

SPC Sport Report – Term 3, Week 5

Term 3 Sport is in full swing, and it is fantastic to see our teams back on the court and pitch after two years of cancellations. Please see below for an update on Term 3 Sport events.

Herald Sun Shield Football

On Wednesday, 3 August St Patrick's College made history by making it through to both the Intermediate and Senior Herald Sun Shield Finals. Please see below reports from the matches.

Herald Sun Shield Grand Final - Wednesday, 3 August

1st XVIII v Whitefriars College (ACC) @ Box Hill

SPC 2. 9. 21 Lost to Whitefriars 4. 4. 28

Goal Kickers: Max Filmer, Jesse Cairns.

Best Players: James Van Es, Jack Jeffrey, James Clark, Josh Sparkman, Josh Huxtable.

The SPC 1st XVIII earned the right to take on ACC school, Whitefriars, an all-boys college in Donvale. After defeating Emmanuel College Warrnambool, in what was a hard fought victory, we went into the match with confidence but with the knowledge that Whitefriars would pose a great challenge. We were bolstered by the return of key onballer Jesse Cairns from injury, who provided us with another midfield rotation and leadership.

We arrived at Box Hill to see the Intermediates defeat Parade College and conditions that could only be described as a strong, blustery wind to the Whitehorse Rd end. After losing the toss, we kicked into the strong breeze first up. Whitefriars managed to slam on 3 quick goals in the first 10 minutes. We defended grimly for the remaining 10 minutes of the quarter as we barely registered an inside 50. Whitefriars led 3. 2. 20 to nothing at the first break. Lachie Charleson had tweaked a hamstring but vowed to play on, knowing he would miss the next few weeks of football, a testament to his commitment to the cause.

At the 45 second mark of the 2nd quarter Max Filmer kicked a great crumbing goal to immediately spark the contest. For the next 10 minutes we dominated possession and peppered the goals. James Van Es was having a presence in the ruck, key midfielders Sam Lalor and Josh Huxtable kept driving the ball forward, utility Josh Sparkman was at his creative best and forward Jack Jeffrey was creating contests and run, forward of the ball. Unfortunately, we could only manage 5 behinds throughout this 10 minutes of dominance, with a number of shots just fading late across goal. Whitefriars managed to kick a crucial goal into the breeze late, as we went into the break 15 points down, with the task well and truly in front of us.

The plan for the third quarter was to go into full defensive mode, as we couldn't afford too big of a lead to chase in the last, and knowing we would have the wind to come home with. To the boys credit, they implemented the plan well by keeping Whitefriars to a solitary point. Unfortunately, we could only manage 1 point ourselves as we squandered a few golden opportunities to kick goals. In finals there are key moments and we just couldn't win some crucial contests and our execution with the last kick inside 50 did let us down. Key backman, James Clark and Deng Lual stood firm, whilst Alex Molan on a wing provided some drive forward of centre. The margin remained at 15 points heading into the last!

The last quarter followed a similar path to the 2nd. We dominated the inside 50's but could only manage 1. 3. Jesse Cairns kicked a running goal at the 12-minute mark to reduce the margin to 8 points. With all the momentum, the clock ticked away as Whitefriars bottled the play up and effectively soaked up time, despite our efforts we fell agonisingly 7 points short.

The boys should be congratulated on their efforts, not just on the day, but throughout the whole season. Over 60 players represented the 1st XVIII this season across 11 matches, which is a record. In 2023 we are excited to formally join the Associated Catholic College's (ACC) in Melbourne, which means we will be playing against quality sides like St. Bernard's, St. Joseph's, St. Bede's, Parade and Whitefriars on a weekly basis. This standard of competition can only be good for the development of the players in our care. We will remain in the BAS competition, which will see our 2nd XVIII compete against fellow BAS 1st's teams.

