

Marist Basketball – Round 5 vs. SPC Match Reports from the Courts

2nd V

Marist 47 – SPC 40

MVP: Xavier Evans

The Seconds lacked urgency and intensity this week but were lucky to rectify this by the last quarter. Missed opportunities and turnovers meant we ended up playing a closer game than planned. It's so great to see what these boys can do on the court - we just need to be more consistent at the good things.

3rd V

Marist 32 – SPC 28

MVP: Fletcher Beasley

The boys turned it on in the second half with great offensive shape and zone D, it was awesome, good win against a good team, looking to keep the winning streak going.

4th V

Marist 33 – SPC 22

MVP: Xander Knotze

Basketball was definitely the winner here!!

With pride the only thing left on offer, the Marist Fourth V were out to prove to themselves that they did know the basics of basketball!

With a simple game plan of letting Pat's miss from the outside and playing patient offence, the Marist boys built momentum throughout the game.

Even a late rally from Pat's, where they managed to hit a number of 3-pointers was not going to deny the might Fourths.

Onwards and upwards this week... 2-from-2???!

11A

Marist 52 – SPC 44

MVP: Jack Justice

Third W in a row for the 11As, the lads are really "starting to turn this franchise around" (Bill Burr) ...Despite 3 really slow quarters we kept in front of Pat's for the whole game. Our fourth quarter was the highlight and it felt like watching a Boston game, where the depth in our bench stood as tall as Luca Martinuzzi himself! Basketball is often a split decision game which requires making the right choice through instinct as different scenarios evolve in front of you. We were able to take our play to another level at the

exact time we needed to with 5 minutes left in the game. Thoroughly enjoying the journey with this group as their IQ and confidence catches up to their talents.

11B

Marist 49 – SPC 29

MVP: Riley Say

Round 5 saw another strong win for Marist 11Bs, continuing their undefeated run this season. A slow start and some early foul trouble meant the lads had to exercise patience on defence and trust in their offence. A strong second half highlighted by fluid ball movement and solid rebounding allowed Marist to end the game with a twenty-point lead, 49-29.

11C

Marist 56 – SPC 13

MVP: Clancy Dunn & Sam Wilcox

Another excellent win by the 11C gentlemen today. A win that showcased alternative strengths due to a fast-moving Patty's defensive team that did not allow us to rely on the fast-break play that we normally use so potently. A win that demonstrated the wide-ranging basketball skillset of these young men. MVP Clancy Dunn, always so dependable, was unstoppable outside of the key today, shooting FOUR sweet 3s in a row which allowed us to easily beat the opposition zone defence. Fellow MVP Sam Wilcox also impressed with excellent positional play, his great court vision enabling him to send some slick passes to his teammates either driving towards, or in position under the basket. Some excellent work at both ends of the court by Ed Wild saw him dominate the rebounds and put up some good scoring shots. And a guest appearance by Hamish Adams (welcome to the team Hamish) provided additional strength in the key. Two games to go gentleman. Let's keep working hard right through until the end of the season.

11D

Marist 40 – SPC 33

MVP: Nick Marco

Saturday's game was a huge improvement from the past two weeks. The boys worked as a team making calls both on offence and defence which led to our success. Our efforts in the paint getting rebounds offensively set up many open shots and lay ups. Like previous games our efforts on fast breaks from turnovers and defensive rebounds was impeccable, evidently leading to our victory. The boy's efforts this weekend shows a bright future for the last two weeks of competition.

10A

Marist 49 – SPC 52

MVP: Isaac Deem and Jacob Cook

We travelled to St Pat's knowing another tough game was in front of us. A slow start meant being down by 12 in the 1st quarter. At one stage we were down by 15 in the 3rd quarter. The defence began to apply pressure which enabled us to get some easier opportunities at the offensive end. We got back within 1 on a couple of occasions but couldn't quite sustain it. I believe we have improved from last year but it's not showing in the win column. Two more games to bolster that win column.

10B

Marist 37 – SPC 31

MVP: Noah Harding & Julian Roszka

The boys played well despite the number of players we had out sick. With smaller numbers than usual they were still able to fight with a Pat's squad of 10 players. In the 4th quarter we started down by 3 and the boys showed how bad they wanted it, making the right decisions in the heat of the moment. Keeping our premiership hopes alive the boys move on to a very tough game against Laurie's.

10C

Marist 34 – SPC 30

MVP: Ash McKinnon

The boys started the game with a bang hitting an early 3 and making a few tough lay-ups jumping out to a 10-0 lead into the 2nd quarter. Poor defensive reads brought Pat's into the game with a 10-10 half time score. The 3rd quarter brought out a different beast in our guard with Noah Clark and Lachie Grant firing on all cylinders. Being down by 1 point going into the 4th, the boys needed something special, and Ash McKinnon understood the assignment making a tough 3 and driving through the middle like he was on the M1. The boys came away 34-30 winners with MVP Ash McKinnon scoring a game high 13 points and 4 assists.

