

# T H E P A U L K E L L Y C U P



Last Thursday BDC U12s AFL team played in the second round of The Paul Kelly Cup at The Leisure Park Oval. The whole team were really excited and pumped for the day. Although we were only going to play one game, we all knew that if we won we would be going to go to Sydney and that was really appealing!

The bus trip was very loud and everyone was excited and ready for the day, our coach Charlie Martin who is in Yr 10 was also pretty excited to get us to the next level. When we arrived we got our shirts and boots on and we started kicking and passing the ball around. Then we saw our opponents come off the bus, they were from Yamba and they looked pretty experienced.

Then we all got to practise some skills with a professional guy called Goose. He was also the main ref for The Paul Kelly Cup. We learnt about some of the basics and also learnt some other skills. After quite a while, we were all pretty tired and went and got a drink and a bit of a feed.

Gradually we were all getting a bit more nervous, then we watched the girls finals with Nambucca winning against Yamba. Finally we got called on and our game started.

The ball got thrown up and Sonny, who was in our ruck, was outstanding. He hit the ball to Pablo who was already on the run, then Pablo kicked it down the field to Daniel and he

kicked the first goal. We were off to a good start. We were working really well together and we all knew where everybody was. After the third goal we all seemed pretty confident and felt like we were playing well. Yamba only scored 12 points in the first half and in the second half we didn't concede any goals. Towards the end we continued to work hard as a team and knew we had the win. The final score was 56 to 12 which was a great win for us and even better that Charlie bought us icypole from the canteen.

We all can't wait to play together as a team in the next round in Sydney on Monday 12th of September. Wish us luck!

Thank you to Mrs Hilton for organising us to participate in these events and for Mrs Martin and Charlie for training us. We were really happy that Charlie got to take time off school to come and coach us on the day.

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