



From the Back of the Net

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A wet morning for teams out early



Wet but happy the 8B Reds got the better of Carey 2-1 on a soggy Saturday morning.

It certainly started out wet on Saturday, a point made in many of the reports. Teams with later times got the best of the weather but in many cases still had to contend with soggy grounds.

The Firsts had a hard fought win against Geelong Grammar and in all eleven Scotch teams recorded victories. Big winners included the Fifts Blue with a four goal win over Caulfield

Grammar at Wheelers Hill, the 10C Reds in an inter-school derby, winning by six goals, the 9C Blues by a dominating eight goals over a Haileybury side and two of the Year 8 sides, 8B Blue by four over Caulfield and 8C Blue by six over Xavier.

Regrettably, some Year 7 players missed out on a game this weekend with 7C Red and 7C Blue having byes.

Extraordinarily with a game like soccer, where goals are at a premium, only one game out of 24 ended in a draw, a high scoring stalemate between 10B and Xavier.

PHOTOS

A big thank you to the parents who have sent in photos. It's great to have fresh photos in this edition. Our fabulous cover photo of the 8B Reds exudes a great team spirit among the

boys. More photos like this of junior teams and junior action would be more than welcome to brighten up the newsletter.

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Match Reports



Steely determination to block a Geelong attempt on goal shows in the faces of the Firsts' wall in Saturday's match.

Scotch 1st XI 2 - Geelong GS 1

Report: Robert Cavalin

A win in the "nick of time"

Geelong Grammar made the trip to the McKendrick on Saturday. Scotch welcomed back Harry Hackett and Johan Zolkefli made his debut for the Firsts. Great seeing some Seconds' players pushing their way into the Firsts. Johan is the second player from the Seconds to be promoted following Linkesh.

The game was in the balance at half time, but Scotch can consider themselves unlucky not to have led. Many scoring opportunities went by the wayside, none closer than Chris Mohan's attempt which hit the top of the cross bar, but the ball didn't go in.

Geelong Grammar also could have scored but that would have been an injustice as Scotch had a legitimate 6 or 7 opportunities compared to that sole opportunity from Geelong.

The second half began and within 10 minutes Geelong had scored. A long range shot found its way to the back of the net and things began to look grim for the home side. Harry Hackett and Chris Mohan started to impose themselves and began creating many opportunities. Finally a corner was hit to Matt Mitchell who turned round and equalised.

This gave Scotch a much needed lift and the whole team began to dominate possession. Geelong struggled to get the ball out of their defensive half. Scotch however for their part also struggled to find the winner. Then Harry

found himself weaving through some players and smashed the ball into the net with only seconds left to play. It was a much deserved victory for the home team.

Harry Hackett was again outstanding and lifted his work rate after half time. Chris Mohan played his best game for the team and it is wonderful to see him injury free. Matt Mitchell was again very good and his final two games have given Scotch a forward target. Ben Grace again commanded the defence and Cam Macfarlane was again at his tenacious best.

Nick Proimos continues to impress; he is very strong and skilful. Will Ellis also played well down back using his anticipation of the play to great effect.

Final score Scotch 2 defeated Geelong Grammar 1

Scotch 2nd XI 3 - Geelong GS 0

Report: Mark Johnston

The 2nds took on Geelong Grammar at home. Previous experience told us that we'd probably be too strong for them, but in the first minutes we were shown that our opponents could play and intended to take the game to us. We were feeling the absence of our dynamic playmaker Johan Zolkefli, who had moved up to the Firsts, but 12 minutes into the game some interplay from two players with First team experience brought us a goal. James Collins made a telling pass to Linkesh Swaminathan, who scored with aplomb. Later in the half Andrew Bouhalis, another player with First XI experience, struck the ball beautifully from the edge of the box, driving it into the far corner. James Collins

went close to dispatching a fine cross from Linkesh, but we came in at half-time 2-0 up. The second half saw more chances come our way. Gavin Williams gave yet another demonstration of his undoubted class, running through their defence from the left and slotting it in. This was our last goal for the game. Importantly we maintained our record of conceding no goals this season. Indeed our opponents managed just one shot on goal, as compared to our 21 shots. We can still improve, but this was a creditable performance.

