

SPC Sport Report – Term 3, Week 3

Term 3 Sport

It has been fantastic to have seen our Term 3 sport teams in action after two years of competitions being cancelled. In 2021 we thought things were getting back to normal but then we only got one week of sport before we were plunged into another lockdown. It has been great to see our students back enjoying the Term 3 Sports that are on offer including;

- Table Tennis – All year levels
- Squash/Racquetball – All year levels
- Basketball – All year levels
- Soccer – Junior & Senior
- Senior Hockey – Years 9-12

Thank you to all the staff that are assisting with coaching a team this term.

Cross Country

The first event on the Cross Country calendar was the BAS Road Relays which were held on Thursday, 14 July. With only a few days to get the team organised after the holidays we ended up with a full contingent of runners with some emergencies.

St Patrick's College gave it their all on the day and took out the boys aggregate in a closely contested competition.

Boys Aggregate	Junior		Inter		Senior		Total Points	Placing
	A	B	A	B	A	B		
SPC	14	6	14	7	16	8	65	1st
College	16	8	16	5	12	6	63	2nd
Grammar	12	7	12	8	14	7	60	3rd
Damascus	10	5	10	6	10	5	46	4th

Thank you to John Richards, Shane Hayes and Amanda Rossato for organising and coaching the team and to Simon Dwyer and Harvey Woodburn that assist on a checkpoint.

Week look forward to the next event in Week 4.

Basketball

Round 1 - SPC Senior Boarders Basketball

SPC White 45 defeated SPC Green 40

Scorers: Strahan Robinson 17, Jack James 10, Toby Martin 8

The St Pat's Senior Boarders Basketball Team have been eagerly awaiting the start of the BAS Basketball Competition. Their excitement and enthusiasm were shown in the first half as they wiped the opposition off the floor, scoring at will. Jack James and Strahan Robinson were instrumental in helping the SPC Boarders Team to a 20-point lead in the first half. However, complacency sunk in and SPC Green quickly turned the game on its head, hitting the lead with three minutes left. Despite the momentum swing, the Boarders wrestled back control and ran out eventual winners by 5 points.

Brendon Gilbert (SPC White Coach)

Junior Basketball

Year 8 SPC Blue v BCC

SPC Year 8 blue side played against BCC and played well for a bunch of boys that have not played together. It was good to see some amazing encouragement from the bench to both the strongest and weakest player, everyone was happy to give some advice and support the team.

One boy in particular Brendan Lee was exceptional. Not only did he play well, his ability to show maturity under pressure was a testament to his character. Harrington Murphy our top scorer played well as did Archie Wood, who was able to get out and play a great game in the second half. The boys should be very proud of their first win and most certainly commended for their positive attitude.

Rorey O'Kelly (SPC Blue Coach).

Year 7 St Pats v Clarendon

Coach: Josh Ebbels, filling in for Shannon Thompson who was away at Year 9 Melbourne Experience.

On Tuesday the 19th of July the Year 7 Boys played against Ballarat Clarendon College in Basketball. My very first experience coaching a St Pats basketball team definitely didn't disappoint.

I had the privilege of coaching 10 year 7 boys who demonstrated exceptional skill, teamwork and confidence to take a 20-0 lead within the first 5 minutes of the game. At that point I knew these boys had come to play. The team had a convincing win in their first match.

The boys were very humble in their victory and post victory shook hands and came to a huddle for the final hands in. The smiles and sense of excitement was electric and it was amazing to be a part of. Stand out players were Jaxon Chiswell, Ky Geljon, Jordan Davidson, Noah Phillips, Lachy Chiswell, Ollie Quick, Mitchell Sinclair, Archer Martin, Jack Clark, and Pat Burt.

Soccer

Senior BAS Soccer Round 1

St Patrick's College 5 defeated Ballarat High School 2

Goals: Manny Hontzogloy 3, Chan Bar 2

Best: Nicholas Hontzogloy, Will Cairns, Chan Bar, Manny Hontzogloy, Dayne Allen-Wythes, Jackson Bourke, Mason Bourke

St Patrick's Seniors team and coach were all very pleased to be able to take on Ballarat High in the first BAS game for 3 years and after the Whitefriars come from behind result, they were confident of success. After some wide runs connected with Will Cairns down the left wing, our good fortune looked to be continuing. However, Ballarat High had more than the one good player and a missed pass out of defence went to their tall player who shot cleanly from 20 metres over the keeper's head quickly brought us back to reality. Their speedy forward with the mop top then threatened us further turning our defence with his pace and it was only great play by our keeper Mason Bourke that saved us being two down.

One could sense a boil over here as High School in previous years had not offered such difficulty to defend against.

Fortunately, our captain Nicholas Hontzogloy was not deterred and took over the central area and continued to send the ball into our forward area. Will Cairns was continuing to dominate his opposition and running deep he was able to build up pressure on their defence. Matt Michalik put a shot on goal that took a great save from their keeper to keep out. From the other wing Dayne Allen-Wythes was presenting a challenge to his opponents and he passed to Manny Hontzogloy close to goal. A scramble between Manny, defenders and goal keeper ensued with Manny somehow extricating the ball from the mess and stepping around the keeper to smother the ball into the goals for our first.

At 15 minutes into the game Chan Bar took the central striker position and immediately presented options but well out from goal. We had gained the ascendancy, but scores were level at the break.

