Term 3 Week 2 2014

Winter is well and truly in full force here in Adelaide this week, although I’m sure most of the boys didn’t mind training on Thursday night being a very ‘light’ session in many respects! There was another mixed bag of results last weekend, with the 1st XVIII and the Year 8/9s recording big wins against their opposition, and Alex Forbes’ Year 5/6/7s producing a stirring away victory against Rostrevor! The 2nd XVIII put in their best effort of the season (kicking over 100 points for the first time!), but unfortunately still fell just short against their Scotch opponents. And unfortunately our three junior footy sides couldn’t rustle up a win against their respective opponents on Harris Oval.

This week sees 5 of our 7 teams playing at home, with the two senior matches in the afternoon shifted from Morgan Oval to Atkinson because of the heavy conditions. Good luck to the Year 1/2s playing up in the snow at Belair and the Year 8/9s who are off on safari up to Trinity! Fingers crossed the Antarctic weather hasn’t taken too much of a toll - I know that there’s a nasty flu bug going around the school as well at the moment.

But it’s weekends like this one as to why we love The Great Game! Hopefully I see many of you out at football on Saturday!

Gavin Warganeen’s Port Premiership Guernsey Returned!

For those of you who haven’t caught up with the news of the last 24–48 hours, our 1st XVIII Coach Gavin Warganeen had a surprise after giving a pep talk to the current Port Adelaide Squad at Alberton on Thursday afternoon this week. For those of you who were unaware, after the 2004 Port Adelaide Grand Final win at the MCG, Gavin went to have a shower to get ready for the official functions that night after the match, and took off his guernsey and put it on top of his sports bag. Only for Gavin to never see it again.

Having given up all hope of it returning, our coach got a massive shock when Kane Cornes gave him a ‘little token’ to say thank you for coming to impart his knowledge to the current Port players.

But I don’t need to say too much more. The video below says it so much better than I ever could!

GAV’S GUERNSEY RETURNED
Winter Intercol v Scotch College - Saturday 23rd August

Just over 3 weeks away now! Pulteney is playing away this year for the Winter Intercol against Scotch College. The Main Oval at Scotch will be the venue for 4 games of football, starting early with the Year 5/6/7s and culminating with the standalone afternoon match for the 1st XVIII. Please come out and show your support for Pulteney's football teams on August 23rd, in what promises to be an exciting end to the football year for Pulteney. See you there!

PGS Senior Winter Sports Dinner - Saturday 23rd August

Also a reminder that on Saturday night of August 23rd, immediately after Intercol, we have our Senior Winter Sports Dinner to attend. This is for all players and parents/friends/supporters of the 1st & 2nd XVIII, as well as those players from the other winter sports played at Pulteney.

** It is very important that all players in the 1st & 2nd XVIII Football Teams attend that night, as it is our major Senior Football Dinner and trophies will be presented on that night! **

The Dinner will be held on Saturday August 23rd, at the Glenelg Surf Lifesaving Club on the Glenelg Foreshore, from 6:30pm. There is a link to the booking page on the front page of the PGS Website - Please book ASAP as numbers are now at 130 people and we don’t want any footballers nor their families to miss out! Hope to see you there!

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).

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.
(Aaaaah!)
And then they’ll know that they’ve been playing
Against the famous Old Dark Blues.”

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Please do not text or e-mail me on Friday nights or Saturdays, 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.

Matches this week

Saturday 2 August 2014

1st XVIII  HOME vs St Paul’s
Atkinson Oval – 1:00pm report/2:15pm start

2nd XVIII  HOME vs Immanuel Thirds
Atkinson Oval – 11:45am report/12:30pm start

Yr 8/9s  AWAY vs Trinity
Main Oval, Trinity College, Gawler (Just off Main North Rd) - 8:15am report/8:45am start

Yr 5/6/7s  HOME vs St Michael’s
Vaughton Oval – 9:00am report/9:30am start

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

Yr 3s  HOME vs Burnside Primary School
Harris Oval – 8:10am report/8:30am start

Yr 1/2s  AWAY vs CBC
Belair Primary School, 45 - 83 Main Road, Belair - 9:10am report/9:30am start

** NOTE THAT PLAYING CBC AT BELAIR IS INDEED RIGHT!
Very good team performance from the boys.

Jacob’s best game for the year kicking 4 goals and setting up others as well. Dudley, Chyer, Sexton, Adams, Harry Lumsden and Sipek all had solid games. Bourchier, Charalabidis, Thornton, Henry and White all did some good things during the course of the game.

Can only pick 5 best players yet another 5 players could easily have snuck in to the votes - that’s how many good players we had for the day.

