



MCA Basketball – Match Reports

Round 5 vs. Iona College

2nd V

The seconds played their heart out but were not good enough on the day to beat a very fast Iona squad. Aidan O'Connell played his heart out but we could not defend their fast break. Our help line was found wanting and none of our 3-point plays would hit. Will Collins played a strong game and Eddie Manson did a good job on defence.

MVP: Aidan O'Connell

3rd V

After a subpar showing at training on Thursday morning, the boys knew we had to turn up the intensity when it came to gameday. We played far from our best but ended up finishing spectacularly, with Henry Warren hitting a game winning layup and free throw with 6 seconds left, to keep our undefeated season alive. We have to keep up the confidence and intensity over the last 2 weeks to complete our undefeated season, however after the close win on the weekend, confidence should be sky high.

MVP: Henry Warren

4th V

A game that went down to the wire, the boys just lost in the closing stages. In a game that saw the boys behind most of the game, the boys showed a lot of ticker to come back from 10 points down in the last quarter to nearly win it.

MVP: Lachie Jenkins

11A

This week's game was the closest I've seen this group enter the realms of flow, "In positive psychology, a flow state, also known colloquially as being in the zone, is the mental state in which a person performing some activity is fully immersed in a feeling of energized focus, full involvement, and enjoyment in the process of the activity"... So much of this game of B-ball is about the energy you bring...I felt we'd won this game before the tip off... as our boys warmed up with some 4 on 4 and I looked over to see the opposition nervously looking over their shoulders! Defence was solid, IQ was present and offence was just happening. My favourite part, this group hasn't even reached their potential yet...

MVP: Declan Tunny and Cal McLean

11B



The boys played well but missed several easy shots early in the game. They had a surge in the 4th to only go down by 1 in the dying seconds. Exciting to watch but the boys need to remember the basics to reduce turnovers and get the job done.

MVP: Neil van de Walt

11C

We trailed 10 - 6 at the end of the 1st quarter after a rough start defensively. But throughout the rest of the game, we only allowed them to score 1 point compared to our 30. Good hit out from the boys.

MVP: Emmanuel Yasi

11D

Best game of the season so far going down 8-0 in the first quarter, it was a rocky start, but with some really good team play and fast break dominance we managed to crawl back into the game and win 27-26

MVP: Pat Hooper

10A

10B

The 10Bs looked to continue their undefeated season against a competitive Iona team. Marist started the game strong finishing the first quarter with a 6 point lead. Iona made a strong run in the second quarter but the boys were able to weather the storm and held a narrow one-point lead at halftime. The game continued back and forth until the final minutes of the last quarter when Marist stepped up their efforts on defence and made some big shots. The final result was a double-digit win with the team looking to close out their undefeated season in the next two weeks.

MVP: Flynn Connolly

10C

A fantastic win today for the lads of the 10C team. I'm most proud of the way they kept their composure against a very physical Iona team. Down by 2 at half time, they were told to stand their ground and not allow themselves to get pushed off the ball ...which they did for the next three quarters. Mitch Trotter had an awesome game top scoring. MVP Sam Wilcox was so strong at both ends of the court, holding his ground in defence to pull off some terrific intercepts and rebounds and being his usual cool and calm self in offence. Royden Mealaua had his best game of the season being super solid in defence. And Pat Jewell was unstoppable in defence, almost completely shutting down one of their best players. This Iona team has been our bogey team for the last three years, so to come away with a win under the circumstances was such a huge effort by ALL of the boys in this team.



MVP: Sam Wilcox

10D

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9A

We travelled to Iona to play in the new Provence Centre, what a magnificent facility! We were down two bigs before the game and lost Harry to injury in the game. Turnovers hurt us early but we steadied to keep it competitive for the majority of the game. Fatigue hurt us in the 4th quarter as Iona drew away for the win.

