

SPC Sport Report – Term 2, Week 6

Basketball

Victorian College Championship Qualifying

In recent weeks the College's Basketball program has been playing the qualifying rounds of the Victorian College Championships. Both the senior and intermediate teams have made the final round to be played at the State Basketball Centre on June 16. The Junior squad is currently preparing and will play in their final round on June 17.

The senior team had a great qualifying round, narrowly losing the grand final to Box Hill Secondary College by one point. The intermediate team had a similar result also making the final and losing to St Joseph's Geelong by two points.

A huge thanks must go to our coach, Eric Hayes. He along with all the boys have given up a large number of lunchtimes to train and prepare to represent the College exceptionally well. Thanks, must also go to Fiona Cummins and Luke Ryan for their assistance with preparing the junior squad.

Best of luck to all the coaches and players for the finals in a few weeks' time.

Badminton

BAS Badminton Singles Championships

On Thursday, May 27 four students will be representing the College in the BAS Badminton Singles Championships. Each school can nominate 4 four players to participate. The competition begins with a round robin in four pools after which they will play a semi final and final. Goodluck to Campbell Gladman, Thisen Jayasooriya, Aden Paxton and Noah Barwick.

Football

Junior Taatee Shield

On Thursday, May 27 students in our Junior Football program will be playing in an inaugural Taatee Shield match which began in 2020.

Taatee is derived from the Wathaurong language and means friendship.

A team of Indigenous and Boarding (known as the Pumarali Dreamers) students will take on our Junior SPC White team. Goodluck to everyone participating in the match. Thank you to our Indigenous Education Managers Jason Napior and Fiona Cummins for organising the match and the pregame talk from KGI about reconciliation and leadership.

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. Footballers require SPC football shorts and socks. Students should check with their coach as to what is required. Also remember to wear sunscreen at all times.

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.

Football Report

Junior Report

SPC Blue 6 - 15 – 51

Defeated

SPC Green 5 - 8 - 38

Best Players: Blue Fraser Molan, Dylan Hiscock, Kye Janssens, Zeb Evans

Goal Kickers: Blue Harrison Jeffrey 2, Dylan Hiscock 2, Paddy Mihaljevic 1, Tessie Liem 1.

The corridors of the O'Malley Wing are flowing with energy this week, after an epic come from behind victory for SPC Blue over SPC Green. Dez Sambono opened the Green ledger with a major in the first 20 seconds, and another just minutes later, and at the first change it was already Four goals to zero. As play recommenced, the Blue's backline began to rally strongly aided by a best on ground performance by Fraser Molan. Fraser seemed to intercept the ball at will in the back. The middle half became a see sawing occasion with both teams displaying some fantastic football. At 3 Quarter time, the Blues were three goals down and found themselves without Fraser Molan who needed to be withdrawn from the game. The boys in Blue raised their pressure acts immensely and started to trap the ball in their forward line whilst peppering the goals. Dylan Hiscock added to a strong performance by kicking 2 goals. When Paddy Mihaljevic grabbed the ball from the bottom of a pack on the half forward flank, kicked over his shoulder and added 6 points, he put the Blues in front for the first time in the game. Blue Pressure was maintained and with just 2 and a half minutes to hold on, Harrison Jeffrey sealed the result with a goal from the boundary.

Jason Napior

SPC Blue Junior Coach

Goal Kickers: Dez Sambono 2, Jackson McInerney 1, Lonnie Forde 1, Jacob Ellis 1

Best Players: Baxter Horsburgh, Jackson McInerney, Mitchell Chalmers, Blaire Ward

A big game this week facing SPC Blue for the first time and what a match it was. In windy conditions, one end was favoured throughout the game and it came down to who could score the most with the wind. SPC kicked away early in the first quarter with a big lead into quarter time. The wind was against the boys in the second quarter, but the backline was impressive, holding out attack after attack by SPC Blue, only conceding 2 goals and holding lead at halftime. With the wind in the third quarter, the boys put another goal on the board but the SPC Blue boys were relentless. In the end the SPC Blue team came from behind in the fourth quarter to kick 4 goals and take the win.

A well-played game from both teams, but the SPC Green boys can hold their heads high in a fantastic, hard fought contest against rivals SPC Blue.

