Term 3 Week 5 2014

While there were some good solid wins and some disappointing losses in another mixed bag of results last weekend, last Saturday was simply heartbreaking for the 2nd XVIII. They easily played their best 4 quarters for the season, and found themselves in front at the final siren - and yet lost the match. Whilst there was disappointment all around, this team has come a very long way since Term 2 and they were desperately unlucky not to go home with their first victory of the season.

What the results last weekend did create was an exciting finish to the Pulteney Football Season, with *THREE* teams all in contention to win the prestigious Malcolm Becker Trophy (for the most successful team in the Senior and Middle School). So depending on how the results fall on Saturday on the Main Oval at Scotch, either the 1st XVIII, the Year 8/9s or the Year 5/6/7s could claim “Malcolm”. It promises to be an exciting weekend in that respect!

This weekend brings us to the final weekend of Senior and Middle School Football for 2014, with Intercol at Scotch College. The Year 1/2s play their final game of the year tomorrow as well. So hopefully I will be able see a number of you out at Intercol tomorrow and then again at the Senior Winter Sports Dinner on Saturday night.

Winter Intercol v Scotch College - Saturday 23rd August

TOMORROW! 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 at 9:15am with the Year 5/6/7s and culminating with the standalone afternoon match at 2:15pm for the 1st XVIII. Please come out and show your support for Pulteney’s football teams tomorrow morning and afternoon, 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 tomorrow night (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 tomorrow night, August 23rd, at the Glenelg Surf Lifesaving Club on the Glenelg Foreshore, from 6:30pm. Hope to see you there!
Year 8/9 and Year 5/6/7 Presentation Nights

I’m starting to organize the two Presentation Nights for the Year 8/9 and the Year 5/6/7 Football Teams, which will most likely be held during Week 7 or Week 8 of this term (definitely not next week in Week 6!). If there are any issues with large groups of parents being unavailable or having other school functions on in either of those weeks (and yes, I’m aware of Parent/Teacher Interviews coming up in those weeks already!), then please let me know ASAP.

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

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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 23 August 2014

1st XVIII  **AWAY** vs Scotch  (INTERCOL)
Main Oval, Scotch College, Torrens Park - 1:00pm report / 2:15pm start

2nd XVIII  **AWAY** vs Scotch Seconds
Main Oval, Scotch College, Torrens Park - 11:30am report / 12:30pm start

Yr 8/9s  **AWAY** vs Scotch
Main Oval, Scotch College, Torrens Park - 10:00am report / 10:45am start

Yr 5/6/7s  **AWAY** vs Scotch
Main Oval, Scotch College, Torrens Park - 8:45am report / 9:15am start

Yr 4/5s  **AWAY** vs Mercedes
Mercedes College, 540 Fullarton Rd, Springfield - 9:10am report / 9:30am start

Yr 3s  **HOME** vs Rostrevor
Harris Oval – 8:10am report / 8:30am start

Yr 1/2s  **AWAY** vs Belair Primary School
Belair Primary School, 45 - 83 Main Road, Belair - 8:10am report / 8:30am start
Solid team effort by the boys. Dominated all aspects of the game. Benny Adams was outstanding out of a forward pocket with 4 goals.

Dudley was damaging through the midfield. Chyer very solid across half back. Charalabidis, Faulkhead and Henry had good games. Sipek worked hard all day and could have kicked a bag if a few marks had stuck.

And young Liam Geddes-Ryan showed he could play at this level as a Year 9.

Cheers

Gavin Warganeen
1st XVIII Coach

With a late withdrawal of Harry Lumsden due to a strained back, a 100th birthday party and other injuries and illnesses, a depleted side took to the field on Saturday. A big thank-you to Liam Geddes-Ryan, Nathan Reade and some of the Seconds’ boys filling in on the bench which enabled us to field 22 to face PAC Thirds.

From the outset, PAC looked a better side than what we had played earlier in the season resulting in only a 9 point the difference at ¼ time. Our attack on the ball had been good and the signs indicated that the scores would come. Sexton was managing to gain the ball around the ground while Dudley continued to dominate the middle and Adams converted well from the forward pocket. It was good to see players like Coumi return to form with a solid 4 quarter effort and I believe Bourchier played his best match yet.

Henry was, as always, very reliable in defence and able to provide good attack forward with the assistance of Chyer.

Geddes-Ryan kicked his first 1st XVIII goal but I have no doubt it will not be his last at this level. Excellent game Liam.

I personally would like to thank Matt van der Sommen, who I know was disappointed not to get the call up to Firsts, but after playing in the Seconds, ran the boundary for me when needed. You are greatly appreciated.

Intercol to go boys!

Sue-Ellen Sipek
1st XVIII Co-Team Manager

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Best Players:
Coumi, Adams, Dudley, Bourchier, Sexton, Henry.

