

Marist Primary Basketball – Round 3 vs. Iona College

	Result	MVP
5A	Iona 32 Marist 28	Will Nolan
	<p>Although we lost, this had been by far the boys best game of the season. Playing hard from the start to finish only just to fall short. Although the officiating was subpar most of the game a few missed cues thought out the game caused us to come up short. I was really impressed with the boys ability to adapt to the whistle and it proves that we are much better than our 0-3 record. The rest of the season is going to be sensational to work with these boys.</p>	
5B	Iona 22 Marist 13	Ted Macpherson
	<p>Playing 40 minutes of basketball with only one sub is no easy task, but every player on the 5B's basketball team left everything out on that court. The outcome of the game came down to some questionable calls and simply just running out of gas. It has been a pleasure to watch the boys mould into their roles as the season progresses and the team starting to shape up. Ted took home the man of the match award this week with a dominant defensive showing, backed up by good shot selection and smart decisions on offence. Once again, the boys need to play their best basketball for the entire game and not just in stretches. The entire team should all be proud of themselves and there is no doubt that a win is right around the corner. With the foundations now laid out, these boys are only going to keep getting better and should be an exciting team to watch in the upcoming weeks.</p>	
5C	Marist 12 Iona 4	Jack McCurry Alistair Myers
	<p>A fantastic effort by the 5C team to beat Iona this week. The amazing defence from all boys when on court won the game for them today, and their slick passing in attack was pretty to watch: our passing practice at training certainly paid off. Twice we scored points from good passing links downcourt: The first time the ball went from Joe to Ollie to Jack who scored. The second it was Joe to Walter to Sid who scored. Joint MVP's Jack McCurry and Alistair Myers both had brilliant games. Their hard-work in defence casing down the opposition fast-breaks and excellent moving the ball around in offence playing an instrumental part in our win.</p>	
5D	Iona 22 Marist 5	Jacob Nipperess Rueben Vos

A disappointing loss today for the young men of the 5D basketball team to an Iona team who they let take the game away. An excellent effort in defence in the first half caused a huge amount of trouble for the opposition sending us to the half-time break with the score 2-0 down. Both teams had lots of shots on goals but the baskets just weren't falling, for either team. Unfortunately, in the third quarter, we fell asleep and suddenly forgot how to defend. The Iona team took advantage of our lapse in concentration putting on 16 points in just over 5 minutes and we went into three-quarter time with a deficit that was just too big to overcome. Stars on the court today were Rueben Vos, Jacob Nipperess and Toby Patrick. Their excellent defensive efforts caused many turnovers from the Iona team and their continued effort in attack led to our eventual baskets.

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6A	Iona 51 Marist 33	
6B	Marist 41 Iona 37	Toby Watherson
	<p>Much improved game for a 6Bs that end up in a deserved win. Our passing game got better and we are starting to play with a bit more structure. A very impressive display from Toby, including 22 rebounds, give him the man of the match prize. We can only get better from here.</p>	
6C	Marist 26 Iona 12	Fred Little
	<p>A great game from the mighty 6Cs. Putting our practice onto the court allowed us to shoot off to an early first quarter lead. The boys played well to keep a comfortable lead throughout the game and eventually take the win. Some great team movements were capped off by some even better finishes, a real improvement on prior weeks. MVP Fred Little was electric on both ends of the court, with multiple steals and cuts to the basket to score.</p>	
6D	Iona 14 Marist 12	Brodie Corsini
	<p>Last Friday night, the 6D basketball team faced Iona College in a thrilling game that showcased significant improvement from our players. The boys were more settled and calm, demonstrating excellent ball movement and significantly reducing possession losses. Their focus and teamwork were evident throughout the game, highlighting the progress they've made this season.</p>	

While the game was a strong showing, there is still room for improvement in converting points. This will be a key focus area in our upcoming training sessions to ensure we capitalize on our opportunities and turn great plays into points on the scoreboard.

Brody Corsini was named Man of the Match for his outstanding performance, top-scoring for the day. His continual improvement this season is commendable and serves as an inspiration for the rest of the team.

Overall, it was a fantastic effort from the boys, and we're excited to build on this performance in our next game. Keep up the great work, team!