



MCA Basketball – Match Reports

Round 3 vs. Villanova College

2nd V

The 2nds played a vastly improved game and nearly got the win against a strong home team at Villa. A strong performance by Declan Frechtling saw us lead into the 4th. Losing dynamic Aidan O’Connell in the 4th saw us struggle a little with decisions but Liam Morris coming on from a week of flu nearly got us there. Cooper Hafiz did a magnificent job on their big and was strong all game. Andrew Crook played his best game and gave us much needed speed and turnovers.

MVP: Declan Frechtling

3rd V

The boys had a tough training session during the week, prepping us for what we knew was going to be a big game. After a rough start to the game saw us down by 6 early, we knew we could be much better. At the end of the second we strung together multiple stops on defence, and made a few quick buckets to take the lead by 4 at half time. The game stayed tight throughout the second half, but the boys dug deep and pulled out a 4-point win in the end off the back of a poor offensive showing but very strong defence.

MVP: Jack Mestric / Riley Keen

4th V

In a real arm-wrestle of a game, the boys came away with a 31-31 result. After getting off to a strong start with some nice shots going up from numerous players, Villa went on a run to crawl their way back in. The boys stayed in it till the end and showed plenty of fight.

MVP: Lachie Jenkins

11A

Best coaching point of the season came from our captain Declan Tunny when he pumped the lads up and reminded everyone that it was all about energy...we have an awesome culture in the 11A squad and we hit Villa hard from the outset with some freewheeling offence and solid defence. Quickly racking up a double digit lead I thought the Villa coach may have exploded...however being a game of runs the Villa boys got back to even and then we lost our skipper to a sprained ankle. Villa pushed on to take their own double-digit lead, however our lads weren't done, the boys gave everything and got back to within 4 points only to fall agonisingly short. Super proud of this group...well done lads!

MVP: Declan Tunny for leadership



11B

Villanova came out strong in the first quarter and Marist started the comeback in the middle quarters. With a few calls not going our way and Villanova running the fast break the boys couldn't stick with them.

MVP: Jasper Tapara

11C

In what was a very even, but low scoring contest. The Marist boys were never out of the contest. A disappointing shooting percentage was the difference in the end, going down by 4-points

MVP: Austin Keates

11D

Very slow start against Laurie's this weekend with only 8 points scored in the first half, a very solid 3rd quarter gave the boys a commanding lead which with some solid late game defending we were able to maintain to pull off our 3rd win on the trot 26-13

MVP: Addison Knight

10A

The 10As went down to Villa on Saturday, it was a great game from our boys. Unfortunately, we couldn't get the win. But each week, we are getting stronger and developing into a force to be reckoned with. Really proud of the boys with how they kept playing and never gave up.

MVP: Riley Say

10B

The 10Bs put together one of the heartiest performances of their season to date, holding off a Villa side which had improved considerably since the trial round. Neck and neck for most of the game, the Marist lads held their nerve to pull away hard in the fourth quarter, continuing their undefeated season with a 12-point win.

MVP: Matt Nisbett

10C

Match Abandoned

10D

**9A**

The first half against Villa was as good as the team has played against this quality of opposition. Both offensively and defensively Villa knew they were in a contest and we only trailed by 4 at the half. Unfortunately, it couldn't be sustained and Villa ran out easy winners. We need to ensure we play out the game even when the result is out of reach.

MVP: Breyton Hagarty

9B

All the boys had a great contribution to this team win! The intensity was great from the boys which truly made a great difference in the outcome of this game. The boys continue to grow and improve every week which is great to see.

MVP: Mikka Piipari

9C

In a tight match that finished in a 32 - 32 draw the Marist boys played well eventhough Villanova was leading for the majority of the game. At the end of the second Marist was down by 11 points but managed to bring it all the way back by the 4th thanks to a spark from a last minute 3 pointer by Lachie Davidson. Davidson also opened up scoring with a 3 pointer in the first quarter and played really confidently the entire game and was our pick for MVP.

MVP: Lachie Davidson

9D**8A**

The 8As had a fantastic game against Villanova. The boys picked apart the press with a well-executed press break and they played great team basketball considering we were missing a few pieces to our team. We are shaping up nicely as the season progresses and now, we focus our efforts on Padua in two weeks.

MVP: Aidan Lau

8B

Boys started off strong however with a string of turnovers and unable to beat Villa's full court press we went into the half down 3, sadly Villa went on a 20-0 run to close us out 46-18.



8C

In round 3 the Cs saw their first defeat of the season against a classy Villanova side. The boys did well to keep themselves in the game but the size of this Villanova Cs squad made it difficult to get our offence going. The MVP of this game was Lyndon Maynard whose effort on defence and rebounding helped the team tremendously.

MVP: Lyndon Maynard

8D

In round 3 The 8Ds fought hard in a tight win against Villanova College. Although trailing most of the game, they did well to keep it within reaching distance and capitalise on their efforts in a thrilling 4th quarter. The MVP for this game was Gus Honner who put in a great shift on both offence and defence.

MVP: Gus Honner

7A

This week saw the boys bounce back and compete against a well-matched opponent in Villanova. Unlucky not to get the win, the team now know what it takes to get a win and will be hungry for one next Saturday. Connor's scoring continued to be a game changer as he lead the team in points again and dominated inside the key, and he was by far the MVP on the day.

MVP: Connor Campbell

7B

After our victory last week, the boys were determined to get their first win at home and continue our winning run. We got out to a great start against a good Villanova side, drawing even at half time. The third quarter however, is where games are won and lost, and unfortunately, we lost our defensive structure and allowed Villanova to score twenty unanswered points. We fought hard in the fourth quarter, however, grabbing momentum of the game proved difficult as we struggled to grab rebounds and get home on defence. Nevertheless, there were plenty of positives to take out of our game and we are looking forward to getting back to work at training

MVP: Xavier Barber

7C

The 7Cs took on a tough Villa team at home, fighting for all 40 minutes to narrowly lose by two points. Max Lenz and Jack Farrell played great offensive games, while Thomas Keogh anchored the team of defence.

MVP: Max Lenz



7D

After a back-and-forth game of intense basketball, Villanova came out with a win against Marist. It should be noted that the Marist boys never gave up once, putting in 110% effort in to control the possession, however, Villanova just played that little bit better on the day.

The MVP for Saturday is awarded to Joe Sterling for his impressive display of skills, continuously driving in to the basket despite the obvious height difference between him and many of the Villanova players.

MVP: Joe Sterling