A big thank you to fellow coaches Jarret Giampaolo and Steve Biggin, Co-ordinator of Football Howard Clark, runner and trainer Andrew Chamings, Head of Sport Tina Benoit, HaPe staff Simon

Dwyer and Harvey Woodburn and to all the boys who did the boundary, took stats, operated the scoreboard or supported over the course of the season. Hopefully the boys learnt a few things about the game and we wish the year 12's all the best with their studies for the remainder of 2022.

Gavin Webb

1st XVIII Coach

2022 Herald Sun Shield Intermediate Grand Final

St Patrick's College vs Parade College

SPC 7. 9. 51 defeated 5. 17 .47 Parade College

Goals: 2 S.Robinson , 1 N.Bennett , 1 O.Hannaford , 1 O.Morris , 1 J.Ough

Best Players: N.Renfree, O.Hannaford, O.Morris, J.Ough, W.Stevens, J.Jarvis



St Patrick's College Intermediate football team are the 2022 Herald Sun Shield Intermediate Champions.

The St Patrick's team were able to pull off a narrow four point victory over a quality Parade College team.

After a slow start in the first half the St Patrick's outfit were left with a three goal deficit moving into the half time break.

The Third quarter saw the Paddy boys score against the strong wind which was favouring the Whitehorse Road end. This was vital as we were able to apply enough pressure to the Parade forwards to force errors when shooting at goal as they missed many vital scoring opportunities in that quarter.

The SPC team started the final quarter fourteen points down, in what was to be seesawing final quarter the St Pat's team were on the right end of a 50m penalty resulting in a goal. Eli Holloway came off the bench in the final quarter to mark strongly and goal from 40m, giving SPC an eleven point lead with 5minutes remaining. Parade was able to goal with about four minutes remaining, but the St Pat's team were able to hang on in a nail biter to take out the title by four points.

Ned Renfree was named best on field. His game in the midfield was dominant his strong marking and remarkable attack on the ball was a highlight of the clash. Jack Ough and Ollie Hannaford were also key to the SPC victory. Hannaford was able to find space at times that were vital and also played a sweeping role in defence saving at least three certain scoring opportunities for Parade. Will, Stevens rucked well with team captain Jack O'Brien who also took his turn in the middle

Ollie Morris was tremendous across the half-back line working in tandem with Jack Jarvis they repelled many Parade attacking efforts. Brodie Wells at fullback has been a huge asset to the team this year his old-fashioned and dour defensive style certainly made life difficult for his opponent yesterday. Sam Duggan was also good in defence, his willingness to attack the ball and never shirk a contest was a key feature of our defence yesterday.

Harry Charleson was great addition to the team yesterday his work in the forward fifty complimented key forward Strahan Robinson who finished the day with two very handy goals. Archie Caldwell's run was important for the team starting at centre-half forward and later moving onto the wing he marked strongly and was able to use his run to deliver the ball into our forward fifty.

Congratulations is extended to the team on their magnificent performance. Thanks is extended to Tom Nash, Spencer Jenks, Andrew Chamings and Zac Dransman for their assistance on game day.

John Richards.

Soccer

Senior BAS Soccer

SPC Green v BCC Red Round 3

SPC Green 10 v BCC Red 0

SPC Green started defensively and played behind themselves early on giving College Red a psychological advantage at the start. However, with a play out of defence Josh Remington gathered and used his pace to burst down the left wing before unleashing a strong shot on the goals that the keeper needed to save. However, the rebound came outside and Matt Michalik was there to pounce and he put away the errant ball to put us 1-0.

Logan Koleski was proving busy in the centre and Emmanuel Galias was regularly stopping balls from College down the right side. Logan set up Sean Weigall whose shot went over the top. Luca Dixon has been the main goal scorer for the Reserves but he appeared to be playing fairly wide on the right, until Josh broke through again playing with the ball close to his body until he got the ball on the right side and centred to Luca for an easy finish 2-0.