Result: SC 3 d GGS 0

Goals: Swaminathan, Bouhalis, Williams

Best: Williams, Swaminathan, Goodwin

Scotch 3rd XI 2 - Xavier 4

Report: James Alexander

The Thirds failed to take their chance to shine with their only game on the McKendrick for the season, losing 4-2 to Xavier. In typical fashion the home side started well by enjoying the majority of possession and having the most shots on goal. Kit showed industry and good foot-skills playing in centre mid to maintain a passing tempo, yet Scotch were still playing too narrow to create chances through the wingers while the centre area remained congested. Unfortunately Scotch's early promise came to nothing as the game proved to be quite a tight affair. Twenty minutes in and against the run of play, Xavier capitalised on a Scotch defensive error and slotted past the

keeper to make it 1-0. However, Scotch's heads did not drop as they pressed for an equaliser, winning an admittedly soft foul on the edge of the box. Elliot managed to drill his shot past the wall into the keeper who could only parry it into his own net to make it 1-1.

In what has become regularity for the Thirds, the striker leading scorer for the season Tom was forced off due to injury after a strong challenge from the opposition defender. As was the case last week, Scotch failed to maintain concentration after the injury and conceded another goal within a minute of the substitution. The goal knocked the home side's confidence as Xavier began to dominate the game, putting dangerous balls into the box but not quite managing to properly test the home keeper Alex, while Johan proved to be a solid centre back. Xavier's third goal came with about ten minutes to go as another defensive error saw their striker squeeze a high drive past the keeper's near post making it 3-1. Scotch managed to pull one back as Louis was pulled down in the box, and he calmly slotted the penalty with four minutes remaining. However, the comeback was not to be as Scotch's high line pressure in trying to grab an equaliser saw a Xavier counter-attack finish us off to make it 4-2.

Scotch 4th XI Red 5 - Haileybury 2

Report: Mizran Nahar

Last weekend's report can be found after Mizran

Nahar's report of this weekend's game.

We started our Saturday morning against "a strong looking" Haileybury side. However, it only took Scotch 1 minute to register their first goal after a quick breakthrough by Ando who lead the quick counter attack running along the wing and smashed it right past the keeper. That sparked a flurry of chances, with Ando and Jeremy both stealing the ball from Wesley's defence and outpacing all their defenders. However they both missed from good positions. Scotch manage to score another goal through Jeremy who had been hardworking and energetic the whole game. Just before halftime though, Haileybury managed to win a corner and Scotch conceded through blunders from the whole defence line and keeper.

After halftime, Jeremy managed to surprise Haileybury's goalkeeper with an outlandish strike from a free kick shot to the top right corner. Our defence at the back was solid as Alex Song, Paul and Liang cleared any balls coming through. Max our keeper was as brilliant as he was commanding and he knew when to come out to collect the ball. We were controlling the midfield with Dennis and Danny however in one of our good counterattacks lead by Danny, he only managed to flash wide from 15 yards out.

Chris, Nick and Nazree played their positions well on the fullback line

holding off any potential threats from the wings and supporting our centre backs. Jeremy managed to cap off his day with a hat-trick by bedazzling Wesley's defence with his speed and trickiness. Final score 5-2.

Man of the match: Jeremy

Goal scorers: Jeremy 3, Ando 2.

12 May 2012: Scotch 4th XI Red 10 - Wesley 0

Report: Jack Palazzo

Headed down to Willsmere Park in perfect conditions for soccer. Unfortunately, Wesley only fronted up with nine players making the result a bit of a foregone conclusion. However, we spoke about giving them absolutely no chance and really burying the game, and the boys did just that. Great hat-tricks from Jeremy and Danny, a brace from Ando and singles to Dennis and Andy Li led to a 10 nil demolition. Just reward for some hard work on the track. Hopefully we get the chance against a full side this week!

