Term 2 Week 6 2014

Another bag of mixed lollies in terms of results from our Pulteney Football teams over the weekend. The Year 1/2s had a tough Lightning Carnival at Unley Oval, coming away with 1 win and 5 losses. There were competitive losses this last week to the Year 3s, the Year 5/6/7s and even the 2nd XVIII in what was easily their best performance of the year. Unfortunately the Year 4/5s came up against a much better team than them. There was a solid win to the Year 8/9s against a Trinity team that was more of their ability level, and the 1st XVIII thumped a vastly under-strength PAC Thirds outfit.

This weekend sees our mid-term break for the Queen’s Birthday Long Weekend. Quite handy given that our Year 10s and Year 11s will be right in the middle of exams! A reminder that football training for ALL teams recommences next week, regardless of exams or other commitments. Only 2 games to go this term, so here’s hoping everyone finishes off well!

Ishwor’s Last Game

Saturday saw a sad day in Pulteney Football, with our Nepalese Scholarship Student Ishwor Ghimire playing his third and final football match for the Pulteney 2nd XVIII. Although it had been discussed in hushed tones of ways to ‘guarantee’ Ishwor kick a goal on Saturday, such measures were not required, as Ishwor was able to kick two goals himself in the third quarter of the match, one a short jab from the goalline, the other an good mark and set shot from 40m out on a slight angle. And didn’t ‘Ishy’ celebrate!

In addition, several Year 12 boys prepared a banner for Ishwor to run through before the match, and then he was chaired off the ground at the end of the match in celebration and recognition of his efforts in playing for the 2nd XVIII this year.

Thanks Ishwor, you’ve been a breath of fresh air to coach and manage this year, and your courage and ability were welcome additions to the team! Best of luck in all your future endeavours. We will miss you!!
Ishwor after kicking his second goal

(Thanks to parent David Dean for his photos)

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

A reminder to everyone that Year 10 & Year 11 exams are now currently in progress, and continue after the Queen’s Birthday Long Weekend for all of Week 7. 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!!!

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 7 June 2014

BYE FOR ALL GRADES (Queen’s Birthday Long Weekend)

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.
A solid performance from the boys. Will Chyer, Ben Kalleske (with 7 goals), Dudley, Adams, Sexton, and Coumi were all amongst the best. No passengers for the day. Matt Henry and big fella Mikiel Tesfa gave me goals after I asked them for a goal each at half time (Matt’s wasn’t paid though after a nice kick from the boundary line but I’ll give it to him anyway, and the big fella Tesfa gave me 2 beauties!). Well done to both of them.

Looking forward to Game 2 against St Paul’s after the break.

Gavin Wanganeen
1st XVIII Coach

In slippery conditions today, the boys produced a solid 4 quarter effort against an under strength PAC team. The most pleasing aspect of the game were the contributions from every member of the team, unlike the previous week where we relied on too few.

We started the game strongly with special mentions to Van den Munckhof (2 goals), Kalleske, Sipek and Faulkhead all being dominant forward, thereby ensuring that the good work further up the ground was being rewarded.

The trend continued for the 2nd & 3rd quarters with excellent contributions coming form Chyer (clearly BOG & dominant in his position as the spare player down back) and Henry in defence. Adams, Dudley, Sexton, Harry Lumsden and Coumi were also providing great drive through the midfield continuing to set up many scoring opportunities for their team mates further up the ground.

With the rain now making conditions quite difficult, after a slow start to the final quarter we still managed to score 5 more goals. Special mention should be made of Tesfa (2 goals) in his first game for the 1st XV111 and to Kalleske (7 goals for the game) who both dominated the scoring in this quarter.

Whilst the win was a credible performance, we must take into account the quality of the opposition and we can now look forward to a more even contribution in 2 weeks against a strong St Paul’s team.

Enjoy the week off boys and we look forward to a solid team effort next game.

