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## The Defenders: Part 1

The Wolverines defend Sydney West championship title in first game of Football KO with 4-2 win over Parramatta HS .

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“Prepared to Defend. Ready to repeat”.

After falling agonisingly short of defending their FNSW futsal title earlier this term, the Wolverines set their sights on a much bigger target, the defence of their Sydney West football KO title. After their premature exit from the CHS competition last year, the pressure is well and truly on the boys to live up to their 2018 counterparts. So with only 3 players returning from last year, and former player turned coach Matt “the rocket” Robinson, the new 2019 Wolverines headed to Parramatta HS to keep their dreams alive.

After arriving at the ground the Wolverines were greeted with a pitch that makes Wyndham’s look like Old Trafford or Wembley Stadium. Lacking in lines (replaced by witches hats), goal nets (no replacement), straight posts and an abundance of bin chickens rifling through the rubbish left over from lunch it was clear that we were in for an interesting match.



### Girls Touch Football

Tuesday 2nd April  
Rooty Hill 2:00pm



### University Shield

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April  
Whalan Reserve  
8:00am



### Boys Volleyball

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April  
Girraween HS  
3:00pm

## Upcoming Games

Wasting no time the boys quickly dressed, prevention taped their ankles and knees and headed on to the “pitch” as coach Matt ran them through a warm up before allocating starting positions.

The captains shook hands, the whistle was blown and it was on like donkey kong.

Adopting early to the Wolverine tactic of “the best defence is a good offence”, the boys suffocated Parramatta in their defensive half early as they struggled to clear the ball. With the game merely seconds into play some great team work up front between new captain Lleyton “karate kid” Coleman and newcomer Bilal “Mo Sallah” Kabi almost resulted in an early goal, but missed by a whisker.

With Parramatta realising this was not going to be no walk in the park (the pitch is technically part of Parramatta Park, so this is one of those pun intended moments) they managed to finally clear the ball out of their half, but it was all for naught. With a dominating display our backs lead by Daniel “all legs” Allport pushed the ball right back into enemy territory as Parramatta scrambled to win back control. After some back and forth play, and a lot of stoppage due to the ball going out on the left side and onto Pitt St, the Wolverines found their rhythm and Bilal found the back of the net as the Wolverines went onto the board 1-0.

With a quick substitution before play restarted, the boys went straight back on the attack as Parramatta pressed hard trying to make up lost ground. After a few close calls were easily defused by goal keeper Mitchell “the punisher” Pugh, the boys found their way back into Parramatta’s goal box and once again Bilal found the back of the net to go 2-0 up and see out the first half.

After what must have been one of the greatest half time talks of all time, the second half found Parramatta renewed as they put together some great plays to push the Wolverines back on their heels for the first time. Their momentum built as a misguided clearing attempt saw the ball get past our defence and onto the boot of our opponent for Parramatta to get one back, bringing the score to 2-1.

Unfortunately for Parramatta their chances of equalising were crushed moments later as some great work from our wing and midfield gave Bilal the ball in the middle of the goal box to take a hat-tick in his debut game and bring the score to 3-1. Hoping this would be enough to subdue the Parramatta side and prevent any notion of a fight back, play resumed (after several more stoppages to get the ball off the road) and Parramatta were not going anywhere. With the uneven ground beginning to take its toll as predictable ball play was nigh impossible, Parramatta once again seized a moment of miscommunication in our back line to sneak the ball between the posts, bring the game back to a one point margin 3-2.

With the clock counting down and shots raining down on the Parramatta keeper like mortar fire on the western front, the Wolverines fought viciously to find one last point to leave their mark on the game. After a throw in from new left back Liam “Howling” Howarth landed straight in front of Josh Nweke in the middle of the box we seemed certain for a final goal, but it was hit out by the Parramatta keeper only to find Bailey ready at the top of the circle to catch the ball on the volley and return serve through the posts. The final nail was put in the coffin and the final whistle was blown, Wolverines coming away victors and one step closer to a successful title defence.

GO WOLVERINES!