Cheers

Gavin Wanganeen
1st XVIII Coach

A perfect winter’s day greeted the boys on the small Nazareth ground on Saturday. Whilst this was the first game after an extended break, the 1st quarter effort of all the boys was pleasing. They were playing to Gavin’s structure of quick movement forward and then kicking long to a contest. The forward line at this point appeared open and organised and 4 goals for the term was the result.

The “rustiness” of the break from competitive football showed in the 2nd quarter with Nazareth now being first to the ball and actually out-scoring us for the term. Too many players appeared to be sitting back and waiting for their teammates to “hunt” the ball. As a result we were reactive to the opposition’s movement, which meant that it was “game on” at the main break.

After some strong words from Gavin at half time, the boys came out with more aggression and showed some of their best football for the year in the 2nd half.

Through outstanding individual games from a number of players like Kalleske (5 goals 7 behinds(!)), Dudley, Chyer, Faulkhead and Henry (their best games of the year), as well as Sipek and Harry Lumsden, we managed to outscore the opposition for the rest of the game by nearly 80 points. There were solid contributions again from other Year 10 boys in Adams, Sexton and Angus Lumsden.

Well boys, hopefully our third “crack” at a strong St Paul’s team next week may result in us narrowing the margin from our previous games.

Michael Sipek
1st XVIII Co-Team Manager

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Best Players:

Goal Scorers:
Kalleske 5, Faulkhead 4, Sipek 3, Bourchier 2, Redshaw, Baldock, Sexton, White, Adams.
First thing on Friday morning I was pretty excited: I'd named 19 players to play against Scotch Thirds the next day, and not only did I know we were going to play on a postage-stamp sized oval at the Scotch Junior School, but Scotch had also requested that we play 15-a-side! Someone asked *us* for 15-a-side?! You can imagine how excited I was! But by the time I was 15 minutes out from game time, I was stressing and my team was in disarray - 1 lad had been elevated to the Firsts, 2 had pulled out sick on Friday, 1 was off chasing an opportunity of a lifetime, 1 pulled out with the flu Saturday morning, and 1 pulled out right before game time with a migraine! However, the sight of Jake Nayler, who had made the journey all the way Trinity from where he played soccer in the morning, almost made me do cartwheels. Scotch then gracefully allowed us to borrow an extra player, and we lined up with 15-a-side. It must also be noted that we welcomed Matt Van Der Sommen into the team for the rest of the year on a full-time basis, and Matt's passion and desire would be welcome additions into the side.

We started out how we usually did - slowly. We were too loose in defence, and with the small confines of Montrose Oval and with our opponents kicking down the hill, Scotch quickly had 3 majors on the board before we had time to breathe. Matt Nielsen started the match like a freight train already in motion - he was truly dominating the rucks and taking the game on, and definitely kept us in the game in this first quarter. A couple of sharp snaps from Dain Venning didn't go astray either, and as the quarter progressed you could see our confidence rising on the back of their work and we got ourselves back into the match.

In the second term, and with us kicking down the hill this time, I tried to open up CHF so that Matt Nielsen's ruck thumps could gain 20-30m and hopefully have us run onto them. While Matt picked up on this idea pretty quickly, unfortunately Scotch cottoned on to what I was trying to achieve faster than our Navy Blues, with one long goal to Scotch actually being kicked from the back half of the centre square for Scotch, up the hill! I felt we certainly had our opportunities in this term, however Scotch still outscored us 10 scoring shots to 6 and 5 goals to 2 in this quarter, and we found ourselves 6 goals down at half time. It was at this point I was thinking: “If this is Scotch's Thirds, what are their Seconds going to be like on Intercol Day?”

At half time, despite being 6 goals down, I told the boys I didn’t believe that we were out of this match, given the small size of the ground and the dominance of Nielsen in the ruck and the fact that Saxon, Nayler, Case and Dolling were getting their hands on the football a lot. Whatever I said to them must have worked, because after half time we went out and played our best half of football for the year! Captain and centreman Daniel Barnett sparked into life, and he and ruck-rover Henry Saxon actually took advantage of Nielsen’s continuing excellent ruck work, pushing us forward repeatedly. Suddenly we were getting first to the ball, and the free kicks and the goals were starting to go our way. A more resolute defence led by Hume, Dolling and Case were also a major reason we held up our opponents in the third quarter (although Matt Hume just needs to refine his tackling technique - he’s laying perfect rugby tackles at the moment. But for Aussie Rules? Not so much......). Our pressure was much better all over the ground (even our Scotch ring-in Angus was giving it too his classmates!), Matt Nielsen was now kicking long goals to go with his awesome ruckwork and midfield run and Jake Nayler kicked a freaky right foot check side which brought the Pulteney Parents on the sidelines to thunderous applause! Scotch unfortunately snuck a goal late in the term, to still lead by 14 points at the last change.

