

## 2009 WABL & SBL FINALS WEEKEND



August 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>



### Sutherland Basketball Stadium

#### SBL Youth League Men Division 2

##### Blacktown Storm v Ryde Bulls

After Blacktown flew out of the blocks to establish an early lead they were pulled back by Ryde in a physical opening to the game.

Both teams weren't giving their opponents any clear shots. While Barquez was controlling the offence effectively for Blacktown, all Ryde players contributed to their offence, and Ryde ended the quarter with a 3 point lead. 13 - 10

The second quarter was similar to the first with defensive pressure being applied by both teams. Blacktown began to control game as they went on a 10 zip run. Just as it appeared that Blacktown were going to run away with the game, Ryde stepped up offensively. In particular, Flint was strong for Ryde landing some critical shots. Both teams traded threes to end the half with Blacktown up by 8 at the main break. Blacktown 34 to 26

The third quarter saw both teams trading baskets until Ryde took the initiative and to outscore Blacktown to reduce to deficit to a mere point. Ryde had all the momentum going into the 4<sup>th</sup> as it seemed they could do no wrong and started the 4<sup>th</sup> with a handy 4 point lead. Ryde 51 - 47

Ryde started strong, scoring 10 of the first 12 points to establish a formidable 12 point buffer with seven to play. Ryde were never headed in the last quarter with Blacktown trying everything to counter Ryde's cool determination. The game ended with an impressive 16 point victory to the Ryde Bulls. 76 - 60