

Activity File Week ending Monday June 16 ()

Basketball

The under 14 premier one boys suited up against top of the table Ginnenderra Rats on Friday night. Shocked by the immediate pace and pressure, the boys trailed 18-3 after the first quarter. The second showed some improvement, but the boys were unable to make inroads into the Rats' lead, and headed to half time down 32-11. The second half looked like a different game, as good passing from the guards gave Mitch Deeble a series of easy lay-ups, and intelligent defence across the board restricted Rats' scoring. An outstanding display of maturity and leadership from Tim Boxall provided the spark that ultimately saw Grammar win the second half by a point. Congratulations to all the boys on a league-best defensive effort against Rats and an overall result that speaks to their commitment and improvement so far this season.

The U16 Heat came out strongly on Sunday afternoon performing at the intensity that was worthy of NBA Celtics standard. One of the key factors in determining the outcome of the game was the low turnover rate, and the fact that the boys started with composure on the court and no turnovers at all in the first quarter. Max Bayly again was high scorer with 27 points. The rest of the team scored well with six to ten points each. Josh Pogson was the ultimate thief on the court having a total amount of seven steals. Liam Doherty, Matan Shani-Shabi, and Zach Lorraine were close behind with four steals each. Quite a team effort by the Heat. Well done boys!

Debating

The Kitchen Tyrrel Debates were held at Canberra Girl's Grammar. The Year 9 team of Josh Robertson-Elliott, Miles Greenberg, Tom Morrison and Nick Woolcott successfully debated that "sport is the Australian religion and the stadium is its cathedral". *The boys will now present the trophy to the Headmaster.*

Hockey

On Sunday the 2nd XI tackled a determined Daramalan outfit in a top of the table clash. Through some solid defence Grammar resisted the penetrating offensive pressure of the Daramalan forwards to pounce on the first opportunity to score with a perfect finish from Lachlan Yeend. This gave Grammar some momentum and followed with three successive short corners. On the third Alex Tridgell managed to squeeze the ball between the man on the post and the goal as Grammar took a two goal to nil lead. Daramalan fought back fiercely with some aggressive runs which were only to end in vain due to the good performances from the Grammar full backs, Andrew Muthurajah and Mitchell Gould as well as Goalie Roscoe Walker. Through further counter-attacks Matt Hughes managed to score just before the end of the first half with a magnificent solo effort. The Daramalan outfit had no answers for the solid Grammar defence when they returned after half-time yet this did not translate to an improvement on the favourable Grammar scoreline of 3 nil. Mounting pressure from the Grammar forwards eventually overwhelmed the Daramalan defences with Lachlan Yeend finishing off his second goal for the match after a good short corner from Alex

Gent. This convincing victory gives Grammar a birth at the top of the table after six rounds.

Grammar Firsts once again 'went up a level' in their game against Central this weekend - and for the last 12 minutes of the second half led 3-2. Only a goal in the last 20 seconds from a brilliant individual effort saw Central draw the match. A great deal of play in the first 15 minutes of the first half, however, saw Grammar defending grimly, with many fine saves from Chris Palin in goal raising the spirits of his team mates - and frustrating the opposition. When Central did score, Grammar launched an effective counter-attack almost immediately and drew a penalty stroke, which was well converted by Alex Trinder. Central scored early on in the second half, but after that, Grammar started to put fine passing moves together in attack, and two more goals came from brilliant efforts by David Carroll and Paul Pym. Best players were Chris Palin; Daniel Beaton and Matt Davis - though all players should be proud of their efforts.

Rugby

The Third XV overcame Cooma on Saturday with a 24-5 victory in front of a vocal home crowd. Highlights of the encounter were Cody Davis and Chris Palin courageously swapping sides to play for the visitors who arrived a couple short, Lee Effrossynis' dazzling runs through heavy traffic, Lachy White in ferocious form, Gus Pfahl at five eight totally bewildering the Cooma backline with his devious play and aerial supremacy. Also of note was Matt Peacock's successful shift to the wing. Tries were scored by Lee Effrossynis, Gus Pfahl, Charles Gibbs and James Howe. Best on the day were Lachlan White, Lee Effrossynis, Gus Pfahl, James Howe, Charles Gibbs and Justin Topfer. Thanks to all who supported this great effort.

The 1st XV found it difficult to get in to the game early on with seven of the first eight penalties of the match running Daramalan's way, giving them field advantage. In the first twenty minutes Daramalan kicked three penalty goals and scored a converted try to lead 16-0. That said, but for a dreadful error right on halftime, Grammar would have been ahead at the break. Possession started to flow to the visitors, and they received some penalties. With this possession came some continuity and exciting offloads. Grammar scored their first try through a powerful forward insurgency with a driving maul, followed by some short pass exchanges and finished by Robert Mardus. Five minutes later the backs turned it on and the forwards supported for a great ensemble try dotted by Tom Miller, and two minutes further on a quick tap was taken from a penalty and some assertive running gave Robert Mardus another chance which he took powerfully. Now it was 17-16. Unfortunately the ensuing kick off was dropped and spilt backwards and Daramalan capitalised to score what was a very soft try. Half-time 17-21. Grammar regained the lead after five minutes of the second half following a lineout win that saw David Bennett surge powerfully after linking with the backs to score near the posts, and with Tom Gilmore's conversion the score was 24-21. Eight minutes later Gilmore landed another penalty, followed by another shortly after for a 30-21 lead. Grammar had a number of opportunities to put the game away but some poor passes when opportunity beckoned ruined these chances. Penalties

flowed back to Daramalan as Grammar used hands in rucks on three successive occasions, allowing the home team to mount a final charge. With eleven minutes remaining Daramalan scored a smart try on the left wing which was converted from touch and it was game on at 30-28. Both defences held firm for ten minutes, but disaster loomed for Grammar when, in the final minute, a player made a huge blunder in knocking the ball in to touch with his hand only twenty five metres from the line. Penalty. A shot at goal to win the match, reminiscent of last year's semi-final. Grammar's players and supporters waited with anxiety, but the kick was unsuccessful and the match was over.

Water polo

Three weeks ago CGS opens defeated the ADFA 2 team 18 -5 and then 2 weeks ago lost to the ADFA 1 team 12 - 7. So Sunday's game was set to be a thriller rematch against the ADFA 1 team. Starting with no reserves for the first half the team defended relentlessly and punished the ADFA team for any let up in intensity. The final score of 14 - 7 victory to CGS was a good reflection of the determination of players like Tim Bennett, Nic Duncan, Scott Parker, Yuddish Shakespeare, Hamish Wise Rohan Brettell, Rex Martin and Dave Spencer. We are sure to be challenged again.