Heaven and heartbreak in a week for PAC lads

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The Yorke Peninsula football quartet of Jack Elsworth, Nelson Ellis, Ned Murdoch and Cameron Hewett experienced both ends of the emotional spectrum within five days last week.

In the Open Schools Cup knockout final at Norwood oval on Tuesday evening, August 19, the YP boys represented Prince Alfred College against Sacred Heart.

Sacred Heart dominated from the outset and grabbed its third successive title by 59 points, final scores: Heart 15.9 (99), PAC 5.10 (40).

Heart shut PAC out from the start, kicking five unanswered goals in the first term and being well up at half-time.

Elsworth was one of the better players for the vanquished.

Ellis battled manfully against the odds as a tall defender and was also pushed forward as a marking target, while Hewett fell in and out of the game, although he did get some good touches.

Murdoch was among the defenders who worked hard against the odds.

On Saturday afternoon, the same four played in the annual inter-collegiate match between PAC and St Peter’s.

This rivalry goes back more than 140 years and this time PAC grabbed the bragging rights on home turf.

PAC won in style 13.16 (94) to St Peter’s 6.6 (42).

Elsworth was sensational as a small defender, creating many attacks and using the ball well.

Ellis was fantastic, quelling St Peter’s star forward Matt Allen and negating his influence on the contest.

Hewett was creative and skilful, mainly across half forward, whilst Murdoch was solid in defence.

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**PRINCE ALFRED COLLEGE...** Jack Elsworth, of Kadina, was one of the standouts for PAC last week.

**YORKE PENINSULA REPRESENTATIVE...** Ned Murdoch, playing for PAC, looks for a passing option.

**SCHOOL FOOTY...** Cameron Hewett, of Port Broughton, takes a mark during the Open Schools Cup final.

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