



Basketball

MARIST COLLEGE vs St Laurences College – Saturday 1st August 2020

Each week we will have brief team reports each with the aim to cover as many teams as possible. Please see Team Reports below:

First V BASKETBALL Vs St Laurences College

The First V showed up on a Friday night to Lauries, after a win the previous week and a good week at training. They were ready to get the win and hopefully secure a playoff for the third position in the AIC's amended season. As is always the case, St Laurence's were beyond motivated to beat Ashgrove, and as such, came out with energy and execution that befits such a matchup. The lead they established early proved to be too much, and the Ashgrove men were left defeated. Congrats to Lauries on a game well played and plan well executed.

Result: 37-71 Loss

TEAM	TEAM REPORT
2 nd V	The 2nds showed that they have not trained enough as a team and that having injuries and rugby players does not help. A valiant effort against a better team saw us record a 10 point loss. Good games from Nick Tucker, Charles Ryan and Mitchell Smythe.
3 rd V	A much improved 3rds team got off to a great first half in a tough matchup against St Laurences. Good inside shots spelled trouble for the Laurie's defence, but the second half proved to be the difference as we couldn't get our shots to fall and small errors compiled as the scoreboard got away from us. Looking to turn up in the boys' final basketball game in the blue and gold.
4 th V	Having come off a loss against Padua, the boys were keen to get back on track with a win against Lauries. Unfortunately, a scoreline of 2-2 early in the first half was the closest we would get to being in front for the duration of the match. The opposition capitalized on some poor passing and uncontrolled dribbling to get out in front and stay there all match. The blue and gold 4ths machine never gave up though and we closed the gap to go down by 11 points against a much faster, mobile team.
11A	The 11A's had a top of the table clash with Lauries at Lauries. It was an even contest throughout. We were in foul trouble being a little too aggressive at the defensive end, providing Laurie's with opportunities at the free throw line. An offensive spurt at the start of the 2 nd half gave us some breathing space although Lauries had another comeback in them. We settled down the stretch to win 38 to 32. Now for the premierships!
11B	The 11B's had a very tough game against a well drilled St Lauries. Unfortunately, the game came down to missed free throws and an struggle to get an offensive rhythm. However, the boys shouldn't be disheartened, because St Lauries are lucky they caught us on a bad day. We will use this game as motivation for our next game. Heads up gentlemen.
11C	After working tirelessly throughout the season, the 11C's were finally able to get their first victory. Through their hard work, defence and resilience, the boys won 31-30 against Lauries. The boys are excited to keep this up heading into their last game!



11D	Coming off two losses the boys were hungry for a win and it was obvious from the start. Starting strong just set the tone for the rest of the game where they played some great basketball. With a lot of highlights and a great team effort they managed to get a well deserved win over Lauries of 28 -19.
10A	It was a nail biting finish in the 10A match at SLC on Saturday morning, where both teams traded the lead. It was an improved game by all the boys and they played hard till the final buzzer. The addition of Brent Humphreys back into the lineup gave us an extra confidence boost after a tough loss in round 2. It came down to the final play, where the 10A's executed the baseline out of bounds play to perfection. Patty gavin hit a close jumper, but unfortunately it was disallowed by the referee and the game finished as a draw. Well done to all boys for staying positive and it has been a pleasure coaching this group.
10D	Against a very physical and much taller Lauries team, the boys have absolutely everything they had and fought for every rebound a loose ball. Despite some questionable calls the boys never complained and kept giving it their all and brought us back into the match. Unfortunately, despite a very close final few minutes, we couldn't hold on for the win. Once again, a very selfless team effort meant the boys should be proud of their efforts on Saturday.
9A	One of the most satisfying feelings as a coach is watching your players grow, improve and show some fight. This was definitely the case against Lauries on the weekend, despite going down by 8 points the boys showed some real grit winning the last quarter through some serious hustle on defence combined with some self belief in offence. The boys started strong leading through the first part of the game, however fell into a bit of a hole through the middle. If we were to play like we did in the last period we will easily challenge any team in this competition. This is definitely a team to watch as they build belief and IQ to their game, I was proud of the boys' effort this week.
9B	The 9B basketball team went down on the weekend to St Laurence's College in a close finish. Down eight points in the final two minutes the boys managed to claw their way back into the game off some terrific hustle plays and defensive stops. Unfortunately a huge performance from Austin Keates with several three point field goals in the second half was not enough as the comeback was cut short and Ashgrove lost the game by just 2 points.
9C	The 9Cs played a tough St Laurences team on Saturday. Although there was no lack of desire or effort from the Marist team, great shot making from Lauries meant they scraped by with a hard fought win.
9D	Following a rained out week 2, the 9D's played their second game of the season against Lauries. From the jump ball the game was very different from the 50+ point win in week 1, with the score remaining close all game. Unfortunately Lauries ended up running away with the win. The boys will look to bounce back for the final game of the season and go out on a high.



