Co-ordinator's report

Results from Saturday indicate that our teams had a fairly successful day with our Year 4, Year 5, Year 6/7 and our Year 8/9 team all winning their respective matches. A poor third quarter by the 1st XVIII cost them a tight match against St Pauls College while it was again pleasing to see the good turnout for the 2nd XVIII.

In a recent article grassroots football clubs have been criticized for giving out fast food vouchers as post game awards and sending contradictory messages about nutrition. No such issue at Pulteney on a Saturday afternoon! The afternoon teas are both plentiful and nutritional!

Andy Miller
Football Co-ordinator

PGS 13:2 (80) St Pauls 18:8 (116)

Although we were all disappointed to lose, this was generally a very solid effort from Pulteney’s First XVIII Football team.

St Paul’s have a very good First XVIII team and were further strengthened on this occasion by the inclusion of a very strong marking, key position forward who was a dominant player (particularly in the first quarter).

Conversely, Pulteney was weakened by the withdrawal through injury of our Captain and one of our best players, Ben Adams.

Consequently, we always knew this game was going to be a tough assignment.

St Paul’s kicked with the aid of a strong breeze in the first quarter and scored 7 goals.

Nevertheless, Pulteney were reasonably well placed at quarter time, having kicked 3 goals into the breeze; Pulteney players tackled well throughout the first quarter, applied pressure on the opposition and looked dangerous forward of centre with Jarrod Miller (2 goals) and Adam van den Munckhof (1 goal) making the most of their opportunities.

The Pulteney team played an excellent second quarter, slamming on 6 goals (2 more each to Jarrod and Adam, and a goal each to Lachlan Schatto, who
was again lively up forward, and Liam Geddes-Ryan, who was close to the best player on the ground in the first half).

Sam Magarey’s ferocious tackling was a feature of the second quarter as was the determined efforts of key defenders: Angus Sexton and Angus Lumsden.

Again aided by the breeze in the third quarter, we knew St Paul’s would be difficult to ‘hold’ so to concede only 4 goals in this quarter was a pretty good effort. The ball did spend most of the quarter in the opposition forward half however, and in what probably proved to be the turning point in the game, Pulteney failed to score in this quarter.

Despite the fact that St Paul’s kicked away early in the last quarter, I was very pleased that the Pulteney players stuck to the task, had as many scoring shots as the opposition for the quarter, and added 4 last quarter goals (Jarrod Miller kicked his 5th goal for the game and Adam van den Munckhof, his 4th. Matt Nielsen also marked strongly on two occasions and kicked 2 last quarter goals).

Once again, our hard-working midfielders, lead by Liam Geddes-Ryan, Jack White and Josh Wills deserve credit, particularly in the absence of Ben Adams.

Jarrod Miller and Adam van den Munckhof (9 goals between them) were as dominant for us as St Paul’s key forwards were for them, and always looked capable of winning the ball and kicking goals whenever we went forward.

Sam Magarey and Lachlan Schatto appear to improving each week and are developing into very good First XVIII Footballers.

Matt Nielsen is also playing very good football at the moment, both as a mobile ruckman and as a strong marking forward and was ably supported by Tom Ballock on Saturday.

Our ‘tall’ defenders: Angus Sexton, Angus Lumsden and Zac Sipek take on big challenges every week, never complain, are very determined players, and demonstrate a commendable ‘Team First’ attitude and set a positive example for their team-mates.

Full credit to the St Pauls’ team: they took advantage of the breeze when it was at its strongest in the first quarter. Highlighting the fact that the Pulteney players stuck to their task however, is this statistic: After quarter time St Paul’s kicked 11 goals and Pulteney kicked 10.

Best Players: Liam Geddes-Ryan, Jarrod Miller, Jack White, Sam Magarey, Josh Wills, Adam van den Munckhof, Lachlan Schatto, Angus Sexton, Matt Nielsen, Zac Sipek

(24 players received votes from a collation of the votes awarded by Andy, Barrie Connor and Mike; the top 10 ranked players are listed above)

Goal-Kickers: Jarrod Miller 5, Adam van den Munckhof 4, Matt Nielsen 2, Liam Geddes-Ryan, Lachlan Schatto 1 each

Congratulations to Liam Creaser, a Year 9 student who made his First XVIII debut in this game; Liam performed admirably and certainly did enough to suggest he will be a very good First XVIII Footballer throughout 2017-19.

Barrie Bryan
Coach
This week’s game was truly a tale of two halves.

Our first and third quarters we played some very ordinary football. In the second and fourth quarter we played some of the best football we have all year.

The one thing that stood out from our 2nd and 4th quarters of football was our commitment to being accountable for our opponent. This accountability severely restricted our oppositions run and handball game. This allowed us to cause turnovers rebounding the ball into our forward 50 and scoring.