MVP: Tim Bennett

9B

A slow start from our boys again, not leading the game once till the 4th quarter it was a constant chase for our boys to stay in the game, some big made shots and free throws put us ahead winning the game by 4 points, Josh was the MVP for us bringing much needed energy off the bench

MVP: Josh Dale

9C

Was a slow game to start with the boys holding it close but with some tough refereeing and foul trouble the match started to get away from us with Iona ultimately outplaying us on the fast break finishing IONA 40 - ASH 27. Tough finishing and play from Noah Harding earned him the MVP from our side.

MVP: Noah Harding

9D

The team had a tough game this week against Iona. A slow start meant the boys had to fight hard the whole game. Some great plays in offence closed the gap a bit in the second half.

8A

The year 8 boys played a well-executed game on Saturday, beating Iona by 20. The boys did all the small things right which led to the game being easy to take. Although, they've got the facilities we had the boys to get the job done. Well Done, Lads, two more to go.



MVP: Mackenzie Bowen

8B

The game was the best of the season, Iona and Marist were going neck a neck all game and it came down to the final minute. Marist was up 5 with a minute left and Iona came back with an and 1 layup with 1 second left, down 1 point Iona got the game winning steal ending with Marist losing 26-27.

MVP: Harry Beasy

8C

The Marist 8Cs collected a scrappy win in Round 5 against Iona college. The boys dominated the game, however, could not convert their chances to make this a blowout win. An inspiring 4th quarter effort on both ends was enough to leave Iona with a 9-point win and high spirits after snapping their 2-game losing streak.

MVP: was Xavier Carracedo, who we can continually rely on to score big points

8D

The 8Ds got back into the win column on Saturday with a great display from the boys in an away game. Showing off their playmaking and rebounding prowess, the team had an excellent performance (apart from the post-game Ah Tiki Tonga) beating Iona by 9 points. MVP was tough to award but ultimately goes to Jock Baker, who displayed flashes of a young Kevin Garnett with his nasty blocks and interior presence.

MVP: Jock Baker

7A

The first half was quite challenging for the boys as they couldn't find the basket but they persisted and trusted in their shots, which eventually paid off with a strong second half. Overall, we came up against a strong side and weren't prepared to match them early on but the boys can definitely come out optimistic next week as they showed some real grit and determination as they didn't give up through the whole game. Standing at a tough 1-4, the boys can definitely see themselves winning the last two and having a solid end to the season.

MVP: Jarvis O'Neill

7B

The boys took on Iona on their home court and were eager to continue their season with another win. Both teams came out strong, with only a two-point difference at the end of the first. However, Iona showed their skill by implementing a very well executed full court press which put all the pressure on us to not only control the pace of the game, but to defensively challenge their structured game. Iona ran away with the game in the third quarter by heavily



limiting our scoring opportunities and out rebounding us on our defensive half. The boys learnt that basketball really is a team game and that we need to be there for our mates in order to go the distance.

MVP: Owen Moreira

7C

The 7Cs travelled to Iona coming off of a strong win against Padua. Despite losing 4 members to illness, the boys played a high intensity, back and forth game. Caleb Van Coevorden and Harry Vickery shone on offence, while Matt Travers anchored the team's defence. Unfortunately, despite a 6-point comeback in the 4th quarter, the boys had to settle for a hard-fought draw.

MVP: Caleb Van Coevorden

7D

Right from tip-off, Iona dominated the possession of the basketball. They played a little bit smarter, a little bit harder, and overall, a little bit better. Even though we walked out with a loss, I could see each and every boy gave his absolute all on the court, and as a coach, I could not be prouder. It's clear that there are a few areas that we can improve on in training this week, however, I'm hoping that we can eliminate these errors and add one final win to the scoreboard before the end of the season!

The MVP of the game was Hayden Swain, for his enthusiasm and persistence throughout the game. Even though he's one of the smaller boys on the court, I can see he's hungry for the ball. His presence on the court boosts the confidence of the entire team and is without a doubt, a vital member of the 7Ds. Well done Hayden, I was very impressed with your performance!

MVP: Hayden Swain