

Marist Basketball – Round 2 vs. Padua College

	Result	MVP
7A	Marist 53 Padua 15	
7B	Marist 71 Padua 17	
7C	Marist 36 Padua 18	
7D	Marist 50 Padua 6	Daniel Dau
	<p>After getting off to a slow start in the first quarter, the boys got into a rhythm securing a significant win over Padua.</p> <p>Each one of the boys showed a lot of heart on defence which translated into fast offence, ensuring their lead remained untouched. They will continue to build on a strong start to the season, looking to remain undefeated.</p>	

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8A	Padua 53 Marist 21	Willem Ferguson
	<p>This was always going to be a tough game against a Padua team stacked with numbers and height. Our boys were in for the fight up to half time only trailing 26-18 but ran out of legs. Poor execution on offence meant our points dried up and the fast offence of Padua left us weary. The positive to take out of this was the boys were able to read the situation of the game and never gave up trying to mount a comeback.</p>	

8B	Padua 28 Marist 22	Liam Fitzpatrick
8C	Marist 49 Padua 25	Jasper Belyea
	Intensity from the start gave us easy opportunities that the boys made the most of. In front from the start the result was secured by half time. Outstanding defence and great outlet play saw our guards get most of the points this week. Unselfish play meant everyone got on the scoresheet this week. The fact no one could talk, except Vinny, at the breaks meant the boys were giving it their all in true Marist spirit.	
8D	Marist 39 Padua 18	Ned Fewster
	After a tough loss last week, the 8D basketball team bounced back with an impressive 39-18 victory. The team showcased resilience and determination, dominating both ends of the court. Ned Fewster had a standout performance, excelling during transitions and dominating in rebounding, which were key to the team's success. This victory marks a significant improvement from last week's performance and sets a positive tone for the rest of the season.	

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9A	Marist 53 Padua 20	Will Stigter
	9A's aimed to turn last week's narrow 3-point loss into motivation for their matchup against Padua. With two starters sidelined due to injury, a collective team effort was the major focus for securing their first win. An impressive start on the defensive end lead to multiple looks in transition; pushing out to a double digit lead end of the 1st quarter. Charlie Cook lead the way with his contagious energy on both ends of the floor, while Ethan Taylor continued his shooting form, finishing the game with 17 points. Strong contributions with the rest of the team was played a big factor in extending the lead across all four quarters. A special mention goes to Will Stigter, with a breakout performance, cleaning up the glass and finishing at the rim with confidence. This was a nice step into the right direction as the group continues to get better each day, getting ready for next week's game vs Iona.	
9B	Marist 38 Padua 16	Connor Campbell
	Building on last week's strong performance, the Marist 9B's continued their winning streak with a commanding 38-16 victory over Padua. The team showcased an all-	

	<p>around strong performance on both defence and offence, racing to a quick start and leading 22-12 at halftime. Fletcher Byrnes and Connor Campbell led by example, contributing significantly to the team's defence and setting the standard. The second half was marked by Marist's exceptional defence, limiting Padua to just 4 points over the final two quarters. The 9B's outscored Padua 16-4 in the second half, with their defensive efforts proving to be the game's deciding factor.</p>	
9C	<p>Marist 88 Padua 16</p>	<p>Caleb Van Coevorden</p>
	<p>After last week's disappointing result, the boys came into the game determined to open their winning account for the season. Despite a close first 5 minutes, the boys quickly pulled away thanks to their defence and finishing ability on the fast break.</p> <p>Caleb had a team high 25 points, followed by Tom and Dan who drove hard into the opposing paint and made some tough finishes. Defensively, the team was much louder, and great communication by Ashton, Tom, Caleb and Harry helped keep Padua out the game. The 9C's will look to carry this momentum into training and their game next Saturday to earn a winning record.</p>	
9D	<p>Marist 30 Padua 26</p>	<p>Tarkyn Howard</p>
	<p>The Marist 9Ds played valiantly this week, collecting a tidy win over Padua. Once again displaying Marist qualities throughout the game.</p> <p>Although they trailed all throughout the first half, a dominant offensive performance from Tarkyn helped Marist pull through before the final whistle. Racking up 3 fouls in the first quarter, Tarkyn kept his cool and ensured that he played top notch defence for the remainder of the game. Strong contributions from the rest of the team did not go unnoticed. Lachie contributed significantly, converting tough drives in to much needed points. Furthermore, Archie and Jasper displayed excellent defensive qualities, often shutting down Padua's defensive pushes with ease.</p> <p>Absolutely great to see the improvement in the young men as we progress throughout the season. Definitely room to iron out a few minor things, but the boys should be extremely proud of their efforts on Saturday!</p>	

