

<b>Team: Wests Juniors U9 White</b>	<b>Opponents: Kenmore</b>
<b>Date: 12/5/2007</b>	<b>Venue: Wests</b>
<p>Another sunny Saturday morning at Oakman Park and we were up against one of our more 'traditional' rivals – usual prayers for rain during the week had no impact. The Wests lads were keen to play and Ethan led the team as Captain for the day.</p> <p>The first quarter was an indication of what was to come. Neither side gave an inch. It was obvious early that the skill levels were evenly matched. Wests centre line up was dominant early with James, Ben and Lachie teaming well. This allowed Aidan to kick a goal from a mark and set shot – perfect drop punt! Ethan and Brad moved the ball well out of defence which led to Jack running onto the ball and slotting a fine goal. Good team work all round. Kenmore managed an impressive goal late in the quarter.</p> <p>The second quarter was just as close as both team moved the ball well. Jack, Harrison and Aidan combined well in the middle and Scott battled hard to win the ball in the forwards. His kick and following big mark to Ethan resulted in Wests only goal for the quarter. Solid chasing from Isaac and Angus meant the ball spent a lot of time in our forwards and we kicked more behinds than goals! Handballs a highlight and good defensive work from Morgan Gillett and Harrison on the ball kept Kenmore to one goal.</p> <p>The usual half time feeding frenzy and much excitement in the huddle – a real game with plenty of positives. Into the premiership quarter and Wests would come out the better. Ethan and Isaac worked well in the centre feeding a hungry forward pack. Big Brad dominated with fine marking and two exciting goals. Morgan Vile and Ben fought hard when the ball hit the ground and hassled their opponents. Max, Harrison and Jack worried the Bears forwards keeping them to one goal with excellent pressure football.</p> <p>Then last quarter promised much and the Bears came home in a flurry. Second week in a row we've had to weather a last quarter barrage! Wests remained goal-less missing several shots on goal not going our way. James and Jack dominated the forward set up and Brad, Lachie and Ben battled tough opponents in the centre. Two goals to Kenmore did not reflect the close nature of the quarter with Isaac and Angus running hard in the backs, passing well to Ethan. Wonderful rebounding football from both ends. Both Morgan Vile and Morgan Gillett won the ball out of the packs with fine efforts.</p> <p>Both sides believe they fell over the line with the final siren, having kicked five goals apiece – our Team Manager advised we'll take a win by the finest of margins! A very impressive performance by both teams and compliments to Kenmore coaching staff and parents for the friendly nature of the game and the good spirit amongst players. Each week our skill levels improve and this team is looking very solid. Some work this week on manning up and we'll be tough to beat. Top performance all round.</p> <p>Usual thanks to Karen Sivijs for organising all support duties (and the scoring) and Rohan Teasdale as assistant coach for the very effective use of our rotation system. All lads getting a fair run at the leather! As always, thanks to the mums and dads for their support and assistance with their doggies. Next week, it's Sherwood White at <b>Oakman Park commencing 10.00am</b>. Be ready for goal umpiring, first aid, CANTEEN and a ground marshal duties mums and dads. Another rivalry round and a big home game to impress all Wests' supporters! See you there to cheer on the boys....</p> <p>As always, go doggies!!</p> <p><b>Quote: "The price of success is hard work, dedication to the job at hand, and the determination that whether we win or lose, we have applied the best of ourselves to the task at hand". -Vince Lombardi, US Pro Football Coach</b></p>	
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