Congratulations to all teams who competed in the final Intercol round of fixtures last week, all acquitted themselves admirably and represented the School proudly.

The Winter Senior Sports Dinner on Saturday evening was a gala affair hosted by Sports Captains Sophie Vardaro and Alex Redshaw and was an opportunity for coaches and players from all senior teams to reflect on the season and presenting awards. Senior football winners were:

MVP – Josh Francou Medal – Ben Adams
MVP Runner Up – Jack White
Most Improved – Matt Nielsen
Best Team Man – Angus Sexton
Coaches Award – Alex Redshaw

Anthony D Brown Trophy for service to football – Will Bourchier
Mike Coward Shield for best first year player – Liam Geddes-Ryan

Last Monday evening, year 6/7 and 8/9 teams held their presentation dinner at the Seven Stars Hotel. Those present heard eloquent reports from coaches and heart felt words from players – well done everyone!

**Year 6/7**
- MVP – Tex Wanganeen
- MVP Runner Up – Wayne Inglis
- Best Team Person – Alex Magarey
- Most Improved – Jack O.Connor
- Coaches Award – Ben Beswick

**Year 8/9**
- MVP – Stefan Mundy
- MVP Runner Up – Sam Magarey
- Best Team Person – Patrick Milewski
- Most Improved – Charlie Rowe
- Coaches Award – Nick Lainty

Pictured below are Stefan Mundy and Tom Rundle with the Malcolm Becker Trophy for most successful team, won by the year 8/9 team - on percentage difference from the year 6/7’s!

Thank you to everyone for their help this season – players, parents, supporters, it has been very much appreciated!

Richard Sexton
Football Co-ordinator
What a great effort our boys put in against Scotch over the weekend.

To kick 11 goals against quality opposition (10 goals better than last time we played them) just showed the grit and determination the boys played with. Every single one of our boys played with real passion and made a contribution showing how important this Intercol game is to them.

Well done boys, very proud of your efforts.

Bring on next year!

Gavin Wanganeen
Coach

There was a buzz in the air as the 8/9 boys arrived to their home ground. We got off to a flying start as the boys hit the ground running. Our tackling was fantastic and everyone around the ground played their part.

The backline was relentless in bringing the ball out time and time again. The forward line lacked space and movement for most of the first half and the ball came back out numerous times to be fed back in by our strong mid field. A few early shots on goal went searching for any score as we may have rushed a few in the angst of it all.

At three quarter time I asked the boys not to change a thing, they were working hard for each other but I did ask for them to play for Pulteney pride and for their home ground. We were only 2 goals down and were in with a chance.

Tom Rundle played his heart out for the boys getting best on. Running hard, breaking tackles and providing option after option. Sam Magarey was great as usual as he ran hard and created space. Third best was Rory as he rucked all day and still managed to be involved with numerous plays. A great day for footy and very proud of the end result from the 8/9's. The boys have developed some great skills over the season and have gelled as a team. Thanks to all the parents support on the weekend and the year.

Camron Lane
Coach
Scotch were always going to be a challenge. We found out earlier in the year that their size and class with ball in hand makes for a formidable opponent, and the boys had every right to be intimidated leading into the game. But this was not the case. Right from the first moment, each and every player represented Pulteney with pride and put their best foot forward in standing their ground. This is an absolute credit to all the players and we as coaches could not have been more proud of the way we played the game.

We were curious to see the improvement we had made since the last time we played Scotch back in mid-May. We were confident that we would put in a better showing this time around, with several key additions with conditions and the oval itself more suitable for our game style. However our expectations were well and truly surpassed, led by the toughness of our midfield, the Winter boys and the sturdiness of the back six.

The first quarter was outstanding, with the intensity and pressure in our defensive 50 allowing Scotch to score only 5 points for the term. Our team-work, voice and pressure was the best it has been all year, highlighting our willingness to put in a strong showing. Finlay Suttie was outstanding out of the back pocket, doing everything that was asked of him and more, and we could hear his positive instructive directions from the sidelines. Wayne Inglis, Ben Beswick and Tex Wanganeen were all outstanding in the centre of the ground and Alex Candy showed his importance in the ruck - he was sorely missed in our first encounter.

Unfortunately we were unable to sustain our pressure and the slightest drop in effort allowed Scotch to play the game on their terms. We were unable to withhold the scoreboard pressure like we did in the first quarter which allowed them to kick a few goals in succession. However the players should hold their heads high as they were able to apply enough pressure to reduce the score to almost half the margin as last time.

We would like to take this opportunity to quickly thank all the parents for their support throughout the year, Claire Magarey for her amazing work as team manager, Richard Sexton for his work as football co-ordinator, and all the players for being a fantastic team to start our coaching career with. We wish every player the best of luck with their future, and we hope you all had a year as enjoyable we did.

Best: Tex Wanganeen, Ben Beswick, Finlay Suttie, Angus Winter, Alex Candy

Tom Laity & Josh Frick
Coaches

Tough game Friday night with a few key players missing and injuries throughout the game. The boys fought hard all game and managed some good passages of play and strong tackling. Proud of everyone's efforts especially to those who stood up in different positions when the team needed them.

Ryan Burton
Coach
PGS 3:8 (26) v CBC 1:4 (10)

Great game despite the poor conditions. Boys moved the ball very well against a weaker opposition. Tackling was outstanding and skills were hitting targets. Straighter goal kicking would of made the score reflect the game more but never the less a great win and effort by everyone.

Ryan Burton
Coach

PGS v xx

No report received.

Kieran Thornton
Coach

PGS 3:1 (19) v Burnside 4:0 (24)

Faced with our biggest challenge of the year, the boys came out against a Burnside outfit which possessed four or five of the top players in the competition. To our boys credit, they did not blink an eyelid as they crashed in hard at the ball and led at quarter time. Their intensity was immense and with high energy levels the boys played some quality footy. Unfortunately in the second half this intensity dropped off just slightly which resulted in Burnside capitalizing. Minor concentration lapses cost us at crucial stages and led to a small loss. The boys can certainly hold their heads high though because no one can question their endeavour and effort over the 4 quarters.

Best: Oscar Sabine, Thomas Schulze, Kristian Gould, Archie Shaw, Tim Newman
Goals: Kristian Gould, Will Arbon, Ned White

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)

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for the final word on game times and venues.