Co-ordinator’s report

Scoring goals even at AFL level is at times challenging. Not only how players take set shots for goals but also how they approach attempts at goals on the run. Many players at all sorts of levels of football have not thought through the process of how they will go about the goal kick required. Many panic as they are running towards what should be a relatively easy task particularly 20 to 30 metres from goal.

I saw a number of these situations at the weekend and over the next few weeks I will working with and encouraging coaches to work closely with our players to improve this area of our game. All of our teams on Saturday had close matches with the exception of the 1st XVIII, with four of our teams going down by less than three goals. Despite these losses it was most encouraging to see the effort and competitive spirit shown by our teams.

The 1st XVIII had a good win over Marryatville High but with more challenging matches coming up in the next few weeks the players are aware that they will need to lift the intensity and work rate.

Andy Miller
Football Co-ordinator

PGS 16:17 (113) MHS 8:1 (49)

My apologies to Rory Egarr - I forgot to list him among last week’s First XVIII debutantes; Congratulations, Rory!

There were many things that I was far from happy with on Saturday and we still have much to improve upon; however, this was another dominant performance highlighted by the lopsided number of scoring shots (33-9).

I was very pleased with the team’s strong start – 13 scoring shots to 1 highlights the team’s dominance early in the match.

I thought we were ‘ordinary’ during the second and third quarters (adding 6.7 to 4.1) but on reflection, perhaps there were a number of contributing factors that I didn’t take into account:

a) Marryatville’s work rate lifted after ¼ time
b) Marryatville clogged up our forward line with loose players in defence, which obviously made it more difficult to work the ball cleanly through our forward line

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RESULTS – Round 2
1st XVIII def MHS: 113-49
2nd XVIII - BYE
Year 8/9 Lost BPS: 32-43
Year 6/7 lost PAC: 26-40
Year 5 lost Highgate: 35-51
Year 4 lost Rose Park: 41-55
Year 3 def Blues: 28-15
Year 2 def Burnside: 50-30: xxx

Check out the Football page of the School website
c) The game was played in very warm conditions

d) Some players became injured and fatigued which impacted on our ability to rest/rotate players

Despite all of the above and to your credit, you finished off the game strongly and almost matched the first quarter return on the scoreboard (5.2 compared to 5.8). ‘Running on empty’ demonstrates courage...well done!

**Some of the things I was pleased with today included:**

i) The contributions by a number of Year 12s including: **Ben Adams, Jack White, Josh Wills** and **Tom Baldock** (Ben, Jack and Josh were solid across 4 quarters, whereas I thought Tom started and finished well); other Year 12s including: **Angus Lumsden, Zac Sipek** and **Matt Nielsen**, were also solid contributors throughout the game

ii) The return to form of **Adam van den Munckhof**; Adam led and marked strongly and kicked 3 goals

iii) The continued good form of players such as **Liam Geddes-Ryan, Sam Magarey, Tom Rundle** and **Lachlan Schatto** (none of these players are Year 12s!)

iv) The spread of goal kickers (10)

v) Pushing back into defence and getting ‘defensive side’ of your opponents

**Some of the things I still think we need to work on improving include:**

i) Goal kicking accuracy (16.17 means we could/should have easily kicked over 20 goals for the third week in a row)

ii) Players need to block/shepherd more often for team-mates; particularly to release a runner (eg **Nick Laity**) and to provide the ball carrier time to run further with the ball

iii) Discipline: careless and clumsy free kicks (include late bumps) must be eliminated

iv) Marking of long, high balls...reading the ball in flight and committing to aerial contests

**Best Players:** Ben Adams, Jack White, Adam van den Munckhof, Nick Laity, Josh Wills, Liam Geddes-Ryan, Sam Magarey, Tom Rundle, Lachlan Schatto, Tom Baldock

**Goal-Kickers:** Jack White, Adam van den Munckhof 3 each, Tom Baldock, Zac Sipek 2 each, Ben Adams, Elliott Bennett, Liam Geddes-Ryan, Rory Egarr, Matt Nielsen, Josh Wills 1 each.

Barrie Bryan
Coach

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BYE

No game this week due to the scheduled bye.

Paul Bahr
Coach
We went into Saturday's game with both captains out and missing a few others that gave us a playing group of just 14. Thanks to Blackfriars for lending us a few players during the game that turned it into a 17v17 contest.

The boys started out slowly (Ben tried countless pairs of boots on which did not help), and were finding themselves 2nd to the ball at a lot of contests around the ground. By half time we were down by a few goals and our failure to kick effectively toward goal reflected the difference (although I think half the behinds were kicked by fill in players from Blackfriars). Instead of focusing on what we as a collective unit could do to turn the table, a lot of energy was spent worrying about umpiring decisions (HOW FAR?!).