Scotch 4th XI Blue 2 - St Kevin's 3

Report: Anthony Ryan

The Scotch 4th's Blue team arrived at Willsmere Park for the second time this season to face up against arch enemies St Kevin's. St Kevin's were the boys opening round fixture match. After being dominated by St Kevin's that round the boys looked to try and reverse the tables after some hard training. The rain held off as the whistle blew for the kick-off. Scotch looked turned on from the get go as they had numerous



The agony and the ecstasy. The Firsts celebrate scoring against a despairing Geelong Grammar.

chances to score through great passages of play. Sam scored the first goal which put Scotch 1-0 ahead in the first ten minutes. St Kevin's scored a quick reply to even the scores. A controversial penalty was given against defender Hayden as he tried to protect the ball from hitting him. Milky, our substitute goalkeeper had tactics in goals for the penalty and decided to walk away from the goal. This put off the St Kevin's kid so much he blew it over the top and the scores remained 1-1. St Kevin's soon put another goal on the board followed by a wonderful strike by Josh from outside the box to make the scores 2-2 at half time.

The second half was well fought as Scotch had numerous chances to score from corners but could not find the final kick. St Kevin's finished

there final chance of the game to take it 3-2. The game was well fought and was a drastic improvement from the first round. Congratulations to all the boys on a wonderful effort on Saturday.

Scotch 5th XI Red 2 - Xavier 1

Report: Simon Li

Our third game of the season proved to be the Fifth Red's first major challenge. From the start, Xavier exerted great pressure on our defence, and made an early attack on goal which was fortunately blocked by Angus. Not long after was a second shot on target, which was miraculously saved by Ashley, who cleared the ball far away from the penalty box. As the game progressed, Scotch settled in, with possession of the ball jumping back and forth, and neither side giving way. For much of the first

half Xavier proved to be formidable defenders, stalling any of our attempts on goal. Eventually we were able to break through, with Matt taking a shot on goal which unfortunately hit the post. However, this seemed to shake Xavier's resolve, and minutes later George picked up a rebound, and slotted it between the goalkeeper's legs to clinch the first goal of the match. In the dying minutes of the first half, Xavier responded with a shot into the net which was luckily called offside.

In the second half, Xavier was relentless in their pursuit of an answering goal. In spite of this our defenders held the line, with Josh and Patrick showing vast improvement in defence. Angus demonstrated his prowess in goal, with a few brave tackles and many blocks of the opposition's attempts at goal. In response, we

were able to channel the ball to the left wing to George who took a lob that sailed over the goalkeeper, into the right side of the net. However, the opposition turned up the heat and the last fifteen minutes of the game turned us on the defensive. In the dying minutes of the game, Xavier broke through and scored a goal, however their second threatening shot on goal was blocked by Will, dampening Xavier's hopes for a draw. Special mention goes to newcomer Justin who was instrumental in providing support in both defence and attack with his constant runs up and down the field.

Scotch 5th XI Blue 6 - Caulfield GS 2

Report: Nicholas Koumantatakis

The 5th Blues kicked off against Caulfield at Wheelers Hill in poor conditions. Despite the

weather, the boys showed drive and determination from the go and were rewarded by heading into the break 3-0 up, courtesy of a brace from Brandon Kwong either side of Zhen Lee's goal. In the second half, Scotch conceded an early goal although this did little to dishearten their attacking intent as they restored their 3 goal buffer. Zhen Lee struck the bar twice, Aaron Chan and Anschul added a goal of their own and Brandon Kwong netted his hat-trick midway through half. The boys continued to dominate the game, though to Caulfield's credit they did not give up and snatched a goal back late in the game. Final score Caulfield 2-6 Scotch.

Scotch 5th XI Gold 1 - St Kevin's 2

Report: Paul Mitchell

The 5ths Gold team arrived at 'The Fortress', Willsmere Park, looking to correct the flaws in our game from last week. A short, yet solid warm-up ensured the team was ready from the first whistle. The game commenced rather slowly and the difficult weather and pitch conditions made it somewhat tricky for the side to express their natural passing game. Nonetheless, formidable chances were still created with some inspiring play from midfielders Neil France, Shaun Anthony, William Legge, Carlos Santini, Alan Thiele and Justin Tan. As has become a common theme for the team this year, however, we found it tough to put our superior play on the scoreboard where it counts. This

