**Term 2 Week 4 2014**

A short fixture last weekend with the weekend off for both the Year 3s and the Year 1/2s, and thus only 5 games played by our Pulteney teams. Of those 5 matches, we had a big win to the Firsts, 2 good wins to our Middle School teams, a narrow loss to the Year 4/5s and unfortunately another large loss to the 2nd XVIII, who, despite having so many boys offering to play Seconds Football at the start of the year, find themselves still struggling to fill a team each week. Fingers crossed we can turn that situation around soon.

This weekend sees another shortened fixture with the Second XVIII having a rostered bye. This is actually quite serendipitous with the First XVIII having quite a large number of injuries (again, for seemingly the 3rd or 4th year in a row!), so the number of regular footballers available this week to fill both Senior Teams is less than usual. All 6 other sides are out and about this weekend though, with 3 sides at home and 3 away.

I’ll be out with the 1st XVIII at St Paul’s in the afternoon, so I hope to see a few of you out there then!

**Year 9 Camp - Week 5 Term 2 2014**

Next week, Week 5 (26 May to 30 May), the annual Year 9 Camp occurs here at Pulteney. Just a reminder to all Year 9 football players and their parents that all players are *expected* to be available/to play in the match the following Saturday, 31 May. The good news is we have a home game against Trinity on at the usual time of 8:45am, so there should be no excuses for not knowing that the game is on! Any problems or questions, please feel free to contact the coach, Mr Simon Sharley, or myself here at Pulteney.

**Year 10 & Year 11 Exams - Weeks 6 & 7 Term 2 2014**

An advance notice to everyone that Year 10 & Year 11 exams will commence on the Thursday of Week 6 and continue after the Queen’s Birthday Long Weekend for all of Week 7. Senior Football Training for the 1st & 2nd XVIII will be CANCELLED on Thursday of Week 6 (June 5), with exams in full swing and no matches on that upcoming Long Weekend. However, Senior Football Training will be back on both Tuesday and Thursday nights in Week 7, in preparation for the matches on Saturday at the end of that week. NO EXCUSES FOR MISSING TRAINING BOYS!!!

David Emms  
PGS Football Co-ordinator

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**Blues News 2014**

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So spread the word - get all your family and friends onto the 2014 Blues News!
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).

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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Matches this week

Saturday 24 May 2014

1st XVIII   **AWAY** vs St Paul’s
Main Oval, St Paul’s College, Cnr Grand Junction & Black’s Roads, Gilles Plains - 1:00pm report/2:15pm start

2nd XVIII   **BYE**

Yr 8/9s     **AWAY** vs St Peter’s
Wilson Oval, St Peter’s College, Hackney - 8:15am report/8:45am start

Yr 5/6/7s   **HOME** vs Rostrevor
Vaughton Oval – 9:00am report/9:30am start

Yr 4/5s     **HOME** vs Unley Primary School
Harris Oval – 9:10am report/9:30am start

Yr 3s       **AWAY** vs Rostrevor
Main Oval, Rostrevor College, Glen Stuart Rd, Woodforde 8:10am report/8:30am start

Yr 1/2s     **HOME** vs Parkside Primary School
Harris Oval – 8:10am report/8:30am start
1st XVIII Report

Took us a while to get going after a slow start. Our 2nd, 3rd and 4th quarters were very good; our mids were dominant and harder at the footy all day which gave our forwards plenty of opportunities to kick a winning score. Once again our scoring accuracy was disappointing. Over all it was a good team performance from our boys.

Good games from: Adams, Angus (ruck), Dudley, Chyer, H Lumsden, Sipek with 3 goals and Faulkhead 3 goals.

This week’s game is a huge test for us and I am looking forward to seeing how the boys perform under more pressure.

Cheers

Gavin Wanganeen
1st XVIII Coach

Perfect conditions for our boys today ensured that they continued their solid form against an opponent much bigger and stronger than the previous week.

Another consistent team effort resulted in a 79 point win for our developing team. Again, our dominance started in the midfield where Sexton won his position in ruck consistently providing our hard running midfielders in H. Lumsden, Adams, Dudley, Charalabidis, A. Lumsden and Coumi first use of the ball. The young midfielders of Adams and Dudley, in particular, having outstanding 4 quarter games.

