

Team: Wests Juniors U9 White	Opponents: Sherwood White
Date: 19/5/2007	Venue: Wests
<p>Still no rain for the lads and we'll have to wait for next week and struggle on in the dust and dry! Another warm and very still Autumn morning and perhaps our greatest challenge so far this season. A full strength, Sherwood side whose teams are always well coached and well prepared. No Scott or Ben for us this week so a full game for the boys.</p> <p>After a few minutes of tough and physical football in the first quarter it was obvious Sherwood had come to play. They scored the first two goals through some slick play and Jack and Lachie battled hard in defence. Ethan dominated the centre with many possessions and with James, moved the ball well out of the centre which enabled Brad to team with Max and Aidan and kick two in a row for Wests. Sherwood closed out the quarter with a goal in a very tight and exciting contest</p> <p>The second quarter really resembled the first, good passing and marking from both teams and very 'free-flowing football'. Jack was leading well as Captain and scored a fine running goal after a smooth relay of handballs from Harrison, Max and Brad. It was a bump and bustle affair with Isaac letting Sherwood have a few decent tackles with Morgan Vile and Angus bustling hard at the ball. As always, Max had his head down and wrestled the ball to his team mates. Our defence held firm and allowed only one goal for the quarter.</p> <p>At half time, Sherwood may have been a touch ahead. The lads consumed the usual array of goodies and sought shelter from the sun. Energy levels were high and they were really enjoying the contest. Into the third quarter and the titanic struggle would continue. A great mark by Ethan, quick hands to Brad and a nice pass to James and we were unlucky not to score a great goal – sensational team work. Morgan Gillet came into his own with numerous handballs and Aidan was a stalwart in defence running the ball out. Angus chased and ran hard pressuring all Sherwood players. The only goal for the quarter to Sherwood and another draining session was over.</p> <p>A quick nod from coaching staff at the break that with two goals, we'd be close to home. To the doggies credit, they finished the game with all the running. Our mid sized dynamos in Ethan, Lachie and Angus ran in numbers and the two Morgans and Max were hard at the ball. Aidan hustled, Isaac harassed and Jack was leading from the front. The momentum was ours enabling Brad to snap a beautiful goal and Harrison slotted a controversial goal after a nice pass. Great marking Brad. Credit to James who kept their BIG man right out of the game. Our defensive game was brilliant and no goals to Sherwood!</p> <p>At the siren, both teams reckon it was close to a tie – what a game! Another impressive performance by both teams and again, compliments to Sherwood coaching staff and players for the friendly nature of the game. Our skill levels were very impressive and the team's confidence is sky-high. The last quarter exemplified what a capable bunch of dogs are in this kennel.</p> <p>Usual thanks to Karen Sivijs for organising all support duties (and the scoring) and Rohan Teasdale as assistant coach and his ability to adjust 'under pressure'. As always, thanks to the mums and dads for their support and assistance with their doggies. Next week, we're at home against Forrest Lake commencing 9.00am. Goal umpiring, first aid, CANTEEN and a ground marshal duties are up for grabs again mums and dads. Let's get the BBQ going nice and early.... As always, go doggies!!</p> <p><i>Quote: 'The sports page records people's accomplishments; The front page nothing but their failures'. Justice Earl Warren</i></p>	
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