would haunt us even more so when St Kevin's in the 14th minute, with their first chance of the game, made the score 0-1. Devastated though not beaten, Scotch continued to fight hard and create opportunities before the end of the half. Rory Walker and Mayen Takakura as always were a handful for the opposition backs. At half-time, the temperament of the team was resolute as they feasted on some delicious oranges kindly provided by the Anthonys. The message was that we were a lot fitter than our opposition and would run them off their legs. That we did, and at the start of the second half, chance after chance was created by the team. Eventually, in the 35th minute, Carlos was on the end of a cross from Rory and sweetly timed his run to hammer the ball into the back of the net. 1-1 and game on! Momentum favoured Scotch again and the team continued to set up chances. The back line of Dimitri Dalla-Riva, Jeffery Wang, Ronny Wang, Rongda Song and Deshan Adihetty in goals was at their consistent best, constantly stopping St Kevin's attacks and rebounding the ball to our midfielders. As we tried desperately to find the winner though, against the run of play St Kevin's found themselves in a yard of space and managed, to the disbelief of the team, to score with only their third genuine chance of the game. That is the way it stayed with St Kevin's the victors 1-2. Whilst the team was disappointed with the result, there is much to

take out of the game. The sheer amount of chances we created is promising for the next game and the season at large.

Scotch 10A 2 - Geelong GS 0

Report: Luke Carey

The 10A soccer team had a fantastic result this week beating Geelong Grammar School 2-0 at home. Very few chances were created in the first ten minutes as both teams played well to prevent any shots at goal. As the first half progressed it was Scotch that took the advantage however with Bertan Kaya skipping through the Geelong Grammar defence to score his first goal of the season into the bottom corner. Just before half time the lead was doubled thanks to hard work from Henry Sheppard, who managed to play a ball into the path of James Polmear who scored his third goal in two games. Geelong Grammar School came out looking for a goal in the second half but the Scotch defence were in inspired form and the team held on to record their first clean sheet of the season. An excellent performance from the boys, showing great character to bounce back from a narrow defeat to St Kevin's last weekend.

Scotch 10B 3 - Xavier 3

Report: Sam Shearer

The 10Bs made the short trip down Glenferrie Road to face rivals Xavier on Saturday, looking to get their first win on the board for season 2012. After a pair of unfortunate losses, the boys had put in a

good week on the track and were ready for the challenge the usually strong Xaverians would pose.

On a nice morning for football, Scotch was immediately pushed on to the back foot by an impressive Xavier side. Stand in keeper Kristian Haratsis made a string of reflex saves, with the post also coming to Scotch's assistance on a couple of occasions. The back pairing of Mirwan Nahar and Martin Kaminsky worked hard to keep the Xavier strikers at bay, winning an impressive amount of aerial balls and frustrating the skilful Xavier front pairing. Angus McNabb continued in his fine form, marshalling the midfield and putting some lovely through balls in to our front players. After a tough first ten minutes where the boys managed to weather the storm, Scotch was able to get a real foothold in the game. Jordan Karklins and Stephen Phan were working hard down the wings and putting some dangerous balls into the box for our strikers to try and latch on to.

After about 20 minutes Scotch was able to grab the breakthrough, with James Bakirtzis swinging in a dangerous corner for James Field to prod home from close range. This really lifted the spirits of the boys, who continued to press and managed to get right on top in the game. Unfortunately, Scotch conceded late in the half, with a fine strike from distance leaving Kristian with no chance. At 1-1 at half time the game was there to be

won and the coaches stressed the need for the boys to lift their intensity. With Seb Murphy leading the way, the work rate and application in the second half was terrific and it was good seeing the boys respond to the challenge. There were chances aplenty for both sides, with Scotch snatching the lead through a clinical Mirwan penalty.

Scotch held the advantage for much of the second half until two late lapses in concentration, from a corner and throw in, cost us two goals. The boys were obviously disappointed, but need to work on concentration throughout the match and not gifting the opposition cheap chances to score. Being down 3-2 with only minutes to go, Mirwan was thrown forward from his customary centre back position in a piece of coaching brilliance. He managed to beat a few players at the top of the box before putting a very dangerous ball across goal. James Field made a great run and was left unmarked to tap in at the far post with what turned out to be pretty much the last kick of the game.

After conceding those late goals, it was a great effort from the boys to get back in against good opposition and give Charlie and me a good insight into the character of the boys. Still some work to be done, but a great performance for the boys in securing their first point of the season!

Scotch 10C Blue 0 - Scotch 10C Red 6

Report: Jason Choi

See Jason's report for 10C Red.