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10A	<p>Marist 70 Padua 38</p>	<p>Matt Pegg</p>

	<p>The boys secured a solid 30-point victory over Padua with a strong performance on both ends of the court. Key to their success was effective execution of their sets, a high level of effort in running the floor, and dominance on the boards.</p> <p>From the start, The boys demonstrated our game plan by running their offensive sets efficiently, creating numerous scoring opportunities. Their teamwork and execution allowed them to consistently find open shots and maintain a steady scoring pace.</p> <p>Defensively, our rebounding was a standout aspect of their game. We out-rebounded Padua on both ends, which limited Padua's scoring chances and gave Marist additional opportunities to control the game's flow.</p> <p>The boys displayed confidence throughout the game, making smart decisions and playing with determination. Their commitment to backing themselves in each play contributed significantly to their overall performance.</p> <p>In the end, Marist's combination of disciplined play, strong rebounding, and consistent effort led to a well-earned 30-point victory. This has set the tone rolling into the Iona game at home this week.</p>	
10B	<p>Marist 42 Padua 39</p>	<p>Joshua Bellet</p>
	<p>After a disappointing loss in the first round, the team was eager to get off the line with a win over Padua. Another cold morning had our boys get off to yet another slow start (something we have been working on improving), and had us trailing at the end of the 1st quarter.</p> <p>With some strong energy brought to the floor by Joshua Bellett on defence and all class on the rebounds from Finn Cusack and Bas Martinuzzi, the team was able to execute our offence and were rewarded with some nice mid range shots from Weston Lewis.</p> <p>After back to back 3 pointers from Matt Stephens, we were out to a comfortable lead before Padua had a 4th quarter run to get them back in the game. Despite a few nerves on the court as Padua got back into the race, our guards Frank Heenan and Ky Campbell were able to steer the ship home in a finish that was far more stressful than what it needed to be.</p> <p>Player the the match goes to Joshua Bellet for the energy and leadership he brought to the floor. He was able to lead from the front on defence and showed basketball IQ in the close late game scenario.</p>	

10C	Marist 47 Padua 24	Archie Powell Cooper Hagen
	<p>After a slow start in the first few minutes this team decided to turn on the intensity part of the way into the first quarter leading to a strong win against a 5-man Padua team that struggled with our full court defence. Tate Allen showed his doggedness in not only stealing the ball from the opposition offence, but also making good use of his speed to bring it down the court. MVP Archie Powell worked hard at both ends of the court, his good court vision enabling him to spot the gaps in offence and either drive strongly to the basket or pass to teammates in better scoring position. Fellow MVP Cooper Hagen also had a big impact with his tough defence and strong rebounding causing trouble for the opposition. Playing an Iona team that is 2/2 next week, the lads are hoping to avenge last year's 1 point loss.</p>	
10D	Marist 82 Padua 20	Quinn Malone
	<p>After a disappointing loss to Villanova, Marist College was eager to bounce back, and they did so in emphatic fashion against Padua College. Despite a slow start that saw Padua score two early buckets, this was all it took to ignite the Marist juggernaut.</p> <p>Marist employed a relentless full-court press that effectively shut down Padua's offense. The strategy paid off handsomely as Marist was able to score at will, dominating both ends of the court.</p> <p>Quinn Malone: Displayed exceptional vision and handles from the top of the key, setting up Marist cutters for easy baskets. Patty Travers: Ran the court tirelessly, excelling on both offense and defence, and systematically dismantling Padua's efforts.</p> <p>The complete dominance from Marist was a testament to their prowess and determination to get the season back on track.</p> <p>Looking ahead, with this victory, Marist is now aiming to close out the season with a 1 and 6 record, a goal that seems well within reach given their current form. The team's cohesion and high spirits bode well for the remaining games.</p> <p>Well done to the Marist boys for an outstanding performance and a convincing rebound win!</p>	

