Term 2 Week 8 2014

A disappointing round of results last Saturday, with every side coming away from the weekend’s matches with losses (What’s the opposite of “The Broom”? Is it “The Dustpan”? ). There were a couple of close fought games but unfortunately some blowouts as well. Here’s hoping everyone has a crack this Saturday for the last game of Term 2 and hopefully we can come away with some wins!

The majority of our teams are playing at home again this week, with only the Year 5/6/7s having an extra week off and the Year 3s playing their Lightning Carnival at Unley Oval. So fingers crossed I can see many of you out enjoying some Pulteney Football this Saturday for the last time in Term 2!

Late Programming Change - Year 5/6/7s have Saturday off!

Alex Forbes’ Year 5/6/7 team now has this Saturday off, with our expected opponents, Immanuel, withdrawing from their division this week. Enjoy the sleep in boys!

Year 3 Lightning Carnival THIS SATURDAY

This weekend sees another Lightning Carnival - this time for the Year 3s in the Sturt Zone Football Competition. The details are :

Year 3 Lightning Carnival

Unley Oval, Oxford St, Unley
8:10am report time / 8:30am game start
Matches played through to 12:30pm
Sat 21 June 2014

Bill Davis has his boys ready to go, so here’s hoping his team has a fantastic day!

Photo contributions welcome!

If any Pulteney parent or supporter would like to send in their photos of their child’s/children’s game(s), please feel free to do so. We have had a number of excellent photo contributors in the past such as Dwayne Flight, Paul Jorgensen, Sharon Mellor and Leanne Bryan, and their snaps has always given the Blues News a good splash of colour.

Unfortunately I’m unable to be at every game, so any help in this way would be greatly appreciated, and you’d be pretty much guaranteed to see your kids in the Blues News!

David Emms
PGS Football Co-ordinator
Guernsey Care

I’ve had a request from the Pulteney Uniform Shop to all footballers that have a guernsey with one of the new sublimated plastic numbers on the back.

Please ensure that you wash your guernsey in COLD WATER. This is to ensure that the numbers do not peel off with the heat applied in a hot water wash (as the numbers were applied to the guernsey via heat).

Matches this week

Saturday 21 June 2014

1st XVIII  HOME vs Sacred Heart Thirds
           Morgan Oval – 1:00pm report/2:15pm start

2nd XVIII  HOME vs Sacred Heart Fourths
           Morgan Oval – 11:45am report/12:30pm start

Yr 8/9s    HOME vs Cabra
           Atkinson Oval – 8:15am report/8:45am start

Yr 5/6/7s  BYE

Yr 4/5s    HOME vs St John’s Lutheran
           Harris Oval – 8:10am report/8:30am start

Yr 3s      LIGHTNING CARNIVAL
           Unley Oval, Oxford Tce, Unley – 8:10am report/8:30am start (Matches 8:30am - 12:30pm)

Yr 1/2s    HOME vs Unley Primary School
           Harris Oval – 9:10am report/9:30am start

Pulteney Football Song

(If you’ve ever heard the Carlton Football Club sing their song after a victory, you’ll know the tune to our song. It’s essentially the same song with “Pulteney” replacing “Carlton” in the 4th line, and a couple of other small changes)

“We are the Navy Blues
We are the Old, Dark Navy Blues.
(Yes we are!)
We’re the team that never lets you down;
We’re the only team Old Pulteney knows.
We are the champions.
We’ll keep our heads up;
(Ooooh!)
We’ll never give up.
(Aaaah!)
And then they’ll know that they’ve been playing
Against the famous Old Dark Blues.”

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Please do not text, as you will not receive an answer most times. Please call the number above and if I do not answer, then please leave a voicemail message.
1st XVIII Report

Just a few notes on the St Paul’s game from the weekend:

- A tough day
- I was very proud that we never stopped trying against a very talented side.
- Connor Dudley outstanding at CHB
- Angus Sexton competed strongly in the ruck all day
- Harry Lumsden & Ben Adams tried hard all day and played defensive roles well in the second half
- Sam McGarry showed something in defence and Tom Baldock took a nice mark to kick his first goal for the 1st XVIII.
- Angus Lumsden did his job in the back pocket well

Better luck this week!

Gavin Wanganeen
1st XVIII Coach

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Best Players:
Dudley, Henry, Charalabidis, Sexton, Kalleske, McGarry, H. Lumsden, Thornton.

