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YEAR 8

BGS defeated Wesley 9-3

This week the year 8 BGS team played against Wesley. We played a total of 12 matches winning 9–3. I’m sure everyone was really happy because we had defeated Wesley by six whole matches which was a great team effort. We played a few rounds of singles and doubles in singles we played until 21 points and in doubles we played until 15 points. I played two singles and won them both. Everyone was tired after the match but we were still quite happy because we had beaten Wesley.

CRICKET

8B

The Tonners 8B cricket team went down to Wheelers Hill to take on a good looking Caulfield Grammar outfit. Captain Davies won the toss and elected to bat first on a synthetic track which we soon found out was a very bouncy surface! James Sherborne and Benny Morgan strode out to open the Tonners innings. The pair got us off to a very solid start putting on 15 and seeing off the Caulfield openers. Ben departed for 6 to a sharp catch which brought Griff Adams to the crease. From ball one Griff batted beautifully, belting the Caulfield bowlers all around the ground. James (13) and Griff (31 retired) left the crease at around the same time. Constant partnerships in the middle of our innings kept the scoreboard ticking over nicely. Captain Davies (22) was the main-stay at the crease throughout the middle and guided us to our 100. The late partnership of 50 between Dan Smith (28) and Denver Stroud (32 retired) was absolutely crucial in the context of the game as it got us up to the ideal score of 150 off our 27 overs.

The message at the change off innings was to keep the ball on a good length, and bowl deadly straight to try and get the batsman driving on the up which is very hard to do on a pitch being so bouncy! The first 17 overs went like an absolute dream for the Tonners! Max Mitchell-Adams bowled beautifully with no luck with the new rock, while Jack Seymour (1/11) cashed in at the other end! Winston Macgowan (2/13), keeper turn medium paced bowler Maxy Post (3/6) and Denver Stroud (1/5) kept the flow of wickets going, leaving Brighton in a dominant position with Caulfield in a real hole at 7/40. Some good latter order batting, and ah the final result being Caulfield Grammar all out for 121. A very solid
performance from the boys leaves us 2-0 in 2016. Looking forward to more good performances in the coming weeks.

**8C**

BGS 7/187 defeated by Xavier 9/201

The 8C’s kept a relatively similar team for the match against Burke Hall at the Rylah Oval. Once again winning the toss and electing to bat, the team got off to a flying start thanks to Flynn Dickson and Will Fry. A few quick wickets to Xavier meant the pressure was back on BGS, some big hitting from the middle order then meant BGS were on the way to posting a huge total. Flynn Dickson returned to the crease and brought up his 50 along with helping Brighton post a total of 187 in 20 overs. Once again it was our bowling and fielding which let us down as Xavier were able to chase down our total in the 19th over. Unfortunately, it was another loss for the boys however the improvement from week to week so far has been massive.

**7A**

**Brighton Grammar 9/119 (Bierens 31*, Reddell 15, Agg 14) defeated St Kevins 8/87 (Reddell 2/8, Flockart 1/3, Munnings 1/2, Dimattina 1/1)**

Another top score from number six Marcus Bierens and tight early bowling, ensured the 7A’s would claim their first win in 2016 by 32 runs against St Kevins.

BGS lost the toss and were sent into bat, captain Ryan Agg and Brendan Reddell strolled out to the middle at Dendy Park. The pair ran hard and hit the bad balls to the boundary, going at just under six an over. Agg (14) was the first to depart, bowled by the opening bowler combining with Reddell in a partnership with 30. The loss of Reddell (15) two overs later begun a collapse finding BGS on the ropes at 5/55 with still 14 overs remaining.

Despite arriving at the ground looking like he’d hardly slept at camp all week, Bierens played a classy innings of 31 runs from 36 balls, including four fours. His cover drives were the standout with two boundaries going to the long boundary. His innings was helped by smart and quick running from Caden Arnold at the other end, with the pair combining for 39. Dan Hurd and Henry Munnings provided quick runs at the end and we were able to finish on 9/119 from 30 overs- A much improved batting performance from the week before.

In-form Munnings took the new ball and found swing and collected the first wicket caught and bowled in the 3rd over. From the other end, James Ianuali in his first game in the A’s provided tight support. Left arm swing bowler Kai Dimattina captured the next wicket, thanks to a fantastic high ball catch from Sam Flockart. With St Kevins 2/19 after 12 overs, we were in control despite the Dendy Park run ups doing their best to curb Josh Badge who hit the turf. The disappointing stat after 12 overs was that all 19 runs had come behind
square, in the form of byes or balls going down to fine leg. Matt Elliott also rolled his arm over for the first time of the season, conceding five before donning the gloves.