Scotch 10C Red 6 - Scotch 10C Blue 0

Report: Jason Choi

This was our first derby match against the Scotch 10C Blues. The team was boasting a staggering 17 goals for and only 3 goals against, and was hoping to further its goal difference in this game.

The game started off evenly. The boys struggled to pierce the Blues' resilient defence, and the Blues looked dangerous on the counter attack. However, after 10 minutes some good team play down the right wing lead to the first goal. Wing Zhang calmly slotted the ball high into the goal. The goal boosted the team's confidence, and the domination began.

Jason Chan scored the second. It was a good goal, but credit must also go to Alex Ritter. The smallest boy on the pitch managed to dribble and weave past 4 or 5 defenders down the right wing. He laid it off to Jason for an easy shot on goal.

The third goal came only minutes after. Jason Chan found the ball on the left wing, got past a defender, and shot the ball low and hard into the near post. The ball was just out of reach of the diving goal keeper. At half time, we were up 3 goals to nil.

The second half was a lot more evenly contested than the first. The Blues played more aggressively, and the boys were under the pump early on. This did not hinder the team's hunger to score more. Our top goal scorer, Wing Zhang, created another one on one position, and

scored his 9th goal of the season. Ethan Tiong got another goal a few minutes later with a nice toe poke. In the final minutes Jason Chan got his 8th goal for the season and his 3rd for the game, with a nice finesse shot that would have made even Messi proud.

The boys again won the physical and mental battle, and deserved the 6 - 0 win. The result puts our statistics at 23 goals for and 3 goals against. It was a fantastic performance by the entire team. Congratulations to the defence and Max Speer for the clean sheet.

Scotch 10C Gold 1 - St Kevin's 2

Report: Cameron Haines

The 10C Gold again faced another difficult assignment in their fourth game of the season against a strong St Kevin's outfit on a very cold and rainy Saturday morning.

The Gold's began well and were holding possession confidently particularly in the back half, however were failing to create anything of a serious threat in attack despite the best efforts of a determined Norman and Kevin.

Scotch looked very comfortable on the ball in midfield and strong work defensively by Josh, James Lee and James McIntosh ensured St Kevin's were thwarted at every attempt to initiate something threatening in the forward half.

Half way through the first half Scotch's hard work was rewarded when an errant goal kick was beautifully trapped and

then finished into an unguarded net by Pierce Rozman, 1-0 Scotch.

However, following the opener Scotch seemed to relax and this allowed St Kevin's to gain the ascendancy and mount pressure on the Scotch defenders.

Jonas and Ed worked hard in midfield to repel the now continual attacks that were coming Scotch's way.

Just before the end of the half a slice of luck fell St Kevin's way. The ball seemed to have gone out of play in the St Kevin's attacking half which caused the Scotch defenders to switch off thinking there would be a throw in, however there was no whistle and St Kevin's took full advantage of their fortunate decision and a teasing cross was met by an unmarked St Kevin's midfielder in the box who made no mistake from 5 yards giving John Huang no chance in goals.

At the half Scotch 1, St Kevin's 1.

The second half began in very similar fashion to the first with Scotch dominating possession however failing to make the most of the half chances that were coming their way in attack. Pierce and Nathan continued to run hard in midfield, making some excellent challenges and consistently putting the St Kevin's midfielders under immense pressure. Down back James Lee and Josh were playing brilliantly as they continued to repel any St Kevin's attacks that came their way.

However, 20 minutes into the second half, despite Scotch's dominance they were unlucky to fall behind to a St Kevin's strike. A long high ball was sent into the St Kevin's attacking area and Scotch failed to either get a head on it or make an effective clearance and this allowed an opportunistic St Kevin's striker to ghost into the box and hammer the ball on the half volley into the roof of the net. 2-1 St Kevin's.

With 5 minutes to go Scotch upped the pressure and poured numbers forward in search of an equaliser. Despite a number of half chances Scotch was just not having any luck in front of goal. With 2 minutes left on the clock Scotch came very close to levelling the match. A magnificent throw in was met by a wonderful flick on header by Norman onto the path of David who had got in behind the St Kevin's defence. He is was able to run the ball to within 5 yards of goal before just pulling his shot wide.

The final whistle blew soon after and Scotch could feel very hard done by not to have gained anything from the match despite their dominance. It was a tale of taking your opportunities in front of goal, something which St Kevin's had done.