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**Best Players:**
Nielsen, Saxon, Nayler, Hume, Case, Dolling, Van Der Sommen, Barnett.

**Goal Scorers:**
Nielsen 4, Venning 3, Jorgensen 2, Otto, Blight, Nayler, Van Der Sommen, Saxon, Dolling.
However, this third term will always be remembered by me for two special moments. Our captain, Daniel Barnett, was awarded a free kick in the forward lines for too high, and then a 25m penalty because his Scotch opponent on the mark decided to show too much skin (which would have been more appropriate at an MTV Awards show!), placing Daniel on the goalline directly in front, having a shot at goal. Amazingly, Daniel then didn't make the distance!! His little ‘pop’ kick did indeed pop straight up in the air, and the Scotch bloke on the goalline knocked it through for a rushed behind! (One thing is for sure, I’m never, *EVER*, going to let Daniel forget that one!) The other ‘moment’ of this quarter came from my new permanent recruit Matt Van Der Sommen, who, after doing a tagging job on Scotch’s best player from the first half, followed him all the way to the interchange bench when this bloke was taken off after Matt had stitched him up in the first part of the third quarter. When questioned as to why Matt was bothering to follow the Scotch player all the way to the bench, Matt responded with: “And I’ll be waiting here for you when you come back on!”

The momentum we had in the third quarter continued into the last, with us piling on the pressure and kicking down the hill - 4 scoring shots later and scores were level! We then went further, booting the next 2 goals as well! At this point, I thought we would run all over the top of Scotch (given we were kicking downhill as well), but alas, the effort of getting ourselves to this point now took its toll. Both Barnett and Saxon were running on empty, and Scotch had now learned to read Matt Nielsen’s ruck taps. They kicked the next 4 goals to regain the lead by 2 goals themselves. They were also playing a loose man in defence to thwart us, and the captain’s call to Jack Dolling to man this guy up rather than be a loose man for us in our backlines paid immediate dividends, with Jack sneaking a goal to put us back to a goal down. However, when Matt Nielsen was caught holding the ball deep in the backlines, still trying to take the game on at The Death, I knew Scotch were going to take the chocolates. They kicked a goal from the resulting free kick, and then added one more late goal to run out winners by 18 points.

By far, the best half of football played by the Seconds this year. Unfortunately we paid yet again for our slow start, something we’ll continue to work on. Special mention must be made of Matt Nielsen, who truly had a breakout game on Saturday. It’s like he’s finally realized that he’s so much bigger, stronger and more athletic than everyone else on the ground (which he is!). Fingers crossed he can push on to bigger and better things this year and in the next two years as well.

David Emms
With Year 8/9 Simon Sharley sidelined after his shoulder reconstruction on Friday, I stepped in to coach his team on Saturday morning at home on Atkinson Oval against CBC. Not knowing what sort of opposition we were going to come up against, I started the game with my ‘best’ team in their usual positions and watched as the game unfolded in front of me.

I need not have worried. I’m not sure if that was CBC’s A or B side or whether they were Year 9s or Year 8s, but right from the opening bounce we were in complete control of the game. For the whole of the first term, CBC went into their forward half *twice*, and both times as far as our half-back line before we repelled the football back into our forward line. There was even some confusion at some point as to how many players CBC had on the field (16 or 17), and for a few minutes we actually played one player down as this was being sorted out. Not that it mattered. At quarter time we’d had 10 scoring shots to their 1 Inside 50. The game was effectively over.

The last three quarters then became a challenge to see if I could completely throw the team around three times, with most of our team playing forward and back, with many getting a run in the midfield. I even had both Liam Geddes-Ryan and Jarrod Miller sitting off on the bench with me for a quarter each in the last half to see if that would have given CBC more of a chance to score. It didn’t. If we’d kicked straight the scoreline would have been even more lop-sided!

Good luck against Trinity this week boys - I’m sure they will be much stiffer opposition!

David Emms
Safe to say we played our best 3 quarters for the year this weekend. After yet another sluggish start; conceding 2 goals to our 1 behind, we bounced back piling on the pressure and lifting the intensity in the 2nd quarter, and for the rest of the game Rostrevor couldn’t match it with us. We started to want the ball more, putting bodies on the line and running often head first to come out with the footy. Once a few of the boys did this at the start of the 2nd, the rest of the team followed, which was well noted by our large group of travelling parents and fans. We piled on 3 goals to nothing in the second quarter, which allowed us to go into half time with a slender lead. The third quarter was a different story, with the game coming to a stalemate, predominantly played down the wings and around our half forward line. While we had the momentum of the game behind us, we just couldn’t break through with goals, however our defence remained solid limiting their scoring to just a behind. We kicked out last 2 goals of the match in the final quarter, asserting our dominance for the majority of the game and putting our tense fans at ease.

