

Match Reports – Round 7

5A	<p>Full of confidence after a great win last week, the 5A basketball team were ready to finish their season with a win over St Pat's. After a pre-game meeting, the game plan was clear – move the ball on offence and get rebounds on defence. The boys were dominant from the get-go, running the fast break and working hard defensively to force their opponents into tough shots. The boys took almost double the shots that SPC did in the first half, they just couldn't get them to fall. Whilst it would have been easy to blame the outdoor hoops for their shooting woes, the boys came out more energised in the second half and made some aggressive attacking plays that physically and mentally exhausted the opposition. They eventually finished the game with a 14 point win.</p> <p>As a coach it has been so rewarding to see the development of this team in what, for many of them, was their first season of competitive basketball. I look forward to watching them continue to develop throughout their time at the College. Well done boys!</p> <p>Player of the Game: Harry Cleary</p>
5B	<p>Another win on the back of very strong defence for the 5B's. Team pressure and lots of rebounds kept a good St Pats team on 0. Fairytale ending with a triple on the buzz for JD Coots. Thank you boys for a great season. Special thanks to Year 12 student and First V player James O'Hara for his help assisting coaching this great bunch of boys.</p> <p>Man of the match Will Webster</p>
5C	<p>Marist started the game strong with a greatly improved defensive effort, generating the majority of their points from turnovers and some good fast break offence. Pat's fought well throughout the game, however some good offence in the late stages of the game saw Marist complete a well-earned victory. The boys should be really proud of how they improved through the season and finished it off in fine form!!!</p>
5Gold	<p>The Marist boys looked to follow up from their massive win last game with another quality performance and well did they deliver. The boys came out hot with great ball movement and shooting, which resulted in a big early lead and they never looked back. The boys played hard and with purpose throughout the entire game and should be commended for their efforts throughout the entire season and how much they have developed.</p>
6A	<p>The 6A boys ended the season on a great game. Despite a loss, the effort displayed was exceptional bringing us within 2 points at a few stages in the game. Although we ended on a loss, the season was an incredible learning experience as the boys were pushed as a group at every training until they finally understood what it takes to win.</p>

	<p>With the tough training sessions, and the ups and downs that every boy experienced, I am positive the boys will go into Year 7 knowing what it takes to represent the college at an A team standard.</p> <p>Huge congratulations to game MVP Quinn Lovering for leaving everything on the floor in the final game as well as other standouts such as Ike, Salem and Ethan.</p>
6B	<p>The final game of the basketball season away to St Pats the boys were eager to continue the red-hot form from last week. Unfortunately, this was not the case. We were slow out of the blocks and never really got going. The game finished 35 - 8 in favour of St Pats which was probably a fair indication of the game. The boys battled hard right until the end, but it just wasn't their day.</p>
6C	<p>MVP: Callum Curtin</p> <p>A loss to finish the season for the young men of the 6C Basketball Team. We were beaten by a team that had their fast break execution down to a fine art. It wasn't until the last quarter that we really managed to stop this, a quarter that funnily enough, we then actually won. Rafa Gonsalves was excellent in defence, managing to really unsettle a strong opposition attack. Harry Vickery showed his strength in rebounding, placing himself in good position under the basket. And MVP Callum Curtin had a strong game at both ends of the court, stealing a lot of ball in defence and putting himself in a good position for a fast break in offence. Thank you to the wonderful young men in this team for a great season. I hope to see you all back next year.</p>
6Gold	<p>On the back of our win against Iona, the boys were very keen to come away with another win. A very rough and large opposition made the job a difficult one. St Pats slowly grinded away at our large lead to level the scores in the third quarter. As always, the boys of 6Gold never gave up and we gained a two point lead within the last minutes and Lucas Jefferies under pressure secured the win with a free throw giving the boys a 23-20 victory. All the boys are to be congratulated on a season where wins were not abundant but sportsmanship and determination were.</p> <p>Good luck to all playing basketball in high school!</p> <p>MVP Fraser Ulman</p>
7A	<p>The boys had a hard-fought win against St Pats. Through sticking together, they were able to get the win. This season as a whole was a success. It was an absolute pleasure watching each of the 7A boys develop their skills and bond as a team. This is a team to watch in the future. Well done boys.</p>
7B	<p>The 7B's came into their last game of the season following several good wins. St Pats presented the biggest challenge since the opening match against SLC, but the boys were up for the challenge. In a fast and physical</p>

