



# Basketball

## MARIST COLLEGE vs Padua College – Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2020

*Each week we will have brief team reports each with the aim to cover as many teams as possible. Please see Team Reports below:*

### First V BASKETBALL Vs Padua College

After a tough loss in Round 1, the First V were determined to turn it around and worked hard at practice all week. The game against Padua was fast paced, physical and both teams showed high levels of skill. In the end, through execution, effort and poise, Ashgrove prevailed and came away with a morale boosting win.

**Result: 74-65 Win**

| TEAM              | TEAM REPORT   |
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| 2 <sup>nd</sup> V | In a nail biting finish the 2nds went down by 1 point giving free throws to the opposition on the buzzer. It was a much-improved game and all boys played hard and gave their all. Our shooting and scoring needs to improve but our defence was markedly better. With three players still out injured Nathan Harding stepped up to help and Nick Tucker played a blinder. Tyrone Chapman manned up on their big admirably and again we had a chance to shoot the win. Riley Grace shot some big shots lifted the team. Thanks also to Fynn and Jordan for coming along to help cheer their team. |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> V | A depleted 3rds team took on Padua in the crucial round 2 game in what was always going to be a tough matchup. With only a starting 5 plus a player from year 11, the 3rds fought hard as a team to keep the game in reach as they contended with a strong opponent all the while playing long minutes at a time. Silly mistakes meant we beat ourselves and the boys can be confident in knowing they have the potential to beat any team when they play at their best. Looking to lift against SLC in week three.   |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> V | On Saturday we came up against a much bigger, mobile group of players from Padua College. We found it hard to get back and defend their fast breaks and found ourselves behind on the scoreboard for the whole game as a result. Some more work on shooting and rebounding this week should see us be competitive against SLC on Friday afternoon. The most impressive thing about Saturday's loss was that the MCA men never gave up and kept trying until the final buzzer.   |
| 11A               | Tough game against Padua started well and found ourselves down 10 late in the first half with Dan Meggitt's shooting keeping us in it. Team defence got us back level and improved ball movement led to better opportunities in the 2 <sup>nd</sup> half resulting in a 6 point win.  |
| 11B               | The 11B's had another clean win against Padua. Starting off a bit slow, we took off in the second half. The boys turned it up and played like inspired Ashgrove boys to seal the win.   |



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| 11C | <p>Padua provided very stiff competition for the boys on Saturday and unfortunately, we went down 24-11 in what was a very unlucky game for the boys. Padua streaked away by making five 3-pointers, all of which were well defended by Marist. Unfortunately for the boys, our higher percentage shots were just not falling and Padua didn't seem to miss whatever they threw up. Just one of those games that you can't do much about. Well done to Joseph Kumung who played up a level and did very well.</p>   |
| 11D | <p>The game started off very close. It was obviously going to be a competitive game from the start. It was neck and neck for the first 3 quarters but there was not much we could do in the fourth as Padua put on an excellent display of shooting resulting in a 40 - 29 loss.</p>  |
| 10A | <p>The boys travelled up the road to take on our north rivals, Padua College. A terrific start and first half by the group to go into the half time break up by 8 points. Everyone done their job and the defensive pressure was exceptional. Unfortunately, the second half wasn't the same, the game was lost in the first 3 minutes after the break, where Padua went on a run and we couldn't erase the deficit. Despite two losses in a row, it was another great week at training and hopeful the boys can produce a good performance against SLC.</p>  |
| 10B | <p>It wasn't pretty, but sometimes you just have to win ugly!! Padua rolled out their Year 10 rugby boys and, in what became a rough and tumble game of basketball, the MCA boys did enough to come away with the win. The skill level of this team would see many of these boys making "A" squads in other programs, the challenge for this group is working together as a team. The boys continue to work hard at training and this weekend's fixture will be the litmus test of how well we are going.</p>   |
| 10C | <p>The 10C boys fought hard in what proved to be a tough, physical contest against Padua. Though they persevered until the end, unfortunately Ashgrove were unable to recover from an early deficit and went down.</p>  |
| 10D | <p>Once again, unselfish team basketball was the main reason we were able to finish on top of a pretty strong Padua side. The boys were a little slow to get going in the first half and made a few mistakes that really kept Padua in the game. The second half was a completely different story as the boys played near perfect basketball and held Padua to just 1 second half basket. A very good team performance to move us to 2-0.</p>   |
| 9A  | <p>The 9A's had a solid win against a somewhat undermanned Padua team. It was excellent to see the boys running our triangle offence effectively...somewhat reminiscent of the triangle offence run by the great Bulls and Lakers teams coached by the Zen master himself Phil Jackson...the only thing missing from our triangle was a little bit of polish, a calm coach, a few dunks, Michael Jordan and Kobe Bryant...other than that we were exactly the same. In all honesty it was a great opportunity for the boys to see how to run and adjust the offence depending on how the defence presented. We also tried to incorporate more basketball IQ into the boys' games to make better decisions on the court, reading the game and instinctively reacting to what is presented. The boys also discovered the simplistic effectiveness of the 2 man game. The goal now - 2 wins in a row....</p> |
| 9B  | <p>Coming off a tough loss last week against St Edmunds College, the 9B basketball team bounced back with a commanding 15 point victory over Padua College. Playing our first game at home seemed to rejuvenate the boys, even without the usual supporters watching on. Honours go out to Pat Ryan who dominated the mid-range with a game-high 14 points. The team will look to keep the wins rolling this weekend against St Laurence's College.</p>   |