After bowling tight in the 7B1s last week, Blake Oliver joined the team and made an impact clean bowling their number four in his 2nd over. Arnold, Bierens and Lachie Zissis all bowled tight, but it was the four overs between Flockart & Reddell of 4/11 from four overs (including a run out to Arnold) that all but ensured Brighton Grammar would catch a case of “Dendy Fever” with their first win of the season.

An improved performance from the 7A’s, but the drop off in the fielding in the last eight overs was notable, not to mention the “little things” that need to be fixed up.

**7B1**

**BGS 62 defeated by St Kevins 9/71**

The 7B1s played on a difficult turf wicket which had a lot of green in the middle section of the wicket. The opening pair of Lachie Barlow and Declan Hayes needed to invest some time at the crease. We were 4/20 after 9 overs, which halted our innings, which saw Nick Anson and Jonathan Hick to stick around for a few overs to consolidate. As we tried to pick up the run rate, we kept loosing wickets at really crucial times, being bowled out for 62 off 28 overs. It was fair to say the BGS boys put in a spirited effort in the field and with the ball. Hamish Roberts took two wickets in consecutive balls to get BGS on the front foot. Whilst a St Kevins 3rd wicket partnership developed, Aaron Aloi took a crucial wicket which saw more wickets follow. Unfortunately, a few errors in the field allowed more runs to be conceded, with St Kevins taking out the match. We know what we need to work on for our next match, with work to do on our calling & running between wickets, and fielding. Let’s have a good week at training and set ourselves up for the next match!

**7B2**

**BGS 8-110 defeated by St Kevins 5/170**

Overall it’s safe to say the 7B2’s are off to a slow start with plenty to work on through batting and bowling to pick out fielding and running in between wickets. However Round 2 showed us the consistency with some tight bowling figures and solid batting performances. To the boys credit though they have come up against some top quality schools and look to get off the mark this week against Wesley on the Mitchell – YES the Mitchell Oval, another home game which will keep the coach pleased for the time being! We will aim to bounce back after some shaky starts and build on team success to start a winning streak.
This week BGS played a modified 24 over a side match away, against St Kevins. The rules included deducting 2 runs for each wicket lost rather than going out to encourage the boys to put a value on their wicket and bat in partnerships. We won the toss and elected to bowl first on a biggish ground, taking a few early wickets, showing improvement from the week before already. St Kevins made a total of 113 but lost 7 wickets, which meant that we needed 100 to win. An outstanding bowling effort from Lucas Williamson, who from his two overs had 1 maiden, 1 wicket and only conceded 1 run. Jack Tiver also bowled well with 0/4 of two overs, similarly James Swyny fielded consistently all innings and bowled tightly with 1/8 off two overs. After a slow start with the bat, Mitchell Waldron (13 runs) put some runs on the board along with Callum Bond. Lucas Williamson was also handy with the bat and managed to make the highest score without any deductions of 6 retired not out. Finally, Lachy Miller put in a gallant effort with the bat, firstly retired and then given another opportunity to try bring BGS home but wicket deductions proved costly in the end and BGS fell short by 17 runs with Lachy Miller top scoring with 21, including deductions. It was evident that there was plenty of improvement from the week before and hopefully next week we can tidy up our skills to grab our first win of the season!

**TENNIS**

**8A**

**BGS defeated MGS 10-2**

On the 13th of February 2016 the Brighton Grammar 8A team were versing Melbourne Grammar at the junior school courts. Jandre, our tennis coach, let us warm up in our double’s pairs and then we were told to start our double matches. Overall the doubles weren’t too much of a threat to us as we won all of them pretty easily. It was time for singles and everyone had played well and put in a great effort that really capped off a memorable day against a very good Tennis school. The BGS 8A team remain undefeated after a really enjoyable day out at Brighton.