	game, everyone chipped in with at least 2 baskets each in a game where they eventually proved too good for St Pat's. It was a great demonstration of the improvements that the team had made over the season in areas such as rebounding, communication and decision making, and was a terrific finish to a great season.
7C	The team won convincingly which gave us the undefeated title for the season, everyone was very proud of the performance and whilst there were some defensive struggles throughout the game, our offense lifted the team as a whole. Great game from everyone and we left everything on the court.
7D	
8A	The 8A's played St Pat's in the last game of the season. It was a high-quality game showcasing the vast improvement the group has made. There was some intensity about our defence despite some lapses, which was very pleasing. We got behind by a lot but showed plenty of heart by never dropping off the intensity and getting the margin back to 7 on several occasions but just couldn't close the gap. We certainly found our rhythm offensively in the 2 nd half. It's a real pity the season has finished and there a lot of good signs for the future.
8B	The Year 8B finished off the AIC season with a close game against St Pats. Both teams traded buckets in the first half with Marist taking a small lead into the break. In the second half St Pats took advantage of their height and started to dominate the boards which resulted in easy second chance points for them. This turned out to be the deciding factor with St Pats winning 33-28. Overall, the boys showed great improvement over the course of the season and I thank them for their efforts and commitment to the basketball program. I would also like to thank Basketball Coordinators Michael Connolly and Jane Wilcox and Louise Bennett for scoring the games each week!
8C	The 8C's finished the season with a strong 40-22 win over St Pats. At three quarter time we set the boys a goal of scoring 40 points which wasn't looking likely at 37-22 with 30 seconds on the clock. With seconds left, Will Lukin launched an unlikely missile - it dipped, swung and splashed in the net. The bench exploded and the boys nailed their final goal.
8D	After a hard-fought 29-23 win over SPLC the week prior with Cleary dropping a record 16 points, the boys were confident for this week's game. Marist had a hard first quarter but throughout quarters 2 and 3 brought the game back to 22-22 to start the last quarter. By then though the boys were tired and the temptation to go for those one-and-done shots reigned supreme with SPC scoring a final 3 to seal the deal 25-22. MOTM: George Philp for scoring his first 2 pts ever in the basketball program and his consistent steals all season.
9A	The 9As battled hard again. The boys played very well against a strong opposition team. However again, regardless of how much hard work they

	<p>put in, the ball would not drop for us. We were also down a starting guard which led to a blowout at the end of the game due to playing against full court pressure when we subbed to share some court time.</p> <p>A tough season for the team, but there has been huge improvement. The team is playing excellent defense and is starting to understand how to read the game in offence. Poor transition defense early in the season and very low shooting percentages throughout made the final results look depressing, but the foundations are there. More boys playing year round in club or a longer lead into next year focussing on individual skills will see this team do well.</p>
9B	<p>The boys had a terrific start to the game getting points on the board early. However, the opposition eventually warmed up and had a run of points towards the end of the game which secured their win. I am extremely proud of every player for their commitment and dedication to developing their basketball skills this season and with continued practice I know these players will be moving up the ranks next year.</p>
9C	<p>The 9Cs played a tough St. Peters team who were very physically imposing. Despite this, the Ashgrove team led most of the game, the difference being a few three-point shots that fell for St. Peters. The 9Cs fought hard into the dying moments of the game unfortunately falling just short. They handled the defeat with class and held their heads high with a great season in the books.</p>
9D	<p>Win: 53-25</p> <p>A great way to finish the season for the men of the 9D Basketball team. The last time we played this team they beat us, costing us a premiership, so it was nice to get a win on the board this time. The lads played great basketball, passing the ball around and looking for teammates in offence. And were super strong in defence, especially in the first quarter where we started with a 16-0 run. Rueben Downs had a great game. His assists in attack always making a difference to our score line. Nate Scott-Day was strong in both offence and defence, unsettling the opposition attack and shooting a sweet 3 to keep the score ticking over. Jake Keogh was strong under the basket, as always. His rebounding and then scoring from the rebound also making a difference to the score line. Thank you to the wonderful young men of this team. I know you were disappointed to just miss the Premiership, but irrespective of that, it was a great season!</p>
10A	<p>An understrength Pat's side, a rising Marist team with serious intentions, the result = landslide victory....The sign of a great team = domination of the weaker team....</p> <p>Declan Tunney = Captain Courageous, 3-point specialist, post moves / Spencer Mahoney = Draymond Green, ALL HEART, say no</p>