Our central players were on top from the start of the second half and this would prove telling in the match. Also, telling was Chan Bar up front who gathered a ball at his feet and worked it through heavy defensive before slotting the ball across the goals with the keeper stranded – not knowing which way he was opposition, attacking from. It was an uplifting goal for St Pats but High School still kept coming and scored the next goal from a cross from deep on our defensive right side which somehow was headed in from inside the 6 yard box.

Manny set up Chan again this time close in with only the keeper to beat. His shot was deflected but back to Chan and he made no mistake with the pickup to put us 3-2 ahead. Oscar Cherry who had battled bravely off the back left all match, used his smarts with a quick throw in and put Manny onto a ball goal side of the defence. Such an opportunity could not be missed and he side stepped a defender and angled a beautiful finish through the acute space on the approaching keeper's left side to put the result beyond question.

Matt Michalik presented on our left and was unlucky to score with a number of chances going close. Our final play produced a real team success with fast passing from Chan to Connor and then onto Manny close to goals giving High's defence no chance giving us our final score for a 5-2 victory.

This was a promising result for the St Patrick's Seniors with all players having a part in the success. Thanks to Gabe Thompson-Newbury and Rex Van Berkel for selflessly helping out the Green team who were outnumbered due to some disappointing withdrawals close to the match time.

Senior BAS Soccer Round 2

St Patrick's College 2 defeated Ballarat Grammar 1

Goals: Will Cairns, Nicholas Hontzogloy

Best: Oscar Cherry, Nicholas Hontzogloy, Will Cairns, Dayne Allen-Wythes, Gabe Thompson-Newbury, Mason Bourke, Jackson Bourke, Manny Hontzogloy

St Patrick's Seniors had to play on a wet and slippery pitch at Grammar that in some competitions would have been condemned. Cricket pitch in the middle, water lying in strips and very unsteady footing. Anyhow the depleted team came away with the result required and could have been further in front if things had gone to plan and we had been a little bit luckier.

From the beginning one player on the pitch seemed very suited to the difficult conditions and that was Oscar Cherry who showed great pace, poise and skill throughout the match.

His long throws gave us chances to score, his passing across the wet ground was sublime and his speed was not daunted by the wet ground. His backward pass between a covering defender's legs followed up by securing the ball and passing under pressure was a delight to see.

The two wingers Will Cairns and Dayne Allen-Wythes played great games and perhaps set up our win in the first half due to their skill down the flanks. Will scored the first goal from a sharp and accurate header off a perfectly placed corner kick from Dayne. They had both been giving us great drive off their respective sides and their speed to the errant ball put enormous pressure on Grammar's defences.

Gabe Thompson-Newbury held down central defence and read the play better than most and met the ball as asked to cut off many dangerous attacks by the Grammar forwards. Alongside Gabe, Jackson Bourke was again able to read attacks and halt them and use the strong and sure Luke Severino on back right. And to complete the backline that had to be sure footed and repel the attacks, Mason Bourke in goals stopped three early chances with strong covering body work and sure hands.

We did not win everything across the centre, partly due to the dangerous cricket pitch, but Nicholas Hontzogloy was the standout player. His delivery was as good as it could be without creating danger and his first half work was frenetic in keeping us putting pressure on Grammar. He scored the second goal and it was an excitement to watch in that he took on a number of players before doubling back while being closely attended before hitting a precise shot wide on the keeper's right side. It was a repeat of an effort late in the first half but this one brought the desired result.

Manny Hontzogloy and Rex Van Berkel were also playing across the centre and Rex went close with at least three headers in the first half, while Manny's second half caused Grammar a lot of grief with chances galore. One solid shot hit the horizontal with another goal being disallowed after great team play ending with Manny.

Chan Bar and Harry Broadbent gave us some bight when in attack, with Chan defeating a number of defenders at one stage, only to find the wet conditions slowing down his shot on goal which would have normally been a sure thing.

Week three will see a bye round for the senior team before a brotherly match against the SPC Green Reserve side in week four.

Senior BAS Soccer Round 2

SPC Green v BCC Black

Result SPC Green 2 v BCC Black 4

Despite a loss to college on our home turf, the boys battled to the end against a very fast and physical College team.

We were close to our full team and unfortunately our captain, Billy Burton was unavailable for this game. From the very beginning, it was obvious that this would be a very physical game. Our midfielders, Logan Koleski and Zach Koleski battled against some bigger bodies, but held their ground to repel their attacks, but also setting up our forwards. Luca Dixon battled all game to use his physical advantage and was able to score beating the offside trap. Leo Turnbull Gent was solid in the back, but the pacey wingers from college caused a whole host of problems for our defenders. They were strong, fast, and scored some impressive goals.

Josh Remington with his pace and excellent ball control was able to skip away from the defenders and score a beautiful well-placed goal from the wing. Being in Year 9, Josh is certainly a player for the future.

Despite being down the whole game, our players, battled on, even in the dying minutes to peg back their lead. Next week we are up against BCC Red and then the following week a long-awaited derby against the SPC firsts. It's a game our boys are very much looking forward to.

Emmanuel Desfosses

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. Students should check the daily messages regularly.

If students still want to get involved in Term 3 Sport it is not too late and they can get more information by visiting the 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. Soccer will need to purchase SPC soccer shorts and socks and Basketball will need to purchase SPC Basketball shorts. Students should check with their coach as to what is required.

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