it was looking like the boys were in for a replay of the Chifley game from the week before.

But with no decline in their determination or inflated egos, the boys took to the court ready to maul some Mountain Goats.

After some confusion as to how many players were allowed on the court and then some more confusion as they counted to 6, the Wolverines finally settled into playing formation. Springwood began the game with the serve and several quick points (did somebody say déjà vu). As Springwood pushed to an early lead, the Wolverines scrambled to find points where they could desperately trying to keep Springwood in their sights. Relief came when Jason 'Derulo' Lizano took to the serve and the boys finally began to develop momentum. With a quick substitution bringing Hamid "the show-off" Shinwari on to the court the Wolverines got their first hint of fear form the mountaineers. As Springwood, caught off guard by the Wolverines' new found skill, cracks began to show in their defence as the boys capitalised to take out the set in a very close 21-18.



After a brief swapping of sides and a talk form their coach, Springwood stepped up their game as they realised the Wolverines were not going out on home soil without a fight. Some great digs, controlled sets, and well placed spikes (plus a cheeky kick) saw the Mountain Goats sending the Wolverines all over the court trying to prove their first set wasn't beginners luck. Unfortunately it wasn't meant to be as Springwood tied things up with a 21-15 win.

Now that the Wolverines realised they actually had a dog in this fight, an actual game plan was developed, based on the German style Blitzkrieg. Using their height and heavy hitters up front, the Wolverines fought back with some destructive spikes from all-rounder Kaleb "the Freak" Farr and brick wall blocks from giant Daniel "all legs" Alllport. with the Blitz in full effect the boys managed to pull ahead just enough for a replay of game 1, taking two games to one with a score of 21-18.

With two games in the bag and the fourth underway it was do or die for the Wolverines. But the pressure seemed to get to them as some miscommunication led to Springwood running away with game as the Wolverines struggled to keep pace. As the score ballooned out to 20-10 in favour of the Mountain Goats, the game looked all but lost. But fortunately the Wolverine is well known for its ability to take down opponents larger than itself. After a botched serve from Springwood gave control back to the Wolverines it was time to launch one of the greatest come backs in Wyndham history. As Rawnsley "Ramjet" Ramos took the serve Springwood learned first hand just how deadly a gang of cornered Wolverines could be. Firing volley after volley as Kaleb and Daniel shut down any attempt at a return, stopping the ball right at the net. The Wolverines put 9 unanswered points on the board to come back 20-19 and with hearts hammering in their chests looked set to take the game and the match. But it was all for naught, as Springwood wrestled the serve back and managed to take the game 21-19.

With sweat pouring form every orifice and the coach of the SJPII basketball team (not so) patiently waiting with her team to start training, the tie breaker set began. Neither side seemed ready to go home without the win just yet as this game marked a return to form for the Wolverines, returning everything that was thrown at them with some rallies lasting over 10 hits between sides. But in the end it was the Wolverines who prevailed, running away with the last set 21-15 to take the match and move into the third round.

This is the furthest we have progressed in this competition to date and with Baulkham Hills (8 time CHS champions) at the other end of the draw, the Wolverines look set to take this game one step further. Watch this space!

GO WOLVERINES!