Scotch 9A vs Wesley

Report: Jackson Strangward

The team headed back out to Wesley again this week to face the alternate campus, looking to improve upon last weekend's painful loss.

Unfortunately, a poor first half resulted in the game being as good as over at the interval and the boys came in dejected and in need of inspiration. Lead by captain Dom, the boys put in a much better team effort after the break, however the opposition had too much quality and despite dominating possession, some swift counterattacks proved costly. Hopefully we can get a win next week boys!!!

Scotch 9B 1 - Xavier 3

Report: Oliver Szymanski

It was a cold morning against a top Xavier side. The 9Bs Scotch soccer team lined up with only 11 men but were confident that they could get the three points. The game started with Xavier on top with some bigger and stronger players pushing through Scotch's midfield. However the Scotch spirit shone through with some great defending from Mitchell Sennitt, Sam Godfrey and Jarren Toh. Unfortunately Scotch though couldn't keep out Xavier for too long with some great link up play by the Xavs leading to a tap in goal.

The second half began with Scotch only able to field 10 players with John Samaras unfortunately hurting his back. The undermanned Scotchies didn't give up hope though and pushed forward with some great individual efforts by Kevin Fan and Nick Yew up front. Although the Xavier defence held strong and started to work together leading to a miraculous goal from well outside the box, leading to Scotch

being down 2-0. Hope was not all lost with the midfielders, led by Matt Altmann and Ken Smith, starting to work together. With the midfielders pushing forward, Scotch gained a much needed goal from the speedy winger Ken Smith. Sadly though the Scotchies' comeback was short lived with another cracking goal from the Xavier midfield.

The boys performed well today and should remain positive as today they were very undermanned and with a full team would most likely have won the game.

Scotch 9C Red 5 - Haileybury 8

Report: Derek James

The 9C Reds suffered an 8-5 loss to Haileybury this weekend, their first loss for the season.

The match against Haileybury began in dismal conditions, with rain bucketing down and the ball sliding around on the pitch. Scotch began the first half more dominantly, with possession in their attacking half for most of the first 20 minutes. However Haileybury proved to be excellent counter-attackers and scored the first 2 goals of the match in similar fashion; a great through-ball picked up by very quick strikers. Charles Cai played valiantly in goals and made several crucial saves in the first half, however he could not stop them all. Eventually there was a breakthrough for Scotch as James Xu scored 2 goals for Scotch but Haileybury managed to score another 2 as well.

At half-time the score was 4-2.

In the second half, Scotch's defence looked much stronger and Max Ferguson scored his first goal of the season making the score 4-3. Scotch held on for a long period of time before Haileybury was able to break it down and score their 5th. They scored a 6th but without giving up, Scotch scored their 4th with a great goal from Henry Teo. The score became 7-4 and again, unwilling to accept defeat, Scotch scored their 5th and it was James Xu who brought up his hat-trick. Haileybury rounded out the match with their 8th goal, but Charles had ensured that the match was much closer than it could have been, having made around 10 excellent saves on the day. Congratulations to the boys on never giving up and a special thank you to the extras that showed up to lend their support.

Scotch 9C Blue 9 - Haileybury 1

Report: Anthony Tran

The 9C Blues looked to continue their winning streak on their first home game as kick-off loomed after a bye against Caulfield the previous week hampered a thrilling beginning to the season. The boys looked the much classier outfit against the 'controversial' colour choices Haileybury's uniform offered. The game began with scintillating speed and tenacity, with Scotch dominating possession and playing a Barcelona-esque football. Captain Lachie 'Sloppy' Louis was in inspirational form, along

with defenders Vinh, Ed Cook and Brandon. Scotch were the first to break the deadlock with Eric Jeong scoring 2 superstar goals in quick succession. Scotch 2 - Haileybury 0. Haileybury struggled to keep the ball out of their half as our boys resorted to shooting practice. However a rare break from the away side saw them slide home a goal against our keeper Charles. Halftime: Scotch 2 - 1 up. After an inspirational halftime chat akin to Al Pacino from myself, Scotch were scoring goals for fun. Shane 'Mario Balotelli' Lim put the game out of doubt, scoring a hat trick. Ben Mishricky and Gary Chen were solid in midfield running much of the wing play. Goals from Sujanthan, who risked potential manhood moments before scoring, Sam 'the tank' West and James Xu sealed an easy win and continuing 3 wins from 3 games. Final whistle, Scotch 9 - Haileybury 1.