Emmanuel and Levi Fordham were confronting College's attacks straight on and clearing safely, while their deeper incursions were being mopped up expertly by captain Will Burton, whose clearances were turning the balls into our immediate attacking areas with purposeful long balls. Luka centred to Sean and another strong shot went high. Matt Michalik showed courage attacking a high bouncing ball against an outnumbering defence, before Luca again centred a ball from wide on the right finding Matt this time with plenty of space and he had time to place the ball wide of the keeper for 3-0.

Luca passed centrally again with Zac Koleski meeting the ball inside the box after a long run from centre and his shot went very close. Mikey Raggett appeared on the right and met two loose balls missing just off the left side. Zac Koleski took a corner which came back at the keeper and nearly went in. Joseph Gregory came on and made a dep run from the back drawing a corner. Leo Turnball-Gent had to collect a few balls, which he did very proficiently as College made a few incursions. Logan then played a special ball through their defence to Luca who had to stop the ball dead before turning around and hitting it hard past the keeper for our 4-0 lead into the break.

Josh Remington's return to the field in the second half turned College defence time after time with his speed and smart work down the right wing. Luca played a dangerous ball across our forward line from deep on the right which Zac Koleski met perfectly inside the 8 yard box and he scored for 5-0. Josh played a smart tip over a defender to Luca and he gathered tight between defender and keeper who he chipped with excellent control of the ball for a delightful classy goal 6-0.

Leo had to produce a difficult tip over the bar after a rare College purple patch where they pressed us on a number of consecutive occasions off our right wing before putting on a high ball at their goals. Josh Remington smashed a ball into the keeper who had to make a double save as Josh reacted to the rebound. Sean Weigall had started to prove himself in the centre of the ground and he showed top control to take a ball and pass accurately to Matt Michalik whose smart pass set up Luca which he put away easily for another goal 7-0. This passage of play was reciprocated very quickly again with Sean to Luca for our next 8-0.

Sean was dominating in the centre and smart play close to the body saw Will Burton given a serious chance which went very close. Sean then gained a ball 25 metres out and turned the ball to his favoured left side and unleashed a furious smash into the goals for 9-0. College #8 looked dangerous, but his efforts ran into a well manned central defence line. Joseph Gregory let fly from 50 metres and unfortunately it was wide to the right, otherwise could have scored. Finally, a very fitting end when Josh Remington working hard down the right wing was fouled. He put the ball in cleanly from the spot for 10 – nil finish.

Goals: Luca Dixon 5 Matthew Michalik 2 Zac Koleski Sean Weigall Josh Remington

Best: Logan Koleski, Luca Dixon, Josh Remington, Matthew Michalik, Zac Koleski, William Burton, Sean Weigall

2022 Senior BAS Soccer Round 4

SPC 10 defeated SPC GREEN 3

The much-anticipated derby had finally arrived. Unfortunately, SPC Green were short on players and Luke Severino and Josh Remington kindly stepped in to help the seconds.

The game started at a frantic pace. Both teams were desperate to win the ball in the midfield and assist their forwards. To our shock, Josh Remington scored first with a thunderous strike to the bottom right corner of the goal. In response, the pacey Chan Bar latched onto a beautiful pass from Manny Hontzogloy to score soon afterwards. Josh Remington was causing all sorts of problems for our defenders with his effective sidestep and pace. He scored another two goals and suddenly we were two goals down. In response, Dayne Allen-Wythes scored two and Chan Bar scored two before half time to take a 5-3 lead into the break.

In the second half our plan was to play high, use our pace and quick passes to assist our forwards and wingers. This worked a charm, and the second half was all one-way traffic. Connor Nelson-Higgins won all his midfield battles and was able to assist our forwards with his smooth passing. Nick Hontzogloy battled hard as a defensive midfielder. In the second half, goals came from Dayne Allen-Wythes (1), Chan Bar (1), Connor Nelson Higgins (1) Manny Hontzogloy(1) Will Cairns(1).

Quite an impressive win and it was good to see a spread of goal scorers. The firsts remain undefeated and face Damascus College at home next Wednesday afternoon.

Emmanuel Desfosses

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.