Mr Liam Davie

SPC Junior Green Coach

SPC Green 8 - 12 – 60

Defeated

BCC Red 2 - 3 - 15

Goal Kickers: Dez Sambono 2, Jackson McInerney 2, Jacob Ellis 1, Harry Sutherland 1, Baxter Horsburgh 1, Zac Allen 1

Best Players: Jackson McInerney, Lonnie Forde, Baxter Horsburgh, Dez Sambono

After last week's loss to rivals SPC Blue, SPC Green came out firing again in the first quarter this week against BCC Red, kicking 3 goals 3 behinds to BCC Red's 3 behinds. Second quarter, BCC Red kicked 2 goals to SPC's 1, but was a tight quarter between the two teams. From here on out SPC didn't let up, not allowing BCC Red to score for the remainder of the game while kicking 4 goals 8 behinds, winning comfortably by 45 points in the end.

Great game by all boys and looking forward to next week with our first game away from home at Damascus College.

Mr Liam Davie
SPC Junior Green Coach

SPC White 25 – 11 – 161

Defeated

BHS 0 – 0 - 0

Goal Kickers: Zavier Nunn 3, Spencer Horgan 3, Lachie McPhan 3 Kade Hilton 3, CJ Richardson 2, Noah Svanosio 2, Pat Gilbert 2, Jax Coon 2, Kayden Williams 2, Luke Atkinson 1, Kody Slater 1, Alex Stevens 1.

Best Players: Kade Hilton, Luke Connolly, Lachie McPhan, Spencer Horgan, Pat Gilbert, Noah Svanosio, Liam Lynch.

On Wednesday night saw the boys play their 3rd game of the Year 8 Football Program. It was SPC White matched up against Ballarat High School. It was another solid team performance from the boys where we were able to gradually draw away from a very young (Year 7 team) but very competitive Ballarat High team. There were some excellent passages of play by the boys where we were able to keep up the pressure throughout each term thanks to the great ball movement initiated by the engine room of Luke Connolly, Liam Lynch, Armi Wakefield, Kade Hilton, Luke Atkinson, Tashaun Wright, Noah Svanosio, Lachy McPhan, Brody Gunsser and Jax Coon. Congratulations to all the boys who played the game in a great spirit and were very considerate and aware of the fact that they were playing a team that were in some cases 12 months younger than them!! We look forward to another great night – weather and football wise, next week (fingers crossed) as we host Ballarat and Clarendon College for our next challenge!!!

Mark Stahl
SPC White Junior Coach

SPC Gold 12 - 4 - 76 points

Defeated

BGS 2 - 2 - 14

Best Players: Jacob Martin, Cooper Glenwright, Harrison Grant

Today we ventured across to Grammar to compete against well organised and determined group of year 7's. We won the toss and kicked with a slight breeze to the southern end. We had many forward 50 entries and dominated the general play scoring 3 goals 3 behinds with our opposition having a couple of forward entries and scoring two behinds for the quarter.

With the assistance of Taj Bowman and Declan Clark working the magnetic board and Nate Cody looking after the score sheet, we thought it a good idea to flip the team and have our full backs and half backs become full forwards and half forwards. This didn't seem to unsettle the lads too much, kicking 5 straight and Grammar not troubling the scorers for the 2nd quarter. Effectively the result was beyond doubt at the major change.

We again threw the team around and had lads playing in positions to which they may have been unaccustomed. The term saw Grammar share the honours with SPC Gold by kicking two goals a piece. Grammar showed a lot of pluck, tackling and chasing our lads with real intent. It was great to see Grammar take the challenge up to our stronger and more mature SPC team. The ball was 'hot' with Grammar really upping the pressure acts and intensity at the ball. To our player's credit they stuck to their task and withstood some strong resistance to steady and resume control of the game.

The final term was entertaining enough with several Grammar spectators 'having a look' and cheering the underdogs on strung along the western wing. Our lads ran out the game with a solid win kicking 2 goal to nil. Cooper led the three cheers to Grammar to which Grammar replied the same.

Despite SPC's physical advantage the game was quite a competitive and entertaining encounter. Both sides displayed a good amount of vigour with some attractive passages of play, moving the ball from end to end on several occasions throughout the game.

Things we did well; attack on the ball when it was in dispute, enjoyed the game, played on wherever possible and kicked the ball into attacking areas of the ground.

