

SPC Sport Report – Term 1, Week 9

ACC Swimming

Yesterday we competed at the ACC Swimming Championships at MSAC. We had a great day at our first ACC Swimming event finishing second overall in Division 2 and we came home with Division 2 Senior Cup after winning the U/17 and Open age groups. Well done to all the boys that competed on the day and a big thank you to Louise Macquire, Mark Stahl and Simon Dwyer for all their work in the lead up to the event and on the day.

1st XVII Football

1st XVIII v Whitefriars College (ACC)

Wednesday, March 23 at Marty Busch Reserve, Sebastopol

SPC 9.8.62 def Whitefriars 5.3.38

Goal Kickers: Ash Cutts 3, Max Filmer 2, Joe Fraser, Ted O'Brien, Harvey Driscoll, Hamish Thompson 1.

Best Players: Sam Lalor, Ollie Hannaford, Harry Lawson, Joe Fraser, Hamish Thompson.

The third match of our 2022 campaign saw us host Whitefriars College at BFL ground, Sebastopol. The SPC Main Oval is close to being finished and will be fit for matches in early Term 2. Whitefriars are part of the Associated Catholic Colleges (ACC) competition, which we have gained part membership of in 2022. This includes competing in Inter school Athletics and Swimming carnivals, as well as a number of performing arts/music competitions. Our great hope is that in 2023 we will be accepted as a full member school and be able to compete in senior football, cricket, basketball and soccer. This will provide significantly better competition for our senior boys. Having defeated fellow ACC school, St. Joseph's, Geelong, in the respect Cup, it was important to continue to make a statement against Whitefriars.

One of the main purposes of the Term 1 pre-season games is to provide as many opportunities as possible to boys in Years 10-12. It provides the coaches with a chance to see the boys play against quality opposition, before the BAS season commences in Term 2. With huge numbers on the training track, selecting sides has been difficult, hence the large number of changes from week to week. This fixture was no different with nine boys making their 1st XVIII debut. Across our first three matches forty nine boys have played a 1st XVIII match. The coaching staff will continue to make changes and rotate boys in upcoming matches against Assumption College, Wednesday March 30 at the City Oval and Geelong College on Tuesday, April 12 (venue to be confirmed).

The commitment, effort and enthusiasm of all boys who have played thus far has been superb. The coaching staff have been impressed with the willingness to accept team focused roles and rotating across different positions throughout games. Some of the pre-game focus points today were to win the contested ball, all contribute to the 1%er's, spread offensively by playing on and having a high number of handball receives and to all commit to team defence by manning up, pressing up when the ball is locked in our forward line and always having "defensive shape" behind the ball.

With the aide of a slight breeze the boys banged on four 1st quarter goals to one. The willingness to attack the contest with 100% effort enabled us to win the contested ball and then offensively spread with multiple options inboard and laterally. Kicking on 45 degree angles opened up the play and ensured quick entries inside 50. All our forwards were dangerous with Ash Cutts and Max Filmer hitting the scoreboard. Joe Fraser and Hamish Thompson were swapping from the ruck to deep forward. Both provided a target when presenting and sat a kick behind the play when in the ruck, a true understanding of playing their role.

The 2nd and 3rd quarters were quite even with Whitefriars lifting their intensity. With game ending injuries to Jarrod White and Ed Turner our rotations were limited off the bench. The game had

dropped in pace as players fatigued, with more stoppages occurring and slow forward entries. Despite this match trend, we wasted some opportunities in the third quarter by just kicking the ball down the line or long to centre half forward.

At $\frac{3}{4}$ time the message was to run and carry, increase our handball receives, use the corridor and really pressure the opposition and force them back to create turnovers. With some positional changes being made Ted O'Brien kicked an early goal and we got the game back on our terms. Ollie Hannaford took a number of telling marks across half back, Sam Lalor continued to impact the contest and brought teammates into the game by hand and foot and Harry Lawson provided both grunt and dash to win plenty of telling possessions. The group's willingness to listen to instruction and execute our pre-match plans enabled us to run out 29 point winners. The game was played in great spirit and we welcomed Whitefriars back to the college for a pasta meal before they made the trek home.

