

SPC Sport Report – Term 3, Week 9

Term 3 Sport has come to an end, and it was fantastic to see all our teams back out on the court and pitch after the cancellation of Term 3 sport in 2020 and 2021.

Congratulations to all the students that represented the school and a big thank you to all the staff that assisted with coaching and supervising.

It was a massive week of sport that saw some thrilling grand finals and wonderful results which are outlined below.

Basketball

2022 BAS Senior Basketball Final

Wow. What a Grand final match in the BAS Senior Basketball Comp.

SPC were confronted with a much taller BCC side as the match commenced. With some great team play and quick movement, SPC maintained an early lead throughout the first half.

Half time scores were SPC 25 - BCC 15

BCC were determined to not allow SPC to take the shield home and using their height, were able to peg back the lead and ensure that the game was drawn at the end of regular time.

Full time scores were SPC 35 to BCC 35

The three minutes of overtime was goal for goal with neither team being able to break through and take a comfortable lead. With less than two seconds on the clock, and scores tied, Will used his quickness and determination to draw a foul. On the line for a bonus two, Will's first shot rimmed out by the smallest of margins. With no further doubt, Will corrected his second shot and scored the point, securing the win for SPC.

We are so incredibly proud of the players who represented the First V Program this season. Their attitude towards the game, their commitment and connection as a team was amazing. Thank you to the players.

Thank you to the staff, families and friends who supported the team through the season and a huge thanks to Eric Hayes for all of his time and effort that went into shaping this wonderful squad.



2022 Second V Basketball Final

The SPC Boarders played a hard-fought match against Phoenix in the BAS Basketball, 2nd V Grand Final, going down 32 to 40.

The boarders got off to a fast start, scoring the first 7 points and headed into halftime, leading 17 to 15.

Phoenix scored quickly at the beginning of the second half to take the lead before both teams got into a shoot-out. Phoenix got on top in the last two minutes with some fast scoring.

For SPC, Jack James and Luke Smith led the way on the scoreboard with 13 and 10 points, respectively.

I want to thank the senior students for their leadership in organising the team and giving the players something to look forward to each Thursday evening.

Brendon Gilbert



Soccer

2022 BAS Senior Soccer Final

St Patrick Senior's 2 defeated Ballarat & Clarendon College 1 (Extra Time)

BEST: Nicholas Hontzogloy, Manny Hontzogloy, Rex Van Berkel, Connor Nelson Higgins, Gabe Thompson-Newbury, Will Cairns, Chan Bar, Sean Weigall, Matt Michalik

GOALS: Manny Hontzogloy, Chan Bar



College produced a far superior side than we had seen previously, and they shocked us a bit at the start as they had purchase in the centre of the ground as well as an organised defence at the back. Their keeper probably was their best player during the match, and he stopped some very good shots that we put on goal. Hence, we were a little flustered early on.

They had the first serious shot at goal, before Connor Nelson-Higgins and Will Cairns did a 1-2 play allowing Connor to hit a heavy drive which drew a good save by the keeper. Chan Bar took the ball on the left and completed a great run down the left flank, concerning the College defence with his athleticism. He passed back to Connor who hit a long shot just left of the goals.

Halfway through the half, Luca Dixon replaced Chan and he caused some concern to College with his height up front. Nick Hontzogloy was busy through the centre and he was copping some heavy treatment from College's tall centremen. It was heavy physical work in the centre and Nick, his brother Manny and Connor had to stand tall to withstand this torrent.

Before the half time, Connor saved a corner shot put in low, before we gained a chance with Josh Remington being entangled and gaining a free kick. Nick sent the shot in dangerously, but it was cleared again by their keeper who was beginning to be a thorn in our efforts to score.

Second half saw College get the better of us early. They had a dangerous and quick forward and he collected a ball deep on the left side of the 8 yards. He turned quickly and appeared to be clipped by our defender and fell – being awarded with a spot penalty. They scored and went 1 up. College were jubilant and the task for St Pats became very quickly a lot harder.

However, a couple of strong defensive turn backs via Rex Van Berkel and Gabe Thompson-Newbury seemed to steady the ship. Down our left side in attack, Josh Remington was brought down and we were awarded a free kick with specialist Manny Hontzogloy taking the shot. The wind was blowing right to left and the coach suggested it would go in, despite being 25 metres out. Manny duly saluted with the perfect ball starting wide of the 2 man guard and flying too high for the keeper as it swung back from outside the right line into the back of the net.

Leo Turnbull-Gent produced the sort of keeping that we had come to expect from him after Melbourne, as he firstly took a high dangerous shot, before a groundhog save with attackers encroaching on his space. His sure handed spreads out of defence that ensured that we cleared quickly.

St Patrick's appeared to be gaining the ascendancy as the normal time closed with score 1 all.

Luca Dixon had done a really good job up front and had stretched their defenders, but he was swapped to put Chan Bar back on the pitch as extra time started. Chan received a ball near the centre and hooked it back into our danger area, with Nick getting a real chance on the left. Shortly afterwards, Chan again gathered near the centre of the ground. This time he took off on an awe inspiring run. He was physically challenged and tore off down the right wing jumping over defensive drives before he ended up deep on the right corner. With the angle at the goals diminishing, Chan drove a rocket shot across the keeper and into the far-left net of the goals for 2-1. The celebration of the whole team was palpable, and College could sense that this was the critical moment.

Chan gathered again and his shot across the goals was met by Josh who just missed what would have surely tucked up the championship. Luke Severino had replaced the warrior Sean Weigall who had played superbly throughout, despite an injury that he had to manage. It was pleasing to see another year 9 prospective St Patrick's senior player with years ahead meet the ball securely and turn College attacks with aplomb.

Nick kept copping fouls and Manny kept putting dangerous balls in which their keeper was doing a very good job keeping out. After we received another free kick, their exuberant attacker put the ball in the back of the net. Luke Severino again met the ball securely as they made their final entries but it was all over.

Nick Hontzogloy was the exuberant captain as he collected all together in a close circle to celebrate a victory that had eluded him during the covid years. Fantastic effort Nick and congratulations also to all the proud and courageous boys who were there with you to give you a very deserved victory to remember.



ACC Cross Country

We had the last of our Cross Country events yesterday when we competed at the ACC Cross Country in Bundoora. It was the first time attending this event after joining the ACC at the start of the year.

The weather forecast was not looking good and despite it raining all day in Ballarat, we were lucky in Melbourne to barely get a drop of rain at the event.

The SPC team was heavily impacted by injuries and students unable to attend due to sport finals this weekend. The students that were able to attend gave it their all on the day in what was a challenging course, and we had some fantastic results.

Mitch Korosec won the U/13 3km event with a time of 10:21.6 defeating 122 competitors.

Archie Caldwell won the U/16 5km event with a time of 17:08.0 defeating 108 competitors.

Benjamin Mornane won the Open 5km event with a time of 16:55.0 defeating 97 competitors. Ben was the only runner on the day to run under 17 minutes over the 5km.

St Patrick's College came home with two pennants after winning the Senior and U/16 Age Groups in Division 2.

Well done to all the boys that competed on the day and thank you to John Richards, Amanda Rossato, Shane Hayes and Simon Dwyer for their assistance with the event.



General

Term 3 was another busy term, and it was so great to see our students back out playing sport with a smile on their faces. I wish everyone a happy and safe holiday and we look forward to more events coming up in Term 4. We are especially looking forward to our Soccer, Rugby, and Basketball presentation dinners where we will be able to acknowledge and celebrate the achievements of our students here at St Patrick's College.

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.