

SPC Sport Report – Term 2, Week 8

Basketball

Basketball College Championships

In recent weeks the College's Basketball program has been playing the qualifying rounds of the Victorian College Championships. All teams (Junior, Intermediate and Senior) made it through to the final round which was set to be played at the State Basketball Centre next week. Unfortunately, the tournaments are not able to go ahead due to the current Covid restrictions. We are unsure if these will be rescheduled.

We are hopeful to be able to play in the Champions Cup Basketball tournaments in August.

Thank you to Eric Hayes, Jeremy Daniel, Fiona Cummins and Luke Ryan for assisting with getting our teams organised.

A big thank you to Jeremy Daniel for running a House Basketball competition in Term 2 which saw 150 students from Years 7-10 take to the court. Jeremy implemented the House competition in Term 2 to give a larger group of boys the opportunity to play due to limits to the number of teams we can enter in the Term 3 BAS Competition.

Students are very much looking forward to next Term when our teams will get to play against the other schools that are involved in BAS. BAS Basketball will begin in Term 3 with Juniors on Tuesday nights, Intermediates on Wednesday nights and Seniors on Thursday nights.

Badminton

BAS Badminton Singles Championships

Four students represented St Patrick's College at the BAS Badminton Singles Championships on Thursday, May 27, 2021. The SPC representatives were Campbell Gladman, Aden Paxton, Noah Barwick and Thisen Jayasooriya.

It was a large group of competitors this year with 23 boys participating. Players were split into six pools and played three matches each, with the top of each pool going through to quarter final.

Aden finished top of Pool B and defeated a Damascus College student in the Quarter Final. Due to being seeded Campbell was automatically through to the semi-final.

It was an SPC vs SPC battle in the semi-final with Campbell coming out on top after a well contested second set 21/13 26/24.

The final was a thrilling match that had everyone on the edge of their seats. Congratulations to Campbell Gladman for winning the competition with final scores being 18/21 22/20 21/18.

A fantastic achievement by Campbell who, as a Year 10 student, will have two more years in the competition. All four of our St Patrick's College students are eligible to play again next year.



Term 2 Sport

Unfortunately, the recent coronavirus restrictions put an end to our Term 2 Sport competitions. Students were very excited to be back out on the field and were very disappointed to miss the last two rounds. Fingers crossed for a full Term of sport in Term 3.

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

Football Report – Week 8

Congratulations to James van Es who was selected to represent the Victorian Country U/17 side that is scheduled to play in the National carnival during the school holidays. James was also selected to debut for the Greater Western Victoria Rebels last weekend as a bottom age player. Congratulations James - Well Done.



Taatee Shield

All Stars 3 – 2 - 20 Def Pumarali Dreamers 2 – 6 – 18

Goal Kickers: Pumarali Dreamers, Cameron Portamini 1, Brayden Wright 1
All Stars, Team effort!!!

Best Players Pumarali Dreamers: Deacon Fawcett, Luke Atkinson, Brayden Wright, Flynn Smith

Best Players All Stars: Cooper Battye, Lachie McPhan, Declan Djordjevic, Kayden Williams, Noah Svanosio

As the state prepared for yet another lockdown a select group of Indigenous and Non-Indigenous students have forged ahead taking a further step towards reconciliation. The junior Taatee shield saw the best of St Patrick's Colleges' year 7, 8 and 9s Aboriginal Students form the Pumarali Dreamers take on the All-stars. Coach Corey Bell had his Dreamers start incredibly strong, trapping the ball in their forward line and consistently winning possession, yet struggling to score a major. The more accurate All Stars capitalised on their opportunities winning the game 3.2.20 to 2.6.18. It was a great team effort by the All Stars to withstand a fast and tough beginning by the Dreamers. Special mention to our best on ground, Cooper Battye who was a driving force throughout the game, Noah Svanosio who gave plenty of run and the toughness shown by Kayden Williams who took some big hits but still put his head over the ball. The effort by the All Stars throughout the game was a true reflection of what the day was all about – spirit, teamwork, and comradery.

However the 500 onlookers, coaches, officials and even the players would agree that the spirit in which the game was played, was far more important than the score line. The 'Taatee' shield, which translates to 'Friendship' in the Wadawurung language. Whilst the entertaining game had hard hits from players on both teams, especially Brayden Wright, candy sold by Dez Sambono and big leaps from Deacon Fawcett it will most be remembered as a step towards Reconciliation. With no disrespect intended to the All Stars the St Patrick's crowd embraced the Dreamers as the home team and cheered every goal, tackle, and dash. From the moment all players 'took a knee' pregame to when the Taatee Shield was raised by the All Stars all participants embraced the meaning of the occasion. Special thanks is due to the team from Korin Gamadji Institute (KGI) who spent time with

the members of both teams prior to the game to talk about Reconciliation, leadership, health and football. The students embraced the words of guest speakers Brady Cooper and Luke Murray. Events such as this would not be possible without Tina Benoit or Howard Clark who organise the school's sport and football department. Nor could it happen without the whole College communities desire to embrace Reconciliation.
Jason Napior & Mark Stahl (SPC Assistant Coaches)



