

Football Report – Week 3

Congratulations to **Tom McDonald** who played his 200th senior AFL game for the Melbourne Football Club last weekend. Tom was a boarder at St Patrick's College, completing his Year 12 studies in 2010. Tom had a significant influence upon the College combining his studies with his football commitments. Tom obtained an ATAR score of 94.5 whilst he was a member of the 2010 Herald Shield premiership side. Tom continues to have a distinguished career with the Melbourne Football Club, having played more senior AFL games than anyone else on their list. Outside of football, in 2020, Tom graduated with a commerce degree from Melbourne University. We wish Tom well and congratulate him on this outstanding achievement.



Congratulations to the following players, whom have been selected in the Greater Western Victoria Rebels squad to compete in the NAB U/18 competition this year



James Clark



Jesse Cairns



Deng Lual



Alex Molan



Reggie Palmer Brayden Purchase Josh Sparkman James van Es Brady Wright



Rory Gunsser Khy Jess Ethan McKercher Fred Valpied



Jack O'Brien Isaac Hucker Reggie Palmer Beau Tedcastle

Junior Programme

SPC Gold-Nunan (Junior) 14 – 13 - 97 Defeated Grammar 0 – 1 - 1

Goal Kickers SPC Bold: Charlie Barrance 5, Ned Charleson 4, Josh Elliott 2, Darcy Sheridan 1, Xavier Johnston 1, Ned Porter 1

Best Players White: Game Namtho, Charlie Barrance, Ned Charleson

Round one of the BAS Junior season saw the SPS Gold run out easy winners. Welcoming in true football weather conditions we played in wet and cold conditions at Grammar. The shape of the ground reminded me of Glenferrie oval with the ground being long and narrow, rather like a running track. The difference was that there were no chestnuts for sale!

An aside to the report, in my excitement when ‘calling’ the lads at the gym, I left the bag with the football behind (nice bag BTW). I rang Tom Ferg. to ask if he had come across the bag and without changing stride, Tom said that he had picked it up and Tina was on her way to Grammar with it. People, that’s why I love being a member of the St. Pat’s mob. Thanks Tom and Director of short, enough said.

Upon disembarking from the bus at Grammar, I was met by Dean, from BG, who suggested I might go easy on the Grammar boys as most were 7’s. Dean turned out to be spot on. The Grammar team played a lot better after quarter time and offered solid opposition at the contest but by then the result was all but decided – 7 goals 3 behinds to nil.

A chance meeting with John Richards today gave me the impetus and direction to give a clear and direct message to the lads. Essentially, he said, we should continue the SPC tradition of waving the SPC flag vigorously, especially in round one. That we did. Certainly, we will face much stronger opposition as the season continues, but it was a good opening to say the least.

Most pleasing was the way our lads carried themselves when they graced the field today. The lads represented SPC and their families very well, I was so proud of them. Two dads were present – terrific. The boys respected the opposition and the umpire(s). A special mention and thanks to Brayden Wright (boarder and Champion) who umpired today. Brayden is a serious asset to the program, sincere thanks goes to Brayden.

Mike Kent and Brendan Dixie (SPC Gold Junior Coaches)

SPC Gold 19 – 13 - 127 Defeated BHS 0 – 1 – 1

Best Players: Ned Charleson, Game Namtho, Ruot Lual, Riley and Lachie Huebner, Darcy Sheridan, Xavier Johnston and Damon Cherry

The junior gold boys travelled to BHS for the 2nd round of matches.

Upon arrival we had 17 players ready to go but BHS only had 15. We gave them a player each quarter to even up the game at 16 a side.

It was all one-way traffic once the ball was bounced as the onballers were dominating the opposition. Ruot Luel winning in the ruck along with Ned Charleson and Game Namtho, the forwards were presented with many opportunities to score. The 2 Lachies,(Huebner and vander Horst) put majors on the board with one of the year 7 boys Xavier Johnston adding another before Charleson showed his class by completing the goal kicking for the quarter 4 - 3 - 27 to 0.

The coach decided to leave the players at the ends they were so the backs became the forwards and the forwards became the backs.

The second quarter was another scoring spree with Mako Soloman kicking 2 and Josh Elliott 1 goal but inaccuracy cost the team a better quarter with 6 behinds registered, 7 9 51 to 0.

The second half was better for both teams as SPC Gold added another 12 goals and only 4 behinds and BHS scored their only behind for the day which was greeted by applause and cheers amongst their players.

