

# SPC Sport Report – Term 1, Week 10

## Rowing

Our Senior 1st crew travelled to Lake Barrington in Tasmania to compete in three events at the National Rowing Championships

The crew had an outstanding regatta claiming a bronze medal in the Men's U19 4+ and gold medal in the Schoolboy 4+

The schoolboy final was a hard-fought race into headwind conditions, SPC lead from the start and were never threatened, Ballarat Grammar finished 2nd, reversing the HOTL order.

This is only the fourth time SPC has won a National title in Rowing, so it is a great achievement for the boys after months of hard work.

Well done to Austin Reinehr, Jake Polkinghorne, Tom Foley, Angus Murnane, Edward Peucker and Brendan Scott (Coach).

## Golf

On Tuesday, March 23 we had 24 students represent St Patrick's College at the BAS Golf Championships. It was a great day with perfect weather for scoring. We had a large number of entries in both the 9 and 18 hole competitions. Clearly the largest school in terms of participation. There were some excellent scores, and St Patrick's won the teams competition easily.

Congratulations to the prize winners listed below.

Out First IV will now participate in the prestigious AGSV golf championship in Melbourne early in term 2. One of the very few State-wide trophies SPC is yet to win. Our team for the AGSV tournament will be Kacee Kirwan-Hamilton (Golf Captain), Noah Ryan, Lachlan Barratt, and Brayden Purchase.

### **9 HOLE – Junior Boys**

1<sup>st</sup> Andrew Gittins SPC (46)

2<sup>nd</sup> Lachlan McPhan SPC (47)

### **9 HOLE – Senior Boys**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reuban Haase SPC (43)

### **18 HOLE – Junior Boys**

3<sup>rd</sup> Lachlan Barratt SPC (87)

### **18 HOLE – Senior Boys**

2<sup>nd</sup> Kacee Kirwan-Hamilton (73)

### **TEAM EVENT (TOP 3 SCORES)**

1<sup>st</sup> SPC – 28

2<sup>nd</sup> MCC – 51

3<sup>rd</sup> BCC – 59

4<sup>th</sup> BG - 79

## Tennis

Congratulations to our Seniors 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> IV Tennis teams that both made it to the finals.

Our 1<sup>st</sup> team were defeated by a very strong team from Ballarat Grammar and our 2<sup>nds</sup> were narrowly defeated by BCC with the match coming down to games.

Well done to all the boys that represented SPC in tennis this term and thank you to Mr Magee and Mr Young for coaching.

## Cricket

### Junior Cricket

BAS Junior Cricket – Round 6

SPC 4/144 (18 overs) tied with BCC Black 4/144 (18 overs)

With clouds looming and rain threatening, SPC Green ventured to Vic Park 7 & 8 for their round 6 clash with BCC Black. Luckily for SPC Green, SPC White's game with BHS was cancelled, freeing up some much needed players to top up our squad of 10 confirmed players. On field 8, the BCC openers got off to a strong start, not losing a wicket until the fifth over when Ryder O'Brien made the breakthrough with the help of a sharp catch by Charles Jones. Many lofted shots by the BCC batsmen teased our fielders as they went on to score 4/144 after 18 overs in the allotted time. Wicket takers for SPC Green were Henry Reinehr, Lenny Ward and Cody Breen who clean bowled the BCC number 7 batsman with the last ball of the innings.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> XI

#### St Patrick's Green v St Patrick's Blue

Main Oval 18 Mar 21

Cricket in Australia is often played in stinking hot weather, a hard astro-turf pitch and a dry outfield. But on the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 2021 the conditions at the Main Oval were pristine. Not too hot or cold. A mild breeze. A fair wicket and a beautifully manicured ground, with a slight haze from recent fires. The setting and haze reminded me of playing in England. The perfect setting for the local derby against St Patrick's Blue, who had beaten us soundly in the first round.

From the outset we were in trouble, with a depleted squad, which was much a result of commitments to impending finals. 'Wicket Keeper' Jarvis and 'Pretty Boy' Heafield were noticeably absent, which was a blow. Luke Smith 'The Six Million Dollar Man' was unanimously voted to captain the side of only 8 players. He opened the batting with 'Mr Cricket' Bray and they batted solidly for a stand of 26, with Bray falling run out for 21, which included 4 fours.

On field 7, the SPC Green openers dug in, denying the BCC bowlers any success. The early high run rate tapered off in the middle order, but thankfully picked up in the latter overs. Henry Reinehr (12), Jack Pearce (0), Ash Klein (21) and Lochie Patterson (13) all faced their allotted 20 deliveries before retiring. Amal Hari contributed a quick fire 17, while Ryder O'Brien added a very handy 19 not out. Both teams conceded many extras which helped bolster their respective opponent's score. In the end, after a count back to the 18 over mark, scores were tied at 4/144 apiece. A fitting and worthy way to end such an even and friendly game of cricket.

