

# SPC Sport Report – Week 5, Term 3

Highlights over the last two weeks include;

- Hosting an AFL International Cup Match
- BAS Senior Soccer final.
- Year 7 Football challenge Match v Xavier College
- Senior Herald Sun Shield Grand Final v St. Bernard's at Simonds Stadium, Geelong.
- Intermediate Herald Sun Shield Round Robin at Highgate Arena, Craigieburn.
- VSRU Rugby Finals at Brighton Grammar
- Champion Schools Cup – Junior & Intermediate Basketball
- Term Three BAS after school sport (squash, hockey, table tennis, junior soccer, basketball)

## **Student Achievement**

- Tom Lyon was a finalist in the WestVic "Athlete of the Year" award for AFL Football Umpiring.
- Tom Godson, Tyla Reid, Harry Sharp, James Clark and Liam Canny umpired the AFL International Cup match between Ireland and France (men's) and Ireland v The European Crusaders (women's)

## **Cross Country**

The next event in the Cross Country season is the BAS Cross Country at Damascus College on Wednesday August 23. Permission forms will be sent home soon.

## **Rugby**

St. Patrick's College 1st XV vs. Xavier College (H) (05/08)

Full time: 45 – 12 (HT 14-5)

Try scorers: Charlie Pollard 2, Ryan Yeomans, Will Harrison, Eddie Sauvao, Chris Tuitea, Inoke Siola'a

Conversions: Chris Tuitea (5/6), Will Harrison (0/1)

5 – Inoke Siola'a 4 – Ethan Jessop 3 – Ola Taelangi 2 – Pou Siola'a 1 – Eddie Sauvao

This was perhaps not the game we had wished for on the first day of Finals, however it was a game that needed to be won to continue our late season momentum, finish the season in 5th spot and build on the work done this year to propel us into the 2018 season. This would also be our final game at home and an opportunity to give a proper send off to our three Yr12s, Will Harrison, Charlie Pollard and Ola Taelangi. Schoolboy rugby is a special time for any rugby player and these three young men have served their College with distinction – Saturday was an opportunity to recognise that.

The opening exchanges were very much in the favour of our opponents. Playing into the wind and making basic errors Xavier scored the first try and deservedly so. Ill-discipline has littered our season

and in the early part of this game it seemed that we were following in this unhealthy pattern. No-one can doubt the passion and commitment our players feel towards playing for each other and the College, however this must be done within the rules of the game. This will be a key focus in our offseason/preseason, ahead of next season. Ultimately a team warning and a following penalty led to us being reduced to 14 players – and yet the irony can't be missed as the whole team rallied, around an outstanding performance from our captain, Inoke Siola'a, to score twice and lead at the break 14-5.

The second half was an outstanding team effort. We scored 5 tries to one as we highlighted that quality possession rugby will always provide positive dividends. Our discipline, our key individual skills all vastly improved and the cohesion of the side was impressive. I would like to highlight arguably the finest team try I have seen in a number of years – following a strong scrum, anchored by Will Harrison and debutant Mitch Hammond, slick passing saw the ball in the hands of Yr10 Ethan Jessop. His power running has been a joy to behold all season and belies his young years – I shudder to think what he will be capable of over the next couple of years. Breaking into the 22 Ethan was eventually brought down before quick ball and slick hands saw winger Ryan Yeomans touch down in the corner. The conversion was made to ensure the perfect team try.

Impressively we never took the foot off the gas, highlighting just how capable this side is. We were able to give our three year 12s, and the many spectators young and old, quite the spectacle and much excitement for next week's game against Melbourne Grammar (where we shall aim for a little revenge!!) and then on into season 2018.

Thank you to all who made our final home game of the season the wonderful occasion that it was – your support has been unwavering all year – we are indeed blessed.

## **Football**

### **International Cup**

We were lucky enough to host an AFL International Cup match last Wednesday on the Man Oval. In the Women's match it was Ireland v The European Crusaders, with the Irish running out convincing winners. In the Men's match it was Ireland v France, again the Irish were too strong. The day was filled with colour and enthusiasm with many staff and students coming down at lunch time to support, which created a great atmosphere. Post match AFL Victoria and all countries were very complimentary of our facilities and hospitality. Special thanks must go to Tina Benoit and Keenan Waterbury who assisted on the day and to Sharyn canny (BAS) who presented B.O.G. medals to both sides. A great day had by all.

### **Year 7 v Xavier**

Our Year 7 footballer's travelled to Xavier College on Thursday August 3. In a close encounter we went down by 8 points. This was a great learning experience for our young boys. Thanks to Howard Clark, John Richards and Peter Brady who coached on the day.