**8A2**

**BGS defeated Xavier 40-19**

Last Saturday the Brighton Grammar A2 tennis team played their second match of the season against Xavier, Burke Hall. The conditions were perfect for tennis, with us arriving to a just nice slightly overcast morning turning into a not too hot afternoon. The late start was a godsend and everybody was ready and eager to get started when they arrived. It is fair to say that we knocked almost all our games out of the park. Our third pair of Dom Kastrinakis and Alan Gennissen being the only match we lost at 3-6, but the boys made up for it by
winning their singles both 6-1. After winning the rest of our doubles we finished the first part of the day at 21-10. We were performing really well and things only got better for the singles. We performed even better, winning all eight sets with ease. Tom Blamires and Cameron Acheson won their singles 6-0 with the rest of us following close behind with four 6-1 victories, a 6-2 and a 6-3. A great ovation for Jordan Hayter who came back from his 0-3 disadvantage to win 6-3 with ease. After the long three hours of tennis we were all glad to be close to home unlike last week in Geelong and when we left the Dendy Park Tennis courts that day we were smiles and wins all round. We finished the day at 40-19 and although our boys played magnificently, we hope to again go to the next level and push a few of our boys into the 8A team when opportunities present. Thanks Ms. Mills for coaching us that day and providing lots of excellent moral support!!

8B2

BGS 47 defeated Scotch College 43

It was a glorious morning at Dendy Park for our 10.30 game of tennis. The boys enthusiastically took to the courts. Last weeks close loss to MGS in the back of our minds as we entered our matches against Scotch College. Scotch College defeated BGS in the doubles, 18 games to 12. Tommy Sullivan-Dunne and Ryan Thorpe were the only doubles pair to defeat their opponents; and they did so convincingly (6-0). The singles matches were where the BGS boys took the lead. We won 5 sets to 3 sets in the doubles. With a total game score of 35-25. Giving us the overall win for the day. All the boys played well but the highlight match of the singles was Jaikob Acinci’s hard fought victory (6-5). Jack Gray also showed some great energy in his singles match, defeated (4-6).

8C1

BGS defeated by MGS 1-11

It was a bright and sunny morning at Fawkner Park with many joggers and alike enjoying the serenity. The sound of the rackets swinging and feet quickly moving flooded the area, with doubles starting first. Jaxon and Maxim lead the team with a fierce first set. It was then time for singles, everyone put their best foot first with Nick taking out the match against Melbourne Grammar School. Well done to Carl, showing great sportsmanship by playing a second match after a MGS boy arrived late. Andrew also enjoyed the morning and played a social game with MGS boys after his singles. Thank you again to all the parents who came and supported their boys, the MGS teacher was highly impressed to see you all there.
**8C2**

Xavier were two players down, that also contributed to two games stopping at 12.30 without playing to full six sets. Most games were well played and evenly matched, the end scores do not do justice to the play. Victor Ding made a supreme effort to get to the game. Hayden Cory played enthusiastically and was rewarded with a solid doubles win. His game improved considerably from week 1, with many rallies and well placed shots. Sky and Jesi were very patient waiting after long delay to play their games.

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**7A**

The Boys ventured out to MGS to tackle yet another formidable side. After last week's tough outing, and half the team away on camp, this match was always going to be a challenge, however the boys stepped up and played easily their best tennis to date. They were led by a strong start in doubles by number 1 pair Harley Chessells and Ajay James that saw the scores tied after 4 rubbers, with wins also to number 3 pair James Canulli and Adam Larkin. Despite valiant efforts in the singles rubbers, the MGS boys were too strong in the end, winning 8 sets to 4 overall. Wins to Ajay James and Hugh Moir helped the boys grab a few sets, but we just fell short. Notable mentions to Adam Larkin in his singles coming back from 5-2 down to force a tie-break and narrowly losing it 9-7, as well as Will Landman for his first match in the A team and Cam Khan who fought hard right till the end. The boys should be commended on their attitude and passion which they displayed, and should be looking forward to next week's matches.

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**7B1**

**BGS defeated by Scotch 12-0**

Brighton started promisingly with James Capp and Oliver Bradfield battling it out for more than an hour, with the final score (3-6) belying the competitive struggle that could have easily gone either way. There were 2 Singles’ matches that also stood out; those played by Will Featherston and James Clark. Both played good, tactical tennis from the baseline to frequently outwit their opponents. Despite not having won a set last Saturday, the 7B1 boys most certainly played a good, competitive style of Tennis; one that augurs well for the remainder of the season.
**7B2**

*BGS 6 (51) defeated MGS 6 (45)*

The BGS 7B2 Tennis team started out strong on Saturday morning with Schwerdt and Pouliquen taking out their doubles match 6-1. MGS were tough competition and provided the BGS boys with some exciting rallies. Vulcan, Collins and Schwerdt raised the bar in their singles matches pumping up the boys to maintain their energy and control on the court. Congratulations to the team who maintained high standards both on and off the court throughout the morning. Our first win for the season!

