

Marist Basketball – Round 1 vs. Villanova College Match Reports from the Courts

2nd V

Marist 38 – Villa 35
MVP: Xavier Evans

3rd V

Marist 38 – Villa 35
MVP: Austin Keates

4th V

Marist 19 – Villa 33
MVP: Angus Bosse

11A

Marist 31 – Villa 34
MVP: Joe Pegg

What a high intensity game to start the season...I could just about hand out the MVP to every single player on this squad (good problem to have)! With a Villa unit starting the game with extreme confidence they must have felt like they were hit with a Connor McGregor left as we started the first quarter with a sizzling press that completely stifled their offence and led to a 10-2 lead for us (We could see the fear in their eyes as they immediately called a timeout). The remainder of the game then seesawed between 2 very competitive teams. With Villa holding a 3-point lead and possession with 5 seconds remaining the lads managed to manufacture a turnover to create a buzzer beater opportunity to tie the game...although just missing, it showed the heart and spirit of a genuine contender. We've had 2 training sessions so far with 100% attendance! I'm super proud of these young men and am looking forward to an exciting rest of the season!

11B

Marist 45 – Villa 35
MVP:

11C:

Marist 35 – Villa 25
MVP: Sam Wilcox and Asher Parkin

What a great game to start the season from the men of the 11C basketball team. The Villa game is always physical and never easy and today was no different. Down by 6 at

¼ time and 2 at ½ time, a blinder of a third quarter saw us in the lead by 12 points at the ¾ break. All players today were super focused and really wanted the win. George Bell playing his first game for this team worked hard under the basket at both ends of the court playing a good all-round game. Mitch Trotter had a big impact with his tough defence causing a lot of turnovers. MVP Asher Parkin put in a great effort in defence, especially in using his speed to chase down the opposition outlet plays. And his determination to make the opposition pay for their turnovers saw him score some sweet layups in offence. Fellow MVP Sam Wilcox was excellent in defence troubling the opposition players whenever he was on court. And his great court vision enabled him to spot the gaps in offence and drive strongly towards the basket or to see his teammate and put in a good pass for the assist. As coach, I would love to see the intensity shown in this game continue for the rest of the season.

11D vs SLC

Marist 21 – Villa 4

MVP: Nicholas Marco

10A

Marist 40 – Villa 51

MVP:

10B

Marist 31 – Villa 32

MVP:

10C

Marist 28 – Villa 31

MVP:

10D

Marist 18 – Villa 37

MVP: Darcy Latimer

9A

Marist 39 – Villa 42

MVP: Team effort.

The boys had a tough loss against Villanova, but that's how basketball goes. We did what we could, and Villanova had an answer. It's clear going forward we are the team with the target on our back. We will bounce back from this loss and focus on the next one. How we felt after this game will fuel us for the next 6 games.

9B

Marist 36 – Villa 66

MVP:

9C

Marist 33 – Villa 42

MVP: George Haling & Cooper Chugg

9D

Marist 25 – Villa 27

MVP: James Milasas

8A

Marist 43 – Villa 56

MVP:

8B

Marist 25 – Villa 40

MVP: Daniel Ortiz

8C

Marist 44 – Villa 32

MVP: Caleb van Coevorden

8D

Marist 26 – Villa 24

MVP: Jesse Brunning

The 8D's arrived at Villanova ready for a challenge against the competition's strongest school. The team took a commanding lead in the first quarter, but Villa slowly crept back after we let our guard down. The game came down to the final few minutes, where a strong defensive display saw the boys go home with the win.

7A

Marist 25 – Villa 35

MVP:

7B

Marist 25 – Villa 32

MVP:

7C

Marist 21 – Villa 55

MVP: Eli Phillips

7D

Marist 23 – Villa 51

MVP: Archie Breitzkreuz

In a hard-fought game, our 7D basketball team faced a tough challenge, resulting in a 51-23 score. Although the final score wasn't in our favour, the boys showed great effort and sportsmanship. Sam Blinkhoff demonstrated excellent positioning under the rim, contributing to quick points. Archie Breitzkreuz showcased strong ball-handling skills, and Matty Campbell's swift transitions down the court were notable. Additionally, Will Quinn's endurance proved to be an asset throughout the match. Despite the loss, we will continue to work together and grow as a team. Onward and upward, 7Ds!