

Match Reports – Round 4 V Padua

5A	After two strong weeks at training the boys were fired up for their away game against Padua. Unfortunately, some easy turnovers combined with strong defence from our opposition meant that Padua quickly raced away to a big lead. The boys lacked confidence and, as a result of this, struggled to get into the flow offensively. However, they showed true Ashgrove spirit and did not give up in the last quarter. They were able to more than double their score from the first 3 quarters and show some positive signs to finish the game. Player of the game Rocco Holmes.
5B	Great effort by the 5B boys to turned around a game against tough opposition. We started making too many mistakes, particularly in defence but we were able to turn the game around on the back of some very good rebounds. Man of the match Riley Keane
5C	In what was the boy's best performance of the season, the 5C game came down to the wire, with gritty defence, from both teams, the highlight of the game. Trading basket for basket at the end, the Padua boys were able to convert a free throw after the buzzer to win the game for them. The Marist boys should be very proud of their performance, showing great fight and spirit throughout.
5Gold	5 Gold were eager to get back into play after a few weeks away from the court and didn't waste any time picking up from where they left off. The boys ball movement was excellent, particularly in the second half, as they grew a comfortable lead, with Ewan Cahill making some big coast to coast plays. It was great to see the boys spirit shine through during the end of game war cry, as well giving further credit to their fantastic effort.
6A	Coming back from an abrupt break the 6A boys were ready to play Padua in an attempt to achieve their first win as a group. Due to competitive trainings and great attitudes from all boys during the week our practice payed off as we took the win against Padua. The close score did not reflect how well our boys played that afternoon with everyone putting in and fighting to take the lead as a team not as individuals. The boys have progressed significantly since the first training of the season, maturing and helping each other to improve. A shout out to Ollie Macready who's hustle during every play pushed us over the line in the end, as well as Connor Campbell, whos post scoring and aggressive rebounding kept us in the game from the first quarter till the last. Every boy came out with confidence knowing we had control of the game from the start. The boys will be fired up to keep our season alive by facing a tough Iona side next Friday.
6B	The 6B resumed after a short hiatus with their first win of the season against Padua. Trailing 4 - 0 early a flurry of buckets made sure we regained the ascendency. Our defence was much improved with some notable mentions being a massive block from Stanley and Joshy D like a thief in the night with an incredible steal stopping the Padua player from what would have been an uncontested layup. Mikka was relentless in throwing himself around on the court to go with some impressive handles. Overall, it was a complete team performance with everyone contributing in the 19 - 12 victory.
6C	A disappointing loss for the 6C team this week against a Padua team that just wouldn't let us get into the game. Great scrambling in defence created a lot of jump

	<p>ball scenarios. And our rebounding improved immensely as the game progressed. Next week we need to start how we finished today. Matty Travers had a good game scoring a lot of points. Matt Henselien was excellent in defence causing lots of trouble for the opposition. and Harry Vickery was great under the basket getting plenty of rebounds. MVP: Harry Vickery and Matthew Henselien</p>
6Gold	<p>A very sluggish start and uncharacteristic errors from our team along with an aggressive attacking game from Padua saw us behind from the first quarter.</p> <p>Too many turnovers throughout the game resulted in a win for Padua. Back to the basics this week at training with smarter passing, better defence and communication between all boys. To the boys credit not one of them gave up throughout the game.</p>
7A	<p>The 7A's played an awesome game against Padua. We were a bit slow in the first quarter, but as our boys got into rhythm and started making 'energy' plays, Padua were no match. Well done boys.</p>
7B	<p>After missing a few weeks due to COVID restrictions, the 7B's return to action came against Padua. Though the game was close for the first 3 quarters, the boys were able to pull away in the 4th quarter through ball movement, running in transition, and good team defence. With such a big improvement on the defensive end of the floor, it will be exciting to see what the boys are capable of when they put it all together for 40 mins.</p>
7C	<p>Our game got off to a rocky start but after we shook off the rust we pushed ahead and never looked back. Great performance by everyone, especially Pat and Frank hitting threes late in the fourth. Overall, we won 12-27 in a great team effort.</p>
7D	<p><i>A resilient effort from the Boys in the 7D's. The height advantage to Padua was a difficult hurdle to overcome, and the boys should be commended for the fight they showed in consenting for rebounds on Padua boys much taller than them. It was great to see to boys not be disheartened by this, as they never gave up, playing in the true Marist spirit. The boy's perseverance paid off in the 4th quarter, as they poured in 14 points in the last 5 minutes of the game, lead by Archie Powell. Special mention must go to Harper Frazier, who out-rebounded his taller opponents on multiple occasions.</i></p>
8A	<p>The 8A's were looking to back up their last start victory. Defensively, we were on song from the start holding Padua to just 6 points in the first half with a great display of team defence. We were aggressive offensively as well pushing the ball and taking advantage of every opportunity that came our way. We stared the 3rd quarter without the same energy and Padua managed to make some inroads. We settled and got back to business running out comfortable winners. I'm sure there are tougher games ahead</p>
8B	<p>The Year 8B team had their first win of the AIC season, overcoming Padua 36-33. A strong 4 quarter performance, the boys led for the entire game and continued to improve on playing team basketball. Highlights from the game was</p>

