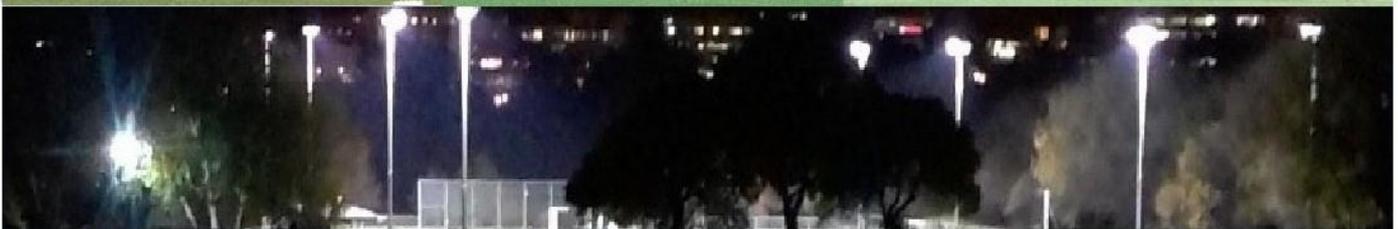




HOCKEY



July 27 2018

A warm welcome back to the second half of the hockey season. For most of us the holidays brought a break from the game, but there were a few who had made representative teams and attended tournaments throughout the country.



The big news is that one of our 1st Team player, Luke D'Aguiar (left), has been chosen to represent South Africa! This is wonderful news indeed, and well-deserved.

Our Old Boy hockey are very important to SACS Hockey and some still play an integral part in our training. It was truly wonderful to see the two local universities, UCT and Stellenbosch, contesting the final of the national intervarsity hockey competition. All in all, 9 SACS Old Boys were represented in that match, an astonishing feat in itself!

It was UCT who won the gold medal and, in that team, 7 SACS Old Boys played vital parts. Below is a picture of the Magnificent 7.



(l-r): Nic McKechnie, Liam Peter, Ross Maharage, Anton von Loggerenberg, Jack Forrest, Mike Gildenhuys, Ethan Buehler

On top of that, our U16A coach, Anton von Loggerenberg (right), was given the Most Valuable Player Award. It is, by the way, not the first time that Anton has won such an award. Interestingly enough, whilst Anton is the No.1 keeper for UCT, the reserve keeper, Liam Peter, is also one of our own, and is well-known to us here at the school.

Our First XI has been involved in an international hockey festival over the past week and they did exceedingly well to take the bronze medal. This bodes very well for the second-half of the season!



Talking of which, we have started this term with an array of opponents, with Edgemead being the main one. The 1st XI and U16A both played Edgemead only last night, and will be on the astro again today. They will need our support, so please do join us as we again welcome Paarl Boys High this weekend. There will be lots of “gees” (left)!

[Apologies for the lack of photos this time around.]

Cape Town International Hockey Festival report:

The Cape Town International Hockey Festival is a great opportunity for our players to play a diverse range of teams. However, such is the strength of the hockey in Cape Town, local teams have completed

the top 3 finishing places for the last 5 years at least (since we started taking part (our results 2014 2nd, 2015 2nd, 2016 5th, 2017 3rd, 2018 3rd). As such, I take a 'stayers' team, allowing younger players to experience playing against other school 1st XIs as well as allowing Matrics to concentrate on their academics at the start of a vital term of learning for them.

This year the pools were condensed into an 'A' league and a 'B' league with relegation places to play for as well as the top spots. We were in the 'A' league. The preparation was limited over the holidays with players representing the WP and zonal teams, as well as much needed holidays away from Cape Town.

The first game against Paul Roos 1st team was a very even affair.

You miss 100% of the shots you don't take.

Both teams had a number of half-chances in each circle. Paul Roos capitalised on one just

before half time, but the score remained 0-1 at full time despite late SACS pressure. What was pleasing was the improved performance in the second half, taking on board the feedback they had been given at half time.