Our defense was under more pressure today and yet held the opposition to a miserly 5 goals. Chyer, Thornton, Henry and Tierney provided great rebound from the backline all day.

Though we were without Kalleske for this match our forwards still performed well. Multiple scoring avenues in Faulkhead, Sipek, Dudley (all 3 goals), Bourchier, Martin (both 2 goals) ensured that our team’s overall dominance was reflected on the scoreboard.

Special mentions should also be made of Reade, Van Den Munckhof and Van Duivenbode, who all played their first games of the season for the 1st XVIII. Well done to each of those boys.

Whilst Gavin will be pleased with strong performances against young developing teams in the last few weeks, our first “major” test will be this week against St. Paul’s. St Paul’s beat us convincingly in both games last year, so we all look forward to seeing how much we have improved from 2013.

Good luck boys, and well done on your season so far.

Michael Sipek
1st XVIII Co-Team Manager
Even though I had 36 possible players for the Second XVIII last weekend, I could only get 17 to actually come and play on a perfect warm May day. Thankfully Adelaide High agreed to 15-a-side plus however many on the bench. The addition of 2013 “Motley Blues” Louis Morris and Jake Nayler back into the team certainly helped though, and Ed Mader has decided to join our motley Seconds team as well, so it was a pleasure to welcome him back into the team.

Our ruckmen in Morris and Nielsen were clearly winning the ruck taps, but then Adelaide High were continually roving to our taps and sweeping the ball away very quickly. When we did get the ball into our forward lines we were holding it in fairly well, which resulted in Dain Venning’s first goal of the year. But overall, it was obvious that our opponents were too tall, too strong, with a number of fringe 1st XVIII players in their team trying desperately to impress their 1st XVIII Coach who was standing on the sidelines watching. Aside from our ruckman, Nepalese ‘import’ Ishwor Ghimire was very impressive, fighting hard in many contests and showing his teammates how easily he’s picked up the game! Henry Saxon also continued his excellent form, yet again standing opponents much, much taller and heavier than him at centre-half back.

The second and third quarters were disappointing purely from the fact that we simply couldn’t get our hands on the ball. I felt we were lucky to score a point in each of these quarters. Our midfield and defense were both working very, very hard for little to no reward, with Thomas Anthony in particular repelling many attacks in the second quarter. Losing key defender Scott Noack for most of these 2 quarters with a knock to his shin didn’t help much either. Nor did losing #1 Ruckman Louis Morris for 10 minutes for ill-discipline. One shining light in these two terms was Skipper Daniel Barnett, who worked very hard at centre all match against much big and taller opponents.

We fought the game out as much as we could right to the end of the match, and finally we broke through in the last 5 minutes of the match with a strong mark and goal to full-forward Alex Jorgensen, and an opportunist’s goal to half-forward Jack Evans.

I think it’s a numbers game this year with the Seconds, and I would love for more boys to ‘give it a go’ and help out those boys that play each and every week to make up a full side and also have some extras on the bench.

We have a bye this week, which is not such a bad thing given the current injury list in the 1st XVIII. Our next match is home in two Saturday’s time against Immanuel Thirds, the team we beat last year! Hopefully we can get a full team together and give ourselves the same result!

David Emms

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Best Players:
Saxon, Ghimire, Barnett, Morris, Anthony, Nayler, Nielsen.

Goal Scorers:
Venning, Jorgensen, Evans.
Back on the winners list, is always a good feeling! We were only fielding a team of 15, so it was offered to us to take on some of Cabra’s players. This was put to a vote of the team, who said that we are Pulteney and we believe in each other to get the job done.

With Cabra getting the first goal of the game within the first minute, I was hoping the boys still believed, and believe they did slamming home the next 6! However let Cabra get 2 late goals. The first quarter we were hard, and first to the ball and it was very pleasing to watch, however we fell off this in the second quarter. We took in a half time lead of 2 goals, with good kicking. 6.5 to 8.1.