Michael Sipek
1st XVIII Co-Team Manager
The Seconds’ day started with our strongest side named for the year, with the re-inclusion of Louis Morris and Michael Adler, as well as the return from 1st XVIII duties of Skipper Daniel Barnett, backman Jack Dolling and utility Henry Saxon (for the first half at least). So I was going into the match quite confident of at least a competitive outfit against the only team the 2nd XVIII had managed to defeat in 2013, the Immanuel 3rd XVIII. However by far the biggest motivation for the team this week was the fact that our new favourite teammate, Ishwor Ghimire, was playing his third and final game for the 2nd XVIII, before his return to Nepal in just over a week’s time. Several of the Year 12 boys had also created a banner for Ishwor to run through before the start of the match, and you seriously couldn’t wipe the grin off of Ishy’s face at all the attention afforded to him on the day.

We started a little slowly in the first quarter as we yet again struggled to play from the first bounce and took some time to find the tempo of the match. Our two ruckmen, Louis Morris and Matt Nielsen, were winning every ruck tap but the Immanuel midfielders were continually working the ball forward for them. Only some great defensive work from Thomas Anthony (our new Dustin Fletcher) and Jack Dolling stopped Immanuel capitalizing on some more of their chances. Ishwor was diving on everything he could and was impressive early, and centreman Daniel Barnett was getting a few quality possessions. Only when Dain Venning arrived after his morning basketball game and went on the field did we have a solid target to aim at, and within a minute of him coming onto the ground, Dain marked and goaled to keep us in the contest. Matt van der Sommen’s unexpected reappearance in our team (for Ishwor’s last match) was also very pleasing.

By the second quarter we were very much in the contest, and even dominating play early in the term, however we couldn’t put our dominance on the scoreboard! My efforts to try and make sure Ishwor scored himself at least one goal in his final match were coming agonizingly close to fruition as well - after shifting him to a half-forward flank from his usual wing and telling Ishy to “get himself a goal”, Ishwor hit the post from the top of the goal square (and the collective sigh that went around the ground I’m sure could have been heard from Murray Bridge!) and then later in the quarter had a long set shot touched on the line! The other bad news for this quarter was that when Immanuel did get the ball from us, they were taking the ball the length of the field and scoring easy goals, putting us further behind. The 0-2 to 3-2 scoreline for this term I felt was not reflective of the football we were playing.

Unfortunately we lost both Henry Saxon and Matt van der Sommen at half time, which left us with just one extra on the bench. Ishwor had another snap at goal and missed once more - I was beginning to think the Universe didn’t want Ishwor to get his goal! However, a few minutes later, a very astute Dain Venning saw the moment and handballed to Ishy in the goal square past two opponents, and Ishwor toe-poked it over the line! Cue mass celebrations for the Second XVIII, with players running from all over the field to congratulate Ishwor on his goal! Alex Jorgensen soon followed that up with another quick goal after the next centre clearance. Immanuel were strangely leaving Dain Venning free at centre half forward at every centre bounce, and we were smart enough to take advantage of that, finding Dain at every opportunity. And when Ishwor marked and goaled from 40m out for his second major of the term, we were suddenly only a couple of goals down with 6 minutes left to play in the third quarter. Unfortunately, Immanuel upped their tempo and took control of those last 6 minutes, kicking a late goal themselves (and a host of behinds) to be 22 points up at the final change.

Best Players:
Barnett, Morris, Anthony, Dolling, Adler, Case, Ghimire, Venning, Dean.

Goal Scorers:
Ghimire 2, Venning, Jorgensen, Dolling.
At 3 quarter time I told the team that there was not much more I could do for them - that it was now all down to them and their desire to want to win the match in the final quarter. However, the exact reverse of what we needed to happen, happened, with Immanuel kicking the first two goals of the quarter to effectively seal the match. A late running goal to Jack Dolling was a highlight, as was giving Ishwor a run on the ball at ruck-rover.

While the match ended in another loss to the 2nd XVIII, it was definitely our best performance of the year, and we made a young man from Nepal extremely happy! At the end of the match, Ishwor was chaired off the ground by his two good friends Daniel Barnett and Michael Adler, while Ishwor saluted his adoring fans with two fingers raised (I'm sure because he was signalling the fact that he kicked two goals, not because he was giving the peace sign or the 'V for Victory' symbol!).