The second game of the day was against Pearson High, EC. SACS dominated the game and had several clear-cut chances against the goal keeper, but just could not force the ball over the line. SACS did score just after half time, and both Mr Clark and I felt that that would be catalyst for more goals. However, again more wasteful finishing kept Pearson in the game, and they snuck a goal back to draw level with 4 minutes left of the match.

This left us needing positive results against Uppingham UK and Somerset College. A very good all-round performance in the morning game saw SACS score 6 unanswered goals, and they followed this up with a 2-0 win at lunchtime with a well-controlled performance against the Boland school. This then put SACS ahead of Somerset College in the log table by goal difference, with SSC having drawn with PRG earlier in the day.

The Friday of the tournament is a morning log game followed by QF games in the afternoon. A 3-0 win against Clifton cemented SACS' 2nd place and a QF with Kingston Grammar UK. This kind of fixture is at the essence of the tournament - playing teams with different styles and against players not normally faced in the season. It started as a close affair, with both teams having chances, but with SACS on the back foot. The early pressure was well-managed by SACS who grew in strength and dominance as the game progressed. SACS scored first and, although Kingston Grammar then hit the post, SACS controlled the rest of the game and scored two more goals to win the game 3-0.

This is a good result, with Kingston Grammar one of the strongest hockey schools traditionally in the UK. This QF win saw SACS drawn again against PRG on the Sunday morning. It was a game where PRG showed their superior experience and managed to convert well on their circle penetrations, two goals in each half. Despite this, SACS were not without chances or periods of control in the game.

Mr Clark had been saying to the boys all week that the aim was to be better than the game before. Even though the score line shows a heavy loss, it was a good chance for learning and thus to keep moving forward. The afternoon game for the third place was against Edgemoor. This is their 'golden generation' as can be seen by their other results against SACS. It was a nip and tuck game, SACS up by one, then down by one, then 2-2 with 10 minutes to go. With 4 minutes left on the clock, SACS scored again. Edgemoor removed their GK towards the end to try to use a numerical outfield player advantage, but it was without luck as SACS closed the game out for a hard-fought and deserved win.

I was very proud of all of the performances that the boys produced and the level of improvement from the start to the end of the tournament. I hope that these boys will continue to be better game by game and thus realise potential next year as a first team.

Below are the match reports from the coaches:

First XI:

Having played Edgemean in the CTHIF just five days earlier, we were familiar with what Edgemean would present. However, we did have our matrices back in our squad, which would provide us with greater experience, but, however, they had not seen the Edgemean plays which was a disadvantage to the matrices. The game started in a rather cagey, subdued fashion and, although SACS had looked dangerous when in possession, too much time was spent on defence. Edgemean scored a scrappy goal, in a goal-mouth scramble, with SACS having failed to deal with the numbers in the D.

SACS came back to dominate the second quarter, applying by far the more pressure and attacking intent. **Kabelo Mosothoane** finished a back-hand flick into the net over a prostrate Edgemean keeper. Despite the strength of the penalty-corner routine in the CTHIF, it failed to fire and a number of PCs were unconverted. SACS continued with offensive pressure in the second half and were duly awarded a penalty stroke for an Edgemean player preventing the ball from going over the line with his foot. **Markus Sass** put the stroke into the net to give SACS the lead.

The team were presented with more goal-scoring opportunities but failed to convert. Despite a late flurry of Edgemean PCs (and great PC defence led by **Nick Rethman**) the score remained the same and SACS were the deserved winners.

This was a very satisfying result for all SACS players and coaching staff. Edgemean had targeted this game as one to make their season. It also gave confidence to the matrices returning to the team who were feeling the pressure of the younger SACS team having got a result against the same opposition earlier in the week.

Well done to all involved and thanks to Mr Clark who made the trip out to the Northern Suburbs.