If we were to isolate the game strictly to our second and fourth quarters it was a very competitive game of football. What we now need to do is to take that same accountability and apply it for four quarters of football.

This will be most important this week as we are up against an opponent who was clearly the most skilled opposition we have played this year.

We look forward to the contest and the challenge so we can measure how much we have improved.

Paul Bahr
Coach

Wednesday 3 August

On Wednesday night we came up against Concordia College for the first time this season.

Unfortunately we were missing Griff, Noah and Finlay due to sickness and holidays, but this gave Marro, Jorgy and young gun year 7 Rory a chance to fill in.

The boys came out sluggishly which reflected on the scoreboard - by half time we had only kicked 1 goal to their 8. There were not many highlights but Jorgy who hadn’t played football in years was running amok getting lots of the ball and Patty who was very strong in the backline, without him the boys would have been much further behind.

After a few changes and a fire up at the boys they responded really well, Hugh H went into ruck and grew an extra 2ft whilst Liam did a job on one of their players and shut him down. This also freed up Isaac to get some touches and Connor started to take some strong marks and kicked some important goals. At three quarter time we were down by just a point! There was not one passenger and the boys showed what they can do when they play together and wake up!!

Unfortunately the fairy tale was not to be, Rory popped up and kicked a nice crumbing goal, but Concordia ran away with it.
I joked once the game finished that they boys must have had double Maths last lesson hence the reason why they were half asleep until the 3rd quarter, but it was true! We are playing PAC this Saturday and I believe if they boys come to play we will be in with a great chance!

Goal Scorers: Liam, Marro (2), Connor (2), Calvin, Isaac, Henry, Rory

Best Players: Jorgy, Connor, Rory, Patty, Hugh H, Liam, Calvin

Nathan Risatano & Justin Bollenhagen
Coaches

Saturday 6 August

Pulteney 8:10 (58) PAC 5:4 (34)

A quick turnaround to play our third game in 8 days saw us take on Prince Alfred College on a fairly good day to be playing footy.

It was a disorganised morning with a few of our players coming late and bring the wrong gear. Even more so for the umpires who didn’t even show up! But due to the efforts of our fill in umpire (who may have very well been the best umpire to grace the field) the game finally got underway.

At training we have been working on trying to keep the ball whilst being tackled, a part of our game that required improving due to easy possessions we were handing to the opposition. I think the boys listened in this regard as we looked a class above in the midfield throughout the game and some of the passages of play were very easy on the eye.

To come away with the win was reward for effort with the lads and was well overdue considering we started the second half of the season with 2 losses. A special thank you to the parents who consistently come out and support their boys. It is great to see.

Best Players: Hudson, Ben, Isaac, Will, Griff, Jack

Goal Kickers: Connor 2, Isaac 2, Griff, Liam, Ben, Mini Strawbs

Nathan Risatano & Justin Bollenhagen
Coaches

Pulteney 5:2 (32) Sacred Heart 3 2:5 (17)

Incredibly, from our squad of 24 Year 6/7 players, we had 9 players unavailable on Saturday!

Consequently, we were very grateful that two Pulteney students, Stefan Gould (who had already played Basketball on Saturday morning) and Darcy Bryan (who is only in Year 4!), agreed to fill in for us. It is also worth acknowledging that Sam Strawbridge (Year 6) filled in for the Year 8/9 Team immediately before our game!

After a very positive and much improved performance last week, we spoke before the game of playing with the same effort, energy and intensity, and applying the same pressure to the opposition every week.
Sacred Heart kicked with the aid of the first quarter breeze but was held to only 1 goal and 1 behind for the quarter, largely due to the strong defensive efforts of players such as Stefan Gould, Matt Adams and Charlie Pearson.

Alex Candy was dominant in the Ruck and players such as Angus Winter, Maxim Cavender and Rory O‘Callaghan responded to instructions and tried to run the ball into the breeze and to keep the ball moving.

The Pulteney players received an enormous boost when we also scored a goal in the first quarter (into the breeze) courtesy of a lovely kick from Darcy Bryan! In scenes reminiscent of Richmond’s celebration when Sam Lloyd kicked a goal after the siren against Sydney early this season, Darcy was ‘mobbed’ by his new team-mates who eventually let him up for air!

Pulteney kicked 1 goal in the second quarter and managed to hold Sacred Heart scoreless to lead by 5 points at ½ time.

Highlights of the second quarter included the defensive marks taken by Logan Holman and Ned Bryan and the continued ‘run’ of Angus Winter and Rory O’Callaghan.

Rory O’Callaghan was off the ground for a significant period of time in the third quarter for some ‘repair work’, leaving us a ‘man down’. Fortunately, other players lifted including Patrick Winter; Matt Adams’ classy snap for goal (which put Pulteney 9 points in front) gave the team genuine hope that they just might record their second victory of the season.

