

# SPC Sport Report – Term 3, Week 7

Term 3 Sport is in full swing, and it is fantastic to see our teams back on the court and pitch after two years of cancellations.

## Soccer

### Round 6 SPC verse BCC Black

#### Result: SPC Seniors 1 def Ballarat College 0

**Best:** Connor Nelson Higgins, Nicholas Hontzogloy, Matt Michalik, Josh Remington, Oscar Cherry, Lachlan Hodge, Rex Van Berkel, Gabe Thompson-Newbury, Sean Weigall

**Goals:** Chan Bar

The top of the table clash finally arrived on a cold and wet afternoon on the College oval. It was a tight contest. We were not dominant but never looked in trouble due to the excellent performance from our whole backline and keeper Lachlan Hodge.

College started promisingly with both wingers proving troublesome with their natural speed. It took ten minutes before Oscar Cherry was able to smother the danger from their right winger with a number of tight defensive manoeuvres and then turned the screw on him with dashes up into our attack. On the other side of the pitch their speedy small player looked dangerous with his pure speed but our protection on the left were able to close him down with tight defence due to Dayne Allen-Wythes and Rex Van Berkel. Our defensive line was excellent in the first half especially and Matt Michalik was fast and sure footed reading the play beautifully. Nicholas Hontzogloy was mopping up from defensive midfield but a few passes from the centre of the park were not reaching targets. Connor Nelson Higgins was called upon to stop a number of dangerous attacks and Gabe Thompson-Newbury continued to stand tall heading the ball out of danger or meeting the challenges head on from centre back.

College continued to be a threat but were continually pushed wide and frustrated. The game was swinging our way, and Nicholas Hontzogloy produced the game breaker with an excellent surge through the middle and perfectly directed pass to Chan Bar. Chan took the ball and surged forward, moving onto his preferred side before unleashing the perfect ball into the top right for what turned out to be the winning goal.

The second half saw Connor Nelson Higgins control a lot of ball through the midfield. He continually baffled their centremen as he cut across their lines and delivered onto our left wing where Josh Remington was on fire down the flank. He continually doubled back and surged past his opponents to give us numerous opportunities in the goal area. We scored off one of these opportunities but unfortunately the whistle had gone before our play-on put the ball in the back of the net. The effort probably was enough to put any danger from College to sleep though and they did not threaten afterwards, other than a few wayward shots from way out of goals.

This was a match that suggests we will need to tighten up to ensure a win in the Grand Final match which most likely will be on the Morshead synthetic in two weeks' time. Certainly, we played well in the conditions and showed that we could weather the storm that College started the game with. Overall, St Patrick's Seniors played well all over the ground and are obviously keen to take this form and confidence to the FV Victoria Schools Cup Competition at Darebin this Friday.

Tony Beggs (1<sup>st</sup> XI Coach)

## BAS Lap of the Lake

The BAS Lap of the Lake was held on Wednesday, 24 August in very wet conditions. Results will be posted in the next newsletter once the official results come through.

Thank you to John Richards, Amanda Rossato, Shane Hayes, Simon Dwyer and Harvey Woodburn for assisting with the event.

## **SPC Sport Uniform**

All sport uniforms can be purchased at the College Shop. Students need to ensure they are in the correct uniform to participate. The general sport uniform is the navy blue polo top, navy shorts and white socks. Certain sports will require very specific clothing e.g. Soccer will need to purchase SPC soccer shorts and socks and Basketball will need to purchase SPC Basketball shorts. Students should check with their coach as to what is required.

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