A pleasant change in our winter weather here in Adelaide has seen all our teams able to train this week, and the fine weather looks to continue tomorrow for another full round of matches. Last weekend saw our three junior teams fall short, our two middle school teams record big victories and our two senior teams both fall after leading at various stages in their matches.

This weekend sees our 1st and 2nd XVIII playing on the wide open spaces of Broadview Oval against Blackfriars, the Year 8/9s playing at Cabra and all our other teams playing at home in the morning on Vaughton and Harris Ovals. With the fine weather expected I hope that there will be large crowds out supporting our boys on what promises to be a fantastic late winter’s day!

**Winter Intercol v Scotch College - Saturday 23rd August**

Just over 2 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. The link to book your seats is here:

Pulteney Senior Sports Presentation Night

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 Leeanne 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

Blues News 2014

To view the Blues News for Season 2014, connect to the Pulteney Web Site and click on the “Our School” menu heading, then follow the menu items “Our School” to “News & Publications”, and then click on the sub-menu item “Publications” and you will be able to view the current and past editions of the Blues News there.

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).

Matches this week

Saturday 9 August 2014

1st XVIII  AWAY vs Blackfriars
Broadview Oval, Poltawa Terrace, Broadview - 1:00pm report/2:15pm start
** PLEASE NOTE DIFFERENT VENUE

2nd XVIII  AWAY vs Blackfriars Seconds
Broadview Oval, Poltawa Terrace, Broadview - 11:45am report/12:30pm start
** PLEASE NOTE DIFFERENT VENUE

Yr 8/9s  AWAY vs Cabra
Main Oval, Cabra College, Cumberland Park (Just off Cross Rd) - 8:15am report/8:45am start

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

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

Yr 3s  HOME vs St John’s Grammar
Harris Oval – 10:10am report/10:30am start

Yr 1/2s  HOME vs CBC
Harris Oval – 8:10am report/8:30am 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 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.
1st XVIII Report

Very happy with the boys effort against St Paul’s. Although we lost, our attack on the ball was great all day. Jacob was very good again - his energy was great.

Charalabidis was good in defence. Our mids Dudley, Sexton, Adams, White and Harry Lumsden were consistently winning their fair share of the ball. Ben Kalleske marked well and had a heap of the footy - he just couldn’t finish on the scoreboard but I was happy with his work rate.

Overall we didn’t have a passenger and i was proud of the boys’ efforts.

Cheers

Gavin Wanganeen
1st XVIII Coach

Well the start to this game was a vast improvement on the previous time we met St Paul’s. The boys were hard at the ball from the first bounce with Adams and Harry Lumsden getting the hard ball in the middle and sending it down to the forward line for conversion. PGS were unlucky not to be further ahead at half time as St Paul’s snuck in 2 quick goals at the end of the 2nd quarter.

St Paul’s came out fired up in the 3rd quarter, consistently winning the ball from the middle and kicked 5 straight goals to Pulteney’s 1 goal 3.

A change was made at 3 quarter time and in came Mikiel Tesfa to the ruck. His instruction was simple. Jump into your opponent and tap the ball to one of our players. This Mickey did, but alas it wasn’t enough to change the game in our favour. St Paul’s kicked 10 straight goals in the 2nd half to our 3 goals 6. This proved to be the difference.

A solid performance but still room for improvement. Bring on Blackfriars.

Sue-Ellen Sipek
1st XVIII Co-Team Manager
A beautiful Saturday greeted us after a very wet week on the training track, and Atkinson Oval had drained even better than expected overnight, although the ground was still quite waterlogged. We were coming up against Immanuel Thirds for the third time this year, a team we’d been very competitive against twice before, and we were welcoming back into the team Kevin Kitchen after his 6 months away in Spain and the weekend before when he was impressing Hollywood! However, it was disappointing that, yet again, I had named 20 players and yet only 17 turned up - especially when there were no soccer or basketball matches scheduled for Pulteney teams that morning. Thankfully the Immanuel coaching staff agreed to a last minute change to 17-a-side. If I haven’t said it before, I’ll say it now - I miss Ishwor.