Goal Scorers:
For the second week in a row I was very happy before the start of the match - I was going into the game with an interchange bench! 20 players this week and I was looking forward to the flexibility. We also welcomed back into the team Michael Adler (always good value in this team), along with first-timer Riley Jones, making his ‘Motley’ debut after playing soccer earlier in the day. The dreaded flu was rife across the team though, as it had been all term, with key players Barnett and Dolling playing under some duress. The Saints Thirds team that lined up against us looked quite big, and were fielding their own version of Ishwor, an exchange student from Minnesota in the USA in his first ever game of Australian Rules Football.

The match started evenly, with most of the early going played between the half-forward lines of each team. Michael Adler was amongst it in these early stages, although no-one was quite sure what was happening when he soccerred a loose ball high in the air and backwards! Saints started the scoring with a cheap goal on the line after our defence let them through, but we quickly replied through in-form ruckman Matt Nielsen, whose first running shot at goal missed, but he had another shot after his Saints opponent said something naughty after Matt's initial miss! Full-forward Alex Jorgensen followed up soon after with a great check-side goal from 25m out. After a goal to Saints and a quick reply to our Jack Evans, Saints finished off the quarter with another easy ‘walk-in’ goal, and their fourth for the term came on the siren. I felt if we could just tighten up through the midfield and at half-back on their counter-attack we would soon put a stop to the ease with which Saints were scoring.

Unfortunately we started poorly in the second term, a quarter that in the last 3 weeks had been our best. Saints had 2 more majors on the board in quick succession. We still weren't manning up in the 2 areas in question (as mentioned above), and Saints seemed to be waltzing through our backlines with consummate ease! Once we did get our hands on the ball and get into our forward 50m zone, we were quite potent up front. New boy Riley Jones kicked an awesome left-foot goal from tight in the Changeroom Pocket, but not to be outdone, his soccer-playing teammate Calvin Heath kicked one of the goals of the season soon after, 40m out on his left foot after breaking out of a pack at CHF. Calvin’s celebration certainly matched his goal as well! However Saints seemed to be scoring with much more ease than we were, and we found ourselves 20 points down at half time after Saints kicked another 2 easy goals in the last few minutes of the term.

At half-time, I once again told the boys that they weren't out of the match, but they needed to win the hard footy, man-up tighter on their opponents and find the will to win. Matt Nielsen was right on top now in the ruck, but credit this term must go to midfielders Kevin Kitchen and the skipper, Daniel Barnett. They started to win the bulk of the centre clearances and were visibly putting their bodies on the line. An early mark and goal to Jack Dolling (playing on a half-forward flank due to his illness) certainly gave the team a lot of confidence that we could come back into the match. Our defence held together much better and Adler and Barnett stopped many of their attacks. Dolling slotted through his second goal from a good snap after a boundary ball-up and Jorgensen added a third team goal for the term. We certainly had all the play but our inaccuracy at goal hurt us a little (7 scoring shots in this term to Saints’ 2). Could we continue our comeback in the last quarter, now that we were only 5 points down?

We seemingly could. Barnett was now completely dominating the centre

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Best Players:
Barnett, Nielsen, Kitchen, Heath, Adler, Jones, Nayler, Dolling.

Goal Scorers:
Jorgensen 3, Nielsen 2, Dolling 2, Heath 2, Evans, Jones, Barnett.
square and some of his centre breaks were outstanding. Calvin Heath kicked another great long left foot goal from his preferred half-forward flank to put us in front fairly early in the term (although his celebration was a little subdued compared to earlier in the day - maybe he knew this goal was just “good“?). Saints worked hard for their reply to regain the lead, but in reply we were peppering our goals for only minor scores. Alex Jorgensen kicked his third for the day (another ripper) and then as we were pressing forward again, the skipper tied up a Saints midfielder (that had been a thorn in our side all day) in our forward pocket, catching him holding the ball. There was a cry from the Pulteney Bench of “Time to bury the demons, Skipper!“ - someone recalling the moment 3 weeks previously where Daniel failed to make the distance from the goalline. So, 20m out, on an acute angle...... The ball never looked like missing! Demons buried indeed! We were now 9 points up, 5 minutes to play and with all the momentum!

I’m not sure what happened, but we started to doing some silly things on the field rather than playing the hard, basic footy that had gotten us to that point. Kicking directly to their defenders instead of to space; giving out handballs instead of holding the ball in. Saints scored yet another easy goal to leave us only 3 points up with 1 minute 30 secs to play. We seemed to bottle the ball up very well....... So much so that with 10 seconds to go we had the ball in the middle of a large pack on our half-back flank. I had Riley Duance’s dad counting down the seconds for me..... And with 5 seconds to go, I turned towards the timer so I could hear it properly and blow the hooter right on time. As I turned back to blow the siren, I witnessed the ball being kicked in towards a Saints player, 30m out directly in front - completely on his own! The siren blew. The mark stood. And despite our best efforts to put him off, this Saints boy calmly slotted the ball through the goals, post-high!

I was devastated for our boys, who really had put in every ounce of their effort into this match to try and get a victory. I started to second guess myself as well - Should I have flooded the backlines? Why were 2 Saints players unmarked at that time? However, I was immensely proud of not just the team's effort on the day but for how the entire team had improved in this term compared to where they were in Term 2.

One game to go. And I have a gameplan. Let's see if we can upset Scotch Seconds this week!

