

BGS SECONDARY SCHOOL SPORTS REPORTS

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Badminton – 1st VIII

**BGS defeated by Haileybury
(12 Rubbers – 0 Rubbers, 24 games – 2 games, 541 points – 305 points)**

One step, one shot, one point at a time. That was our attitude as we stepped into the “ring”. Haileybury has been the single, most dominant team in the APS in the past, however, we were determined to make this fixture as painstaking for them as possible, and to fight them for every point. And we did just that.

In singles, all the boys played to the best of their abilities, and took the fight to Haileybury. A noteworthy performance was that of Oli Cruse’s. Oli was on camp all of the previous week, and just came back on Friday. However, even with the lack of training and fatigue, Oli managed to take his opponent to a third set, eventually losing the last set with an extraordinary score line of 28-26. This just goes to show how far we have come since our last encounter with Haileybury.

Our first doubles pairing, Johnson and Victor, also put on quite a show. After losing out narrowly in the first set with a score of 21-16, they gritted their teeth, dug deep, and came back to win the second set 21-17. The last set had every one of us, including a special guest, Mr Featherston, on the edge of our seats, restless, eager to watch this magnificent battle between four warriors. Johnson and Victor started off the set strong, leading up to the first 11 points. However, a sudden waver in concentration led to Haileybury retaking the lead and going up 18-13. At this point, we had lost all our momentum, and conceded the set 21-13.

Despite not winning a single rubber this round, every one of our players fought valiantly, which should be commended. We proved to all the other teams in the APS this week that we are not a team to be taken lightly, that we are not a pushover, and that we will fight for every point.

Cricket – 1st XI

**BGS 10/64 defeated by Geelong Grammar 10/133
Sexton 4/36 (9 overs), Flockhart 2/38 (8.4), Nicholls 1/7 (4), Wood 1/8 (7)**

Following a week of cold and wet weather, Saturday began with more gloomy clouds and showers. However, a fantastic job by the groundsmen meant when conditions improved, play was able to ensue.

Electing to bowl first in favourable conditions, Geelong Grammar started well, being 0 for 30 after 4 overs due to some loose bowling. However, there was no stopping Ben Sexton as he took 3 wickets in his next 3 overs, leaving their middle and lower order in a panic. Meanwhile Felix Flockart and Spencer Wood joined in on the wickets from the other end, whilst Aidan Nicholls bowled superbly, bringing Geelong to 6 for 59 after 14 overs.

Our momentum continued as Geelong struggled to score due to sharp fielding including a direct hit runout from Aidan Nicholls and the rapid bowling of debutant Sam Fitzgerald placing Geelong's lower order firmly on the backfoot. Some handy lower order runs and an excess of extras however meant Geelong were able to add to their total and put up a 133-run target to win after batting for 38.4 overs.

Our batting innings never really took off, losing consistent wickets and only two individuals reaching double figures. Credit to Geelong Grammar must be given to their excellent bowling but soft dismissals meant partnerships were short lived as we crumbled to be 64 all out after 37.4 overs.

Cricket – 9B

BGS 3/120 defeated Wesley 10/45

BGS bowled first with Jay Gibson striking twice early to set the tone. Excellent bowling from Adams, Hare, Tonnini had Wesley in trouble with boys sharing the wickets and bowling excellent line and length. With constant pressure Wesley were shot out for 45.

Batting was still very good from the boys despite only chasing 45. Smart shots along with power and good running allowed for an easy win. Rohan, Adams and Stewart the stand outs, with all boys retiring after some impressive strokeplay.

The boys remain undefeated after a solid start to the season. Everyone is working hard on their own game and doing the team thing. Continued solid performances will see us continue to have success and also see many boys push for spots in the A's which is a great thing for our Year 9 teams.

Cricket – 8A

BGS 141 defeated Xavier 120

Men of the Match: Nate Stroud (30 retired), Oscar Newstead (30 retired)

Standout performances by Nate Stroud (30) and Oscar Newstead (30) propelled BGS over Xavier's 1st innings total of 120 on a cold, wet and windy Saturday morning. Earlier in the BGS innings, Moe Spencer got the chase off to a cracking start, amassing 18 off just two overs

before smashing a cut shot to a diving fielder at point. While wickets were hard to come by with the ball, the boys did enough with the bat to get over the line. It gives us an area to improve on moving into training this Tuesday.

Tennis - 2nds

Brighton Grammar 4 sets defeated by Scotch College 8 sets

Unfortunately, the boys lost overall however, Sam Haddon should be proud of his singles win against an impressive opponent from Scotch. Well done to both Spencer and Dennis who were the only undefeated boys this week! As the day went on, the boys began to have the BGS spirit and a number of games went to deuce, unfortunately we were not able to capitalise on our shots. There is lots to work on before the final game of 2018 this weekend.

Tennis – 3rds

The 3rds Tennis team travelled out to Geelong to face a tough 2nds Team in Geelong Grammar. With only 6 boys to play the team put in a valiant effort and managed to win a doubles game 6-3 with a strong performance from Max and Liam. In the singles, we were able again to grab some sets and put in a fight in the top seed match as Liam went down in a tiebreak, proving he's skills against top players. Credit also goes to Tommy who played 2 singles games so the team didn't have to forfeit. All round a solid effort from everyone and to make the trip at 7am to Geelong is never nice, well done

Tennis – 9A

BGS 7 sets 47 games defeated Caulfield Grammar (WH) 5 sets 47 games

For their third fixture, the 8A's were to play Caulfield Grammar in Wheelers Hill. Though they went in open minded, the troublesome rain wasn't good news and persisted on while they were playing causing a quick five minute break. Nevertheless the boys dug in to win comfortably overall with seven sets to five, Caulfield's number six and seven proved no match for Spiros Velos and Lochie McDougall winning their singles 6-0, as well as Caspar Payne and Charlie 'Chazz' Heaton breezing through their matches with a 6-2 win. And as usual the 'Dream Team' no. 1 pair (Harry Llewelyn and 'Jimmy McD') clutching up to pull through in a nail biter with 7-5 in a tie-break. Overall the team could hold their heads high with a dominant performance over Caulfield (who were aided by two 6-0 forfeits due to confusion over who our 8th seed was), and can bring confidence to their next matches.

Tennis – 9C Red

BGS defeated Melbourne Grammar

Brighton defeated Melbourne Grammar in a close contest. The opposition had two players less, so we rotated players to ensure all boys had adequate court time. Ben Akinci and Stanley Chen, and Nik Stavrellis and Josh Foulds had good wins in their respective doubles matches. Stanley then backed this up with a comprehensive victory over his direct opponent in the singles, and Nik delivered a good win in the final singles.

Tennis – 8A

BGS defeated by Caulfield Grammar

A strong Caulfield was simply too good overall. The doubles were one-sided on paper with Caulfield winning all four sets. Regardless, there were some close matches – in particular, Ethan Kearns and Dan Whitson's doubles were hard-fought and some great points were played, unfortunately however going down 3-6. The singles on the other hand were overall a highlight of the morning. Tommy Farrell won his singles convincingly 6-0, playing his first game this season in the A's. He then went on to play another single's as we had an absent player, going on to play their number 7, winning 6-0 also. This was an outstanding performance. Ethan and Dan also went on to win their singles - both 6-3. Both boys played terrifically. It was a tough day overall, especially on the wet courts for some part. Regardless, some great tennis was played – shown in the most part in some of the dominant performances in the singles against strong opponents.