Goal Scorers:
Baldock, Henry, McGarry.

A depleted side, due to injury and illness, met a strong St Paul’s side this week. The 19 boys who played, fought it out to the end managing to restrict St Paul’s to only 3 goals 3 behinds in the final quarter. Unfortunately by that stage the damage was done.

Dudley worked tirelessly at Centre Half Back playing one of his best games yet for Pulteney. Thornton was solid in defence all day and Charalabidis and Henry worked hard for the whole match.

McGarry also played his best game this season for Pulteney after dropping loose into the backlines.

Congratulations go to Tom Baldock who kicked his first 1st XVIII goal in a very low scoring side. Well Done!

Next week we meet Sacred Heart 3rds which will hopefully provide a closer match.

Brad Sipek
Acting 1st XVIII Team Manager
A quirk in our fixture saw us playing Immanuel Thirds for the second time in 2 matches, with the long weekend in the middle of those two games. This time we were away, down at Novar Gardens on Immanuel's main deck. Some non-starters didn't help our cause, and I was pleased that the Immanuel coach agreed to 16-a-side before the match, as that was the total number of boys we had available.

We started slowly, yet again, and Immanuel came out full of running. We were loose in defence and not prepared to bend down and pick up the ball up off the wet and soggy surface, and as a result Immanuel got a couple of quick goals on the board before we settled. Once we did, Tom Anthony continued his good form and Matt Hume was a welcome return to our backlines for his first game of the year. One unfortunate note was the injury to one of the Immanuel players after a strong tackle by us, and the game stopped for 10 minutes while he was stretchered off.

Immanuel started the second term well, with a quick centre break and goal putting further behind the 8 ball. We then started to attack the ball better, with Jack Dolling running well in straight lines off of half-back, and captain Daniel Barnett was finally getting amongst it in the midfield. However we still weren't playing in front, and Immanuel were controlling the quarter easily. When we did counter-attack, Jacob Otto scored his first goal of the year and Jake Nayler kicked a long bomb from his half-forward flank after some good build-up play. Unfortunately, some defensive lapses saw Immanuel score some very easy goals, including one right on the goal line that made the coach's hair turn even greyer!

At half time, I changed up quite a few positions on the ground, as what we had wasn't working to half time. I also instructed the boys to kick the ball at every opportunity, and forget about handpassing for the rest of the day, as our poor execution of that skill was leading to quite a few turnovers. One move paid immediate dividends, with new full-forward Danil Laganin kicking his first goal for the year! Our pressure, particularly in the forward half, was much better, but a number of dropped marks and poor handballs (when told not to handball!) again saw Immanuel goal on the counter-attack. Jake Nayler continued to be a shining light across the middle and half-forward, but he needed a few more friends to step up and help him out!

At 3-quarter time, I again re-iterated my desire to see the boys kick the ball forward every chance they got, and I willed them to win the final term to give themselves some reward for their hard work. I was really pleased that the boys responded, with Riley Duance and Alex Jorgensen in particular working much harder (after both got a couple of rockets to get more involved in the game at both quarter time and half time!). Unfortunately our accuracy at goal wasn't there, and all our strong play yielded 4 straight points! Matt Hume was switched to the ruck in this term with some effect, his big body proving hard to Immanuel to move. Jake Nayler then kicked two late goals on the back of some really good hard football from Henry Saxon and Daniel Barnett, and this resulted in us indeed winning the last quarter, which pleased the coach no end!

I hope the boys in the Second XVIII continue to work hard on their football, including coming to training regularly. I can see some definite improvement in a few boys already and we just have to all stick together to get some reward for all our efforts for the rest of the year.

David Emms

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### 2nd XVIII Report

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**Best Players:**
Nayler, Dolling, Saxon, Anthony, Nielsen, Barnett, Duance.

**Goal Scorers:**
Nayler 3, Otto, Laganin.
Simon Sharley has been away on Year 10 Camp all this week, so I’m sorry but there’s no report for the Year 8/9s in this edition of Blues News.

His team told me that they had a narrow loss to Nazareth at home on Atkinson Oval, by under 2 goals.