Second XI:

This was our first match back after the school holidays. Our ball speed was slow and we also did not link up effectively with our passing game. Edgemeanth worked very hard to give us as little room as possible in the midfield for us to be effective. For most of the first half, the game was a midfield affair with both teams creating a few opportunities. The deadlock was broken by a very good run and excellent finish by **Reece Nunnerly**. It was good to go into the half a goal ahead.

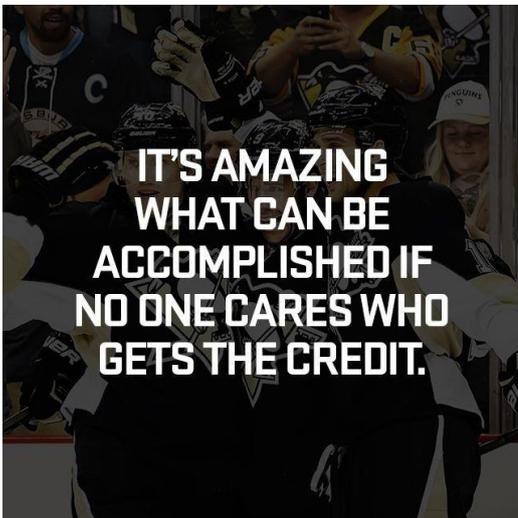
In the second half our aim was to spread the ball wider and deeper much more quickly in order to put Edgemeanth midfield and defence under pressure. We slowly started to control the game better and controlled it for longer periods of time. But Edgemeanth always created the danger that they could score a goal at any time.

Edgemeanth was pressing very high to put us under pressure at 16 yards. **Daniel Tukker** threw a very good aerial ball to **Ethan Abrahams**, unmarked in the Edgemeanth half. Ethan then ran 30 metres and calmly eliminated the goalkeeper to score. A short while later, we were awarded a penalty corner and executed our variation well for **Ethan** to score with a drag flick. It was a much better performance in the second half, but we were definitely not as effective as we would like to have been. We have some work ahead of us before our next match, but it was a good result with which to start the second half of the season.

Third XI:

Back to school and back on the pitch! The gents of the Thirds had a rather rough introduction back into the hockey side of life with a match against Bellville 1sts. Without much training, the Thirds had to get into their groove *during* the match and some shaky passing tested our nerves early on.

Mr Steve Shaw, on exchange from Kings College, remarked how well the team played when opening the field with quick passes and good movement off the ball. This was evident during the match and the Thirds did well to string many passes together from defence to



midfield. The team just seemed to get a little lost in the final third as the midfielders executed their passes well, but the speedy forwards lost contact with midfield and often got stuck in the mix with few options.

More support from the midfield is needed, and this will be achieved by the links getting in front of their men for a return

pass. The forwards must learn to gauge whether open space in front is a viable option, or rather to retain possession and build play with more numbers. A lot of credit must go to the defence in this match, with a committed performance that saw an injury and no goals scored by Bellville from open play. **Kian Harrison** was outstanding in goals. However, two well-executed short corners from Bellville saw **Kian** being 'doughnuttled' for one goal and a good first-time save being tapped in off his pads for a second goal. We had our chances too, but their keeper also pulled off some stunning saves to keep us frustrated at 2-0 to Bellville, but a good performance from the sprightly Thirds.

Fourth XI:

Without coach Mr Grobler to see his team through the first match of the term, Mr Barnard stood in and guided an organised and determined 4th team to a solid victory. Bellville attacked with pace, but less structure than the SACS 4ths. This allowed for many turnovers and the SACS boys made full use of the width of the pitch to immediately stretch the opposition.

This allowed the likes of **Harrison Fowles** a lot of space in midfield. The space in midfield was put to good use and the 4ths did well to retain possession for long spells of play. **Joshua Hansford** was defending very well and was supported by the wing-backs to good effect. The defenders distributed the ball back into play cleverly and this allowed the 4ths to build wave after wave of attack. The communication was also lively and kept to curt instructions, which

helped maintain good focus. A fantastic performance from the 4ths (3-1) to start off the second half of the season.