Once again, we started slowly, but the wet conditions made the game quite scrappy and ball handling was difficult. Immanuel missed quite a few easy shots early on, and then when we did counter-attack, we kept finding their loose man in defence, who was dominating our forwards. The one time we did break through, Jake Nayler was running into an open goal, only to ‘Harbor Bridge’ the ball and fall over his own feet! Thankfully our full-forward Alex Jorgensen was supporting Jake and soccerred the ball through for a goal one second afterwards! The end of this quarter proved decisive, with our midfield and defence giving away some soft but obvious free kicks that allowed Immanuel to kick two late goals to skip away at quarter time.

The second quarter was an example of some brilliant football by us. We dominated the play, with Jack Dolling (playing up on a wing for the first time this year), ruck-rover Oscar Van Duivenbode and centreman Kevin Kitchen all getting their hands on the football. Matt Nielsen was once again tireless in the ruck and was giving us first use, and this week seemed to mix up his hitouts between tapping down to our midfielders and thumping it forward, which kept Immanuel on the hop and allowed us to play some really free-flowing football, even racking up some decent handball receives! The use of my new ‘super-tagger’ Matt Van Der Sommen also made a difference, with him shutting down Immanuel’s best midfielder. However, despite all this dominance, we kicked poorly, missing some easy shots at goal. But with our third goal for the term we hit the front, and Immanuel had barely been past their half-forward line! However, the Doves fought their way back into the term and kicked the last 2 goals, giving them an 8 point half time lead.

After a rest, the third quarter saw us once again control the ball for the majority of the term, but again fail to hit the scoreboard accurately. Immanuel having their ruckman sent off for half the term certainly helped us as well. There was some good quality football played by both teams in this quarter, and we actually outscored them with 5 shots to 3, and yet lost the quarter on the scoreboard. Still we were only 11 points down at the 3 quarter time break, and for the second time in 2 weeks we were a big chance to win the game.

We started well enough, although Immanuel kicked a really quick goal with Kev Kitchen off the ground for the first few minutes of the quarter catching his breath, being his first game back. We were still tackling well and a really great bit of play using the ball well to space saw us link up Dolling, Kitchen, Jorgensen and finally Jake Nayler 30m out for a great team goal. However, from this point we once again ‘ran out of legs’ and Immanuel kicked 4 very easy goals to finish off the match and blow their lead out to almost 6 goals, a final margin I felt we didn’t actually deserve, although the scoreboard says we did.

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Best Players:
Nielsen, Dolling, Saxon, Nayler, Venning, Kitchen.

Goal Scorers:
Jorgensen 2, Kitchen, Venning, Nielsen, Nayler.
One final story from this game relates to me continuing to help Matt Van Der Sommen with his kicking. After receiving a holding the ball free kick in the middle of the ground for a great tackle on his opponent during the last quarter, Matt tried to follow my instructions and kick long into the forward lines - but only succeeded in thumping the ball into Umpire Mark Barnett, who was standing 5m away on a 45-degree angle! On the bright side, Matt did manage to kick it to a Barnett - just not his skipper!

David Emms
After about an hour of travel, we arrived out at Trinity College, Gawler, at around 8.15am to a clear sunny sky and frost-covered, undulating oval. The parents delighted for the opportunity of seeing the sun rise and being up earlier than a normal school day!!

It took both teams about the full first quarter to aclimatise to the very cold, slippery conditions with a rock hard ball that bruised the hand with every handball and felt like a lump of cement on the end of the foot with every kick. Thus, it was scrimmage football with lots of errant ball use and dropped marks. We managed to scramble 4 goals late in the quarter and took control of the game.

The second quarter was a little better with some slightly more attractive football executed by our players. We were largely controlling the game and doing enough to stop their slingshot strategy from paying off with some solid defence across half back and full back.

The third quarter was rather forgettable as both sides struggled to put any score on the board, while the last quarter saw Trinity become a little too willing at times and our boys took it up to them and focused on playing the better footy by putting on 4 goals in the quarter.

Everyone seemed to do their bit when it counted. Sam White had a couple of great passages of play in the forward line, Rory Egar led from the front in defence when it was needed, James Livesey stayed on his feet while others around him slipped over as he cleared the ball up the field, Elliott Bennett provided some good leads from full forward and Harry Nisbit put on some good sheppards despite being sick as a dog. Jarrod Miller dominated in the forward lines whenever the ball came his way, Liam Geddes-Ryan roamed the field doing as he pleased and Nick Laity ran the up and down the length of the oval providing a link to the next line, while Sam Hore performed an excellent role in ruck and provided great support to the small men running around his feet.