### **Intermediate Herald Sun Shield**

In a new initiative this year the Herald Sun Shield has now expanded to the Intermediate age group. Coached by Chris Giampaolo and Sam Cue the competition was a Round Robin Lightning Premiership at Craigieburn. With APS, AGSV, SSV, BAS and ACC schools competing we unfortunately did not win enough games to progress to the final. We will certainly learn from this experience and build on it for next year.

## Senior Herald Sun Shield Grand Final

The Herald Sun Shield Grand Final was held at Simonds Stadium, Geelong, against St. Bernard's, Essendon. In very wet, slippery and windy conditions our boys were defeated by two goals. The effort was there but the execution wasn't. The result was disappointing but all players no doubt would have learnt a lot by playing in a high pressured game like that. Losing is part of sport and disappointments will happen in life. The College has had a remarkable run over the last decade and it was a mighty fine effort to get to the final again. Special thanks to Howard Clark, Jarrett Giampaolo, Joe Carmody and Jamie Grant (parent) who have coached the senior group this year.

## Soccer

### JUNIOR SOCCER

SPC versus Ballarat High

Game 2, 3/8/2017

SPC 3 defeated Ballarat High 1

Our second game for the season was against Ballarat High on the Jo Walter Field. With drizzling rain this game was always going to be challenging due to the slippery nature of the synthetic surface. St Pats controlled the first half against an undermanned High School and played better given the conditions. Jack Sheehan was able to score twice in the first half with able support from the rest of the team, including fill in goal keeper Declan Andrews.

In the second half Ryan Carton scored early on and the game appeared under control. High School then scored and with only seconds to go just missed another opportunity to score.

Goals, Jack Sheehan (2), Ryan Carton

Best, Jack Sheehan, Bailey De Livera, Declan Andrews

SPC versus Damascus College

Game 3, 10/8/2017

SPC 10 defeated Damascus College 0

Our third game was against Damascus College. The Damascus team was very much in a rebuilding phase and had a number of students that were new to soccer. As a result they had struggled in their two previous games and also found it difficult to control the game against an experienced St Patrick's College team. The SPC boys dominated the game with superior ball possession and consistent attacks on goal. The score at half time was 3 – 0 however the second half resulted in seven more goals to SPC. A pleasing element is that the goals were shared amongst the team, indicating many attacking options in the forthcoming games.

Goals, Chang Ruach (2), Isaac Watts (2), Ryan Carton (2), Fergus Finn, Declan Andrew, Harry Barnett, Jack Sheehan

Best, Hugh Ollerenshaw, Chang Ruach, Alex Pituch, Connor Gaffney

## **BAS Grand Final**

BAS Grand Final St Patrick's College 1 defeated Ballarat Grammar 0

GOALS: Josh DeVoogel

BEST: Henry Ward, Josh DeVoogel, Ryan Schorback, James King, Mark Ritchie, Mitch Ralston, Tiernan Somers, Marcus Parini, Connor O'Connell

Congratulations to this fine group of St Paddy boys for producing another BAS Grand Final win against a very talented and determined Ballarat Grammar side. Our preparation and warm up was excellent and much thanks from the coach to Captain Josh deVoogel who took on responsibilities of warm ups and motivation when it was required throughout the year. He topped off his stellar season with another Best on Ground award from the referees and he was the lone goal scorer for the match.

The coach had been concerned about Grammar and especially their senior BDSA players Antonetti and Huggett and this game played out with their danger on show – enough to see Grammar rated above College after this hard fought match.

Yes, this quote was from the lead up Grammar match report when we recognised a Grammar side that seriously threatened our dominance of the season. This Grand Final certainly reaffirmed the quality of the 2017 Grammar side where Huggett looked certain to score but for the desperation of James King and Tony Antonetti began running at our players when they had their tails up and the wind behind, and he looked extremely threatening. However, against Antonetti the centreline of Mark Ritchie and Mitch Ralston kept the pressure on him and his shots were mishit - three or four times over the bar from long range. They also had two other dangerous players and Henry Ward and keeper Ryan Schorback were the keys to defending against their serious build ups.

Early on we looked the most dangerous with Darby Gaffney setting up his brother Jack Gaffney and a close shot. Mitch Ralston who was overcoming a cold (but the coach meanly kept him on the ground for the entire match) was instrumental in setting up forward opportunities and Josh deVoogel was on the end of the defining build up involving multiple headers by St Patrick's players. From a corner the ball was put into the 18-yard area and was headed cleanly by two St Pat's heads before arriving innocuously outside the danger zone. Mitch rose purposefully and with a twist of his body headed the ball back into the box and to a waiting Josh deVoogel (who was still among heavy traffic) but he made the most of the opportunity to put the ball into the back of the net.

