

**Marist Basketball – Round 1 vs. Villanova College**

	<b>Result</b>	<b>MVP</b>
<b>7A</b>	Villa 37 Marist 26	
<b>7B</b>	Marist 28 Villa 24	
<b>7C</b>	Marist 41 Villa 24	
<b>7D</b>	Marist 12 Villa 8	

	<b>Result</b>	<b>MVP</b>
<b>8A</b>	Villa 31 Marist 28	
<b>8B</b>	Villa 56 Marist 12	
<b>8C</b>	Villa 34 Marist 19	Will Quinn

	<p>A tough game to start the season the boys showed they had a never give up attitude with the score in the final quarter 10-9. A strong Villa team came out ready to play which caught the boys off guard. Our poor passing led to easy points for them which will be the focus at training this week. Everyone played their positions in the team to perfection and I couldn't ask for a better team mentality for the coming season. I truly believe if this were to be the final game of the season the result would have been in our favour.</p>	
<b>8D</b>	Villa 40 Marist 17	Issac Long

	<b>Result</b>	<b>MVP</b>
<b>9A</b>	Villa 33 Marist 30	
<b>9B</b>	Marist 29 Villa 22	
<b>9C</b>	Villa 40 Marist 30	Ashton Fraser
	<p>The 9Cs knew that this would be one of their biggest tests of the season, and were prepared to fight hard. Defensively, the boys should be proud of their efforts, showing grit against an organised side, and giving up very few easy buckets.</p>	
	<p>Ashton and Tom took charge of running the offence, which the boys had only learnt earlier that week. They found some great looks and created good shots for themselves and teammates. This will only improve as the team becomes more comfortable with this system.</p> <p>A key focus coming out of the game is rebounding, as the boys were beaten on the glass on both ends. Playing great defence for a full possession only to lose the rebound is no way to a win, which the boys had to learn the hard way. They</p>	

	showed great potential against a tough opponent, and I look forward to seeing how far this team can go.	
<b>9D</b>	Villa 26 Marist 19	Lachie Christie
	<p>The Marist 9Ds should be very proud of the effort and heart they showed on the court on Saturday. Despite a disheartening result, the boys played hard right until the final whistle, displaying true Marist qualities.</p> <p>Right from the jump, Tarkyn and Lachie shone in the paint, displaying an impressive drive package and strong offensive skills. Jasper's silky passes and court vision can be directly linked to the dominance of Lachie and Tarkyn. Unfortunately, this was not enough. Villa's dominance, defensively and offensively, eventually overcame the spirit of the Marist men. Leading the scoring at the end of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd quarters, Villa did not plan on losing the lead in the final minutes of the game.</p> <p>Although the 9Ds narrowly missed out on their first win, Reaghan and I saw much potential in the team that we are excited to bring out. Much to improve on, but very good start to the season. We are very keen to work with the boys throughout this week and hopefully this will reflect on Saturday!</p>	

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<b>10A</b>	Marist 57 Villa 40	Leo Morris
	The boys played a fantastic round of basketball against Villanova. The A's came out focused and engaged. Able to adjust and change plays based off what Villanova was throwing at them. Through hard, solid defense and running the floor the boys were able to come away with the win.	
<b>10B</b>	Villa 48 Marist 34	Weston Lewis
	Round 1 against Villanova College was always set to be a tough and gritty game of basketball. The team had a great week at training getting everyone up to speed on both new and old plays as well as clearing out some cobwebs from the offseason. There was a real sense of energy and eagerness all leading up to the big game on Saturday morning. Unfortunately, the cold morning had our boys get off to a slow start forcing us into catch up basketball for majority of the game.	

