

Football Report

Intermediate

Herald Shield Semi Final

St Patrick's College 15 – 12 – 102 Defeated Marcellin College 3 – 3 – 21

Goal Kickers: 5 Strahan Robinson, 2 Ollie Hannaford, 2 Ned Renfree, Ned Bennett 1 , Jacob Britt , Sam McDonald 1, James Reineits, 1 Brayden Wright 1.

Best Players: Ned Renfree, Strahan Robinson, Jack Jarvis, Jack Ough, Ned Bennett, Ollie Hannaford

The SPC Intermediate boys are on their way to a Herald Sun Shield Final next Tuesday against Parade College.

The boys were able to defeat Marcellin College by 81 points at Craigieburn.

Ned Renfree, Jack Ough and Ollie Hannaford performed well, in the mid field with Will Stevens competing very well in the ruck.

Up forward Strahan Robinson slotted five majors, ably assisted by small forwards Calvin Perris-Chong and James Reineits. Ned Bennett's kicking into forward 50 set up many scoring opportunities for the SPC team. Defensively, Brodie Wells held his opponent goalless at full back and Ollie Morris, Sam Duggan and Jack Jarvis held Marcellin goalless until late in the third quarter.

The challenge is ahead for the intermediate boys and next week's Grand Final and it will be a tremendous test.

John Richards

Intermediate Coach

Senior

Herald Shield Semi Final

1st XVIII

St Patrick's College 10 – 7 - 67 Defeated Emmanuel College 5 – 6 - 36

Goal Kickers: Brady Wright, Max Filmer, Beau Tedcastle 2, Harry Lawson, Jack Jeffrey, Joe Fraser, Will Quinlan 1.

Best Players: Lachie Charleson, James Clark, Khy Jess, James Van Es, Brady Wright.

Our much-anticipated Herald Sun Shield Semi-Final clash saw us travel to Craigieburn to take on Emmanuel College, Warrnambool. Emmanuel had defeated Macauley College (Bendigo) to win their way through to the semi's. In slippery conditions, after morning rain, the game started at a frantic pace with both teams applying huge amounts of pressure. SPC recorded 26 1%er's for the quarter, which was our highest recording for the entire year. Emmanuel made the most of their forward entries by kicking 3 goals from only 5 entries, while we could only manage 2 goals from 8 entries.

After making some adjustments at ¼ time our midfielders lifted and managed to even the ledger after being clearly beaten around the stoppages in the first ¼. Lachie Charleson, James Van Es and Ethan McKercher led the way in and around the contest. Our backs held on grimly after several repeat entries and our forwards created space over the back as we scored running into open goals. We took a 1-point lead into the main break.

The half-time address largely focused on the need for us to win the contested ball, be cleaner in the contest and then to spread and lift the number of uncontested marks and force Emmanuel to defend us. We had also given away a high number of free kicks, which was very uncharacteristic, our discipline needed to be better. The forwards had to lift their work rate by presenting higher and rolling up, as our opposition were pressing the ball in their half to great effect. With a clear focus, the response from the boys was sensational.

We started winning clearances, our defenders, led by James Clark, locked down and reduced the number of marks our opposition were taking forward of centre. Khy Jess and Alex Molan started to influence the contest and Brady Wright was providing a huge presence across the half forward line. We managed to kick 2 goals to 1 but the momentum had swung.

The boys had responded to the challenge, but we still had to “win” the game by attacking it. Our mids took complete control and won the stoppage count 9 to 1 in the last ¼. This allowed our offensive spread to become more effective as we registered 10 uncontested marks to their 2. We again registered 26 1%er’s, which highlighted our willingness to work for our teammate and do the expected and predictable thing. We slammed on 4 goals to zero, to run out 31-point winners. Jack Jeffrey kicked all important first goal and dangerous forward Beau Tedcastle hit the scoreboard, kicking 2 clever goals. We were able to totally control the last ¼ as we maintained possession and eventually wore our opposition down. The boys should be congratulated for responding, after really being challenged. We now turn our attention to the Herald Sun Shield final against ACC school Whitefriars, next Wednesday, at a venue to be confirmed.

Thank you to all the staff and parents who travelled to Craigieburn to support the boys, it was certainly appreciated by the entire group.

Gavin Webb
1st XVIII Coach