And although we lose Ishwor now that his time at Pulteney is over, the rest of the team have two weeks to prepare for the return fixture against Immanuel Thirds down there at Immanuel, thanks to a weird quirk in the fixture where we find ourselves playing them twice, home and away, in 15 days!

David Emms
A tentative start to the cool, wet morning saw us struggle to execute our skills with the slippery ball and some of the boys showed off their soccer skills in a more convincing manner than their football skills. As a result, our inaccurate kicking in front of goal had us 1 goal and 4 points to nil at quarter time. The second quarter was when we really started to play some good football and even though we over-used the ball at times, we put together some excellent passages of running football and put 4 goals on the board for the quarter. An injury to Liam Geddes-Ryan saw him “rested” for most of the game in the forward lines but he still managed 3 goals on one leg – a brave effort. Thus, there were a few other positional changes and Charlie Rowe was moved onto the half back flank where he showed a great attack on the ball and he gave us many clearances out of the back line. Charlie was well supported by Stefan, James and Harry who all combined really well across the backline to repel many of their forward entries and set up a number of opportunities for us to go forward. Sam Hore was winning all the ruck contests and gave our midfield every chance to be on top with the centre clearances. At half time, we were up 5.6 to 2.0.

At half-time, the forward line players put up their hands to recognize they needed to work harder and put more defensive pressure on their opponents and keep the ball in our attacking half. To their credit, they did this very well in the second half. There were more tackles, chasing and desperate efforts by the forwards throughout the second half. The third quarter once again proved the “Premiership Quarter” as we added four goals into a slight breeze. There were a number of great linking movements through the middle created by Jarrod Miller and Nick Laity that set up players like Sam Magarey, Sam White and Tom Rundle to use their leg speed and kick the ball long in to our forward line. Elliot Bennett played well at full forward and was well supported by Liam Geddes-Ryan, who at one stage hobbled for 30 metres on one leg to provide a shepherd for Jarrod to collect the ball, balance and kick one of his 4 goals for the game. Despite both Harry and Nick being slung to the ground and a heavy hip and shoulder to Jarrod during the match, our boys dusted themselves off and bounced back in courageous style. Time after time it was James and Stefan who took solid marks, attacked the ball, harassed the opposition, challenged two or three at a time in a pack and more often than not came charging out of defense and put the ball to our advantage downfield. The backline really set up the win for us with their hard and gutsy work and with their run and delivery to others in front of them.

The opposition started the final quarter with a couple of quick goals and it took us a while to hit our straps again. We tightened up around the ground and got a couple of centre clearances to stem the tide and with two goals apiece in the final quarter, we slogged it out to the very end. Tom Rundle played a really gutsy final 5 minutes, diving into the bottom of packs, taking on players much bigger than himself and winning free kicks – it was a great example for all our boys on the importance of playing out the game to the very end. Tom was so exhausted at the end of the game he could barely sing the song! Well done boys for a great win – you all wore the navy blue jersey with distinction.

Tim Ridgway
What a game! One that, in the end, we were probably unlucky to lose. We started rather poorly, with no goals to half time and the boys looking tired and lethargic. Once again, like all other weeks, we were short on players, which makes any game of footy an uphill battle. However, in the second half, all of the boys rallied hard and in the end the game was a nail-biter, one that I’m sure the boys will hold on to in order to come out harder in the weeks to come.

To the highlights of the game: Once again Griff is an unstoppable force in the backline, and while he complained to me before the game about wanting to play up forward, it's been tough to move the boys around as we have been short, and our two key backmen, Hugh Radbone and Isaac Pearce, have been injured and busy with their sports commitments respectively. Placing Griff on the halfback flank proved useful, as he was able to get forward and provide an attacking option, but showed his work rate by getting back and defending when it was required. Another revelation this week was the ruck work of Alex Candy, who rucked all day despite my ‘promise’ of resting him at the end of each quarter. Alex won 90% of the hit outs and gave us first use of the ball, which was vital on a wet day. His development continues weekly and is an exciting prospect as it allows Liam Creaser some more freedom to play in different positions. Liam further emphasized his ‘utility’ status as he played fullback this week in order to move Griff up the ground, and did everything that was asked of him, including a Dustin Fletcher-like run from fullback to kick an important goal in the last quarter.