Areas for improvement; More pressure to apply to the opposition when they have possession. More cover and organisation behind the ball. Effective ball use -hit our targets more often.

Mike Kent and Brendan Dix
SPC Gold Junior Coaches

Intermediate

Ballarat Clarendon College 13 – 13 – 85

Defeated SPC Blue 4 – 3 – 27

Goal Kickers: Will Card, Jordan Kroussoratis, Lachlan Kroussoratis, Ned Bennett

Best Players Ned Bennett, Oscar Dixon, Guy Namtho, Seth Fawcett, Mitch Laan.

Thank you to all players who communicated their absences early, this allowed us to field a full side for the first time in two weeks. SPC Blue met a strong B.C.C side, who capitalised on their forward 50 entries, kicking six goals early on. Ned Bennett came in for his first game of the season where he dominated across the half back line, showing a strong ability to read the game before moving into the midfield in the 2nd half. Guy Namtho had a tough

opposition at full back, but held his ground and made his opponent work hard for his possessions. Whilst Oscar Dixon playing his first game in the ruck proved to be pivotal, winning several clearances. Seth Fawcett and Mitch Laan both had consistent games across all four quarters. Well done to all players involved.

Matt Miller
SPC Blue Intermediate Coach

Damascus College 17 – 11 – 113

Defeated SPC GREEN 2 – 0 – 12

Goal Kickers: Bond Ripper and Lachie Pritchard

Best Players: Paddy O'Brien, Ollie Bolt, Lachie Abrams, Brodie Willems, Baxter Cheeseman.

Hill Oval on a beautiful winter afternoon, barely a breeze and some blue skies to be seen, set the perfect location for SPC Green and Damascus College to do battle. With a clear difference in height and weight divisions the boys from SPC were up against it from the first bounce. Quarter time could not come quick enough when the team were asked to show some heart and some passion. The final three quarters, although the scoreboard may not reflect, showed some great determination from the boys from SPC Green. Paddy O'Brien would have led the tackle count not letting a DC player get past him. Ollie Bolt was relentless as always with a sensational attack on the footy consistently putting his head over it to propel the team forward. Brodie Willems fought valiantly as always, winning plenty of the ball himself and laying several hard tackles. Lachie Abrams jumped into a much bigger opponent in the ruck all afternoon and can certainly hold his head high. Whilst Baxter Cheeseman led from the front as an anchor down back doing his best to repel attacks with a big right boot. As always, the boys in SPC can hold their heads high for the way they fought out the match.

Mr Samuel Cue

Intermediate Green

Senior

2nd XVIII

SPC Green 13 – 17 - 95

Defeated BCC 5 – 5 – 35

Goal Kickers: Sam Scott 3, Riley Rees 2, Jett Leon 2, Charlie Delaney 1, Tom McKinnis 1, Riley Fisher 1, Riley Huxtable 1, Brayden Purchase 1, Toby Martin 1

Best Players: Riley Rees, Riley Huxtable, Brayden Purchase, Toby Martin, Paddy Tuddenham, Sam Scott

This week we travelled across the road to take on College with a number of changes from last week. 1st quarter saw a pretty good start, Sam Scott kicked 2 majors and looked set for a big game, but we gave up 2 easy goals to go into quarter time leading 3.2.20 to BCC 2.2.14. During the second quarter we exerted our dominance. 4 goals 5 for the quarter showed our dominance, but the very pleasing aspect was we only gave up 1 behind. 7.7.49 to BCC 2.3.15

The second half was a chance for us to throw the magnets around and make considerable changes. We kicked 4 goals 3, to BCC's solitary goal to lead comfortable at 3 quarter time. 11.10.76 to BCC 3.3.21

The boys set themselves a 5-goal final term target, and despite plenty of scoring opportunities we wasted plenty of chances and kicked 2 goals and 7 behinds. 2 late goals to BCC saw us eventually finish 10 goals winners.

Steven Biggin
SPC Green 2nd XVIII Coach

SPC White (Year 10) 11 - 8 – 74 Defeated SPC Blue 8 - 2 - 50

Goal Kickers: Nathan Ling, 2 Blake Kelly, Cooper McKenzie 2, Ethan McKercher, Jack O'Brien, Riely Dunn, Riely Collins

Best Players: Callum Smith, Lewis Gilbert, Ethan McKercher, Fred Valpied, Khye Jess, Tom Steenhuis

This week's clash with SPC Blue promised to be a genuine test for the SPC White boys. The Year 10 Whites ultimately running out twenty-four-point winners after being challenged at the start of the final quarter by a determined Blues outfit.