Gavin Webb (1st XVIII Coach)

1st XVIII v Assumption College (AGSV)
Wednesday, March 30 at the City Oval
SPC 2.7.19 def by Assumption 11.13.79

Goal Kickers: Ash Cutts, Ethan Horsburgh

Best Players: Max Faulkner, Harry Lawson, Max Filmer, Harvey Driscoll, Luke Smith

Our fourth pre-season game saw us up against traditional and long-standing rival, Assumption College. It was SPC's turn to host this year and we were lucky to be able to play on another quality BFL ground, the City Oval. More boys were rewarded with a debut game, these being Declan Kelly, Gus Toll, Mason Gullick and Chase Scoble. This continues the theme of giving as many boys as possible an opportunity to impress in the pre-season fixtures. The total number boys who have played at least one of the four preseason games totals 52, this number of opportunities is unprecedented. It must be noted that our 16 NAB listed boys have all played just the one match and we have had unavailabilities due to BAS Cricket, Outdoor Education camps and illness.

Other than a bit of wind, the conditions were quite good for football at City Oval today and Assumption were able to get the upper hand early after punishing some poor turnovers from SPC and putting on 3 goals to none in the first term. Assumption had the ascendancy at stoppages and were moving the ball well from the HB line and St Pats didn't have many answers early.

SPC were their own worst enemies in the first half turning the football over on many occasions which made it difficult to get any momentum in the game. At half time being unable to register a goal the boys were asked to be harder in the contest and concentrate on the basics to try and get back in the game.

The second half was a much better showing from the SPC boys but they were still no match for a very strong Assumption side. Max Faulkner and Harry Lawson fought really hard throughout the day to try and get their side back in it. Harvey Driscoll had plenty of work to do in defence but did well under trying circumstances.

Overall it was a disappointing loss but one that shows some of the inexperienced players the level in which they need to get to in order to play consistent 1st XVIII football.

Our final pre-season match is against APS school, Geelong College, on Tuesday, April 12, which is in the first week of the holidays. It would be great to see as many supporters as possible to witness the first football match on the newly re-developed Main Oval.

Jarrett Giampaolo (Coach)

Soccer verse Whitefriars College

ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE SENIOR SOCCER REPORT

St Patricks' College Senior Soccer played their first match against Whitefriars College as a friendly gesture from an ACC team, the competition which St Patrick's are hoping to be entered into next year.

The first 20 minutes was notable for a total no show from the Ballarat boys as the Donvale team gained 0-1 on an early foul inside the box for a first goal, 0-2 after a poorly defended front of goal (probably due to an injury to one of our backmen), and 0-3 to a prepared build up by Whitefriars in a signature cross pass in front of goal and deliberate drive giving our keeper no chance. The question on the observers' minds was that this may be a total mismatch and that Whitefriars speed was just too hot for us to handle. An alternative consideration was that the coach had completely misread the abilities and team placements of his players, because some of the big names seemed hopelessly out of touch.

We made 4 changes after this early assault had put us back towards our defensive mind set, with just hope on our side. Somehow, hope arose slowly at first, but it gathered momentum – soon blossoming into real intent. The most diminutive spark appeared in the person of Harry Broadbent (just off the flight from London) who was one of the fillips that started our resurgence. He was holding the ball through the centre, which we had struggled to do with any intent. Also, Ngor Bar was winning his position off left back clearly, despite passing centrally into danger on a number of occasions. However, he was clearly outpointing his opponent and turning their advances. Nicholas Hontzogloy who was very busy in the centre was joined by his brother Manny playing on the left wing and we started to win balls clearly across the centre.

Harry set up our first score through a determined long run past a number of our opponents down the right side, running deep to the line and passing back into the 18 yard box with Sam Litras finding a ball squeezed out from a contested scramble and he duly drove it into the back of the net 1-3. Connor Nelson-Higgins took control on the right wing and centred into the box for Sam Litras again, but he hit the ball high. Manny ran deep and looked dangerous into our forward line, but their defensive line turned the attack. Gabe Thompson-Newbury went forward and a one two via Manny drew a good defence from their keeper.

