What fantastic weather for football it was last weekend! Clearly the Navy Blues prefer to slog it out in the mud and rain, winning all six games played in the rain on Saturday and falling one win short of a ‘Blueswash’ for the round! (Pulteney equivalent of an 8 from 8 whitewash!).

Congratulations to all teams for a great effort on the weekend, with only a handful of games remaining, we need to get out to training and finish off strong!

Bookings for end of season functions are going well with 50+ coming to the year 6/7 & 8/9 show at the Seven Stars on Monday 31 August and 40 already booked for the Winter Senior Sports Dinner at Glenelg Surf Club on Saturday 22 August.

To book for the Senior Sports Dinner, follow this link: http://www.trybooking.com/FLOW

See you there!

Richard Sexton
Football Co-ordinator

PGS 7:15 (57) v Cardijn 1:6 (8)

We had a great win against Cardijn over the weekend, it was probably our best win for the year.

I was very happy with the boys endeavour, and their commitment at the ball in very sloppy conditions was outstanding. Every single Pulteney boy made a contribution which was pleasing to see.

Our midfield group in Matt Nielsen, Jack White, Angus Lumsden and Angus Sexton set up the win early by being first to the footy. Their stoppage work was strong and aggressive which gave us first look at the footy.

Tommy Charalabidis had a great game kicking 4 goals and our captain Alex Redshaw had a great game in defence winning plenty of the ball.

I look forward to a tough game against St Paul's this Saturday and hope our boys can continue to work hard.

Gavin Wanganeen
Coach
Played 31 July
PGS2 13:10 (88) v Immanuel3 1:1 (8)

Friday afternoon always brings a crowd but not only that, it brought a bench. Nineteen fit and ready footballers were after that elusive first win for the 2nd XVIII this season. Going down by 1 point last time we played, we knew good team football and a strong effort was needed to ensure we got the chocolates.

At the end of the first quarter after a solid start and a majority of time in our forward line we found ourselves in front but only by 2 goals. It was put to the players to focus on putting the score on the board, and that they did, slamming home 8 second quarter goals.

The game was all done and dusted by half time but a credit to all for still playing in the right spirit, unselfish team football which turned into an enjoyable afternoon notching up the first win of the season.

Simon Sharley
Coach

Played Wednesday 29 July
PGS 3:10 (28) v Concordia 13:4 (82)

The boys had a massive week of football both in games and learning experiences. We started out Wednesday at home against Concordia. The boys rocked up with a little sleep in their eyes after engaging in study all day and fell short by 9 goals.

We had a lot of the ball all day but found it hard to convert on the score board. Nick Laity was strong as usual running down the wings and into the forward line but the boys lacked voice to him and ended up with a few behinds. Concordia converted a few easy goals from the centre and ran away with the game leaving us flat footed.

The boys on a whole learned a valuable lesson from the game about voice, manning up and playing in front. Sam Magarey was his usual self providing a strong linking player through the middle and was supported by Stefan Mundy who works all day for his team mates. It was great to see Charlie Rowe putting his body on the line, running through tackles and doing some 2nd and 3rd efforts. Best players were Stefan 3rd, Sam 2nd and Charlie 1st.

Thursday saw no training but a short team meeting to discuss the previous nights game. These boys have become a tight group and, by their own standards, the game on Wednesday night did not measure up to the talent that we normally display.

Camron Lane
Coach
On Saturday we arrived in the cold and wet to a very boggy ground. We had the challenge of coming up 8: against Westminster who had a convincing win over us in term 2. The boys were asked to switch on early and start thinking about the game.

We had 4 things to focus on for the match, constructive and positive voice, getting our head over the ball, knowing that in the conditions the ball will drop short and support each other. The boys hit the ground running in the rain. The voice was great, the support was there and everyone played their part. Henry was great as a last line of defence, Elliot played his role on half back marking and kicking it to a lead. Sam Magarey seemed to be all over the ground running and breaking lines. The forward line was strong and converted when it went in and we seemed to have 75% of the play.

Late in the second quarter we had drawn level with Westminster but were starting to look flat footed. The three quarter time address underlined the importance of winning at home, especially in the cold and wet. The boys lifted and responded to finish the game 1 goal up. A fantastic result for the week as the boys had been pushed with 2 games and a training.

Thanks to all parents that helped out getting the boys to each game and trainings, it is great to see such support as they continue to develop and grow as young men and sportsmen. A big thanks to all teachers and the coordinators who assisted and provided support for me at both games.

Camron Lane
Coach

Once again we played Sacred Heart on the weekend, this time playing their seconds team which defeated us in the last game of term 2.

Being an earlier game than usual and with the weather being cold and wet it was evident that the boys weren't ready to play, however, a strong warm up led by Ben and Alex saw us take a commanding stranglehold on the game in the opening minutes. Our boys coped far better in the difficult conditions than our opposition and followed all of our directions, especially to keep moving the ball forward at all costs and be desperate at the ground ball.

The classy SHC team that we saw last time was never in the contest, and it was really obvious from the sidelines which side was on top. Not since our fourth-quarter comeback win last term have we been more proud of a performance.

All played well and that made picking best players hard but there were a few who deserve a mention. Wayne Inglis played a complete game in the middle proving hard to us and to himself that he is capable of playing well in this position. Ben Beswick played another terrific captain’s game before coming off with a knee injury in the third quarter. Tex Wanganeen was prolific again, kicking 3 goals and Calvin Santo also showed that he can be a real option up forward. Alex Candy was brilliant in the ruck again.

Goals: Wanganeen 3, Cavender, Santo, Inglis, Beswick, Adams
Best: Inglis, Wanganeen, Santo, Candy, Beswick

Tom Laity & Josh Frick
Coaches
A great effort in wet conditions by all players. A big thank you to all the boys that played for the opposition in great spirits. Our ball movement was really good despite the weather and our goal kicking was impressive as well. A good, hard fought game.

Ryan Burton
Coach

Our boys had another good win this week with a hard fought game of wet weather footy. It was a slow start and to everyone’s (except the washing machine’s) disappointment the boys came off the field after the first quarter as clean as whistles. However, after a stern word from the coach, that all changed in the remaining quarters. By the time the final siren sounded the boys were indistinguishable from the ground on which they played.

Kieran Thornton
Coach
PGS 7:4 (46) v Glen Osmond 3:2 (20)

The side started the game with great intensity which resulted in a lead at quarter time. In wet conditions, the boys adapted well as they kicked long and ran with the ball.

Their ability to win the contested football was a feature and led to a strong win. The development over the season thus far has been promising and it was shown on Saturday through their ability to strictly follow the coaches instructions in terms of game style.

Best Players: Oscar, Jonny, Thomas, Sam, Angus M.
Goal Kickers: Thomas 3, Kristian 2, Ned 1, Alex 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)

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