

SPC Sport Report – Term 3, Week 6

Term 3 Sport

It has been an interesting Term in the world of sport with us trying multiple times to get sport up and running only to be disappointed by another lockdown.

We got the word late Saturday that sport was able to resume but with certain conditions. The coaches and students have done a wonderful job at getting organised at short notice to get teams back on the pitch and court.

One of the conditions put on sport returning was around multi school events. Events that bring multiple schools together to compete at one venue, indoors or outdoors are to be avoided and these activities scheduled for the remainder of Term 3 have been cancelled or postponed

The following sports have been most affected

- **Table Tennis** – When we found out the table tennis competition was unable to run this term we started with table tennis at lunchtime this week. We are happy to report we have been able to organise some friendly matches with Ballarat Grammar and Ballarat Clarendon over the next few weeks. We are able to do so as it will only be the two schools at the stadium at once.
- **Squash & Racquetball** – Like wise with Racquetball the competition has been cancelled this term but we have been able to organise some friendlies with Ballarat Grammar and Ballarat Clarendon.
- **Lap of Lake / Cross Country** – Has been Postponed
- **BAS Athletics** – Has unfortunately been cancelled for 2021.

Other sports, in which two schools compete in matches have been able to recommence this week however the draws have had to be adapted to ensure only two schools are at a venue at the one time. A big thank you to Sharyn Canny from BAS that has put a power of work into draw changes to ensure students have sport opportunities this term.

Spectators

While these sports can resume, unfortunately there are no spectators allowed at venues. We are only allowed to have the minimum amount of people required to run a sport (only competitors, coaches and umpires). Parents please do not enter school grounds.

All these arrangements are designed to protect our communities and, in particular, our senior students. If the restrictions were not adhered to, it would jeopardise the College's ability to compete in any school sport for the remainder of the year.

See below the list of sports for Term 3. A big thank you to all the staff that are coaching a team this term. It would not be possible to enter the number of teams we do without your help.

SPORT	DAY	COACH/MANAGER
1st XI Hockey	Thur	NGeaghan
First V Basketball SPC	Thur	EHayes
Senior Basketball (3 teams)	Thur	IFernee/LRyan/TWestwood
Intermediate Basketball (Yr 10)	Wed	GBrodie/SYoung
Intermediate Basketball (Yr 9)	Wed	MWeadon/JSpierings
Junior Basketball (Yr 8)	Tue	JDaniel/L McKee/FCummins
Junior Basketball SPC Green (Yr 7)	Tue	SThompson/MHolland/JBurge
Table Tennis	Tue	JWillis / NDixon
Squash/Racquetball	Thur	JSullivan
Rowing Training	Varies	BScott & Rowing Coaches
1st XI Soccer	Wed	TBeggs
2nd XI Soccer	Wed	PAngeli
Junior Soccer (Yr 8)	Thur	CProcaccino & TMoodley
Junior Soccer (Yr 7)	Thur	BLaffey

Herald Sun Shield Football – Intermediate & Senior

Unfortunately the Herald Sun Shield matches scheduled for August 8 were unable to be played. However, we are thankful that the AFL are committed to reworking the schedule for these matches to hopefully be played at the end of this term or early Term 4. We will pass on more information as it comes.

Communication & Permissions

All students that have signed up for a sport have been added to a Microsoft team with their teammates and coach. This is where we will communicate most information, so students need to ensure they are checking it regularly. It is important that students are communicating their availability to their coach so replacements can be found if need be.

The level of communication and permission has increased via PAM. It is imperative that parent/guardians log on and give permission to participate in sport. We send out detailed information to via PAM and we ask that you relay that information to students.

The College website is also a great place to find information about the sporting opportunities we offer at St Patrick's College. There is also a parent frequently asked questions document on the sport homepage which may assist. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email, or call.

I would like to specially thank Carly Twaits and Will Gilbert for all their work behind the scenes thus far in helping organise all the sporting events. It has been a massive effort and your assistance is greatly appreciated.

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 (ctwait@stpats.vic.edu.au) at the College with any questions.



SPC Soccer match report: SPC 1st XI d SPC 2nd XI – August 18, 2021

St Patrick's Senior's 4 defeated St Patrick's Reserves 0

GOALS: Ben Nash 2, Ajay Thapa, Jack Sheehan

BEST Jack Sheehan, Connor Gaffney, Bailey DeLivera, Jaz Singh, Noah Maggi, Will Cairns, Ben Nash

BEST RESERVES Luke Ozols, Gabe Thompson-Newbury, Declan Mong

After moving Ajay to the back row for the photo shoot, the game kicked off around 4:02 to begin this delayed BAS senior soccer season. What a great feeling for all involved to start this competition after last year completely missing the whole season due to the lockdowns!

The Seniors started a little shakily with a halfhearted back pass not reaching the target and a flurry by the Reserves through Ngor Bar drawing a save from our keeper Noah Maggi. We retaliated down the other end with a smart series of passes Ben Nash to Nicholas Hontzogloy and onto Connor Gaffney putting pressure on their keeper Luke Ozols, who made the first of his many saves to stop our attack. The Seniors were being threatened and reliance on back passing was causing more pressure on our last line than should have been the case.

Jack Sheehan playing in a defensive midfield role was the rock that we were starting to springboard off and a pass to Jaz Singh gave him a clear shot but it was kept out. Somehow, our starting lineup was disturbed and it appeared that we had reverted to a single forward up front much to the chagrin of the coach, but that would be fixed at half time.

Nicholas Hontzogloy placed a lovely ball onto Jaz Singh and his shot forced another good save by their keeper. Likewise, Ajay Thapa ran the ball from the center and clipped a ball soon after, that looked like clearing the keeper but it was again thwarted by Ozols. We wasted two corners as the kicks cleared any connection possible – to be noted for the future when playing on this pitch.

Finally, it was Tom Latrobe who was getting on top of his opponent on the wing, that was able to play the perfect ball to Ajay Thapa and he ran past a few inside defenders before delivering to the right of the keeper for our first goal (1-0). It could have been two nil at the change, with Jaz Singh's classy run setting up the possibility, but his shot went glaringly close to the bar on the half time.

The second half was a very different affair with the Senior team showing dominance across the pitch and finally in front of goals. Captain Connor Gaffney showed his poise and strength with a number of drives through the center and Bailey De Livera was attacking from the defensive line. Two changes in Will Cairns onto the wing and Sean Weigall in back left also made an immediate mark on the game. With Declan Andrew at central defense and Jack Sheehan continuing to control the mid defensive spot, the Seniors began to see many chances up front. Jaz Singh found Ajay Thapa and his strong drive just missed the right post.

Alex Pituch was getting chances and went close with a number of shots, but he was also passing forward to advantage others. Smart work near the 18 yards saw Alex centre the ball and Ben Nash was present dead in front to finish it off 2-0. Shortly afterwards, Ben doubled when he got a ball at the top of the 18 yards and he kicked a powerful swinging goal to the right of the hapless keeper 3-0.

We had finally shown our class and this was cemented by Jack Sheehan dribbling past three opponents before finding space and beating the goal keeper for the 4-0 final score line. An important match for the Seniors to gel together and pick up on team expectations.