Their defender used a shoulder as a wall but were penalised close to half time. We had two on the shot, but Connor Nelson-Higgins was the designated hitter, and his shot stunned the keeper with a high shot into the left of his goals for us to have appeased the score back to 2-3 by half time. Lachlan Hodge who was a late replacement in goals, showed his worth with a terrific save very late in the half. Lachlan in holding the score close to Whitefriars was instrumental in what happened after the break.

Ngor Bar continued to be in control at the start of the second half from his left defensive position and threatened to score in one foray. However, changes had to be made and others given a chance to show their skills. Brodie Willems and Oscar Cherry slotted into the backline and both showed determination and skill in their roles. Manny gained a ball on the left side and he smashed a ball over 30 metres into the goals with a powerful strike.

Up forward Rex Van Berkel was causing concerns to Whitefriars and he received from Connor Nelson-Higgins and turned smartly and shot high and it was only a brave save from their keeper that kept it out. Sam Litras continued to confuse their defence with his pace and his smart movement to the right gave Chan Bar a sighter and despite keeper and defender facing him, Chan slotted through a beautiful goal to allow us to take the lead 4-3.

They pulled one back from a deep incursion from their right and Lachie tried to save with a definite dive to his left but their striker was on target to level the scores.

The referee was called to make a decision on the next goal which Sam Litras gained via an opportune deflection off a defender giving Sam time inside the 18 yards for 5-4. They attacked but couldn't break our strong defence of Gabe Thompson-Newbury and Brodie Willems with Sam Clark becoming stronger and more sure the further the game went on. Sam's clearing headers

became a feature of our better defensive structure and Lachlan Hodge proved his worth with sure handed collects from their high ball attacks on our goals.

Daniel Weigall who was given a forward birth showed his multi skills with some sharp play up front. He was dogged in his run past a number of defenders deep in their defence and up against the line, before turning back inside and slotting an excellent goal for 6-4. And finally, Connor showed his skills, now firmly owning the central position in the centre alongside Nicholas, by taking on numerous opponents and playing deep, before centering for Manny to put the final nail in the coffin for a 7-4 great result for St Patrick's.

St Patrick's College 7 defeated Whitefriars College 4

Goals: Sam Litras 3, Manny Hontzogloy 2, Chan Bar, Daniel Weigall

Best: Manny Hontzogloy, Sam Litras, Nicholas Hontzogloy, Nor Bar, Connor Nelson-Higgins, Oscar Cherry, Harry Broadbent, Lachlan Hodge

Cricket

1st XI

Goodluck to our 1st XI Cricketers who are playing in the 2-day final this week against BCC. BCC posted a score of 166 on Day 1 and SPC will bat on Friday.

2nd XI

Goodluck to our 2nd XI Green players who are playing in the Grand Final tonight against BCC.

Year 7/8 Dual Pitch Cricket

SPC Green junior cricket round 7 results and report below:

SPC Green v BCC Red – Junior Cricket Round 7

Tuesday 29th March @ Vic Park 9 & 10

SPC Green 4/142 defeated by BCC Red 3/183

With reduced numbers in the field, BCC Red was going to need to rely on their power hitting game to be competitive in their round 7 match against SPC Green. From the outset, they were brutal and precise, quickly despatching anything short or wide of the stumps. Maintaining a consistent line and length proved difficult for the SPC Green bowlers and ultimately, they paid a hefty price on the scoreboard. Extras were another significant contributor to the BCC Red tally, with a total of 39 extras being conceded. Jack Pearce was impressive when he turned a near catch into a run out. Isaiah Copeman and Tyler Vanderwert were the lucky bowlers to pick up a wicket each. The highlight in the field was a tremendous outfield catch by Elijah Copeman. After 20 overs, BCC Red finished with a total of 3/183.