#### SPC Blue into the 2020/2021 BAS Second XI Cricket Grand Final.

In magnificent conditions for the final home and away game of the 2020/2021 BAS Second XI Cricket season; SPC Blue continued their dominance of the season accounting for SPC Green on the College Main Oval. Batting first, on what appeared to be a batsman's wicket, SPC Green posted 10/91 off their almost 20 overs. Ash Cutts was the chief destroyer for SPC Blue collecting 2/13 off three overs of very clever spin bowling. Noah Chambers assisted him with 2/22 off four overs whilst Lachie Brodie 1/1 off two overs and James Liston 1/17 off 4 overs were our other wicket takers. Chasing 92 for victory SPC Blue were easily able to pass the SPC Green total but full credit to the SPC Green side for offering true sportsmanship and allowing the SPC Blue side to bat out the twenty overs available to them. Bailey Hosemans top scored with 36 Retired. Riley Fisher continued with his new found form with the bat scoring 30 Retired as did Ash Cutts 27 Retired. Clarke Alaimo 17 Not Out and Lachie Brodie 6 Not Out saw out the SPC Blue innings at 5/134 off their allocated 20 overs.

Next week will see SPC Blue looking for the Triple Crown of BAS Second XI Cricket Grand Finals against long-time rivals Ballarat Grammar.

Go SPC Blue!! Mr Busscher (SPC Blue Coach)

## **SPC Blue save their very best for the Grand Final**

With weather cancelling the BAS Second XI Grand Final last week it was transferred to Monday March 29. It was a beautiful sunny afternoon and perfect conditions for the two best BAS Second XI sides to put themselves to the ultimate test. Ballarat Grammar had won everything in the BAS Firsts and they were looking for a clean sweep of the whole BAS Cricket season. SPC on the other hand were not going to give up their dominance of the 20/21 season despite the change of match day. This did cause me some initial concerns as **ONLY 9** players were available. Ballarat Grammar won the toss and asked us to bat first, which throughout the season we had enjoyed doing. Riley Fisher and Noah Chambers headed out to open for us and they went wack!! The SPC Blue score catapulted to 40 off the first 5 overs before Chambers was caught on 8. Pat Corbett was next in but unfortunately he fell in the following over without troubling the scores. Edward O'Brien was next in and he did the perfect job of supporting Riley Fisher who continued to belt the Ballarat Grammar attack to all parts of the field. Riley Fisher went on to score 94, as he missed a full toss that should have been hit for 6 and was bowled. Riley blamed captain Sam Scott for not telling him he was on 94!! Edward O'Brien went soon after Riley after scoring the perfect 14 with 10 singles to give Riley the strike. Clarke Alaimo and Braydon Purchase moved the score on with Alaimo remaining on 7 Not Out, Purchase run out for 8 and Sam Scott also run out on 0 finishing the SPC Blue innings on 6/141. With such a big score to chase down, Ballarat Grammar changed up their batting order placing all their hope on their big hitters being able to replicate the performance of Riley Fisher and with only nine players on the field there was plenty of opportunity of gaps being available. SPC Blue Captain Sam Scott set a very attacking field and led by example making four truly magnificent saves off the first four deliveries of James Liston's first over; diving in all directions to prevent any runs being scored. The tone was set, and I must say our bowling performance and fielding was of the highest standard. It was also noted by both umpires after the match how well the St Pats boys had performed and the manner in which the Grand Final was played by both sides. James Liston bowled with his trademark accuracy recording 0/11 off four very tight overs. Noah Chambers also opened the bowling and captured 2 wickets for 17 off his three overs. Lachlan Brodie was our chief destroyer collecting a wicket in each of his three overs to notch up 3/11 in what was a great spell of fast bowling. Edward O'Brien collected 1/10 off two overs and Clarke Alaimo gathered 2/14 off his two overs. This saw Ballarat Grammar all out for 83 and SPC Blue named BAS Seconds Cricket Champions for the 20/21 season. My personal thanks to Mr O'Connor for doing the presentation of the flag and to both John and Mick our BAS Cricket Umpires for that they offer BAS Cricket every week throughout the season. Thanks also to Ms Benoit and Ms Twaits for gathering all of our gear and medical requirements each week and to Mr Cordon our Coordinator of Cricket for helping to assemble our cricket sides throughout the season. Most of all I must thank all of the boys who have made a contribution to the success of SPC Blue throughout the season with the GRAND FINAL nine standing up on the last day to bring home the Championship. Man of the Match must go to Riley Fisher for his outstanding knock of 94.

Go SPC Blue!! Mr Michael Busscher (SPC Blue Coach)

## **Term 1 Wrap**

It was fantastic to see our teams back out on the pitch, park and court in Term 1 after an interrupted year in 2021.

A big thank you to all the staff that assisted with coaching a team in Term 1 it would not be possible to offer the opportunities that we do without your assistance. And we appreciate your eagerness and enthusiasm in giving the boys these opportunities.

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