

## 2021 Boys Touch Football Report

On Tuesday 8th June the Western Suburbs/Wiley Park Boys Touch Football team competed at the Sydney East carnival. The best touch players from the 189 schools in the region would all be attending.

Our preparation was not ideal as the wet weather meant that there were little opportunities to train and get our combinations right. Also Brandon from Croydon Park was a late withdrawal after hurting his knee at rugby league training the night before.

Our first game was against Georges River/Botany. We started strongly to lead 4-1 at half time. A second half full of errors meant the final score of 5-2 was not a true indication of our skill level. Tries scored by; Ezekiel x 2, Rhys, Matteo and Xander.

Our second game was against Sutherland/Engadine. The goal line defense in this game was outstanding. We stopped many certain tries and were able to go up the other end and score. Two tries to Sutherland/Engadine in the last three minutes had the coaches biting their finger nails but we held on to win 4-3. Tries scored by; William x 2, Isaac and Matteo.

Cronulla had easily won their previous two games and we knew it was going to be the toughest game of the day. We let in two early tries but fought back to be down 3-2 at half time. The second half was not our best and we lost 5-3 to the eventual winners. Tries scored by; Darby x 2 and Ezekiel.

We had lots of errors and bad defensive reads against Easts/Coastal which made the game closer than it should have been. We ended up winning 6-4 which was a credit to the boys for getting the result even when not playing out our best. Tries scored by; Isaac x 3, Ezekiel x 2 and William.

Our final game of the day was against Souths/Balmain. This was our best game of the day which included one attacking play which went from sideline to sideline three times with over 30 passes. We ended up winning 7-3. Tries scored by; Isaac x 2, Ezekiel x 2, Finn, Rhys and Ty.

We finished the carnival second overall which is an exceptional effort.

We were lucky enough to have 5 students selected in the possibles v probables game. Ezekiel (Summer Hill), Isaac (Abbotsford), William (Haberfield), Darby (Strathfield North) and Matteo (Strathfield North) performed strongly and impressed the selectors. Isaac, Darby and Matteo were chosen in the final Sydney East team to compete at the NSWPSA carnival in August.

All boys were perfectly behaved and a credit to their schools.

Mr Cleary/Miss Simpson  
Coaches

Mr Robinson  
Manager



Mr Cleary, Ezekiel (Summer Hill), Darby (Strathfield North), Xander (McCallums Hill), Matteo (Strathfield North), William (Haberfield), Miss Simpson.

Rhys (Abbotsford), Finn (Strathfield North), Isaac (Abbotsford), Ty (Mortlake)