U16A:

On Thursday evening the U16A boys used their space and time wisely to secure the league. Having beaten Rondebosch, a win against Edgemead would ensure the most wins in the league. The game started slowly, with the boys seeming distracted. As has happened a few times this season, the gents got into their stride midway through the first half as mistakes and irritations fuelled the intent to do better.

Connor Fortune opened his account for the evening with a cheeky dribble along the right-hand baseline. He managed to avoid a few tackles and dribbled the ball along the right-hand baseline to score a goal at the near post. As the second half started **Daniel Opperman** calmly finished a lovely passage of passing after a turnover.

He soon after made it 3-0 to SACS from the penalty spot. Completing his hat-trick, **Daniel** brought the team to 4-0 as he justified Greg Clarke's choice to play him as a forward for a bit.

The second half was far livelier, but the SACS players will have to continue to up the ante as more conditioned opponents await.

U16B:

The SACS U16B team showed their class last week against Bellville. They dominated from the start, scoring 2 goals in 2 minutes. Their momentum didn't stop there as they went on to score another 8 goals in the half! A truly dominant display of hockey from the U16Bs.

Bellville defended with far greater determination in the second half. Their keeper also did well to keep the ball out of his goal. They did eventually concede due to the relentless pressure put on them by the SACS forwards. The U16B's defence also did well to stop a few

threatening counter-attacks. SACS won the match 14-0. It was an excellent way to start the term for the U16Bs.

U16C:

The U16Cs played against the Bellville U16Bs over the weekend. The Bellville team were wary of the SACS boys from the onset and used the majority of their players as defence. This made it difficult for SACS to convert any goals when entering the D. The only way to score would be enforcing errors and securing penalty corners. This worked as SACS went up 1-0.

With a lack of concentration at the back, Bellville managed to get past the SACS defenders and scored an excellent runaway goal to level the scores. With Bellville's tail up, they did not commit as many defenders to the D which suited the SACS style of play and the C team managed to play more freely without relying on penalty corners.

There was some seriously good interplay with short one-touch passes on numerous occasions. The SACS boys were able to move the ball around at a rapid rate, which completely caught the opposition off guard. In no time, the score was 5-1. Excellent goals were scored from the interplay between the boys and I am sure that they will carry the momentum built up from last term and against Bellville into the match against Paarl Boys this coming weekend.

U16D:

The U16Ds faced the Westerford U16B side on Friday afternoon after previously beating their U16C team. We enjoyed a good match and ended the game winning 2-0. The game was very exciting to watch as the boys played as a team and with lots of enthusiasm.

On the attacking end, we enjoyed many good goal-scoring opportunities, of which most attempts went wide of the goals. Nevertheless **Michael Levitt** managed to find the backboard after a good run in the first half and **Ra'ees Salie** scored our second goal near the end of the game. On the defending end, Westerford kept the pressure on with penalty corners against us at regular intervals. **Goalkeeper, Greg Hoyle**, must be commended on his hard work and for making some spectacular saves.

This was a great start to the term and I hope we can carry the winning momentum forward into the next few games.