	the boys' communication and effort on defence and their ability to share the ball and create scoring opportunities for their teammates on offense. These areas of the game have been a strong focus at training, so it was pleasing to see the boys implement this on Saturday.
8C	After a quick start the 8C's had a tough 2nd & 3rd quarter as we went down to 28-16. With several players unavailable and a small bench the boys gave it their absolute best. We look forward to a good week of training and getting back on track next Saturday.
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9B	The boys played competitively and had great movement with the ball but sadly not all our baskets dropped. I was super proud of their efforts and I can see that they are all developing and improving with their skills and game awareness this season.
9C	The 9C's played an exciting game this week. They held the lead for the majority of the match, getting plenty of stops and playing an intelligent brand of basketball which had them dictating the pace of the game. A few unfortunate turnovers in the last five minutes of play resulted in a very close match, with Padua narrowly securing the win by two points.
9D	A great win for the young men of the 9D team today. They made hard work of it but manage to hold on when it got tight to take the win. Pat Jewel had a great game, especially in defence getting lots of steals from the Padua players. Ed Wild had his best game so far getting possession with some excellent rebounds and then scoring from those rebounds. And Christian Kurylewski got his high score for the season with some great shooting. He also worked so hard in defence that he got fouled out of the game. But his pressure managed to cause a lot of turnovers for the Padua team. Well done gentleman, but next week let's not let the opposition come back! MVP: Ed Wild and Christian Kurylewski
10A	Started Slow against a Padua side that certainly were not chumps. Heading into the 2nd quarter we were down by a few....and then...we discovered our man on man defensive prowess! Seriously proud and excited by the effort to turn this game into a rout! "Defence wins games, wins championships...and that is where it all starts"....the prophetic words ring in my ears watching this match! And with only respect in my heart...to see the deflated and helpless energy from the opposition in the 3rd quarter....I knew....job well done!
10B	It was fantastic to be back on court playing competitive basketball. In training the boys had taken up the challenge to play as a team and the change was evident in the way the boys warmed-up. Carter Thomas started the game well and a great start saw the team jump out to an early lead, 10 – 3, the confidence in each other was evident on court. A disappointing second quarter, where the shots just wouldn't drop, allowed Padua back into the game. The team was challenged to go back to playing Marist basketball; and they delivered in spades. The third quarter saw the team out score Padua 9 – 2, but the job wasn't done. A renewed focus on winning the ball in defence had the Marist boys finishing as they had started, nearly earning a shut-out in the final quarter, 20 - 1. A dominant performance winning 43 – 13.

	<p>A fantastic team performance and very pleasing from a coaching perspective to see the boys play to their ability. Kurt Roberts led the way with a season high 10 points, Charlie Weaver continues to grow in confidence and his dominance in the paint is great to see. Matt Sharland continues to move both the ball and the opposition around the court and is always an attacking threat.</p> <p>The season is far from over, and with a Premiership to play for, the challenge lies with the boys to continue their efforts and build on their strong performance.</p>
10C	<p>The Ashgrove 10C's battled hard against Padua in a challenging first round back from COVID-19. Down five points at the half due to a pair of back to back three pointers from the opposition, it was going to take a mighty effort to come back. Despite this, the Ashgrove lads rallied together and surged in the second half to take a one point lead with only a few minutes left to play. A clutch free throw from Padua tied the game up with less than a minute to play, and the clock ran out without another score. An exciting tie, 36-36.</p>
10D	<p>The boys played very well in a tough fought game against a big Padua team. After opening up a 8 point lead, Padua fought back and tied it up, but the boys dug in for a good victory.</p>
11A	<p>In back-to-back wins the boys came from behind to post a strong win 49 to 33. A very good 3rd quarter set it up</p> <p>Strong games from Liam Thomas, Cooper Hafiz and Dylan Cooper led the way. When they ran a patient offence, played strongly and they looked good. Some silly errors to fix this week but the boys are improving each week.</p>
11B	
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11D	<p>The boys got a thrilling win to take revenge on SLC, who narrowly got the better of us a few weeks ago. Rebounding was awesome against a much taller team. Shoutout to Weaver hitting the game winning 3 with less than a minute left, and Fletcher scoring almost half the team's points in the paint!</p>
1sts	<p>Ashgrove started the game off well with a few early buckets. The first quarter was back and forth with neither team gaining ascendancy. Padua started the 2nd quarter off hitting everything they attempted and got away with some cheap layups. Ashgrove moved the ball pretty well but was finding it hard to hit the bottom of the net. The boys came out with energy in the start of the 3rd but again every run Ashgrove made Padua answered with outside shots and fastbreak layups. Starting the 4th down 19 the Ashgrove boys showed some spirit and cut the lead down to 8 with 4 minutes to play. That was as close as we got with Padua again matching our run. The determination to fight in the fourth was pleasing to see but we have a lot of room to get better and be more consistent. On to the next one.</p>
2nds	<p>After a short hiatus, the 2nd V came back to training in the week leading up to the Saturday match with a desire to reinvigorate their season. The game started very slowly for both teams, with the only 3 points of the 1st quarter coming from a layup and free throw. The 2nd and 3rd quarters proved much more skillful</p>

	<p>and energetic as both teams found their offensive flow and a scoreboard stalemate was formed. Going into the 4th quarter with a slim 1 point lead, the boys knew they needed to up the intensity and effort if they wanted to prove to themselves they were capable of contending for the title. Our interior attack and passing was polished greatly as Joel and Oscar found success in the paint, provided by the catalyst to our offence in our playmakers Nate and Darcy. Sam Garbellini transformed into a defensive anchor as our switch from zone to man defence unravelled Padua's zone-dependent offence. All the boys who played did their part well and contributed to the eventual 9 point win. The 2nd V will undoubtedly look to polish their skills and rid the errors as they make a charge for the title.</p>
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