With plenty of gaps in the field, the challenge for the SPC Green batsmen was to make the most of the potential for a run fest. Tyler Vanderwert blasted a very impressive 44 of his 20 deliveries. Campbell McPhan collected a number of boundaries before being run out for 26. Lachlan Jones raced to 19 off 11 deliveries before being caught behind. Although SPC Green posted their biggest total for the season, it was not enough to secure victory. After 20 overs, SPC Green posted 4/142.

It has been a pleasure to work with the crew in SPC Green. They have shown tremendous commitment and spirit by showing up week after week to develop their knowledge and love of our great game. They can be very proud of the way they have conducted themselves throughout the whole season. It will be exciting to see them continue their cricketing journey through the College in the coming years.

Gerry Willis (SPC Green Coach).

BAS Junior Cricket – Round 7 (29/3/22)
SPC Gold v Grammar @ Grammar
SPC Gold 5/120 def by Grammar 10/121

Captains: Jaxon Chiswell and Will Chamings

With retired lads able to return to the crease once 10 wickets are down, Ed Sullivan proved to be the difference. He provided 54 runs for Grammar in an outstanding performance.

Our 12 players fielded very well and took 10 wickets in a very competitive bowling and fielding performance. Three dismissals were run outs, illustrating the keen fielding display. We had Alex Dalton, Sam Keating and Harry Bennett all share the gloves and did well. We had only 8 byes, 2 wides and 1 no ball. This sundries total was the lowest of the season. Well done all boys.

All twelve boys bowled at least one over, six bowling two overs each. A few mentions regarding the bowling, Alex took two wickets in one over and had a very good game. Wil Chamings bowled with good pace and accuracy as did Jaxon Chiswell.

Our batting saw many solid contributions. Jaxon 20, Will 23 retired, Finn 15 retired, Alex 17 and Sam Weidemann 10 all reaching double figures.

The game was played in good spirit with all lads '*getting a go*' and *participating* in our great game. To lose by a single run left us a bit flat but the team combined beautifully and is gathering momentum and in some ways the season has ended too soon.

We played five of the seven rounds, with one bye and one wash out and considering the threat of Covid restrictions, we managed to get a good lot of games in.

It's great to have the opportunity at SPC to be involved in so many sports lads. Bring on the footy season. Mr. Dix and I will be looking after one of the SPC 7-8's footy teams next term and we look forward to getting to know more fine lads such as yourselves.

We thank all players for the part you played as a member of SPC Gold this season. Your good sportsmanship and teamwork were a sight to see.

Well done boys.

Mr Kent & Mr Dix (SPC Gold Coaches)

Volleyball

SPC won the BAS Senior Boys Volleyball Grand Final this week, beating Damascus College 3 Sets to 1. They won the first 2 sets in a closely fought competition, with Damascus coming back strongly in the third, winning it by 10 points. In the fourth (and deciding set) SPC established an early break and maintained their dominance winning with a comfortable margin. Well done to all the team!

Man of the match: Mitch Collins closely followed by the Captain Lochlan Rowe.

Thank you to Mr Sutton and Mr Moore for coaching our Senior teams this year it was great to have two teams in the competition.

Tennis

Goodluck to our 1st IV Tennis players who are playing in the grand final on Friday.

BAS Golf

We had the BAS Golf Championships this week on Tuesday, March 29 with 36 students representing SPC.

Well done to all the boys that competed on the day in what was a beautiful day for golf.

Congratulations to Josh Huxtable for winning the 9 hole event with Sam Lalor and James Van Es finishing second and third respectively. Congratulations to Noah Ryan for coming third in the 18 hole event.

Thank you to Chris Gleeson and John Davey for assisting with the golf program and attending on the day. We look forward to more golf events next term and later in the year.

General Information

Next week we will be organising sign ups for Term 2 sports. Please keep an eye on out on the daily messages for information.

Please do not hesitate to contact me (tbenoit@stpats.vic.edu.au) or our Sports Administrator Mr Simon Dwyer (sdwyer@stpats.vic.edu.au) at the College with any questions.