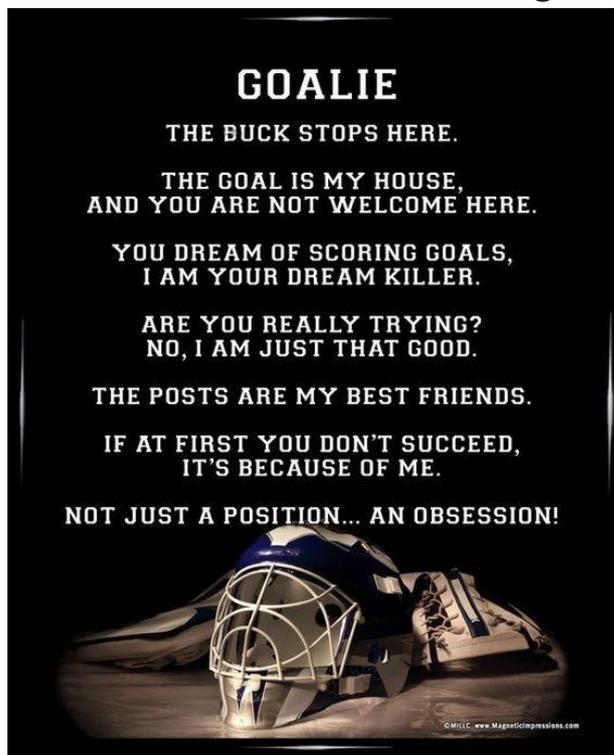
U16E:

The SACS team seemed rather rusty after the long holiday and took the first half to find their feet and structure. Westerford scored first and were in the lead for most of the game, but a late goal tied the scores at 4 goals each. It was a good comeback from SACS in the dying minutes of the match!

A negative aspect of the match was a complaint from the opposition umpire about chirping and the questioning of his decisions from some of our grade ten forwards. They embarrassed themselves and the school with their poor behaviour on the field. This is not the kind of behaviour we expect or condone and look forward to the usual, positive attitude in our upcoming fixtures.

U15A:

SACS were eager to get a win in their first game of the second half of the season. This was crucial to gain momentum for the rest of the season.



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Edgemead, being the underdogs, had nothing to lose in this game. SACS needed to maintain their standards of hockey throughout the game to get the connections between themselves as they were before the holidays. In the first minutes of the game, SACS dominated, creating chance after chance through breakaway counter attacks.

SACS unfortunately could not put the ball in the goals but, after getting a short corner, **Andrew Loveley** scored a drag-flick goal into the net, abusing the short stature of the Edgemead goal keeper. This lifted the SACS spirit and the SACS team scored 4 more goals through various players to make it 5-0 at half time. The team knew the score line should have been more because of the vast number of chances that were created. Thus said, the aim of the second half was to play more intelligent hockey inside and around the D and to make sure that they use basic scoring techniques when taking a shot.

In the second half, SACS scored 4 more goals to make it 9-0 at full time. There was an improvement in their scoring technique and hockey intelligence, but SACS could only score the 4 goals. This

game was a good learning opportunity for SACS in easing the pressure they get into when scoring opportunities come about. This will be used to be better in the games to come.

U14A:

The SACS U14 match against Edgemean was a one-sided affair and, with the resumption of hockey after the holiday, the rust showed in the quality of passing and receiving. SACS started by scoring in the first 15 seconds of the game when a turnover ball and counter attack set up **Chase**



Coffee in the circle where he banged the ball through the keeper's legs. The second goal came from a slick penalty corner involving **Daniel Ossendryver, Tim Patten, Aiden Fourie** and **Mike McGaw**, with a classy finish by **Coffee**. **Finlay Frost** (photograph above) and **Mike McGaw** rekindled their U13 playing days together by making some great connections down the right, with Frost delivering for McGaw to finish on two occasions.



Not to be outdone, both **Daniel Ossendryver** and **Amar Khan** each scored by swooping in and picking rebounds from the keeper's pads. **Amar Khan** (left) also scored a drag-flick from a PC with a deft change in pace that left the keeper guessing.

The final score was 7-0, but many more opportunities were left hanging.

(Photos by Tanner Adshade)

U14B:

Our first game of the second half of the season went exactly to plan as we were able to make light work of an Edgemoor side that struggled to get into the game. We were able to move the ball swiftly and link up in all areas of the field. The boys have started exhibiting game awareness and this showed most notably through star striker, **Saul Alperstein**, who by getting into the correct areas of the opposition's "D", bagged 5 goals! The wings also came to the fore as **Liyema Waqu** and **Aiden Vlietman** each got their names on the scoresheet.