The boys all wish Simon Sharley a speedy recovery from his shoulder reconstruction.

Tim Ridgway

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Best Players:
Miller, Geddes-Ryan, Rundle, Hore, Laity, Livesey.

Goal Scorers:
Miller 10, Geddes-Ryan 2, Rowe.
Another big week for the 5/6/7 Navy Blues. Going into the game there had been talk from the boys that St. Michaels would be pushovers, and while the scoreboard may reflect this it wasn't always the case. We started off strong in the first quarter with the majority of the play, however inaccuracy meant we only led by 25 points in what was a dominant display (kicking 3.7 for the quarter). However for the rest of the game the accuracy increased dramatically, kicking 11.3 in three quarters of footy.

The positives out of the day were plentiful, with everyone doing their bit. Having a full team and leading for the whole game allowed me to change players into positions they may not have been overly familiar with, but showed the depth we have if we can get 18 players on the field as everyone held their own. The positional changes brought highlights to the day, with Gabriel Luksich rucking in the second half and proving to be quite gifted in the role. Noah Thesinger also had a run up forward and proved that by putting your head over the ball you will get rewarded, and finished with a well-deserved goal. Guy Radbone also got the chance to have a run on his more preferred wing and half forward positions and his work rate along the wing area should be commended. Tex Wanganeen played another brilliant game in the midfield all day, and bagged a couple of goals for himself late. The highlight of the day was undoubtedly Liam Creaser's 7 goals, all well deserved. Even going as far to take an uncontested mark in the goalsquare, wait for the opposition player to run at him and then plant his hand in the poor St. Michael's players chest, bringing back the fend off and slotting the goal!

Thanks should also go to Will Craddock and Jack Strawbridge who came out and played this week, both slotting a goal each and proving very valuable in an already strong team. As I said to the boys Saturday, there isn't much of the season to go, and the way we're looking Scotch should be very afraid of our showdown on the 23rd! Congratulations to all the boys this week, was great to watch. Go Blues!

Alex Forbes
Year 4/5 Report

In what was another tough day out we struggled to get the ball into the forward line against an opponent with some outstanding football players. It was a frustrating game because although we got thumped on the scoreboard, the general flow of play didn't just see them dominating possession.

Logan played his heart out in what was his best game of the season, Seb was up and about as usual and honorable mentions this week to Christian, Max and Cooper.

Go Blues!

Lachlan Connell

Year 3 Report

We played a terrific first half of footy where we used handball effectively and we were able to move the ball up and down the field. On occasions we linked up 3, 4, even 5 consecutive passes which shows much development.

As the game wore on our manning up dropped off, we didn’t get in front of our opponents and we weren’t first to the ball and Burnside were able to break away from the packs and score.

Great games from James Apostolakos, Oliver Sendy, Mason O’Callaghan and MacKenzie Bruce. It was great to have Harvey White playing and Cameron Kelly and Riley Magazin continued to get plenty of touches.

This week is “Operation: Get The Footy” for some of our players who don’t get a lot of the ball, to get involved in the game, get their hands on the footy and help out defensively.

Bill Davis
After last week the boys were very eager to put a win on the board this week. This was shown as we came bursting out of the blocks in the first quarter, keeping CBC to 0.0 and scoring 3.3. Tomas and Darcy were stand outs in the first quarter with pin point passes from Darcy to hit Tomas on the chest, and then Tomas to finish of with a goal. The second quarter where where kicking up the hill, making it so much harder for us to score. Also CBC woke up that we weren’t going to be a push over and stepped up their game. This was also evident in the third quarter because even though we where kicking down hill they still outscored us. The fourth quarter was a demonstration of just how far our boys have come over this season. They stood up to the challenges of CBC’s strong play, kicking up the hill and running out the game, to still put a score on the board.

This week I gave the boys 3 things to work on within the game: player-on-player, running and pushing off the mark. Each quarter the boys tried their hardest to prove to me that they could use these 3 things in the game. By the end of the game the boys where implementing these three things without thinking about it. Again next week the boys will have 3 things to work on in the game to help them improve their footy and get them ready for next year together.

Well done boys, see you all at training.

Josh Perkins
Photos from the weekend of August 2nd

Sorry no photos this week!