Scotch 8A 4 - Caulfield GS 5

Report: Justin Nikolovski

On a chilly and miserable Saturday morning the last thing the boys wanted to do after a hard week of hiking on camp was to play soccer and travel to near the foot of the mountains to do so. However, the boys did not perform like Kon and I would have expected, seeing half the boys had been on camp. Like previous weeks the boys were outstanding, knocking the ball around on a muddy pitch and looking like a team more mature than they are.

Despite dominating the game, the lads found themselves down, not to Caufield, but to one 'GIANT' who stood at 6'1" and ran like the wind, who scored 4 out of 5 of their goals. Despite his efforts, Scotch courageously found themselves back in the game as the came back from 2-0 to 2-2 and then from 4-3, to 4-4, only to have victory snatched from them in the last minute of play. To the boys credit they fought the game out as hard as we would have expected. They showed that renowned "Scotch spirit", playing some awesome football and being unlucky not to get the results.

Scotch 8B Red 2 - Carey 1

Report: Sebastian Owen

The Scotch 8B reds battled Carey on a frosty morning to record an amazing win.

With only 10 boys showing up it looked like a miserable day for the team with a certain loss inevitable.

We had to move a David, our 2nd striker into midfield because of the shortage but nonetheless he opened the scoring with a burst down his wing and scooped it over the keeper. Controlling the 1st half we scored another through a penalty with a cool placement by Joseph and should've been 3-0 up with a second penalty which David fired into the crossbar. An amazing half by 10 players who wanted to win more than their opponents.

It was a game of 2 halves as Carey had full dominance in the 2nd half due to an attacking

formation and a stern talking to at half time. We knew we had a long time to hold off continuous attacks from Carey and did so fantastically until a spectacular top right corner strike brought Carey closer and made for a nervous finish. We held on and the boys recorded their 3rd victory of the campaign which displayed endeavour only seen since Al McMahon's Vice Captancy led the 1sts to the Rose and Thistle Cup in 2010.

It was a day to remember as the 8B reds overcame Carey 2-1 with only 10 men.

Scotch 8B Blue 4 - Caulfield GS 0

Report: Alastar McMahon

The 8B's ventured to Caulfield on a cold and wet Saturday morning brimming with confidence after last week's victory over St Kevin's. Watching the 8A's go down to a strong Caulfield team in the match before, we were worried that Caulfield may have some depth and we would come up against a tough team. Our fears were quashed however, with the boys wrapping it up in the first 15 minutes scoring 4 unanswered goals - the speed-merchant, Rodney Kwok, getting 2 and having a hand in the others. At half time the boys were told not to get complacent and the second half was more about making sure we did the little things right instead of trying to get more goals. With a reshuffled lineup and formation, another terrific team performance was achieved as our passing and possession was akin

to that of Barcelona's; Coombs, Cooper and Yuen the standouts. It seems the sky is the limit for the 8B Blue's with such a crushing 4-0 win. Will the next challenger please stand up?

Scotch 8C Red 0 - Haileybury 6

Report: Versace Wong

The 8C Red's faced a well drilled Haileybury squad. The story of the match has been the same as in previous weeks for the 8C Red's. Our inability to convert our chances once again proved to be our Achilles heel. Alec in goals once again was solid, proving a valuable defence against the goal hungry Haileybury attackers. Alec made a cornucopia of reflex saves that kept our side in the game. Midway through the game, we lost our talismanic striker in Yao Dong Lin, who was cruelly tackled by a Haileybury defender. The loss of Yao Dong was a heavy blow to the team, whose enigmatic presence was evidently missed. To the credit of the team players, such as Johnston Wang and Eric Wen, they took upon the responsibility and provided a myriad of attacking forays into the opposition half. Unfortunately the scoreline did not reflect the effort produced by the boys, however we are confident that a win is just around the corner.

