

## **Marist Basketball – Round 4 vs. SPLC Match Reports from the Courts**

### **2<sup>nd</sup> V**

Marist 58 – SPLC 39

MVP: Jack Urquart

A huge improvement with performance and urgency this week resulting in less turnovers and more finishes. We need to continue to be patient and take advantage of opportunities. Well done boys! Let's keep this momentum going into round 5.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> V**

Marist 51 – SPLC 23

MVP: Alex Clark

After a couple of close losses, the boys rebounded in fine fashion on the weekend. A fast start saw the boys jump to a large early lead the Peters could not chase down. So nice passing by the team created many opportunities they the boys capitalised on. MVP goes to Alex Clark who dominated the smaller Peters defence.

### **4<sup>th</sup> V**

Marist 19 – SPLC 26

MVP: Theo Song

The atmosphere crackled with anticipation for a match that promised speed, action and enhanced athleticism...none of which was delivered!!

The Mighty Marist Fourths burst onto the court with great intensity and took an early lead but St Peter's struck back and began dominating the paint. Theo Song mounted an individual comeback in the third quarter as the defensive structure started to work well. Marist's inability to score back-to-back points meant that St Peter's advantage was never reined in.

With 3 games to go the axe must fall to salvage some respect.

### **11A**

Marist 52 – SPLC 43

MVP: Jack Riley

Super pleasing game from the lads this week as hard work and persistence has repaid the favour with a victory! Another really tough decision in picking an MVP, could have gone to many, however Jack Riley's game control and confidence to get into the lane and hit some killer floaters combined with tough defence causing a number of turnovers

just pushed him over the line. Our big men were big, rebounding well and competing with some good body work in the clinches. The mental game this week is what was most satisfying as the lads built on previous experience and practice to maintain excellent energy as well as keeping focus when there was plenty of distractions which could have caused the glassy eye effect. On the contrary the boys kept the faith and got their heads in front at the end of the 3rd with a great run. My favourite part of this game came next.... In our team chat waiting to come out for the 4th, as a team we spoke about maintaining our focus and energy, as I said that Peter's would come out with big energy and we needed to meet it, the boys retorted that we needed to exceed it and finish the game!! And finish it we did with the best quarter of basketball played so far this year.

### **11B**

Marist 31 – SPLC 15

MVP: James Brandon

Marist 11Bs continued their strong defensive season holding St Peter's to 15 points. Points were harder to come by for the Marist boys this week, but they prevailed with a 31-15 win.

### **11C**

Marist 82 – Padua 11D 27

MVP: Matt Nisbett and George Bell

A fantastic effort from the men of the 11C basketball team today against an opposition that never stopped trying. Asher Parkin, always so difficult to chase down, was super quick on the outlet converting opposition turnovers into easy lay ups. Leo Grimson had a great game, with his assists in attack keeping the score ticking over. MVP George Bell had his best game of the season. His tough defence making him difficult to score over and his offensive rebounding leading to some nice baskets. Fellow MVP Matt Nisbett was amazing in defence stealing ball after ball and then transitioning into a fast break from which he inevitably put up an easy lay up to score.

We were a 'C' team playing a 'D' team, and so today was a reminder of the importance of "winning with grace" ... always showing respect to the opposition irrespective of the scoreline. The Padua team showed respect to us by turning up and giving us a game to play today, even though we had already beaten their 'C' team. It was on us to do the right thing by them in return and be gracious in victory. This is something I've have talked about before with this team: no matter how far in front they are, they are to play the game well, not humiliate the opposition, nor disrespect them by showboating. At the end of the game, the opposition coach commented on a game played in good spirit and the fact that these lads were respectful of her team. A proud coach moment. The lads in

this team are great young men ... certainly great leaders in the making ... and they showed this today by their actions on court.

Well done today gentleman. We are now over halfway through the season, let's keep working hard until the end.

### **11D**

Marist 37 – Villa 11C 47

MVP: Alex McNamara and Jack Shae

The boys played well against a very structured team working well against our perimeter offence. Although there was only one ref the boys were drawing fouls and charges. The teams hustle on full court press and steals was immaculate. Even with only two subs the boys were running the whole game in great shape for fast breaks and turnovers from Villa. Besides the fact that the team lost, it is looking on the bright side for the boys as their team chemistry and communication has never been better.

### **10A**

Marist 44 – SPLC 40

MVP: Parker Ullman & Will Kennedy

10As played St Peter's and provided an improved performance particularly on the defensive end. The game was a tight affair, mainly due to our turnovers. In the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter we tidied this aspect and were able to turn good defence into transition opportunities to get the W.

### **10B**

Marist 42 – SPLC 12

MVP: Noah Harding

The boys proved too strong for a very weak Peter's side. Was a great confidence building game leading into our next game against Pat's.