What a pleasant change it was this week to have a full team, the first time in 2 years of coaching that we’ve had 18 FOOTBALLERS on the field at one time. And this allowed for players to be moved around and to trial different positions. Griff was relieved to find out that with the inclusion of our two key backs Isaac Pearce and Hugh Radbone that he was able to have a run up forward, and it was his pressure and silky skills in the final quarter that helped us put the game to rest. Liam Creaser was dominant up forward, kicking 4 of our 5 goals and towering over Rostrevor’s bombarded defence. The delivery to Liam was superb from our midfielders all day, with Tex and Matt putting their heads over the ball (having said that I would recommend Tex smother with his hands not his head!!!). Isaac and Ben’s inclusions provided us with quick and effective rebound from the half back line, and the highlight of the day was a 50m torpedo from Isaac when he had “no options” to kick to after conceding the behind. Alex Candy rucked the whole day, and played what I believe to be his standout game for the year. He was rarely beaten in the ruck, giving our midfielders first use and his work at ground level should also be commended, wanting the ball much more than his direct opponent.

All round it was a superb win for the boys, and if we can keep this team on the park and this form up, we’ll finish the year extremely strong. Go Blues!

Alex Forbes
After a very long break it was great to be out and playing footy again, unfortunately the boys came up against a very physical and bigger side in CBC. It seemed as though the boys were still in holiday mode for the first half, but once we woke up after half time we actually had more scoring shots than them in the second half, and were very unlucky to not score a goal.

Some Individual mentions for the week: Seb was best on ground as anyone watching the game could tell you, his ability to not only find the ball but use it efficiently is superb, and it was good to see not only him, but all the boys use the handpass really well, something Barry touched on at half time. The usual suspects in Max, Suji and Manoulis gave us first use to the ball around the stoppages, and Logan played fantastically finding a lot of the ball through hard ball gets. Another special mention must go to Ethan, a kid who in his first year of playing footy wasn’t all that confident at the start of the year, but demonstrated just how far he’s come against CBC, gaining lots of possession and positioning himself well.

Hopefully we can come out strong in the first quarter in our next game and display a good 4-quarter effort to try and get ourselves a second win for the season.

Go Blues!

Lachlan Connell

Another great game of footy, close all day and we had our opportunities to snatch victory in the last quarter, as we had the ball in our forward lines most of the quarter but couldn’t get the ball through the goals.

We started to see signs of team play, players giving off the handball and moving the ball quickly. Cameron Kelly and Reilly Magazin were workhorses and kept getting possessions and moving the ball forward. It was great to see Olly Sendy play his best game for the year, using his athleticism to take off with the ball and Oliver Holman’s best game also, got himself in front and was strong at the ball.

Great to see Mason O’Callaghan, James Apostolakos and Riley Nicholls all getting their hands on the ball.

We still need to improve on manning up when the opposition have the ball and spread better when we have the ball.

Burnside at home, 8.30 am start, be there at 8.10am.

Bill Davis
After the holidays the boys seemed very keen to get back into footy. During the week, training was cancelled due to terrible weather. This definitely affected our performance on the weekend; the boys seemed to struggle to get into the swing of things. Coromandel Valley started the game really strongly - this was evident because throughout the first half the ball made it into our forward line twice. Both of these times the ball quickly left and resulted in a quick rebound and a score for them. It was obvious that the other team was a much stronger team then us and as a result of this an extra man was put back to try and reduce the lead and provide run out of the back line. During the last two quarters both Darcy and Oscar chose to play this role. They took on the game and carried the ball forward. They both ran hard and provided options from centre half back and through the midfield.

Some things to work on for next week, would have to be starting the game off strong, running with the ball, spreading and player on player. The first quarter of a game of football is one of the most important quarters. To come out strong puts doubt in the other team’s mind and can throw them off of their game. Our boys need to work on playing their best quarter in the first quarter of the day. We need to work on getting the ball and running with it. I noticed on the weekend that the boys who used the ball well would get it, take 3 or 4 quick steps out into the open before looking up to find a target. Finally when the opposition has the ball we need to work on manning up, each of our boys need to find their direct opponent and stop them from getting the ball. Same goes for when we have to footy, we should run to open spaces and provide options to use.

Overall a good attempt against a much stronger side. See you all at training and lets put a win on the board next week.

Josh Perkins
Photos from the weekend of July 26th
Year 4/5s v CBC
Year 5/6/7s v Rostrevor

Thanks to parent Richard O’Dea for his photos