

2009 WABL & SBL FINALS WEEKEND



August 8th & 9th



Sutherland Basketball Stadium

SBL Division 1 Women **Semi Final Central Coast Crusaders v Wagga Blaze**

A tight battle was contested between the two teams. For the first three quarters it was a real arm wrestle with both teams trading baskets. A physical and fast tempo was set early in the game with the guards showing the way in Hallyar from the Blaze & Hillman and Hughes from the Crusaders. Hugo and Black battled it out in the paint to try and gain their teams the upper hand in a low scoring affair the Crusaders had the lead at the end of the first 11-8.

The Crusaders found some form in the 2nd quarter running in uncontested lay ups off some great transition play. The Blaze refused to go away in true traditional form staying in touch with the crusaders to trail by 1 point at the end of the major break 22- 23.

The third and forth quarters belonged to the crusaders as the Wagga's offence dried up only scoring 3 points in the 4th quarter to the crusaders 24.

Wagga continued to put up shots but couldn't find the bottom of the net on too many occasions whilst the crusaders were converting just about everything at their end.

With 3 mins to go the crusaders jumped out to a comfortable 17 point lead and managed to go on with it to eventually run out winners by 21 points putting a end to Wagga's final campaign 71 – 50.