Unfortunately we just didn’t start well enough to run away with this one, but I know that the loss stung the boys and they will no doubt be fresh after the long weekend looking for another win.

Go Blues!

Alex Forbes
Year 4/5 Report

After a great start to the game and going into the first break only 3 points down we really dropped off the ball. Throughout the first quarter on a miserable wet day, we actually managed to play some beautiful running footy and it was certainly a pleasure to watch! Unfortunately we lacked a bit of focus for the rest of the game and we really need to focus on consistency across 4 quarters to look at getting our first win for the season, I know the boys are keen to belt out the team song when the time comes!

A good team effort but there were certainly some solid individual performers as well. Best on ground goes to Charlie, who’s been a consistent performer all year but really stood out for me in this game. His ball use and decision making is first class and the lads know that if they get the ball to him its in good hands. Some great running from both Seb and Manolis saw the ball gain a lot of ground when it was in their hands. Ned had his best game of the year yet, positioning himself really well at times and taking some nice overhead grabs also.

We need to keep our heads up when the going gets tough, and I know the boys have plenty of fight left in them yet! Go Blues!

Lachlan Connell

Year 3 Report

What a great game of football, the ball was moved from one end of the ground to the other displaying good skill levels and a good standard of footy.

After the first quarter we started to follow the instruction about manning up when the opposition had the ball, this made a terrific difference in the second half. We also started to spread better when we got the ball.

I keep talking about the players who are prepared to use their legs will get more touches of the ball. Fantastic workrates from Reilly Magazin, Cameron Kelly and Michael Trenwith. Some players had breakout games where they started to gather lots of possessions. Charlie Brennen held his position, got himself in front and took many marks in our forward line while Riley Nicholls was very determined around the ball.

An area we can still improve on is our use of handball when we are under pressure and having players in the right position to receive the ball.

No game this weekend, we return on the 14th and have the Lightning Carnival on June 21.

Bill Davis
This week the Year 1/2s had a Lightning Carnival. The boys played 6 games, and played them all incredibly well. In the first game, the Year 1/2s responded really well to an early start, they raced out of the gate and put a goal on the scoreboard straight away. After this it looked as if it was going to be a good morning. The other team responded quickly and we couldn’t keep up. After a slight loss in the first game, the boys were keen to have a different result in the second game. With many positional changes, some of our boys felt out of place on the field in the second game, resulting in another loss to a team that was far more advanced than us. The 3rd game was tight - the boys went goal for goal with the other team but unfortunately they ran over us at the end.

Our 4th game was again against a team that had multiple standout players and unfortunately they managed to keep us scoreless. During the 5th game I really wanted to give the boys a win, I placed all the players on the field in their favourite positions, resulting in a team that meshed together really well. As a result of this decision we came away from the 5th game with a strong win. Our 6th game the boys went back to exploring new positions on the field, they played really well for being out of their comfort zone. Both Jacob and Liam played outstanding games. Unfortunately this was not displayed on the scoreboard.

With a ‘1 win out of 6’ game result, the boys had their heads down at the end of the carnival. With some encouraging words and an outline of all the things the boys did well, they soon realised that they played against some well drilled and highly skilled teams. The boys responded to instructions well, they picked up the ball and took a few quick steps into the open, and then shared the ball with one of their team mates. A few things to work on are: foot skills - we need to work on accuracy (although most of our team can kick the footy well). The boys get the ball and just blaze away with the boot, generally kicking it over our players’ heads and into the arms of the opposition. This can be worked on at trainings with a few simple drills.

Well played boys, I hope you all enjoyed what was a first Lighting Carnival for most of you. I look forward to seeing you at trainings and hopefully we can put a win on the board after the long weekend.

Thanks

Josh Perkins
Photos from the weekend
2nd XVIII v Immanuel Thirds
Thanks to Parent David Dean for his photos