St Pats did not put up the shutters but attacked furiously and should have scored the knock out goal. James King off back right carried the ball deep and crossed to Lachlan Wright who was given a good sighter but missed. Jack Gaffney found the keeper after Dennis Wanjiku broke through the centre and gave him the ball. Lachlan Wright was also unable to drive wide of the keeper with a solid shot after a good build up. Jack Gaffney was brought down 20 metres out and Mark Ritchie went for the shot on goal and drew a good save. However, the latter 10 minutes saw Grammar gaining momentum and they had to be stopped by the defense and Henry Ward was the saviour on most occasions. His reading of the play during this first half was keeping us in the game as his judgment calls of when to come forward was rewarded with clean pickups and returning of the pressure on Grammar. With centre backs going down in number Henry was the stand tall!

The defining moment of the game may well have occurred at the end of the first half. Grammar's striker broke through and after being challenged, put the ball forward into the 18-yard box. The charge to the ball was paramount in the result of the game and keeper Ryan Schorback risked all in his attack on the ball against the menacing Antonetti. Ryan grabbed the ball securely and fell to a

blow to his charging opponent and his open abdomen. In the derail the whistle blew for half time. Ryan you are a champion!

At the start of the second half we had a couple of serious chances to put the decision beyond call. Talan Flockhart had an outstanding section of play before half time and he continued with his good form as he ended up with a last man shot on goal. James King and Henry Ward were clearing the ball cleanly out of danger before a turn over resulted in a chance for their dangerous James Huggett. As cries of jubilation erupted from the Grammar supporters with Huggett apparently though our defense and heading goal ward James King made the distance and harassed their danger man. His annoyance pushed Huggett wide enough for him to take the easy option and shoot too far out and over the bar. At a time of rampant counter attack from Grammar this was a defining moment – well done James.

The St Patrick’s team has all year been ‘a team’ and this was exemplified through the remaining 15 minutes of the match. Three players brought off the bench in this second half helped significantly in the win and glory for the team. With Grammar dominating and apparently opening up the game for themselves with the wind at their backs and 20 minutes of play to come: Tiernan Somers stepped up forward and immediately scared Grammar’s defense with his attack on the ball and athleticism; Marcus Parini took on their defense out wide and showed skills that hadn’t been seen for the whole of the match – he consistently ran around and bedazzled the opponents driving us forward; and Connor O’Callaghan, who was also just out of sick bay, showed composure to clean up their attacks, take the ball safely on his body to turn attacks and drive us safely into attack. These three ‘off the bench players’ snuffed out Grammars potential to turn the game their way!

As the coach congratulated the team at the end of the match, he ensured that every player should recognise that each player had been important in the victory for the team and the school St Patrick’s College. This win was a match that in times - far into the future - each boy can rightfully say – “ I remember that final match at St Patrick’s when we beat Grammar and what a tight match it was. They came at us so hard but we withstood their every attack. Congratulations to the Champions of 2017! “

### **BAS Sport – Term 3**

The majority of Ballarat Associated Schools (BAS) competition sports for term three commences in week two. Students need to ensure that they listen to the morning messages and attend meetings so that they are organised know where they need to be. Always communicate with your coaches if you are unavailable or for general inquiries

<b>Sport – Term 3</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Start week</b>	<b>Coach</b>
Soccer - Junior	Wed	2	Barry Schuurs, Andrew Agardy
Hockey - Senior	Tue	2	Nathan Geaghan
Basketball - Senior	Thur	2	Eric Hayes, Mike Silcock, Ian Fernee, Tam Westwood
Basketball - Inter	Wed	2	Jamie Bobrowski, Jeremy Daniel, Sam Cue, Tam Westwood
Basketball - Junior	Tue	2	Ursula Bridges, Jacinta Burge, Nikki Hexter, Tam Westwood

Table Tennis	Tue	2	Jenny Willis, Laura Fazzalari
Squash & Racquetball	Thur	2	Chris Neilson
Rowing Training	Varies	1	Brendan Scott

### **Western Highway Late Bus**

The college will continue to offer a late bus service, leaving at 6:00pm, for students who participate in after school co-curricular activities here at the college, not just sport. Application forms are available from Student Services in the ERC. Once registered students need to place their name on the late bus register no later than recess on the day of travel. All inquiries please contact Glenis in the ERC. This service will not be offered in the first and last week of term.

### **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. Football and Rugby. Students should check with their coach as to what is required.

I wish all students and coaches the best in 2017. Always play the game in the right spirit, wear the correct uniform and respect the facilities, home and away. St. Patrick's College is steeped in sporting tradition and you are encouraged to add more chapters to our past endeavours.

Please do not hesitate to contact myself ([gwebb@stpats.vic.edu.au](mailto:gwebb@stpats.vic.edu.au)) or Sports Administrator Ms Tina Benoit ([tbenoit@stpats.vic.edu.au](mailto:tbenoit@stpats.vic.edu.au)) at the College with any questions.

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