CRICKET

1XI BGS 156 def by Haileybury 217

Last weekend the 1st XI Cricket Team made the trip out to Keysborough in an attempt to earn our first win of the season against a formidable Haileybury team. However, due to a lack of consistency with both bat and bowl as well as in the team, and with this combined against a switched on and class opposition, we were unable to walk away with the 6 points.

Brighton, after winning the toss, elected to bowl first on wicket which appeared green and to suit the seam bowlers, and with the overcast and dark conditions present it seemed the necessary way to attack the match. However, Haileybury’s openers had other ideas and started the innings positively, scoring freely all around the ground. This theme continued throughout the match, as the Haileybury batsmen played with incredible confidence and belief, always looking to rotate the strike and punishing any wayward bowling. Tom Yorgey proved to be the pick of the bowlers, constantly steaming in and doing everything in his power to swing the momentum back in Brighton’s direction, finishing the innings with 4/45 off his 9 overs. Hamish Dick on debut was a shining light, picking up 2/26 off his 8 overs, showing the qualities of a future opening bowler, which will support and lead the team in the years to come. Jackson Noske continued to be influential, and deserved to have had more wickets for the match, but had no luck in a solid performance of 2/37 off 10 overs.

With the bat Brighton started very shakily, being 5/26 after 14 overs, before the match saving partnership between Macca Harvey and Ben Durkin almost led to a win to remember. Both Macca and Ben looked incredibly controlled at the crease, building their innings before lifting the scoring rate through hard running and astute stroke play. Macca finished his innings on 67, whilst Ben finished with 43. This partnership showed the team the exact way to forge and innings, even in the most difficult of situations. Unfortunately the innings ended poorly, losing 5/7 off few overs, resulting in Brighton to be bowled out for 156.

Whilst the result was not in the team’s favour, all the boys are keen to make a mend and improve upon the positives from the game. This week’s match against the form side of the competition St Kevin’s looms to be a major challenge for the team, but a strong performance this week can lead to a resurrection in what has been a disappointing start to the season.

TENNIS

On what was the 3rd round of the season, the Brighton Grammar First Tennis team ventured to Keysborough to compete against Haileybury College. It was a rainy and windy Saturday, with play interrupted a number of times. The Haileybury Firsts tennis team have been strong the last few seasons, winning back to back premierships. As such, our team understood that they would be clear premiership favourites again this year.

Nevertheless, we went into the match with the positive mindset of bringing home an upset victory. During the first round of doubles, the tactically brilliant and organised doubles pair of Darby Hipwell and Luke Sorensen demonstrated why they, at such young ages, being in year 7 and 8 respectively, are part of the BGS 1st tennis team. In an exhibition of Luke’s ability to impeccably place tennis balls and relentless power play from Darby, this well fought match nearly saw BGS triumphing 7 games to 9. However, it soon became evident that Haileybury were a class above, winning all sets of both rounds of doubles for the day.

In singles, Darby Hipwell won our only set, prevailing 9 games to 7, in an epic display. This was an excellent effort by Darby, the youngest member of our team. As a group we need to continue to develop our game and overcome obstacles such as playing against the best. It shows us what we need to do to improve and also shows us that these guys can be beaten. We need to continue to develop all aspects of our game as we have a great deal of talent in this team and now need to start converting this to results.