At the half time break we asked more from the playing group and thankfully the boys started playing to the potential we had seen the previous week. To their credit they kept battling away and came within 5 points with a minute to play. We mightn't have got the chocolates this week, but both Nathan and myself are pleased in the way the boys kept persisting and giving unquestionable effort. Very proud of the boys so far (now we just need to get everyone out training...).

Would just like to thank all the parents and family members that came to support the team, it is a great feeling knowing you are all behind the boys and are so willing to lend a hand. So thank you for your ongoing support. It is very much appreciated.

**Best Players:** - Noah Thesinger, Griffin Evans, Ben Beswick, Spencer Atterton, Hugh Heidenreich

**Goal Kickers:** - Wayne Inglis 2, Connor Schatto, Ben Beswick

Nathan Risatano & Justin Bollenhagen
Coaches

This was a very competitive game and reflected a much improved effort from the Pulteney players.

Defensively we were much better this week – eg sticking on a player in defence and holding our positions so that we could intercept some of PAC’s attacking moves (Logan Holman provided a good example of this).

We also linked together for some excellent passages of team play which included running with the ball, handpassing to team-mates and then kicking accurately to a team-mate further down the ground.

While we matched PAC in general play and in creating goal-scoring opportunities, we were wasteful in front of goals; this will certainly be a focus of our training this week!

A really good team effort but well done in particular to the following players:

Rory: worked tirelessly trying to run the ball and to impact the scoreboard

Gabriel: strong marking and accurate kicking for goal
Patrick: provide plenty of ‘zip’ around the packs and was creative with his running and handpassing
Austin: a touch of class and clean use of the ball by hand and by foot
Matt: solid and reliable, both in defence and in the midfield

Best Players: Rory O’Callaghan, Gabriel Luksich, Patrick Winter, Austin Brooks, Matt Adams

Goal Kickers: Gabriel Luksich 3

Barrie Bryan
Coach

PGS 5:5 (35) Highgate 7:9 (51)

We had such a strong start and kicked five goals in the first quarter but did not add to that after quarter time unfortunately - great pressure, second efforts and smart ball use from all players but just needed a four quarter effort.

Looking forward to improving even further next week

Rocco Canino
Coach

PGS 6:5 (41) Rose Park 8:7 (55)

This week the year 4’s suited up against Rose Park. We felt confident heading into the game, despite again borrowing players due to the opposition's strength in numbers. A slow start left the team a little shell-shocked, but it didn't keep us down for long.

The second quarter was easily the best quarter of football we have played to date, where we ran the ball with confidence and used team work to link up with handballs through the middle of the ground. Unfortunately, this didn't translate immediately onto the scoreboard and we went into half time down by 5 goals. The second half followed a similar pattern, and we were unable to make up ground on them in the third quarter, leaving too much to make up in the fourth, despite our best efforts.

The positives from the game were that it became clear how this team is going to play their best footy - and that's with team work, linking up with handballs and kicking long. It's a game style which we must now train for and learn to adapt to, because with it will come more wins and more fun.
On more personal notes, Nicholas Restas played an outstanding first half in the back pocket before being rewarded with a run on the ball in the second. Darcy Bryan again showed us his class and poise with ball in hand and Hayden de Ross learned that playing in front and in good field position leads to getting the ball.

We look forward to an exciting Lightning Carnival this weekend.

Goals: Darcy Bryan, Luke Henshall 2, Jake Basheer, Rose Park fill-in 1

Tom Laity & Harry Lumsden
Coaches

PGS 4:4 (28) Blues 2:3 (15)

The PGS Year 3 side came up against a tough outfit in round 2 of their season. The Blues started the game strongly as they dominated the first quarter. Brilliant defending from our backline players however, kept them goalless at quarter time. By doing this, the second quarter opened up in favour of Pulteney. The team started to win clearances and got the ball forward into an open forward line. The effort and intensity from the players hardly dropped all day which was most pleasing. Skill level and execution was also promising against an opposition that put on a heavy pressure. In coming weeks, we will continue to promote game sense and awareness.

Best Players: Aidan Fitzpatrick, Alex Foster, Kristian Gould, Thomas Schulze, Oscar Sabine.

Goal Kickers: Will Arbon 2, Thomas Schulze 1, Aidan Fitzpatrick 1.

Jarrod Lienert
Coach

PGS 7:8 (50) Burnside 5:0 (30)

No report provided unfortunately – well done on another great win!

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.