A big thank you to the 4 boys who turned their jumpers inside out and played for the BHS team. The umpire deserves a congratulations too, as he handled the game well allowing the boys to play free flowing football.

It will be great to have Mr Kent back in a couple of weeks after the bye.

Mr Dix

SPC Green 5- 9- 39 defeated BGS 3- 8- 26

Best players: Ethan Drever; Eddie Dekker; Aiden McGuigan; Cooper Beseler; Lachie Squire; Finley Dalziel; Jack Manley

Anticipation was evident as SPC Green's Round 1 encounter with Ballarat Grammar approached.

After a meeting on Monday to outline expectations and determine the nature of the group, enthusiastic youngsters awaited the posting of the line-up on Wednesday morning.

Such passion is an immensely promising sign as it is hard to manufacture; it must come from within.

The on-field set-up looked strong, but the proof would be in the proverbial pudding.

A significant indication of match performance is what occurs before the game. Players were punctual in their arrival at the venue; all were correctly attired; there was not one mouthguard missing. The warm-up was focused; in football, a side which does the simple things well will have much success, hence the focus on handballing across the body; getting down low to collect the ground ball; correct chest marking and overhead marking techniques with the wet weather in mind; protecting the head when tackling; and kicking the ball with some height and out in front of one's teammate, allowing the teammate to run onto the Sherrin.

The game plan was simple too. If the ball was won out of the middle, send it straight down the centre corridor; if the ball was in the defensive half, take it wide, move it down the wing, and then funnel it towards goal when in the offensive half.

That said, a game plan will only be effective if it can be implemented and implement it SPC Green did. From the outset, there was an awareness that sticking to instruction would result in success.

As the game proceeded, there was notable development in the realms of taking the first option (and, linked to this, was creative and instinctive handball, releasing players into the open); keeping the forward 50 metre zone open; holding positions; and getting the ball to the fat side of the ground to avoid congestion.

The victory was even more satisfying given the strength of the team from the Grammar School. Exceedingly noble in defeat, the group from the other side of the lake possessed some serious talent, including a couple of lads who reminded observers of Carlton icon, Anthony Koutoufides, and modern-day Western Bulldogs superstar, Marcus Bontempelli, big-bodied midfielders who would have historically played key post or in the ruck.

The conduct of the players was exemplary; the effort was monumental; and the execution of skills and game plan was enormously encouraging.

James Couzens Junior (SPC Green Coach)

Intermediate Programme

St Patrick's College Green 9 – 8 - 62 Defeated St Patrick's College Blue 8 – 3 - 51

SPC Blue Best: Noah Svanosio, Tesloach Lual, Tom Palmer and Angus Jones.

SPC Blue Goal Kickers: Noah Svanosio 5, Tom Palmer and Nathan Jolly.

A St Pats derby to kick off the BAS school footy year was always going to offer a salivating first game. It was a tightly contested match with neither side able to fully capitalise on the strong breeze favouring the south end of Hill Oval. SPC Blue's midfield was easy to watch, with Tesloach Lual dominating the ruck taps, thus making Tom Palmers, and D Clarks life easy as midfielders. It wasn't until the 2nd quarter that SPC Blue kicked into gear, N Svanosio booted 4 majors in a 15-minute period, which brought Blue into reaching distance at the half time break. Heading into the last quarter, Blue needed to only kick 3 goals to establish a lead, with the strong breeze and kicking the first goal of the quarter, it seemed within reach, however the stoic performance of SPC Greens defence held us strong. Well done to all involved.

Mr Matt Miller & Mr Sam Cue

BHS 7 – 4 - 46

Defeated

SPC Blue 3 – 8 - 26

SPC Blue Best: Cooper Glenwright, D Clark, Tashaun Wright, Tesloach Lual, Hugh Jackson

SPC Blue Goal Kickers: Nick Svanosio 2, Cooper Glenwright 1

An undermanned SPC Blue side faced perfect conditions against a formidable BHS Year 10 side. SPC's back six had to deal with the tall forwards of BHS and did so with tenacity. Lead strongly by Angus Jones. Cooper Glenwright proved to be an important play, winning plenty of the contested ball who was well served by the fine ruck work of Tesloach Lual. Heading into the sheds at the half break, SPC was marginally ahead with no team able to break the deadlock. The 3rd quarter once again proved to be our Achilles heel, leading four crucial goals. Hugh Jackson played an important role as a physical presence in our forward line; however, it was not enough to stop the force of BHS.