Across the ground we were on top, with most players playing their best football for the season so far. Liam Geddes-Ryan was getting enormous attraction from the opposition but to his credit this spurred him on and played a blinder even though had a Cabra player following him all day. Jarrod Miller was put in ruck with the absence of big man Sam Hore but surprised me and himself in winning a few taps but it was his work rate and kicking 5 goals from ruck which really made a difference. Rory Egarr was a force in the backlines and I am sorry to Rory for taking so long to put him back there as he played good solid football. Stefan Mundy was really in the game this week, with his long kicks and strong tackles helping the forward line locking the ball in. Charlie Rowe was another that played his best game, with hard running and clean skills.

The game was closer than the score suggests however was a very important win against a team that we are really starting to have a rivalry with.

Simon Sharley
What a game! After the long trek out into the wilderness of Trinity College (and the coach being inexcusably late after getting lost!) the boys looked switched on and raring to go. The first quarter was fought extremely toughly, with the scores showing two goals a piece at the break. However after quarter time the boys came out positively and piled on the pressure, not allowing Trinity another goal for the rest of the game. This was extremely pleasing as it was not only the backline that contributed to this defensive pressure, but the midfield and forwards locked the ball into our forward half and would not let it out.

The highlight of this week was the hard running and work rate of the boys, something that I had stressed at training during the week. Patty Winter played a phenomenal game, kicking all of his goals through work rate and running hard, something that should be highly regarded in the team. All of the midfield players stuck to their roles, and were vital in getting the ball moving in our direction. Liam continues to give us first use out of the ruck and is now starting to gel with the midfielders so they can read his taps and give us first use. Special mention to Stefan today, who read the play extremely well to be in the right spot to kick two vital goals early on in the game. The scoreline doesn’t truly reflect the toughness of the game to half time, however it does show how hard the boys are working for each other and how they’re coming together as a team. Very much looking forward to another great performance from the boys this week. Go Blues!

Alex Forbes

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Best Players:
Guy Radbone, Patrick Winter, Liam Creaser, Griffin Evans, Matt Adams.

Goal scorers:
Patrick Winter 3, Stefan Gould 2, Liam Creaser, Guy Radbone, Trinity Fill-in Player.
Well if I was a statistician, I would be able to tell you with some pretty good evidence behind me that we are due for a win this week! We lost our first game by over 10 goals, the second game by around 5 or 6, and this game by a heartbreaking 2 points. Credit where it is due though, as the boys put on the best performance I've seen from them all year. We trailed for most of the game but by 3 quarter time we had brought it back to about a goal behind and all was looking set for a brilliant come-back. However, it wasn’t to be as the siren beat us when the ball was in our forward half. It was great to have 3 boys who don’t regularly play in Sam, Louis and Stefan come play for us seeing as it was a Friday night game.

It was a great team effort by all players but there were certainly some stand out performances. With 5 goals in the 3rd quarter anyone who was watching would tell you that Sam was best on ground. He always positioned himself so well (Something I’ve been on to the boys about) and so when the ball came out of the pack he always had first use of it. One of their players were dominating in the first half, and so I told young Charlie to tag him, and although Charlie didn’t get much of it in the second half, his opponent who had such a big impact in the first half hardly touched it in the second, so great job by Charlie! Manoulis and Suji were great as per usual, especially in their positioning, and Cooper was solid not only in the ruck, but along the half back line at times, so it’s great to have some versatility there. Special mention this week goes to Lloyd, he doesn’t get 30+ touches a game, but this week I could see he was trying a lot harder and I think he has improved a lot in the short amount of time I’ve been with the boys.

Go blues!

Lachlan Connell
Out of the Blue
with Rufus Ruck Rover

Dear Loyal Blues News Readers,

I know you were expecting to read another mildly-amusing recap of the week's football events, but other events in my life have meant I now have less time to prepare and submit my weekly column for The Pulteney Blues News. My apologies to everyone that enjoyed the ramblings of this old Pulteney stalwart, but this is likely to be my final submission for a while. I hope to see you all out on the South Parklands at some point, still loving the skill and determination of our Pulteney Footballers.

So long for now.

Stay True & Stay Blue.

Rufus
Photos from the weekend of May 10th
Year 4/5s v Highgate