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11A	Marist 30 Padua 28	Will Mcphee
	After going into the game with high confidence the Marist 11As quickly realised the physicality of Padua was going to test them. After a cold first two quarters scoring the boys quickly realised defence was going to get them the win in this game. With great composure Will Mcphee led his team to a 2 point win in a low scoring game. Offensive struggles were evident however with a vital defensive stop at the end of the game Marist were able to secure a deserved victory.	
11B	Marist 65 Padua 36	Zach Watts
	After a near perfect start in round 1, the Marist 11B's were looking to make another statement, and that they did. Zach Watts top scoring with a 20 piece, Julian Roszka hitting threes and Harry Hogan dishing dimes, the boys didn't miss a beat. Hustle and defensive discipline were leading to easy baskets. This team continues to impress.	
11C	Padua 40 Marist 19	Ethan Schultz
	Padua came out shooting the ball well and matched it on the defensive end. We never really looked settled but gives us plenty of things to work on. Schultzy put up a courageous performance during the loss scoring close to half the team's points. Onto next week.	
11D	Padua 35 Marist 19	Max Klekar
	Hard fought effort from the 11D boys against a strong Padua team. For many of the boys it's their first season playing basketball competitively, however you would know it from their strong defence and <i>somewhat</i> accurate shooting. A few huge 3's from Lucas Newcombe and Max Klekar paired with strong defensive efforts from Connor Pallister and Luke Grace- Hendrie kept us in the game. Massive effort from all boys saw us win the last quarter, an effort the boys should be proud of.	

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First V	Marist First V 96 Padua 81	Matt Gibson
	After a disappointing start to the season and facing some early season adversity the group was keen to make amends. The first quarter saw Padua come out of the gates hard. They got to the middle with ease, they pushed the ball up the floor for easy baskets and proved that they were going to make us work for the whole game. When we executed, we looked good and got the baskets we wanted. The first three quarters saw Padua holding a slight lead, we struggled to find our rhythm and lock in defensively. We had no troubles scoring the ball with Harry Cook, Austin Beaman	

	<p>and Matt Gibson keeping the scoreboard ticking over. Jacob Cook provided some great minutes off the bench, grabbing some massive boards on both ends of the court. The boys knew it was going to be a grind it out kind of game and to their credit, in the fourth quarter, knuckled down and played some great team defence, forcing turnovers and only giving them one shot possessions. Padua played incredibly well but could not keep up with us for the whole forty minutes. Although everyone who played contributed in some way, Matt Gibson was instrumental in the win, guiding us through the game before taking over late in the fourth and finishing with a game high 39 points. We have a massive game against undefeated Iona this Friday night at Ashgrove. We would love to pack the Champagnat Centre out for our first home game of the year.</p>	
<p>Second V</p>	<p>Marist 38 Padua 30</p>	<p>Tom Reck</p>
	<p>Another great performance by the dozen getting a 10 point win over Padua. The boys trained well this week and this reflected with their ability to take charge of the game early in the first quarter and ramped it up again in the 3rd.</p> <p>Tom Reck was very strong in defence, driving to the basket and overall bringing the energy to lift the boys. Riley Say worked hard in transition offence, James Wintzloff was creating opportunities to steal the ball, the student athlete Tommy Treston got himself on the board, our bigs Luca and Jack Justice were solid in the paint and Joe Pegg made his return to basket after injury.</p> <p>We look to polish our boxing out and continue to work on our on court talk for our first home game against Iona this weekend.</p>	
<p>Third V</p>	<p>Marist 40 Padua 25</p>	<p>Sam Wilcox</p>
	<p>Another hard-fought win for the 3rd V team this week in a game where the final score doesn't reflect the tightness of the game. Up by 2 at quarter-time, 3 at half time, a stellar third quarter for the second week in a row saw us up by 8 at the break. Building on that good work the lads stretched out that lead in the fourth quarter. Their excellent offensive work (driving in the key and taking the ball to the hoop) in the second half, saw the Padua men in foul trouble which greatly helped our cause.</p> <p>Great work under the basket from Hamish Adams had him finding a lot of ball rebounding at both ends of the court. Tom Donaldson's free throw work paid off with him scoring important points at key times from the line. And MVP Sam Wilcox was outstanding in defence, his tenacity and high work rate caused lots of trouble for the opposition attack and led to turnover after turnover. With seemingly no easy game in the Thirds competition this year, the team is looking at another tough game (for the third week in a row) next week, taking on the</p>	

	unbeaten Iona. The young men in this team are going to have to turn up ready to play high intensity basketball from the first touch.	
Fourth V	Marist 44 Padua 25	