Matt Miller (SPC Blue Coach)

Senior Programme

2nd XVIII

SPC Blue 4 – 4 – 28

Defeated

Damascus 3 – 4 – 22

Goal Kickers SPC Blue: M. Boyer, Z. Lee, J. Kovacevic, K. Anderson 1

Best Players Blue: B. Purchase, J. Kovacevic, R. Dunn, L. Farnsworth, M. Bowden

2nd XVIII football is back, and first up SPC Blue had to tackle Damascus College at Ballarat High School. Conditions weren't ideal as there was a very strong breeze blowing across the oval which turned the game into a real scrap from the beginning. SPC started quite well, controlling the play for much of the first half. Goals from Mary Boyer and Ziggy Lee in the first quarter against the breeze gave us a handy lead going into the second quarter.

With the wind helping a little in the 2nd quarter the game was played mostly in SPC's forward half, unfortunately we couldn't hit the scoreboard as much as we would have liked with Jack Kovacevic getting on the end of a brilliant pass from Marty Boyer to kick our only goal. Damascus had most their numbers in our back half which caused a lot of congestion and difficulty in getting any good looks at goal. With only a few minutes to go in the first half and all the play, Damascus managed to get out the back of our defence on 2 occasions and score goals to put themselves back in the game.

The second half was a real stalemate, low scoring and hard contested footy. SPC squandered a few opportunities late to put the game away and it went down to the wire with SPC being able to hang on late to get the win. We will walk away with the 4 points but with plenty of things to try and improve for next week. Well done boys.

Jarrett Giampaolo (SPC Blue Coach)

SPC White (Year 10) 28 – 15 - 183 Defeated Phoenix College 4 – 1 - 25

Goal Kickers SPC White: Ned Renfree 4, Nick Salter 4, Strahan Robinson 3, Paddy O'Brien 2, Jack Ough 2, Jacob Britt 1, Axel Caldow 1, Jack Jarvis 1, Max Treweek 1, 1 Campbell Lloyd 1, Brayden Wright 1, Archie Caldow 1

Best Players White: Ned Renfree, Jack Ough, Campbell Lloyd, Nedd Bennett, Jack Jarvis, Nick Salter

Round one of the BAS 2nd XVIII season saw the SPS White team take on the boys from Phoenix Secondary College. In what was a one sided but well contested affair, every player on the SPC side made a positive contribution.

The SPC midfield lead by Ned Renfree and Jack Ough provided plenty of drive into the forward line where Paddy O'Brien and Strahan Robinson provided dangerous targets.

Campbell Lloyd, Oliver Morris and Jack Jarvis played very well on the wings with small forward Nick Salter hitting the score board on multiple occasions.

This win has set a sound foundation for round 2 and the remainder of the season.

A good start lads.

John Richards (SPC White Coach)

SPC Blue 8 – 18 – 66 Defeated SPC White 4 – 4 – 28

Best Players Blue: Blake Kelly, Marty Boyer, Ben Gibcus, Edward Turner, Hamish Thompson

Goals SPC Blue: Ben Gibcus 2, Sam Litras, Marty Boyer, Edward Turner, Ethan Horsburgh, Cooper McKenzie, Blake Kelly 1

Best Players White: Sam Duggan, Will Britt, Ollie Morris, Sam McDonald, Will Stevens Jack Jarvis

Goals SPC White: Jack Jarvis 2, Axel Caldow, Brayden Wright 1

In round 2 of the BAS 2nd XVIII competition, the Yr. 10 SPC White boys played the SPC Blue team.

After many late changes to both sides due to illness and injury we settled on two teams of capable men to play on a beautiful Ballarat evening on the newly renovated Main Oval.

The Blue boys threw everything they had at the Year 10 lads but were wasteful in front of goal posting eighteen behinds. This kept the younger boys of the SPC White team in the game.

It was pleasing to see some of the White team's layers stand up under difficult circumstances. Sam Duggan made an immediate impact on the halfback flank; he used the ball well and never shirked a contest. The same could be said of Will Brit who did well in the middle as well as in defence.

SPC Blue used their bigger bodies in the contest to take control for times throughout the game with Blake Kelly finding the ball at will and Ben Gibcus being lively up forward. If it wasn't for wasted opportunities in front of goal, some SPC Blue boys could have been in for a big day on the stats sheet.

For SPC White, Sam McDonald and Ollie Morris also provided plenty of drive around the ground and at stoppages where Will Stevens contested courageously in the ruck for the entire game. In defence, Brodie Wells played his role well on the Blue team's key forwards and Jack Jarvis posted two goals when he was moved forward. SPC Blue had plenty of winners across the ground and Eddie Turners pace was on show with many running bounces and a great goal to go with it. A game played in good spirits, well done boys.