	<p>more! / Sean Russel-Ahern = Rebounds, Blocks, position, moves (Believe the hype) / Jonah Titufanua = (Mention me in the hall of fame speech bro) / Kaden C = The Tassie Tiger, athleticism personified, OMG / Will Ford, Dr J, penetration, handles, defence / Cal McLean, Defence, handles, penetration, most improved / Xavier Evans, son of a gun (that's me), passion, heart, Marcus Smart, defensive champ! Super proud of this group, superior team culture, Champions....BELIEVE!!!!</p>
10B	<p>A fantastic way to finish off a season!</p> <p>Coming off the back of a season defining performance against a previously undefeated St Peter's side the boys were looking to make a statement. The opportunity was there to finish the season 3-and-3 and to hand St Pat.'s a winless season on their home court.</p> <p>A difficult first quarter, for both teams, with points being very hard to come by, but on the positive side the Marist boys were already asserting their dominance inside the paint. From the start of second-quarter the boys came out to play, with free scoring at the offensive end and plenty of stops on defence the mood was high, the 10B's were playing for each other and what a difference it made.</p> <p>St Pat.'s were never in the contest, with the Marist side sharing the scoring around, the team took a 5-point lead into the half-time break and stretched it out to 13 points by three-quarter time. The team put the nail into the Pat.'s coffin with a 17-point final quarter, running out convincing winners 44 – 23.</p> <p>As a coach I am very proud of the way the team bounced back after the Iona game, it was a difficult season but as I constantly reminded the boys they were picked on their ability as basketballers and the challenge is on them to learn how to put that together on the court, by seasons end they certainly showed they could do that, well done!</p>
10C	<p>The final round of the 2021 AIC Basketball Season saw an exciting matchup between the Ashgrove 10C's and St Pat's 10C's. A strong start from St Pat's saw Ashgrove fall behind early on, however a courageous comeback was mounted in the second half, Ashgrove winning 25-21 in the end. Overall an enjoyable season for all involved, congratulations boys and parents.</p>
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11A	<p>In a tougher than expected game St Pats played a very good final quarter on their home court to get within 5. We led most of the way and it was great to give the bench some development time. It's even better that they are challenging the starting 5 for spots every week and training hard. The fab four of training has been Liam Morris, Cooper Hafiz, Dylan Cooper and Declan Frechtling.</p>

	<p>We closed out the season with only a first round loss and it would have been good to see how this team went against Villa who finished first. We finished 2nd and improved all the way. Not bad when you consider that three of our potential athletes play in firsts and are unavailable for Yr 11 selection. A strong game by Owen Tunny who played both guard and forward spots took us through. Will Collins played his best game for the season and made some excellent passes. Paul and Dylan continued their strong contributions.</p> <p>Many of these boys now go onto CBSQ and I wish them good luck.</p>
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11D	<p>The lads finished the season with their 4th win straight and got the best of Laurie's in what was the decider of a 3 game series. It was raining 3 pointers as shooting was on point. An awesome finish to a great season, the boys should be proud of their improvements.</p>
1sts	<p>Fresh off a win against SPLC the team was ready to end the season on a winning note and send our senior boys off as winners. Another slow start and some sloppy turnovers saw St Pats get out to an early lead in the first quarter. Once we settled into the rhythm of the game, we exchanged buckets with Pats and the scores were very tight for the majority of the first half. A strong run to end the first half saw us going into halftime down by only 4. The boys kicked into gear in the third quarter, with excellent team defence, boxing out and immense pressure on St Pats we were able to take control of the game and play it on our terms. We held Pats to just 8 points in the 3rd quarter and held a comfortable double-digit lead going into the 4th. AIC games are never won until the final whistle blows and this was going to be no different, St Pats made a run and cut the lead to 8 before our seniors stood up, an inside masterclass from Will Waters and some clutch triples from Sean O'Hara wrestled back control and ensured we would finish our 2021 campaign with a W.</p>
2nds	<p>In the last game of the season, the seconds looked to finish the season strong after some good results and close losses. Unfortunately, it wasn't our game as SPC outclassed us on their home turf. Though the game was within 1 in the second quarter, that was the closest we got as we simply did not turn up to play our game. The game overshadowed what was a great season for the boys, and they should be proud to have donned the blue and gold jersey this season.</p>
3rds	<p>The boys got off to a slow start, trailing 15-3 heading into the second quarter. By half time we were 8 points down. However, the boys only let in 4 points throughout the entirety of the second half, winning 26-22. Stellar performances from Henry Howse and Nick Muir paved the way for our final win of the season.</p>

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The boys were ready for a big effort to finish off their last season at Ashgrove and got out well. Pats were the better rehearsed team and had a lot more height. They out rebounded us which proved costly as they put on the second chance points. Although we lost, it was a great game and the boys enjoyed it. It was a game that capped off a great season.