David Emms

Year 8/9 Report

Well on a cool morning away at Unley, the boys rocked up but only started playing team football after the first quarter where we were yet to trouble the our goal umpire. The second quarter however we were in complete control and pleasingly put it on the scoreboard. To Unley’s credit they fought back after half time but the boys battled it out till the end but was unable to get back the poor start in the first quarter.

Hoping for a 4-quarter performance on Saturday against Scotch as this is the test we have been working our way towards this term.

Simon Sharley

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Best Players:
Good team effort, apart from the first quarter.

Goal Scorers:
Unknown x 7.
Once again we were short this week, but all was worked out when St. Ignatius had 15 players also, bringing it back to a level playing field. We started strong, albeit inaccurate again! Despite the inaccuracy it was obvious we had the upper hand from early on. It was agreed that neither coach would play wingers and this allowed the midfield and half backs to have plenty of space to run into and attack. This week the boys showed their fitness and pace, punishing St. Ignatius continually from defence. Leading early is always a bonus as I was able to try boys in multiple positions, including having a spare man in defence for the whole second half thanks to our soccer superstar Will Craddock who fills in and continues to show his ability each week. Another fill in for us young Maxi, who played a superb game in his first for the seniors, putting his head over the ball and taking a number of hits for the team. Rory also played one of his best games for the year, playing both forward and back and proving he is a genuine utility.

Matt, Tex and Noah played magnificently in the midfield all day, receiving perfect taps from Alex Candy whose development continues weekly. Matty and Noah played their best games for the year and broke tackles, kicked with accuracy and showed the grunt we need in the midfield. Without the Radbone brothers this week Isaac had to play in the back-line again, but his run was valued all day, and his constant torpedoes (while they are a coaches worst nightmare) continue to impress the crowd and allow us to get out the back. The highlight of the day was Rory’s candy selling at our forward fifty, getting around 3 opposition players by selling them the ball and pumping it forward allowing Gabz to mark and goal.

The season has almost come to an end, but we have one final hurdle before season’s end, our rivals Scotch College. Despite losing to Scotch last year, I believe that the boys are stronger, faster and more intent on beating them this year, and very much look forward to the effort put forth this coming Saturday. As always, go Blues!

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Alex Forbes
The Year 4/5 team put up a spirited performance against Linden Park PS last Saturday. After conceding 3 goals in the first quarter, the Pulteney boys were encouraged to tighten up defensively (eg defensive basics such as “one man each”), but also to keep trying to play attacking, team football. Only 2 more goals were conceded in the last 3 quarters, and a number of scoring opportunities were also generated in attack.

Seb Brett was our most consistent player and added grit and determination to his usual running flair, and was ably supported by Louis Bell who made a welcome return to the team.

Besides the persistence and determination demonstrated by the Pulteney boys, it is also very pleasing to see more and more players making genuine contributions to the ‘team effort’ each week.

Keep up the good work, boys - and keep trying to be the best team player that you can possibly be!

Barry Bryan  
(subbing in for Lachlan Connell)

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Year 3 Report

Back to back wins for the first time this year. A good team effort with many contributors and again “Operation: Get the Footy” paid off again with everyone involved.

We started to see glimpses of team work where players gave off handballs when under pressure and were caught flat-footed. This allowed us to run the ball quickly into our forward lines. This was our highest score for the year.

With one of our main men out, others had to step up and get their hands on the ball. Cameron Kelly was outstanding, Oliver Holman and Olly Sendy stepped up and won many possessions in their zones. James Ower played his best game for the year, running going in to get the ball, what an improvement. Mackenzie Bruce is starting to show great aerial judgement taking many strong marks.

Michael Trenwith and James Apostolakis were again great showing great positioning so players can kick the ball to them. Both boys use the ball well and are really developing into strong competitors.

This week, and for the remaining game, it is again “Operation: Get the Footy” for the 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
Second to last game and we still haven’t put a win on the board - safe to say the boys were raring to go this week! The first quarter they stunned us with fast running play and kicked 3 goals. Toward the end of that quarter the boys managed to come to terms with their style of play, we managed to stop their run and put a goal on the board ourselves. As a result of this we got the better of them in the second quarter and outscored them. The third quarter was a challenge for both sides, the ball would make it into the forward 50 to then be turned over and taken down the other end, this resulted in a scoreless quarter for both sides. The fourth quarter has been the same for us all season, the other side showed that they have more legs then us and ran out the game, scoring 2 more goals.

Some positives from this game where the work effort of some of the boys. The first and second efforts were noticed when the ball was in the area. Secondly, some of the boys that played in the midfield, used great vision and worked the ball sideways with both handballs and kicks. Some things to work on for next week are staying on your feet when attacking the ball, and running. When you get the ball, rather than stand still and look for an option, move and take a few steps into the open then look. Lets put a win on the board for our last game next week boys.

Josh Perkins
Photos from the weekend of August 16th
2nd XVIII v St Peter’s Thirds
Thanks to parent Paul Jorgensen for his photos
St Peter’s shot at goal after the siren

The Agony and The Ecstasy