The final quarter proved to be Pulteney’s best for the game with goals kicked by Clark Escott (his first for the season) and the sealer kicked by our Captain, Rory O’Callaghan, meaning that Pulteney ran out deserving 15 point winners.

Players such as Rory O’Callaghan, Matt Adams and Seb Brett are consistently good players for us, but as a Coach of ‘Junior’ players it is most encouraging to see the continued improvement and growing confidence of a number of players including: Angus Winter, Alex Candy, Patrick Winter, Clark Escott, Logan Holman, Jack O’Connor, Ned Bryan, Maxim Cavender and Charlie Pearson.

It is also very satisfying to see the boys playing so well together as a team, enjoying the success of their team-mates (eg acknowledging strong tackles, courageous marks, and goals being kicked), representing their school with such enthusiasm and pride, and enjoying each other’s company!

Well done, Boys!

Keep up the GREAT WORK!

Best Players: Matt Adams, Rory O’Callaghan, Angus Winter, Alex Candy, Patrick Winter, Clark Escott, Seb Brett, Stefan Gould, Ned Bryan

Goalkickers: Darcy Bryan, Rory O’Callaghan, Matt Adams, Clark Escott

Barrie Bryan
Coach
A key focus for the game this week was to keep the consistency of strong defensive pressure from last week’s game with the aim to improve our forward entries and goal kicking.

I was really pleased to see some very silky passages of play early which proved we were switched on right from the first bounce and were enthusiastic about playing smart football. Another positive to reflect on after the game was the ability of our players to be unselfish at times in front of goals by passing to a team mate in a slightly better position.

Our players have improved in all areas since the mid season break, especially in their tackling, positioning and their general hunger to get to the football first.

I am really proud of all of the players for being very versatile in owning each position they are given each quarter which is in each area of the ground with our dedicated rotation policy. This enables each member on our team the opportunity to not only play in each position on the ground, but own it and play it with 100% effort for the best possible team outcome.

The celebrations after some of the goals we kicked were fun to watch - great to see the team spirit and morale so high!

I look forward to help improve their skills even further at this weeks training and games. I am really proud and impressed with how much talent the team has and how passionate they all are to becoming the best footballers they can be.

Thanks to all parents for their help and support.

Rocco Canino
Coach

The year 4’s first night game of the year was nothing less than a blockbuster.

On the cold Friday night at CBC it was evident in the first term that the boys had their work cut out for them in a fast chasing, hard tackling and all round skilled Glen Osmond football team. The boys came out firing, drawing in the first term showing plenty of poise and skill.

Our second and third terms were less impressive, simple mistakes were made and Glen Osmond’s run and tackling was impressive and as a result we ended up 6 goals down going into the fourth quarter.

As coaches, going into the last quarter we asked the boys to go back to the basics, skills like giving the handball off to the first option and marking had been missing all game and therefore our ball movement had been slow. The inspiring last quarter proved that the boys have the ability to play well and win if they really want it.
Outscoring Glen Osmond 5 goals to 1, the last quarter was best showcased through Luke, who was unstoppable kicking all 5 goals, breaking tackles and straight kicking. Other outstanding performances came from Sam Creaser, whose courage all game was brilliant - and fill in Cameron Hughes did his role all game.

We look forward to our game against Burnside Primary this week.

Tom Laity & Harry Lumsden
Coaches

Pulteney 4:2 (26) Concordia 12:4 (76)

On Saturday, we came up against a classy Concordia outfit that contained many experienced players. Although we were comprehensively beaten, there was plenty of positives to take from the game. Mark Xu kicked his first ever goal after a brilliant pick up and spin! The excitement that the team showed when Mark kicked the goal was great!

For the majority of the first half, Concordia was first to the ball which generated their scoring opportunities. We identified that this was because our players were not keeping their feet when they were going for the ball. In the second half, we showed greater desire to keep our feet which resulted in us winning our fair share of the footy. Once we did win the ball, we were able to use our skill and move the ball with precision up the ground. From a coaches perspective, it was enjoyable to see the players continue to fight until the final siren and never give up. Well done boys and girls!

Jarrod Lienert
Coach

OUR SONG
(to be sung with gusto)

We are the Navy Blues
We are the Old Dark Navy Blues
We’re the team that never lets you down
We’re the only team old Pulteney knows
With all the champions
We’ll keep our heads up
We’ll never give up
And they will know that they’ve been playing
Against the famous Old Dark Blues

(Sung to the tune of the Leslie Stuart song ‘Lily of Laguna’ – Carlton Football Club)

ALWAYS CHECK ‘SPORT THIS WEEK’
for the final word on game times and venues.

Round 8 Pulteney Year 6/7 v Sacred Heart
(Thank you Leanne Johnston-Bryan for these photos)