Scotch 8C Blue 6 - Xavier 0

Report: Bavy Nasralia

On a cold muddy day at Xavier Burke Hall with an early kick off, the Scotch boys defeated Xavier by six goals to none. The

game started late because the referee did not show up. This time around I started the team off a lot more attacking because last week we were lacking in attack. We started very strongly and very quickly we were putting a lot of pressure on the opposition forcing their keeper into some fine stops, while they barely got into our half. Eventually the pressure told and a cross by Tiger down the right found the unmarked Kaiwen who volleyed home from close range. 1-0 Scotch. Soon to follow was another good run by Tiger down the right ending in a pass landing in front of Kaiwen who was just inside the box and who struck the ball on the volley into the top corner. 2-0 Scotch. Next was Tiger's turn to get in on the goal action. He latched onto a poor clearance and tapped it home. 3-0 Scotch. He quickly added a second with a shot from the right of the box that the keeper couldn't keep out. 4-0 Scotch. Kaiwen then went on to complete his hat-trick (the first hat-trick of the season for any of our players) again from a cross by Tiger this time from the left giving Kaiwen the easy task of slotting home 5-0 Scotch. Tiger then completed his hat-trick from a through ball by Andrew and he slotted past the keeper. 6-0 Scotch. That was the end of the first half with Xavier barely attacking us. The second half we lost Tiger and we struggled a lot more as our players became tired and we had less attacking threats. They did put a lot more pressure on us in

the second half but some great saves by Nick helped us keep a clean sheet. All the boys did well in this game, with Lucas and Henry really anchoring the midfield and Nathan and Chris making sure that we were not threatened at the back, also with Austeen and Andrew helping to set up some of the play upfront. Good job to all the boys on a great win and a great all round game.

Goals: Kaiwen 3, Tiger 3

Best: Kaiwen, Tiger and Nick

Scotch 7A 0 - Wesley 4

Report: Tom Jarman

It was typical cold, Melbourne morning when the Scotch College 7A's travelled to Wesley College in Glen Waverly to play their first away game. It promised to be a closely contested match, after both teams having terrific starts to their seasons. The ground was wet, and the game was played at a very fast pace. We were forced to make changes in the team line up due to the availability of players, making the task of victory slightly more difficult, however, the boys rose to the challenge, and played their usual game. The ball was skidding around on the wet surface, and the team was unlucky to concede an early goal, from a deflection in the first ten minutes. The bad luck continued, when we conceded a second goal from a long drifting lob from distance. Despite being down two goals, the boys continued to play well trying to pass the ball

around, and the defence managed to stay strong.

The second half proved to be just as challenging and physical. As a team we struggled to create chances and only managed a couple of shots on target. As the half proceeded we managed to gain more and more possession, but despite this, we still conceded another two goals, with the end score line being 4-0. Special mentions should go to James Hardy who had a great game in goals, Lachy Williams who put in a solid performance at centre back, and Will Bikakis stepping into holding midfield playing his best game of the season.

Scotch 7B 0 - St Kevin's 2

Report: Euikuk Park

On a cold and rainy morning, the 7Bs played against another St Kevin's team on the same ground as last week. However, this week the team had the benefit of having one substitute who moved up from the 7C team.

The game started with both teams holding their ground and having a chance to score here and there. Ollie McLeish has been on great form throughout the season so far and he proved to be a hard keeper to score past for the opponents yet again. Unfortunately after about 15 minutes, the St Kevin's team were able to move the ball around well and this ultimately led to a goal. They were able to get behind the defenders and although the Scotch goalkeeper got a hand to it, the shot was too good.

Nevertheless, the boys held their heads high and ran hard when defending and also created chances themselves. The first half ended with the score remaining at 1-0 to St Kevin's.

With some emphasis on positioning during the half time talk, the 7Bs immediately created scoring opportunities. With great team effort and passing, the boys moved the ball from defence all the way to attack but were unlucky to be caught offside. Scotch dominated the first 10-15 minutes of the second half and kept creating chances but in the end, we lacked the finishing touch. With St Kevin's' first chance in the second half, Scotch conceded again and we found ourselves down 2-0 due to a defensive error which left a man totally unmarked.

At the final whistle, it was 2-0 to St Kevin's but the boys played extremely well and showed that they were disciplined. As a team who are still coming together, the 7Bs put on a great show and gave it their best, which is the only thing any coach can ask for.

Scotch 7C Red, Scotch 7C Blue

Sadly for the boys, both teams had a bye this weekend.