Weekly Sports Results 7th August - 13th August 2017

Hockey

The 1st XI played Heretaunga College at Maidstone Park in their latest game. While creating a number of opportunities St Bernard's could only score the one goal, which was enough to win the game.

Results: St Bernard's 1 (Josh Payne), Heretaunga College 0

Basketball

This week we saw our Junior C team play their last game for 2017. They are our most entertaining team producing the loudest and largest number of supporters for their home games next to our Senior A team. They bring a "give it a go" attitude and nothing seems to bother them while playing.

Next week will see our Senior B team finish their season, they should finish in 5th spot, a great effort for an under sized team, who have regularly battled against bigger opposition.

With only one week to go before we get into semi-finals mode, placement is crucial if we are looking to play in finals. Both Senior A and C teams are placed in very good positions while our Junior A and B teams have yet to register a win and look likely to play the top seeds for their respected grades. Good luck for semi-finals.

Intermediate

Gold team got off to a good start winning convincingly, 48-8. Coach, Kitiona Vaofusi said the boys were hungry as they had a 1st round bye. Kaia Kemp and Riley Manu played outstandingly, and were well supported by the rest of the team.

Green team managed to keep the score close and played well in the first half, unfortunately, tiredness got the better of the boys, they couldn't last the distance in the 2nd half.

Results: Gold won 48-8, Green loss 8-16, Red bye

Junior

After being down 16 points going into the 4th quarter, another heavy defeat was on the cards against the undefeated Upper Hutt team. Some excellent shooting from Josiah Patea and Dallas Clifton brought the game alive as the St Bernard's boys crawled their way back into the game. Upper Hutt managed to keep the lead but with only 4 seconds on the clock, Upper Hutt found themselves 1 point up, having to defend against a final shot. A play was drawn up and the final shot was given to Captain Paddy Roberts with both Josiah and Dallas fully contained, Paddy's shot, rimmed out to the delight of the Upper Hutt team. The team must win against Porirua to avoid Upper Hutt in the semi-finals.

Junior B team played well against Bishop Viard in the first half, but couldn't maintain their intensity and discipline to stay in the game.

Junior C team played their last game of the year, going down to Silverstream to a buzzer beater. The boys were on track to beat the second favourites and looked poised to win. However, that one shot was enough to end the boy's season. The team will now play against our year 7/8 Aims Games team to help them prepare for Tauranga next month.

Results: Junior A loss 67-68, Junior B loss 61-80, Junior C loss 49-52

Senior

Senior A team played the favourites, an undefeated HIBS team, losing heavily in a one sided affair. The team came out flat and couldn't get going and credit to HIB's, they didn't allow the St Bernard's play. The team will need to win against Wellington College 2 to avoid HIBS in the Semi-finals, and set up a re-match with Tawa.

Senior B team won after a close encounter against Scot's 3, while our Senior C team bounced back from their defeat last week to win comfortably against Taita 2.

Results: Senior A loss 67-84, Senior B won 74-72, Senior C loss 49-29, Senior D loss 20-51

Football

Another wet Saturday with a number of games cancelled and transferred due to grounds being closed. Two of the St Bernard's teams had games.

1st XI

The 1st XI played Naenae College 1 and had a 6-0 victory. This reversed the first round loss of 2-3. Many of the team had been on tour and were tired but they turned up and played with vigour and enthusiasm. The team has kept their playoff hopes alive but they depend on other results going their way. Wgtn Coll 3 lost so that put us in 2nd place. If we win the next two fixtures we are in the finals, our destiny is now in our own hands.

2nd XI

Game cancelled.

3rd XI

Game cancelled.

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The J1 team played on the brilliant Rongotai College field and played out an 11 goal thriller. They went ahead early on but conceded 3 goals and then with a couple of minutes left they scored the winner. The team continues to progress nicely and with 2 games left they can enjoy the rest of the season.

Results: Played 2, won 2 drew 0 lost 1. 12 goals for and 5 against.

Victory for the 1st XI has kept their finals aspirations alive for another week.

Water Polo

Senior team

Senior team played St Pat's Stream. This was the last of their five games in the championship round of the Naenae competition.

The team got off to a slow start and went goal for goal with St Pat's Stream in the first half. Our normally reliable defence was not at their best and at half time the score was 6 all.

After some stern words from the coach, the defence tightened up in the 2nd half with St Pat's Stream only scoring 3 further goals. Our best players Matt Quin and Jack Charleton became more involved with Jack getting 5 goals and Matt 4 goals.

We have gone through this competition undefeated having won all our games and look forward to the final next week against HIBS.