The real credit, however, must go to the links who allowed us to transition from our half into the final third of the field almost seamlessly. Hopefully this new focus on playing a SACS brand of passing hockey will stand us in good stead as we take on our more competitive rivals. This, along with our defensive structures, will really come under scrutiny come Bishops, Bosch and Wynberg, but we will be doing our utmost in our training sessions to ensure that we are prepared.

Field Hockey Problems:

Having to stand still in the rain during an entire match because you're the goalkeeper and your sweeper is just too good.

U14C:

On Friday the U14C Hockey team faced a strong and very determined U14A team from Belville High School. The visitors showed off their skills and scored their first goal early in the match. SACS gave their all and defended the best they could, but were not strong enough to avoid a 6-0 defeat. We look forward to our remaining matches.

HOCKEY RESULTS vs EDGEMEAD etc

TEAM	OPPOSITION	SCORE
U19A	EDGEMEAD	2 - 1
U19B	EDGEMEAD	3 - 0
U19C	BELLVILLE 19A	0 - 2
U19D	BELLVILLE 19B	3 - 1
U16A	EDGEMEAD	4 - 0
U15A	EDGEMEAD	9 - 0
U16B	BELLVILLE	14 - 0
U16C	BELLVILLE	5 - 1
U16D	WESTERFORD 16B	2 - 0
U16E	WESTERFORD 16C	4 - 4
U14A	EDGEMEAD	7 - 0
U14B	EDGEMEAD	9 - 0
U14C	BELLVILLE 14A	0 - 6

SACS RESULTS – CAPE TOWN INTERNATIONAL HOCKEY FESTIVAL

GAME	OPPOSITION	SCORE
Game 1	PAUL ROOS GYM	0 - 1
Game 2	PEARSON HS	1 - 1
Game 3	UPPINGHAM	6 - 0
Game 4	SOMERSET COLLEGE	2 - 0
Game 5	CLIFTON COLLEGE	4 - 0
¼ Finals	KINGSTON GRAMMAR	9 - 0
SEMI FINALS	PAUL ROOS GYM	0 - 4
3rd/4th Playoff	EDGEMEAD HS	3 - 2

SACS WON BRONZE MEDALS

SACS HOCKEY vs Paarl BHS

[26th, 27th & 28th JULY 2018]

TEAM	OPPONENTS	VENUE	FIELD	DAY	TIME
SACS 1st	EDGEMEAD	EDGE	SACS ASTRO	Thurs 26th	15:45
SACS 1st	Paarl BHS	SACS	SACS ASTRO	Fri 27 th	19:30
SACS 2nd	Paarl BHS	SACS	SACS ASTRO	Fri 27 th	18:30
SACS 3rd	Paarl BHS	SACS	SACS ASTRO	Sat 28 th	09:00
SACS 4th	Paarl BHS	SACS	SACS ASTRO	Sat 28 th	10:00
SACS 16A	EDGEMEAD	SACS	SACS ASTRO	Thurs 26th	18:15
SACS 16A	Paarl BHS	SACS	SACS ASTRO	Fri 27 th	17:30
SACS 15A	Paarl BHS	SACS	SACS ASTRO	Fri 27 th	16:30
SACS 16B	Paarl BHS	SACS	SACS ASTRO	Sat 28 th	08:00
SACS 16C	Paarl BHS	SACS	SACS ASTRO	Sat 28 th	11:00
SACS 16D	Paarl BHS	SACS	SACS ASTRO	Sat 28 th	12:00
SACS 14A	Paarl BHS	SACS	SACS ASTRO	Fri 27th	15:30
SACS 14B	Paarl BHS	SACS	SACS ASTRO	Thurs 26th	17:15
SACS 14C	Paarl BHS	SACS	SACS ASTRO	Thurs 26th	16:15