10D

Marist 11 – SPC 55

MVP:

9A

Marist 34 – SPC 41

MVP:

9B

Marist 44 – SPC 42

MVP: Archer Mellifont

It was a close game the whole way with both teams stringing together runs but the score kept to within ten points the whole way. The Marist boys had the lead heading into the last 3 minutes with a major focus on defence. Got the job done in the end but the potential for this group goes far and beyond the close wins we get every week. Big shoutout to Archer Mellifont, first game this year and was key providing great defence and rebounding and was great in transition offence.

9C

Marist 17 – SPC 33

MVP: Toby McCormack

The boys started off slowly allowing St Pat's to get a big lead. Some heartfelt attempts to get back in the game came up short. The boys had good periods of defence, that lead to good looks on the offensive end but just couldn't finish them.

9D

Marist 28 – SPC 28

MVP: Cooper Hagen

The boys started off strong with an 8-0 lead pushing the pace. After a few miscommunications, the game was neck and neck. Being able to adjust in the second half helped the boys stay in front and hold their own but St Pat's kept their energy up and the game resulted in a draw.

8A

Marist 23 – 58

MVP:

A really rough game for the boys last weekend. We started off with a bang and it was great to see the boys utilise what we had been working on all season. Unfortunately, St Pat's just landed too many blows and we cracked under the pressure. This game was a humbling yet vital experience in the boys' basketball careers, and I believe it was extremely beneficial and highlighted our strengths and weaknesses as a team. No MVP but two honorable mentions.

Charlie Cook and Quinn Schroder Davis were helpful last weekend. Cook was able to get into the post effortlessly and created space for his teammates. Schroder Davis was a defensive weapon and caused many a turnover for the team.

Solid effort boys, let's get back to training stronger and better.

8B

Marist 39 – SPC 32

MVP: Harry Vickery

This week was a must win for the boys if we wanted to stay in contention for a premiership and the boys performed well. We stuck with them the whole way and then put on a nice run when it mattered, led by Harry Vickery who attacked the rim with no mercy. Will Stigter also had a very good game, grabbing lots of offensive rebounds and helping out on defence when needed. Overall, it was very exciting to see the boys step up in an important game and it gives us some great momentum rolling into next week.

8C

Marist 40 – SPC 26

MVP: Caleb van Coevorden

The boys started strong attacking the basket and putting St Pat's in foul trouble early. Momentum stuck with the boys through the first quarter as they led by 8 going into the 2nd. As the game went on the boy's defence started getting out of position and Pat's made their way back into the game with the scores tied going into the 4th quarter. A major shift on defence saw the boys dominate Pat's in the last quarter and strong rebounding gave us an 8-point win to continue an undefeated season.

8D

Marist 37 – SPC 35

MVP: Matt Travers

With a very depleted squad, the 8Ds looked for another win against a strong Pat's team. The boys dug deep to make up for a lack of height and reinforcements to force a back-and-forth 4th quarter, where clutch free throws from Tom Keogh and a massive team defensive effort sealed the win.

7A

Marist 50 – SPC 45

MVP: Harry Cleary

The boys' defensive pressure was elite and ultimately was the difference in the game. The pressure led to easy lay ups on offence for us and tough shots for them.

7B

Marist 33 – SPC 35

MVP: Antwone Davidson-Alberts

7Bs played their best game offensively and defensively but were very unlucky to lose by two. The game could've gone either way, but missed lay ups and free throws on our end would've made the difference. I can't fault their great effort.

7C

Marist 46 – SPC 4

MVP: Rhys Manson-Bishop

Picking up from where they left off in the last game against St Peter's the boys turned pressure in their defence into easy offence. A full court press troubled St Pat's from the very start with the 14-2 quarter time break. Unselfish play saw the boys continue with the great team spirit to drive home the win. Our big man Rhys Manson-Bishop lead from the front with a double figure score but the elusive 3 pointer would not drop in the final quarter.

7D

Marist 55 – SPC 15

MVP: Heath Patterson

In a remarkable game against St. Pats, our formidable 7Ds basketball team secured a resounding victory with a standout score of 55-15. The boys' exceptional teamwork and dedication were on full display.

Stephen Ryall and Laurie Russ showcased their impressive height advantage, dominating the boards with strong rebounds that proved pivotal for our success. Caleb Fuller and Elliott Hagen's relentless effort on the court added another layer of strength to our performance.

The dynamic duo of Will Quinn and Archie Breitzkreuz delivered commanding plays, driving in with authority to score numerous layups, leaving the opposition defence scrambling. Matty Campbell's unwavering effort throughout the game also contributed significantly to our victory.

This win is a testament to the combined skills and determination of our team members. Let's carry this momentum forward, continuously improving and striving for excellence. Well done, 7Ds, on a standout performance and a well-deserved triumph!