Jarrett Giampaolo (SPC Blue) & John Richards (SPC White)

SPC Green 9 – 7 – 61

Defeated

Damascus 2 – 6 – 18

Goal Kickers: Deegan Craig-Peters 2, Jack James 2, Mitch Hutson 2, Ned Gorman 1,

Best Players: Gus Toll, Luke Smith, Toby Martin, Angus Murnane, Leo Turnbull-Gent, Deegan Craig-Peters, Cooper Murley.

Tuesday 10th of May saw SPC Green take on Damascus College in round 2 of the BAS 2nd XVIII comp. After a bye in the first round the boys were keen to get out and play their first match for the season. With injuries and illness we had several players unavailable, but with plenty of notice we were able to call on the emergencies and field a very competitive side. Cooper Murley took the reigns as captain and after a few inspirational words had the boys fired up.

Whatever Cooper said worked as we dominated the first quarter kicking 5 – 2 - 32 to Damascus 1 – 0 - 6 . Deegan Craig-Peters kicked the first 2 goals and then Jack James, Toby Martin and Ned Gorman also converted. Luke Smith and Gus Toll were instrumental in the centre, capitalising on Angus Murnane's work in the ruck.

In the second term, we rotated our players around, the mix worked well as we kicked 3 goals and managed to keep Damascus to a paltry 3 behinds. Mitch Hutson kicked the first of his 2 majors. At half time we had a comfortable lead. SPC 8.4.52 to Damascus 1.3.9

As we continued to throw the magnets around, we were able to see every player in different positions. The scoring slowed up as we only managed to kick 1 goal in the second half. But pleasingly we didn't allow Damascus to outscore us. Overall, a very good effort first up with plenty of opportunities for all players to play multiple positions.

Steven Biggin

SPC Green 2nd XVIII Coach

1st XVIII

SPC 1st XVIII 31 – 15 – 201

Defeated

BGS 2 – 1 - 13

Goal Kickers: Brady Wright 10, Beau Tedcastle 9, Isaac Hucker 4, Joe Fraser 2, Josh Sparkman, Ned Renfree, James Clark, Brayden Purchase, Marty Boyer, Deng Lual.

Best Players: Brady Wright, Beau Tedcastle, James Clark, Josh Huxtable, Max Faulkner.

The 1st XVIII BAS season commenced on the newly re-developed SPC Main Oval v Ballarat Grammar. After a successful pre-season cluster of 5 practice matches against quality opposition teams from the APS, ACC and AGSV our attention now turns to the local BAS Season. We welcomed back many of our Rebel's NAB League listed players but had to deal with illness and injury, with six players pulling out of the selected side. We are blessed to have a huge amount of depth in our playing ranks, as we were able to bring in quality players, some who had played 2nd's the night before. Ned Renfree made his debut, which was exciting for him and is a great effort as a year 10.

The senior Leadership group was announced earlier in the week after a player vote. James Clark was named captain with Joe Fraser and James Van Es vice-captains, the boys commitment, enthusiasm and passion for the group and jumper is evident in the way they lead, well done boys.

The boys burst out of the blocks, dominating the clearances, and getting the ball in quick to our forwards. Brady Wright and Beau Tedcastle were outstanding and were a constant threat, their aerial skills and accurate kicking for goal a real highlight. We slammed on 9 goals 5, to nothing from 16 entries, which is extremely efficient. There were some super pieces of play as the boys showcased their skills, moving the ball briskly and directly.

A lapse in the first 10 minutes of the 2nd quarter was a lesson in respecting the opposition and the fact that you must be prepared to do the team things, win the contested ball, be accountable and to not deviate from what worked in the first quarter. We kicked a few goals late to win the quarter by 4 goals to 1. A lift in intensity was required!

In the 2nd half the boys really did put the foot down, controlling all aspects of the play, with the majority of the game being played in our forward half. The magnets got thrown around, giving others an opportunity to get involved in the play. James Clark, Josh Huxtable, Max Faulkner, Lachie Charleson and Deng Lual were all influential and were able to bring others into the play. Brady Wright finished with 10 goals, an amazing display of aerial brilliance and very accurate kicking for goal. Beau Tedcastle managed an incredible 9 goals, his goal sense and ability to crumb the ball is first class.

We now look forward to hosting our traditional rivals, Clarendon College, next Wednesday on the main oval.

Gavin Webb

1st XVIII Coach