Results: St Bernard's 15 (Matt Quin 6, Jack Charleton 6, Jacob Sharkey 2, Josh Froggatt 1), St Pat's Stream 9

Junior team

Junior team played HIBS Red in the last of the round robin games.

HIBS got off to a good start with 3 quick goals but good defence by Brayden Win, Paddy Roberts and Colton Longstaff slowed HIBS down. A great goal from near the sideline by Marcus Kowalczyk was unfortunately disallowed but two goals from Paddy saw us trailing 7-2 at half time.

Some good passing from the boys in the second half set us up for 3 goals by Colton, Noah Tarawhiti & Brayden. Niggly defence by Zane Van Campfort and Noah kept HIBS to 6 goals in the second half. Full time 13-5. The team is looking forward to the playoff for 3 Vs 4 next week.

Results: St Bernard's 5 (Paddy Roberts 2, Colton Longstaff, Noah Tarawhiti, Brayden Win), HIBS 13

Rugby

1st XV

1st XV played HIBs in the semi-final of Premier 2 division and were looking for revenge after going down to HIBS 37 to 14 in the round robin.

The 1st half was a tough encounter with St Bernard's getting an early penalty. This was followed by a tough settling in period before Sene Fa'asoa scored a great try which was converted by Te Aorere Wanoa. St Bernard's had to defend for long periods but went into half time with a 10 nil lead.

HIBS scored early in the second half and it looked like it was going to be a tough battle. St Bernard's then really kicked into gear in the second half with two tries to Samuela Tatafu and one to Mikaele Alaifatu on the back of a barn storming run. Wanoa converted two of these tries and another penalty with St Bernard's running out eventual winners 30 to 5.

Mikaele Alaifatu was awarded forward player of the day and Samu Tatafu the back player of the day
The team now take on St Pat's Stream 2nd XV next weekend in the final at 1.30pm at St Pat's Stream. This is part of
the finals day for all teams apart from Premier 1. St Pat's Stream have been unbeaten all year but St Bernard's have
been building nicely over the last few weeks. It would be fantastic to get a good crowd along to support the boys.

Results: St Bernard's 35, HIBS 5

2nd XV

The 2nd XV played Wellington College 3rd XV in the semi final of Premier 4. Against a strong Wellington College side the St Bernard's team played a good game of rugby. After a decent 20 minutes of playing tough rugby we had a man go to the bin, it didn't help us being one man down. We fought to the final minute trying our hardest but the end result was a loss. Making good tackles and fighting for the ball helped us through the game. We had a great season and our team developed into a very good team. A big thanks to the coaches for taking us on as a group.

Results: St Bernard's 12, Wellington College 3rd XV 28

Wellesley College – Sports Exchange

Rugby

St Bernard's year 7/8 team played Wellesley College in what can only be described as a MUDBATH. Wellesley College were a well drilled team and came out firing in the first half and raced to a 22-nil half time lead. This was the first time our St Bernard's team had played together. The second half was a much different game. Our backs began to run into space and our forward pack were showing more cohesion and commitment. The final score was 29-14. This meant we won the second half 14-7. By the end of the game all players were covered in mud and their team jerseys were indistinguishable from one another. It was a game played in great spirits and the occasion was great to be a part of.



Basketball

The Wellesley College exchange was a fitting way to get our campaign underway before we depart for the Aims Games next month.

Wellesley College found it hard to score against our big players, led nicely by Kaia Kemp. Kemp's presence under the basket and ability to rebound made it hard for Wellesley to make second or third attempts at the basket. Corey Purvis and Amon Maluschnig both scored 14 points apiece to support Kemp's 16 points. All three were tough for Wellesley to stop.

The team's most outstanding player was Dominic Ernst, his non-stop hustling and continuous pressure on defence was too much for the Wellesley ball handlers. Ernst also scored 10 points to produce an all-round performance.

Result: St Bernard's 70 (K Kemp 16, C Purvis 14, A Maluschnig 14, D Ernst 10), Wellesley College 22

Football

St Bernard's year 7/8 football team travelled to Petone Memorial park to play Wellesley College in the sports exchange. It was the first time the team had played together and we had a lot of players playing out of position. The game started well with both teams creating chances and some nice passing. The boys stuck to their jobs and were unlucky to go in to the break behind 2-0. The second half started well with a goal from Nathaniel Graham and momentum was swinging in our direction, just the last pass let us down. Wellesley scored 3 goals in the last 5 minutes to make a close game look one sided. Was awesome preparation for the Aims Games and the boys should be proud of their efforts.

Result: St Bernard's 1 (Nathaniel Graham), Wellesley College 5

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