

SPC Sport Report – Term 1, Week 4

It was fantastic to see our teams out on the pitch and on the court for Term 1 sport. Students were eager and excited to participate in sport after a heavily impacted year in 2020. Unfortunately, we missed 3 days of sport due to the circuit breaker lockdown but we are back in action tonight!

Term 1 Sport

The majority of Ballarat Associated Schools (BAS) competition sports for term one commenced in week three. Students need to ensure they communicate with their coaches about availability. Students can communicate with their coach via email or MS Teams.

SPORT	DAY	START WEEK	COACH/MANAGER
Lawn Bowls	Mon	3	Clare Kavanagh / Fiona Purcell
Intermediate Tennis	Tue	3	Peter Ryan/Tom Ferguson
Swimming Squad/BAS Swimming	Tue	3	Louise Macquire/Mark Stahl
Junior Cricket (Yr 7/8) Dual pitch	Tues	3	Luke Corden/Mitch Leviston/Mike Kent/Gerry Willis/Brendan McCarthy
Junior Baseball	Wed	3	Shane Murphy
Senior Volleyball	Wed	3	Daniel Sutton
SPC House Soccer	Wed	3	Barry Schurrs/ Pietro Angeli/ /Emmanuel Desfosses/ Brett Earl
3rd XI Cricket	Weds	3	Shane Armstrong
Senior Tennis (1st's & 2nd's)	Fri	2	Liam Young/Joe Magee
2nd XI Cricket	Thur	2	Michael Busscher
1st XI Cricket	Fri	3	Steve Biggin
Senior Golf (BAS Championships/ AGSV day)	Varies	-	Chris Gleeson/John Davey

There are plenty of opportunities for all year levels and abilities. The Junior House Sport in particular is a great way for Year 7's to meet new friends, get to know their teachers and participate in a sport they may never have played before.

SPC Swimming

The SPC Swimming Carnival will be held on Wednesday, February 24 at the Eureka Pool. The Junior School carnival will commence at 9:30am with the Middle & Senior School commencing at 11:30pm. In preparation for this, the House Assemblies were held on Tuesday, February 2, where students were able to sign up for events. The BAS Swimming Twilight Carnival will be held on Wednesday, March 10 at the Ballarat Aquatic Centre. Any inquiries regarding swimming please do not hesitate to contact Louise Macquire (Coordinator of Swimming) or myself.

SPC Athletics

The SPC Athletics Carnival will be held on Wednesday, March 24 here at the College. The House Assembly will be on Tuesday, February 23. After the completion of the SPC carnival, other BAS Athletics inquiries can be directed to John Richards (Coordinator of Athletics) or myself. Please note that the BAS Athletics Carnival is at Llanberis on Tuesday, May 4.

Cricket

2nd XI Cricket

St Pat's Second XI Cricket returns to its winning formula, following the Christmas break

St Patrick's College 10/115 defeated Ballarat Grammar 7/106

The Second XI restart to 2020/2021 BAS Cricket season saw St Patrick's College return to their winning formula against Ballarat Grammar. Winning the toss and electing to bat on what was a magnificently prepared wicket on Hill Oval, the entire side made a contribution to the scoring to record 10/115 at the end of the allocated 20 Overs. Noah Chambers top scored with a well-constructed knock of 26. Brayden Purchase 23, held the batting attack together through the middle part of the St Pat's innings whilst a number of others came and went far too cheaply and Josh Huxtable contributed 21 which included a massive six! 115 was a great score considering the length of the break and the quality of the Ballarat Grammar bowling attack but it must be noted that our team captain Sam Scott was initially forecasting a score in the area of 200! Perhaps with this freshen up we will see some super scores posted in the remaining matches?

With 115 to defend we always knew that our bowling attack had to be tight and that they had to be supported by the field, so that no easy runs were given away. James Liston bowled with great speed and precision recording 2/10 off his four overs in a truly match winning performance. Logan Clark made a significant contribution with 2/30 off his four overs. Ash Cutts using a combination of spin and medium paced bowling collected 1/13 off three overs whilst Josh Huxtable notched up 1/16 off three overs and Jack Kovacevic 1/15 off two overs to leave Ballarat Grammar short of the run chase recording 7/106.

Mr Busscher

2nd XI Cricket Coach

SPC Blue loose in a nail-biting finish!

Round Two of the BAS 2nd XI Cricket saw SPC Blue at home to Ballarat and Clarendon College.

Winning the toss BCC elected to bat, thus presenting SPC Blue with their first opportunity of this season to bowl first and chase down an opposition score.

BCC posted a creditable 120 in very blustery conditions to record 6/120 off their allotted 20 overs. Lachlan Brodie bowled exceptionally well and collected 2/16 off three overs whilst James Liston got 1/23 off his four overs. Some great fielding was able to produce three runouts which was fantastic to witness.

In the run chase SPC Blue were very well held down by the two opening BCC bowlers finding themselves at 1/21 at the end of the 8th over. Josh Huxtable 36 and Edward O'Brien 23 started the SPC run chase back into forward thrust, but with such a chase ahead of them they were forced to play rash shots which ultimately cost them their wickets. Logan Clark tried, unfortunately in vain, to get SPC over the line with some rapid-fire hitting 20 but we were left short on 7/115 and the depths of losing to BCC for a second time. We have the talent to beat BCC we just need to come together and be cohesive as a side by supporting each of our bowlers with solid fielding and by regularly turning over the strike as batsmen instead of trying to hit every ball to a boundary. Next week will hopefully see a great game as SPC Green.

