Round 6 was a tough one for many Pulteney Football teams with one round to go before the mid season break - the season concludes with another five games in term 3, culminating with Intercol against Scotch on 22 August – at home!

The year 8/9’s started things positively, taking on St Johns under lights on Morgan Oval. Again the midfield set the tone and dominated play, ensuring Pulteney had first use of the ball. There were winners everywhere and this team continues to show promise, no doubt looking forward to the rematch with Westminster on 1 August!

Year 6/7’s continued the trend, running over the top of Cabra, a game made closer as a result of us loaning them players – who almost won the game for them! The year 5’s fell agonisingly short of victory despite accurate kicking and year 4’s won comfortably. Our youngest footballers continue to improve, coach Thornton impressed by the tenacity of his year 3’s and the combined year 1/2 team keeping the goal umpires busy.

It was a David and Goliath struggle for our firsts on Saturday afternoon, lining up against a strong Mercedes team. The first quarter appeared to stun everyone, the Navy Blues playing out of their skins to be 2 goals down at the first break! We had no answers however through the middle part of the game, our opponents scoring freely as our lack of depth and fitness became evident. The fourth quarter was a demonstration of stubborness and resolve as the team packed the defensive half, stemming the flow of goals, finishing the game beaten but not defeated!

Another tough test this weekend against St Ignatius – at home!

Many thanks to Matt Down who volunteered to umpire the year 8/9’s last week so that the game could go ahead and thanks also to Gavin Wanganeen who took training for the 8/9’s on Tuesday in the absence of coach Cam Lane who is on the year 10 camp.

Finally, congratulations to Tex Wanganeen who has been selected to play in the SA Metro U/12 Football team. The National Carnival will be played in Geelong 18-25 July – we all wish him well!

Richard Sexton
Football Co-ordinator
PGS 6:8 (44) v Mercedes 34:12 (216)

It was a tough game against a very strong team from Mercedes, the best side I believe we have played against during my 3 years at Pulteney.

It was a mixed bag for us, our 1st and last quarters were good, however we were outclassed during the 2nd and 3rd. Our first quarter was outstanding with our midfield dominating (Nielsen, Adams, Wills, White, Milera). Our last quarter was also pleasing; we employed a strategy to clog up the space with Adam and Ian in front of their leading forwards. We were able to stop the avalanche of goals and use those spares on the way out.

We had some good efforts, some in the midfield I have already mentioned but I think I need to mention Adam vdM for sitting in the hole all day, putting his body on the line. It was a credit to him, he also managed to some get marks and possessions playing that role. Angus Sexton went onto their gun forward in the last quarter and stopped him from scoring, I think he might stay there from now on. I thought our captain Alex who is always against bigger opponents, battled hard all game and never gave up.

Overall, I think we walk away from this game knowing we can match it with the better teams for a quarter or so, we just need to get fitter to be able to sustain that effort. We also know we can stop the opposition scoring so freely.

Gavin Wanganeen
Coach

No game this week

The planned 2nd XVIII game against Mercedes seconds was Unfortunately cancelled due to lack of numbers. This was a very disappointing outcome for all concerned, hopefully there will be sufficient interest for future games to be arranged in term 3.

PGS 13:13 (91) v St Johns 5:3 (33)

What a great day for football, coming off a 3 day break and a sneaky training. The boys got off to a sluggish start after battling the classroom excitement throughout the day. It is great to see so many dedicated parents and staff make it to the Wednesday game. The sun was shining and all the boys stepped up this week and played team football. Special thanks to the boys who filled the side, Jack Lewis and Alistair. Noah was great up forward kicking three and getting best on ground, Elliot played well too getting second. Special mentions to Henry on our last line of defence and mopping up running the ball out of our back line. Stefan Mundy and Nick Laity played their usual top quality football setting up many opportunities for the match.

Really proud of the boys last week and let's back it up now against Cardijn this week.

Camron Lane
Coach
PGS 11:6 (72) v Cabra 8:6 (54)

The year 6/7’s this week travelled to Cabra and, with a number late withdrawals and players out for cross-country, it looked like we were going to play short on numbers. Fortunately our opponents had even less numbers, and we took the field with two Pulteney boys heading over to play for the other team.

The first quarter started well despite a broken warm-up due to the confusion, and we took a convincing lead into the first change. However, as has been the theme throughout the season, we started to relapse into a different style of play. We held a lead of less than a goal at the last change but, once again our class won over in the final quarter and we ran away victorious in a game that was much closer than it should have been. It is a testament to the resolve of the group that they are able to come back like this after being tested.

Cooper Hillen played what we thought was his best game for the year, showing touches of class. Wayne Inglis again stood out with 5 goals, and Ben Beswick led the team from the front. Rory O’Callaghan was again good up forward and Max Cavender nearly won Cabra the game off his own boot, kicking two goals in the quarter he played for them. Commendations must go to all the players who graciously played a quarter for the opposition. We look forward to playing our fourth Sacred Heart team this week.

Goal kickers; Wayne 5, Rory 3, Ben 1, Tex 1, Max 1 (plus 2 for them)
Best: Wayne, Rory, Tex, Max, Finlay

Tom Laity & Josh Frick
Coaches

PGS 7:3 (45) v Burnside 7:6 (48)

No report submitted!

Ryan Burton
Coach

PGS 8:3 (51) v Magill 2:9 (21)

Great performance from every player. Probably our best game for the year so far although it was against a weaker opposition. We moved the ball well and finished off our goals. Most people played in different positions throughout the game showing that they can play a number of roles for the team. Special mentions to Oliver for his fantastic work in defence as well as Cameron and Harvey through the middle. Thanks to the boys who played a quarter for the opposition as well and played in good spirits.

Ryan Burton
Coach
Some good fight shown by the boys on Saturday. Despite the loss there were some excellent signs something of dominance throughout. Very special mention goes out to young Mitch who, despite it being his first game, showed great fight for possession and constantly worked to help out his team mates.

Kieran Thornton
Coach

The boys came out with great intensity in the first quarter, completely dominating the opposition in the midfield. The key to success was certainly the way that they got first to the ball and converted on the scoreboard in the first half.

To Unley's credit, they showed fight in the second half and made our players work harder for possession. Once again, teamwork was a great feature of our play. The run and link through use of handball was great to watch as our superior skill level carved through the oppositions defence.

Kicking 9 goal 15 suggests that we need extra goal kicking practice this week! But it was a great all round effort to have 24 scoring shots on goal! The progress and improvement of the players currently is extremely pleasing!

Best Players: Alex Foster, Kristian Gould, Thomas Schulze, Sam Pryce, Angus Moyse

Goal Kickers: Kristian Gould 3, Alex Foster 3, Sam Pryce 1, Will Arbon 1, Angus Glasson 1

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.