David Emms
PGS Football Co-ordinator

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A very strange week for our improving team. Finding out just days before the match that we had a number of late omissions made it very tough this week. However, come game day a number of soccer/basketball players came from the clouds to help us fill the largest team we’ve had this year, with 17 on the field! And boy, did these boys come to play! It was clear from the sidelines that all of these boys that came out to help us this week were keen to get a touch of the footy, however unorthodox that may be.

In terms of the game itself, it was a bitter pill to swallow this week going down by 20 points, when in fact the score line certainly doesn’t reflect the closeness of the game. Once again we got off to a sluggish start, kicking a point to quarter time and the ball spending most of the quarter in Sacred Heart’s forward fifty. However we turned the tables in the second kicking 1 goal to nothing to lead by a solitary point. Unfortunately we fell away in the second half, conceding all three goals to none and having a heap of pressure placed on our already depleted backline. Matt Button played his best game of the year for us, going in hard at every contest and provided a lot of support for the backline. Special mention to Wayne ‘The Excitement Machine’ Inglis for his brilliant game, while his playing style was unorthodox his run and carry was something we desperately needed and his 80m sprint and ‘attempted’ bounce down the wing will be something I’m sure everyone at the game will remember for a long time to come. Griffin Evans as always has been a rock in defence, and I know he’ll very much be looking forward to the return of our regular defenders so I can swing him up forward. Alex Magarey also played one of his better games for the year, especially when the heat was on in the second half.

A valiant effort once again, and I have no doubt that we will continue to improve upon these performances so far.

Go Blues!

Alex Forbes
Year 4/5 Report

What a great game of footy where the team made some progress using handball and players running and working hard. The handball was used to great effect and kicking to a target also improved.

There were some outstanding efforts. Max Cavender was sensational in the centre clearing the ball, using his pace and got the ball moving our way - top game! Seb Brett’s attack on the ball, run and carry and long kicking was exceptional.

Improved efforts from Alex Edwards, Charlie Pearson and Christian Bizot who all got plenty of touches and applied many tackles.

If the team can work on and develop the team aspects, use of handball to break clear and improve defensive skills then their game will improve dramatically.

Bill Davis
(Filling in for Lachlan Connell)

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Best Players:
Maxim Cavender, Seb Brett, Alex Edwards, Charlie Pearson, Christian Bizot.

Goal scorers:
Unknown x 7.

Year 3 Report

After a very slow start where Mitcham kicked 6 goals we steadily improved and prevented them from running away with the game. In the first quarter our poor defensive skills of manning up allowed them to score easily. By the second half nearly all players had grasped the meaning of manning up.

Reilly Magazin and Cameron Kelly showed their outstanding workrates and ability to find the ball. James Apostolakos had his best game for the year playing in front, running to spaces and getting plenty of the ball. Special mentions to Michael Trenwith, Mackenzie Bruce and Olly Sendy who all had great games.

Next Saturday is our Lightning Carnival at Unley Oval. Report 8.30am.

Bill Davis

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Best Players:
Reilly Magazin, Cameron Kelly, James Apostolakos, Michael Trenwith, Mackenzie Bruce, Oliver Sendy.

Goal scorers:
Unknown x 5.
We always knew that this was going to be a tough game, especially after the results from 2 weeks ago at the lighting carnival. From the carnival we learnt that Highgate were a strong side, and I honestly believed that we could match their skills. As it turns out, they had managed to improve in the 2 weeks. Right from the first bounce they gained every clearance in the first half and as a result, we only managed to get the ball into our forward-fifty three times in the first half. After some strong words from myself at half time and a rebound play we put in place, the boys moved the ball up the ground and into our forward-fifty. Even though we only scored 1 point we were able to work this rebound play to our favour and keep the ball within our forward-fifty for most of the second half.

As mentioned above the boys needed a bit of encouragement to get up and going but after the first half, they listened well and realised some what they needed to do on the field. They soon put our plan into action and proved to themselves that they can stand up to strong teams. Some things to work on are self confidence: most of the boys came in at half time with their heads down. Even though we were losing, there is still no reason to feel sorry for yourself. Pick yourself up and get back out there to work on things you think you need to fix. As a team we can learn from this experience and carry it on into trainings and further games.

Josh Perkins

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Best Players:
All tried hard.

Goal scorers:
NIL.
Photos from the weekend of 14 June

2nd XVIII v Immanuel Thirds

Thanks to Parent David Dean for his photos