Go SPC Blue!!

Mr Busscher

SPC Blue Coach

3rd XI Cricket

SPC 3rd XI 5/113cc defeated BHS 6/108cc

The 10th of February will historically be known as the day the BAS competitions 3rd XI cricket competition played its first ever games. For SPC it was a battle against our Sturt Street rivals, Ballarat High School, with SPC hosting the historic clash. Winning the vital toss, skipper Tom Steenhuis had no hesitation choosing to bat first upon winning the toss on a very flat and quick looking SPC Hill Oval. The opening pair of Aussie McIlwaine and Ned Loft got SPC off to a quick start racing to 0/22 before two wickets in the space of 4 balls put SPC (Loft snicking off and Duggan run out via a direct hit). However it was to be the young guns McIlwaine and Eichler Archie who would steady ship, combing for a run a ball 34 run stand before McIlwaine was dismissed for 13. Eichler (32) and his skipper Thomas Steenhuis (15), accelerated towards the back end, with boundaries flowing freely before a late cameo from Sebastian O'Sullivan (15*) pushed SPC to a solid, if about par, score of 5/113 after the reduced 17 overs.

In reply with the ball the skipper took it upon himself to get things started, taking the new ball and with almost immediate effect, striking second ball to have BHS 1/0. When he struck again in his second over, things were looking dire for BHS, but a big better-than-a-run-a-ball 60 run middle order partnership had BHS seemingly cruising towards victory before Stowe Jamieson was able to make the big breakthrough, picking up two quick wickets to wrest back control. Still, needing only 5 an over from the last 5 overs and with a set batsmen in, it was not going to be easy for BHS and it was made even more so by the decision to bring McIlwaine into the attack, his guile and change of pace resulting in just 2/8 from his two overs to tighten the screws on BHS allowing SPC to come away with a 5 run win when it was all said and done.

Congrats to all the boys for the efforts today. Certainly some things to improve on (wides and no-balls) but a great first up effort!!!

Junior Cricket

BAS Junior Cricket – Round 1 (9/2/21)

SPC Blue v SPC Green @ SPC

SPC Green 7/86 defeated SPC Blue 2/85

Pristine conditions greeted the SPC rivals as they battled on the home turf wickets in their first round BAS Junior Cricket clash. Although the dual pitch format was new to some players, it didn't take long for the teams to settle into their respective rhythms and set about putting on a fine display of school boy cricket. SPC Blue batted on Hill Oval, while SPC Green slogged away on the Main Oval.

SPC Green got off to a shaky start, losing two wickets in the first four overs. Runs flowed consistently for the SPC Blue batsmen. Chase Pangallo (SPC Blue) showed he wasn't scared to take on the bowlers, putting together a well struck 16 before he had to retire after his 20 deliveries. Billy Barnes was also impressive for SPC Blue, scoring an unbeaten 11. Other SPC Blue batsmen who retired were Noah Britton and Finn Cooney. Lochie Patterson and Henry Reinehr were the successful bowlers for SPC Green, each picking up one wicket.

Although wickets tended to fall more regularly for SPC Blue on the Main Oval, the runs kept ticking away on the scoreboard. Noah Pace and Ethan Cowell were both unbeaten, scoring 14 and 13 respectively. Lachy Patterson scored an impressive 11 off 5 deliveries before his innings was cut short due to a run out. Wicket takers for SPC Blue were George Martindale, Ryder O'Brien, Jack Nunn, Max Jerger and Billy Barnes. Both teams are to be congratulated on the enthusiastic way they approached the game and the great way both teams encouraged each other throughout the match.

Mr Willis and Mr McCarthy

Communication

The best form of communication we have with parent/guardians is via the Parent Access Module (PAM). Students require permission to participate in all sport. Parent/guardians will receive the information through a PAM activity permission. Please ensure that you read the information prior to giving permission and that you also talk to students about the information.

The daily messages are one of the best ways we can distribute information to students about sports that are on offer and where sign up meetings will be held. Students should check the daily messages regularly.

Once students have signed up for a sport, we will be adding them into a MS Teams group where they can communicate directly with their coach. Students must communicate with their coach if they are unavailable for a match so we can find a replacement to ensure we have a full team for each match.

If students are unsure of how to sign up for a sport or want more information, they can visit sports staff in the gymnasium.

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. 1st XI Cricketers require SPC Whites, SPC cricket shirt and SPC cricket cap. Students should check with their coach as to what is required. Also remember to wear sunscreen at all times.

I wish all students and coaches the best in 2021. Always play the game in the right spirit, wear the correct uniform and respect the facilities, home and away. St Patrick's College is steeped in sporting tradition and you are encouraged to add more chapters to our past endeavours.

Please do not hesitate to contact me (tbenoit@stpats.vic.edu.au) or our Sports Administrator Ms Carly Twaits (ctwaits@stpats.vic.edu.au) at the College with any questions.