

<b>Team: Wests Juniors U9 White</b>	<b>Opponents: Collingwood Park</b>
<b>Date: 28/4/2006</b>	<b>Venue: Wests Juniors</b>
<p>A fine, sunny morning greeted us at Oakman Park and as always, the lads were very keen to have a game. After a good win over Jindalee Jags the week before and a landslide of goals, we were hoping for a competitive and enjoyable game.</p> <p>Collingwood Park (CP) arrived with only seven players which immediately forced a re-shuffle in our rotation system to ensure most kids spent time assisting the opposing team to ensure a positive outcome for all. No need to ask for volunteers as 12 of the 13 boys were required to help CP throughout the game – well done lads! Ethan, Morgan Vile and Scott assisted CP in the first quarter and it took a few minutes for all to adjust. Wests dominated the quarter with excellent goals to Aidan, Max (running hard) and Morgan Gillet with the centre combination of Lachie, Ben, James and Angus combining well.</p> <p>The second quarter was much the same as the first with Wests general team play and eagerness for the ball ensuring CP struggled to get near their scoring zone. Ethan dominated the forward zone with several quality marks and goals. Scott was too big and strong and also managed a fine goal. Isaac, Brad and Ben helped CP and made the game a lot more competitive. Jack Middleton had a fine quarter running and marking well.</p> <p>Half time and the team wolfed down their ration of oranges and snakes and the team spirit was strong. Excellent rotations by Rohan meant we were tracking well and all lads had a chance to touch the leather. The third quarter was the most competitive as CP mounted a four goal scoring blitz, mainly due to the Wests players giving them drive. Angus scored two lovely goals for CP and Ben slotted a clever goal for Wests. A very tough quarter as our smaller centre line battled hard against their larger opponents. Special mention to Morgan Vile and Max for their tireless efforts. Thanks to Lachie and James as well for helping CP – two solid tackles by Ethan on James was an example of how committed the lads were. The boys seemed extra keen to "tackle" their fellow bulldogs on opposing sides throughout the game – Wests on Wests!</p> <p>At three quarter time, we had our noses in front and the dogs could smell victory. A few quick rotations and it was back to the action. A seven goal quarter by Wests buried CP and the handball and passing was a delight to watch. A highlight was the team's willingness to share the ball and look for their mates. A very exciting sign for the team. James belted three goals, Jack smacked three as well and Angus decided he'd kick one for us this time. Thanks to Max, Aidan and Morgan Gillet for helping CP. Strong efforts from our Captain, Ben, Brad and Lachie to keep the ball moving out of the centre.</p> <p>Final siren and a very good win to the dogs. They have adjusted well to the new 'tackle rule' and their team work is well ahead of what was expected so early in the season. They are bonding as a team and shared the ball with some quality kicks and hand balls. A very big pat on the back to all the boys with special mentions to Max, Jack, Ben, James and Ethan. Thanks to all the boys for helping CP and making the game a real contest – excellent attitude.</p> <p>Big thanks to Karen Sivijs for managing the team and also Rohan Teasdale as assistant coach. His bench rotation skills are just sensational. Also, thanks to the mums and dads who helped in the canteen, as ground marshal, first aid and goal umpires. Your support is vital. Next week, it's the Leopards Blue (Calamvale) at Calamvale College, 2503 Beaudesert Road, Calamvale, commencing 9.00am. See you there....</p> <p>As always, go doggies!!</p>	
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