### **10C**

Marist 35 – SPLC 25

MVP: Max Gallagher

After a hard fought out 8-point loss against Iona last weekend, the boys showed up on Saturday, even without our boy Huw Howell. The boys started with a 16-3 lead in the first quarter thanks to the likes of Roy Peake cutting through the defence like a hot knife through butter. The second quarter started slowly but the boys quickly clicked back into gear with 3-point specialist Lewis "Money" Tunney finding his range to bring out a 22-15

lead into half. The 3rd quarter was all about putting your body on the line and boy did Max Walker put his body on the line. Notching up 5 blocks and 4 fouls and keeping Peter's to 4 points all quarter. In the 4th quarter Max Gallagher really showed out and iced the game scoring 6 points in the quarter making it 36-25 final score. Man of the match goes to Max Gallagher with a game high of 12 points and 7 rebounds.

**10D**  
**Bye**

**9A**  
Marist 43 – SPLC 17  
MVP: Baxter Thompson

We will take the win as it is very much needed for our season. 36 points seems nice, but we should've won by more. We were a bit untidy and didn't put on a game like we did against IONA. We need to come out every Saturday and play our best basketball regardless of the competition. Anyway, onto the next one. Two tough games coming up against undefeated teams.

**9B**  
Marist 29 – SPLC 28  
MVP: Frank Heenan

The boys opened the game up scorching creating a 10 to nothing lead in the first 2 minutes. After this the game slowed down, shots weren't falling, and the boys fell victim to getting frustrated and rushing themselves. For the third week in a row, we find ourselves up only 1 point with less than a minute to go. The boys locked in played good defence for the last minute and were able to take themselves to 3-1 for the season. This game could have been a great opportunity for the boys to score a bucket of points and generate some real momentum with some tough matchups after the week off.

**9C**  
Marist 55 – SPLC 10  
MVP: Jack Mahuru

Boys were eager for their first win of the season, and they didn't disappoint. Everything that was asked from the boys was delivered. Strong defence from Ethan Bell and Jack Mahuru lead to impressive offence and strong rebounding from Jack Purcell and Nick Weaver.

**9D**  
**Bye**

## **8A**

Marist 31 – SPLC 19

MVP: Quinn Lovering

The boys finally did it. We got our first win of the season over St. Peter's on the weekend. Finally, the boys were able to work together near flawlessly as a team. Our boxing out, rebounding, encouragement and fast breaks sealed the deal last weekend.

Quinn Lovering was easily able to get steals, often converting them into fast break layups. Although a key defensive player on the weekend, his best improvement was leading the boys offensively, a great recent development in his game. He was super encouraging to his teammates, always helping them get back up both physically and mentally.

## **8B**

Marist 43 – SPLC 10

MVP: Coen Netzler

Another big win and a great performance by the boys. Despite the big lead, everyone shared the ball around well and got a chance to shoot some more ambitious shots. Coen was especially great today as he drew lots of fouls and was a big defence presence, while also scoring a solid 12 points for the game. This result is another reward for great effort in trainings for the whole squad, and the boys should be proud of themselves.

## **8C**

Marist 45 – SPLC 13

MVP: Jayden Waldon

The 8Cs looked to get back to their winning ways against St Peter's after a hard week at training. The boys started on fire, getting out to a strong lead early and then locking in on the defensive end to secure and extend our lead. Great all round team performance and credit to the boys for bouncing back so well after a tough game last week.

## **8D**

Marist 66 – SPLC 15

MVP: Tom Keogh

Looking to bounce back after last week's loss, the 8Ds put on a strong display against St Peter's. Great passing and finishing from everyone led the team to a dominant victory. The team's defence was also a highlight, holding the opposition to just 6 points.

## **7A**

Marist 34 – SPLC 35

MVP: Aidan Marshall

The 7As had their best game of the season and only went down in the final minute. Their defensive pressure was smothering with decision making to break the press and take good shots in offence was by far the best this season. A good learning curve at the end when they didn't listen about fouling late in the game to try and get the ball back, but certainly shouldn't dampen a great effort.

## **7B**

Marist 9 – SPLC 35

MVP: Alessandro Romano

The 7Bs showed that their training is paying off. Whilst the scoreline was still very lopsided, the players were a lot more confident with their press break, driving and shot taking. Very unlucky not to have over 20 points with easy shots just missing. The team is starting to gel together and play for each other.

## **7C**

Marist 37 – SPLC 7

MVP: Ashton Matthews

Everything at training came together for the boys with intense pressure on defence from the start leading to a 10-0 quarter time score. Never looking back the boys continued with the energy and selfless play to run away with the game and never really be challenged. Ashton Matthew's dominated in the paint with the rebounds and put backs in the rare time we were not on a fast break. All round effort from every player with improvement in every aspect of their skills.

## **7D**

Marist 38 – SPLC 4

MVP: Stephen Ryall

The unyielding prowess of our 7Ds basketball ensemble collided head-on with SPLC, resulting in a hard-fought 38-4 win. Beyond the scoreline, the game served as a testament to the sheer determination and collaborative spirit exhibited by our squad. It truly was a sight to see all the young men mesh and flow together.

Standing tall like a colossus within the paint, Steven Ryall asserted his dominance with masterful positioning beneath the rim. His offensive and defensive rebounding prowess

did not go unnoticed; capitalising on offensive rebounds and swift follow-up shots that added crucial points to 7Ds tally.

The camaraderie and unflagging support among the players served as a shining example of the Marist spirit, performing at their top level even until the final buzzer.

An extremely admirable effort, 7Ds! Let us maintain our mentality on and off the court as we move further into our season!