**7C2**

If one must spend one’s Saturday morning at tennis, then there is no better way to do so than in the dappled sunlight of the beautiful Fawkner Park courts. It is to this that the 7C boys and their parents were treated on Saturday morning.

Firstly, well done to the boys who had just returned from camp the night before. To be up early on Saturday after a week of outdoor activity is a feat in itself, so props to you.

Now to the tennis itself. Melbourne Grammar was this week’s opposition, and certainly turned out to be a side of notable competition for our BGS boys. Despite some excellent teamwork and inspiring tennis, our boys lost their three doubles matches. Meanwhile, on the singles courts, Henry Kerr was locked in a fierce competition. Focusing on his service game, Henry came away with a 6-3 victory over his opposition, including three aces. A spectacular effort, Henry! After the doubles, the boys broke out into their singles matches, with some excellent results. Of particular note is the 6-0 victories enjoyed by Oliver Lockhead and Tian Pang, the latter of whom has achieved this incredible score twice in as many weeks.

To conclude the day was the self-imposed forfeiture of the MGS boy engaged in an epic match against Maxim Coste. Maxim played valiantly and patiently, showing exceptional sportsmanship, and claimed victory when his competitor withdrew from the game.

The day concluded in favour of MGS, but once again I boast incredible pride in the tenacity and team spirit exhibited by each of the BGS boys in what was another excellent week of tennis.
TOUCH FOOTBALL

BGS defeated by Haileybury College by 2 games to 1 (2 draws)

Fine conditions graced BGS’s second outing of the season at home (Elwood Park) to Haileybury College. It was an improved performance overall by the boys coming away with one win, two draws and two defeats.

MS5 battled hard in the first game, particularly in the first half when the teams were locked at two tries apiece. Standouts included try-scorers Chris Valcanis and Oli Warren, who were backed up by some elusive running from Josh Hudghton and excellent defence by Stirling Findlay and Costa Chantzos. BGS eventually went down 6-2.

It was entertainment hour again in Game 2, with the Tonners army witnessing a game of high quality in which both sides wowed with their skills. Campbell Sedgwick and Joel Tyler were lethal in attack and scored a hat-trick of tries each. Ben Fisher played with authority and led the team well, coming away with two tries. The game finished tied 8-8.

MS2 were again involved in a high scoring game, although they eventually went down 8-4. Ben Davies impressed with some strong running and ran in two tries. Dom Frederico and Luke Langdon also had standout performances and scored a try each.

MS3 stepped up their performance from Week 1 and appeared much more assured in their solid 5-3 win. Shotaro Shu played well and scored his first try of the season. He was backed up by tries to Leo and an outstanding trio to Connor.

The final match of the round involving MS4, was another tightly fought affair, with the result in the balance for much of the game. The match appeared to be going BGS’s way when Jakub Williams scored late in the game to put BGS up 5-4. Unfortunately, the victory was snatched from our grasp in the dying seconds, as Haileybury breached the defences. The game ending in a 5-all stalemate.

BGS should be proud of the improved performance against a very strong Haileybury squad. The boys played with growing confidence, calling their touches, improving the play of the ball and defence. Again, thanks to the Senior boys Henry Moir and Lewis James for their coaching and refereeing.
SWIMMING

BGS defeated by Xavier College

Last Saturday the BGS Swim Team travelled up to Xavier for the first APS Meet of the Season. The Year 7s were excited but tired from camp and were going to have to swim their hearts out against a fierce and overwhelming Xavier team. Although we were down on numbers, we swam like champions. Josh Bortolussi and Jeremy Booth swam like fish and Daniel Curatore made his debut in the 50 Meter Freestyle with an impressive effort. After the first APS meet, we all have high expectations of what is to come.

DIVING

BGS Defeated by Xavier College

On Saturday Brighton versed Xavier and Wesley. When we got there we discovered Xavier had 15 divers, we had five and Wesley two. Because Xavier had 15 divers this meant that they had the most chance of winning and dived very well throughout the meet. Luca Jarvis from Year 8 dived exceptionally well competing in the open A age group and coming first to Wesley by 20 points. As well as Luka, Max Simic dived amazingly as well as competing in the open B age group and coming first. Everyone else did exceptionally well with Xavier winning the Under 17, Under 15 and Under 14 competitions.