



HOCKEY



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Dear SACS Hockey Family and Friends

This past weekend we travelled to the beautiful Fairmont campus in the Durbanville hills. It was good to meet up with their new headmaster, Leon Erasmus. Some of you will remember his wife, Elmarie, as an Afrikaans teacher at SACS until recently.

Unfortunately, five of our matches were cancelled by either Khayalitsha or Fairmont, so it was a relatively quiet weekend for SACS hockey overall.

This coming weekend, however, promises to more than make up for things. We take on Bishops (largely at home) and it is a chance for our young SACS men to show how much they have improved since last term's matches. There is always a good atmosphere at the Brewery astro, so please make a point of joining us for good hockey and fellowship!



Below are match reports from last weekend's matches:

First XI:

It was a very well-balanced match-up between two teams which like to push forward. Throughout the first quarter, both teams probed and attempted to pull the other into spaces where they could exploit a numerical advantage.



Good skill was shown by SACS in defending and in keeping a good structure. It was a controlled and level quarter. The same pattern occurred in the second quarter but, just before half time, a spell of offensive pressure led to a deflected goal on first post by

Meehan.

However, the second half was different. Goals started to rain! Good goals from McKechnie, Fayker and Willows put SACS ahead. Worryingly, however, Fairmont were always able to pull back level reasonably shortly after. This is a real concern for me as the same held true the previous week against Paarl Boys. We will be tackling this issue during the training sessions following this game and hopefully will find ourselves having learnt and become better from this experience.



However, this said, to lead the game and create numerous chances demonstrates the progress this team has made since losing 1-3 to Fairmont in the pre-season festival at Wynberg.

J. Peverley



Second XI:

It was very pleasing to see a much-improved performance from this team. This was without a doubt the best match of the season for the Seconds and the boys are to be commended for the effort.

For the first time we managed to get an all-round standard of play that was effective and pleasant to watch.



The interplay between forwards, links and backs was a pleasure to behold. Unfortunately, we were not able to convert these efforts into goals, coming close with a couple of near misses. When we did manage to score from a short-corner, the umpires managed to 'rain on our parade' and disallowed the goal for dubious reasons.

The final score was 0 – 0. Hopefully this performance sets the standard for our last three matches against our traditional southern suburb rivals.

E. Grobler



Fourth XI:

Our boys don't realise how fortunate they are to practise and play on astro. Last Wednesday we played a mid-week match against Elkanah 1st team (well, their only U19 team!) on their *grass field*. The home side was very familiar with playing on grass while we struggled to stop and pass the ball.

The game provided much entertainment for the spectators as they witnessed countless balls passing over the SACS sticks. The uneven surface also resulted in many lifted balls but, thankfully, there were no injuries. We were 0-2 down at half time and ended the match 0-5. Thanks to Mr Grobler and Mrs Galloway for providing lifts to the "other side of the world" in Milnerton.

T. Wiborg

U16A:

Friday's match against Fairmont started off as a tight affair with the opposition putting us under a lot of pressure in the opening ten minutes. We did well to soak up the early onslaught without conceding a goal, and got more into the game as the half wore on.



Once we started to move the ball more effectively, and cut down on the errors, we started to threaten the Fairmont defence with a few potent attacks. Two goals were scored before half time through determination and hunger from the forwards. We started to dominate the play and increased the pace of the game, but goalkeeper Nick Rethman was still called upon to make some telling saves, which he did so superbly.

We then added two more goals in the second half, the pick of which saw Kyle Baxter outrun the defence down the right hand baseline before slipping the ball to far post for an easy tap-in. Overall, it was a good performance and a comfortable 4-0 win.

C. Hayley



U16B:

The U16B team faced a strong Fairmont side on Friday. The boys had looked rusty in the previous match following the long holiday. The first half was a scrappy one with both sides having good chances to take the lead, though neither side was able to capitalize.

SACS went into the second half determined to do better than the first. Their heart and determination showed as the U16Bs were able to convert two of their chances, courtesy of Reece Nunnerley and Ibrahim Mahmood.

The rest of the half was much like the first. SACS did well to keep Fairmont from scoring by winning the 50/50 balls. A good overall effort from the boys!

M. D'Aguiar

U14A:

The key word before the game was "intensity". They were asked to bring an intensity to the distribution of the hockey ball, and an intensity to the closing down of the opposition on defence.

SACS started strongly with good early pressure, giving a number of half chances and scrappy circle entries. Nothing fell for the forwards and the half-time score was 0-0. Players were told to trust in the system, get more PCs and move the opposition away from the



target zone more. Fairmont changed their game plan to being very direct in the second half and, although they gained initial territory, there was little pressure on our goal.



SACS kept up the pressure which did lead to a number of PCs, but the execution lacked on the last touch too often. With four minutes left on the clock, Fairmont scrambled a goal with which they thought would win the game. It was only really at this point that the SACS boys showed the 'intensity' that they had previously lacked, and scored an equaliser with one minute remaining.



Ultimately a lack of personal execution and spatial awareness of how to manipulate a teams' defence made this feel like a loss to the SACS team, but learning will have taken place, something which is key at this age group.

J. Peverley

SACS HOCKEY RESULTS vs Fairmont etc

TEAM	OPPONENTS	SCORE
SACS 1 st	Fairmont 1 st	4 - 4
SACS 2 nd	Fairmont 2 nd	0 - 0
SACS 4 th	Elkanah 1 st	0 - 5
SACS 16A	Fairmont 16A	3 - 0
SACS 16B	Fairmont 16B	2 - 0
SACS 14A	Fairmont 14A	1 - 1
SACS 14D	Elkanah 14A	3 - 3

SACS Hockey vs BISHOPS

11th and 12th August 2017

SACS Team	Venue	Date	Time	
SACS 1 st	SACS	Friday 11th	19:15	
SACS 2 nd	SACS	Friday 11th	18:00	
SACS 3 rd	Woodlands	Friday 11th	18:00	
SACS 4 th	Woodlands	Friday 11th	17:00	
SACS U16A	SACS	Friday 11th	17:00	
SACS U16B	Woodlands	Friday 11th	15:00	
SACS U15A	SACS	Friday 11th	16:00	
SACS U16C	SACS	Saturday 12th	08:30	
SACS U16D	SACS	Saturday 12th	09:30	
SACS U14A	SACS	Friday 11th	15:00	
SACS U14B	Woodlands	Friday 11th	16:00	
SACS U14C	Woodlands	Saturday 12th	08:30	
SACS U14D	SACS vs WBHS	Monday 7th	17:00	