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| 8A | <p>The 8As had a close win over Padua. The boys reaped the rewards of two very hard training sessions during the week and it was satisfying to see them produce in a game what they practiced during the week. The game was close all the way through with both teams holding 5-6 point leads throughout both halves. The boys defence and offensive composure has improved greatly in the last couple of weeks and this got them the win. Everyone who stepped onto the court did their jobs be it on the offensive or defensive. Both Jasper Barry and Adam Burnell did a great job on the boards on both ends of the court and got some key baskets. Jack Forrester was strong offensively especially in the 2nd half when the score was tight. Tom Dreghorn had his best game so far including a no look reverse layup when things were tight. Matt Gibson played well offensively and is getting better each week controlling the tempo of the game at the offensive end.</p> |
| 8B | <p>With a slow start from both teams in the first half, the 8Bs put on the pressure in the next half, only allowing Padua to score 5 of their 19 points in the whole game, whilst scoring 30 points in the half alone.</p>   |
| 8C | <p>After a slow start, the 8Cs fought hard to come back from a 12 point deficit to be within 2 points at the break. The second half was a nail-biter but unfortunately Padua pulled away late. The boys are keen to get back out there and bounce back this weekend!</p>   |
| 7A | <p>It is my goal for this short season for the boys to learn new skills and improve as a team each week despite the score line. The boys had some superb transitional moments and some great offensive movements however we will be looking to link these sequences more consistently next week. We assisted Padua with 34 easy points from bad passes and turnovers, so we will be definitely looking to reduce those statistics next game. Overall, I was pleased with their efforts and I certainly see a lot of potential with this team in years to come.</p>   |
| 7B | <p>In a very entertaining and even match the 7B's lost by only two points in a very close game that had an uncertain result until the last play of the match. A much improved performance by the team.</p>   |
| 7C | <p>The 7Cs played an outstanding game of basketball this week, learning that even when you are down, you are not out until the final buzzer. We once again played "two team basketball" as our strategy, but have decided as a whole team that next week we will work on a more complex substitution strategy (so prayers for the coach will be greatly appreciated!!). After only two games we are already improving with our passing of the ball, rather than relying solely on dribbling and next week we are going to try very hard to maintain our defence of the player instead of trying to intercept passes, leaving the opposition players open close to the hoop. Thanks to Harry who reminded us all at half time that the ultimate piece of advice about playing for the 7Cs is to <b>have fun!</b> I am fairly certain that in the end we all did just that. And a 26/21 win definitely helped put the icing on the cake.</p>   |
| 7D | <p>The 7D team won (10-9) a close match on a drizzly Saturday morning against Padua, in a nail-biting finish. After a sleepy start, the team were down by two baskets at half time. But Saturday's captain, Josh Dale, gave an accurate summary of what the team needed to do in the second half, then Charlie Garton led the charge onto the court, and everyone else followed his lead. Talis Mark certainly improved his shooting skills in the second half, and the 7Ds were able to take and keep the lead until the full-time whistle. Well done boys!</p>   |