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SANFL | MATT HAGIAS

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“My name forward,” he said.

“I’ve just gotta spend the next year getting my body right.”

The pair understand that one day they could find themselves on opposing sides at AFL level.

“When we’re out there (on the field) we won’t be mates but, as soon as the game’s finished, we will be,” Grundy said.

Penn content in Jags’ den

NETBALL | DUANE SCHULTZ

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Rossies, Hearts’ crucial clash

COLLEGE FOOTBALL | GORDON ARMSTRONG

TRADITIONAL rivals Rostrevor and Sacred Heart face a crucial Messenger Shield battle on August 6 which will likely decide who wins the competition.

With the first XVII college football league in recess for the school holidays, teams will have a chance to re-group before a final run of matches.

The competition is at an intriguing stage with Sacred Heart and Rostrevor on four wins from five games.

Prince Alfred College with three wins from four games, St Peter’s fourth with two wins from three games, while Immanuel is the wild card with just one win from three games but a very strong percentage of 56.1.

St Michael’s with one win and Pembroke yet to break through are out of the running for this season’s competition.

All sides play six games in the Messenger Shield comp.

PAC’s remaining Messenger games are on August 13 in an away game against Emmanuel College and an away game against St Peter’s on August 27.

St Peter’s has three games in hand, on July 30 away to Immanuel College, home to Pembroke on August 6 and home to PAC on August 27.

A poor percentage of 42.5 has hurt St Peter’s chances.

In between Messenger Shield games is a knockout comp where the winner of that plays the winner of the Secondary Schools Cup at Norwood Oval on August 23.

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