This game was an excellent opportunity to learn about how well the Year 10 boys would be able to act on instructions and follow a simple game plan. It was pleasing to see that they were able to respond to this by keeping an open forward line, with the mid fielders using the centre corridor for efficient ball movement, accountable team defence when the opposition were in possession of the ball, giving the ball by hand or foot to any player in a better position with a Team first attitude and Fast ball movement inside 50.

In defence players, like Ed Boyer, Sam Litras, Lewis Gilbert, Callum Smith, and Tom Steenhuis, played an uncompromising tough brand of football.

Riely Dunn, gave us first use of the footy at stoppages and this was capitalised on by our on-ballers, ably led by Ethan McKercher. Khye Jess was excellent in his first game for the year in defence and on ball. Zac Haintz was once again very solid and he used the ball well for the duration of the match. Jack O'Brien provided a target up forward.

Freddie Valpied, Oliver Murray and Rory Gunsser were excellent on the wings all of them able to use their left foot to their advantage.

Next Week's clash with Ballarat Grammar at Grammar will be yet another challenge. Recover well and good luck with your club footy.

John Richards
SPC White (Year 10) 2nd XVIII Coach

1ST XVIII

SPC 1st XVIII 9 – 13 - 67

Defeated

BCC 1st XVIII 4 – 5 - 29

Goal Kickers: Beau Tedcastle, Will Quinlan 2, Sam Butler, Kai Lohmann, Jack Richards, Lachie Charleson, Jack Jeffrey 1

Best Players: Sam Butler, Jack Bambury, James Van Es, Lachie Charleson, Kai Lohmann.

Round 2 of the 1st XVIII BAS competition saw us host traditional rivals Ballarat & Clarendon College (BCC). Isaac Hucker, Jake Polkinghorne and Jack Jeffrey all debuted after strong performances in the 2nds. With a strong breeze favouring the eastern end it was BCC who burst out of the blocks, winning clearances and being first to the ball. Our boys were not switched on and had a lack luster approach to the contest. This was disappointing after pregame it was highlighted how important each match is and the need to respect the opposition.

After some stern words at the quarter time break and some positional changes being made the boys responded by displaying greater intent, attack on the ball and more direct play. The main catalyst for this was the work of our midfielders, led by captain Sam Butler, ruckman James Van Es, Kai Lohmann, Nick Hodgson and Lachie Charleson. Jack Bambury had been moved to half back, he also provided a lot of drive and grunt. Being able to kick 5 goals to nothing with the breeze enabled us to take a handy 19-point lead into the main break.

Knowing BCC had the aid of a strong breeze in the upcoming third quarter some key positional changes were implemented. James Van Es was instructed, after rucking, to play in the back 50m to intercept and plug a hole. James Clark was to play a defensive wing role and Flynn Loader to play a high half forward and mingle into the stoppages. Although slightly defensive, this was needed as the breeze was so strong. The onballers continued to impose themselves on the contest and the forwards increased their work rate by leading right up at the ball carrier into the breeze. Although we only managed 1 goal into the breeze, we did hold BCC to 2 behinds, so in real terms this was a big win.

The challenge was put to the group to finish the match strongly and win the last quarter well. After fighting back from a poor first quarter we had really worn our opposition down. The around ground stoppages had totally “flipped” in our favour, which gave our forwards more of a chance and took some pressure of our backline as they could set up accordingly behind the ball.

We kicked the first 3 goals of the last quarter to totally break the game open. Sam Butler continued to strongly influence the match, taking some great marks and winning plenty of contested footy. His ability to bring teammates into the match and instructional voice showed great leadership. Another pleasing aspect of the last quarter was the fact 14 1% acts were committed; this was a vast improvement from the first quarter.

Post-match the boys sung the War Cry with gusto before reflecting about the lessons learned from a contest like that. Yes, we are a talented side but if the right mind set is not applied and a real hunger for the contest any opposition with cause a threat. Moving ahead with our season the boys hopefully will learn from this and we will become a more consistent and resilient team.

We now look forward to playing APS school St. Kevin's College (Toorak), on Friday June 4.

Gavin Webb
1st XVIII Coach