8A	<p>The 8As had a very narrow loss on Saturday. The game was close the whole way through with neither team leading by more than 6. The boys were leading by 2 into the last minute and I think everyone thought we were going to win. The boys had a couple of tough calls in the final minute that allowed Lauries to go 2 up. The boys easily played the best they have all season. There was no loss of concentration for the whole 40 minutes. Team and individual defence was great. The offensive composure shown by the boys thought the game shows how far they have come in the short season. Throughout the game it was not uncommon for the boys to roll through the offence multiple times until they got a shot they were happy with. Adam Burnell was huge on the boards throughout the game and got some tough early baskets to get the boys rolling. Jack Forrester was good on both ends of the floor, scoring some crucial baskets when needed. Easily the most complete game from the boys for the season.</p>
8B	<p>Although they were off to a strong start in the first half, the 8Bs sadly lost their first game of the season. However, the boys displayed some stellar defence and great passing to keep the game close for the whole run of the clock.</p>
8C	<p>The 8Cs had a hard-fought victory against Lauries. The boys had to dig deep after a strong start from the opposition before some scintillating attack late in the game got us across the line. A great victory against a quality opposition.</p>
8D	<p>A great 40-8 win for the 8D gentlemen today. What pleased me the most was how they worked together as a team, covering for each other in defence, and looking for (and passing the basketball to) teammates who were in a better position to take the shot in offence. Max Norton had a blinder and was super strong in both offence and defence. Nate Scott-Day played a good all around game with some great assists at our end of the court. Sam Wilcox impressed with excellent positional play in offence and strong defence. And Lachy Dale scored some great points, with his good court vision enabling him to spot the gaps and drive strongly towards the basket. Today has set us up well for next week's game.</p>
7A	<p>I honestly couldn't be more proud of the boys this week. Despite going down by 40 to a well drilled team with a flawless performance, I was estatic with everyones effort individually and as a team. The boys reversed the ball well in transition, engaged in low post moves, sort back door options, executed offensive moves super well and really started to look for players in a better shooting position. Sure we need to work on finishing with the ball going in the hoop, but we certainly matched them for opportunities. SUPER SUPER proud of how far they have come in just a few weeks. It just shows that even when you lose you can still feel like a winner!</p>
7C	<p>This weekend the 7Cs tried a different substitution rotation. Instead of swapping out one team for another at the half way point of each half (the 10 minute mark), we went for more of an organic rotational system. I am not sure if this is the reason we went down to St Laurence's 23/30, or if we were just outclassed on the day by a team that seemed to have a couple of formations up their sleeves and a far better knowledge of screening than we do (and we definitely have to blame the coach for this!). Despite the loss, the boys continued to support and encourage their teammates throughout the game and they should be proud of their constantly improving assertiveness whilst on the court. We look forward to playing in the finals this weekend in our last game of the season.</p>
7D	<p>The 7D team worked hard in the early hours on Saturday, at MCA, to secure a 25-18 win over SLC. The best feature of this match was the teamwork and talking, resulting in clear communication across all players. Another feature was the passing skills, which were quick and accurate, causing SLC much confusion at times. Ash McKinnon, Dano Gallagher and Owen Dodwell were particularly handy on court this week, making life very difficult for SLC, particularly in the 2nd half when Laurie's attempted to make a comeback. Well done boys! Let's keep the teamwork rolling through to our final on the weekend!</p>