	<p>Despite trailing 12-3 in the first part of the quarter, the team was able to regroup with our bigs including Finn, Bas and Weston leading from the front on their boxing out and rebounding. With our energy stemming from our defensive efforts, our guards Frank, Kai and Harry were able to work their way up the floor for some nice shot opportunities. Unfortunately, we were unable to execute on a few of these leading to us falling back into a slump.</p> <p>With some late 4<sup>th</sup> quarter energy brought to the game by Matt and Josh, we were able to cut the lead back down, however it was ultimately too late. Although we lost what was a very winnable game, Spencer and I were proud of the boys efforts and we look forward to round 2 at Padua next week to hopefully get into the winners circle.</p> <p>Player of the game is given to Weston Lewis for his ability to lead from the front on both the offensive and defensive sides of the court. He was able to score the basket when needed, find open players for the unselfish plays and hold his own on defence.</p>	
<b>10C</b>	<p>Villa 49 Marist 33</p>	<p>James Milasas</p>
	<p>A loss for the 10C lads today in a game that was much closer than the eventual score suggests. Down 12-2 at quarter time the lads fought back to be down by only 4 at the half time break. Unfortunately, some loose defence in the third quarter allowed Villa to assert their dominance and stretch out a lead which we couldn't pull back. Riley Waldron showed his strength in defence causing key turnovers. MVP James Milasas had a great game working hard at both ends of the court, his assists in attack keeping our score ticking over. Harrison Arundell showed awesome positional play in the key, setting himself up for some sweet passes from James, and excellent rebounding action. And Charlie Wilcox took it to the shooting opposition with FOUR nice blocks under the basket. Looking forward to this week's game against Padua where the team can continue working hard on their man on man defence.</p>	
<b>10D</b>	<p>Villa 38 Marist 36</p>	<p>Pat Travers</p>
	<p>Following a fantastic trial, the 10Ds were eager to continue their momentum in their match against Villanova College. However, the game was played on Villanova's notoriously difficult outside court, adding an extra layer of challenge for the Marist boys. The court's slippery surface, concrete walls in close proximity, and tough hoops made scoring a formidable task.</p>	

The team's focus before the game was on penetrating inside the paint and utilising the glass to counter the challenging conditions.

The match was a see-sawing contest with both teams fighting hard throughout. Points were hard to come by, and neither team was able to break away. The boys from Marist displayed commendable resilience and determination.

Pat Travers put in an MVP performance scoring points, running hard and never giving the opposition a chance to settle. Jack Purcell was strong all day, leading by example and providing a solid presence on both ends of the court. Jack Mahuru delivered crucial points from the perimeter, nailing two magical 3-point shots to keep Marist in contention and effectively taking the difficult rims out of play.

Despite their efforts, Marist fell just short, with Villanova ultimately prevailing by a narrow margin.

Looking ahead, the team are determined to bounce back and get back to winning ways next week. The team spirit remains high, and there is a great feeling within the group. They are looking forward to the season ahead with optimism and enthusiasm.

Great job to the 10Ds for their hard work and perseverance in tough conditions.

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<b>11A</b>	Marist 45 Villa 37	
<b>11B</b>	Marist 72 Villa 28	
<b>11C</b>	Marist 34 Villa 14	

<b>11D</b>	SEC 11C 30 Marist 16	

	<b>Result</b>	<b>MVP</b>
<b>First V</b>	Villa 58 Marist 56	Isaac Deem
	<p>Heading out to Coorparoo for Round 1 was always going to be a challenge. In saying that, we were going into the game expecting to play well and end their 3 year undefeated streak. We started off a little slowly, and found ourselves in a 9 point hole at quarter time. Insert Jacob Cook and Isaac Deem and that 9 point deficit quickly became a 3 point lead. Jacob's rebounding effort sparked the run and Deemy was lights out from deep. The team steadied and played some inspired defence and by the main break we had our noses in front by 3. We continued to play admirable defence but some lapses on the defensive glass gave our opponents too many second chance points and upon reflection, that was the difference in the game. With Matt Gibson directing traffic and Harry Cook dominating the paint we held onto a slight lead as we started the fourth. Some crucial moments in our control and some out of our control did not go our way and unfortunately, the occasion got the better of us and an opportunity was lost. Sport is a great teacher and there is always lots to learn but it was a game that we lost, and that is going to spur us on for the remainder of the season. The crowd support for an away game was superb, the boys really appreciate supporters hanging around to watch and we hope we can get that same support as we head to Kedron for round 2.</p>	
<b>Second V</b>	Marist 38 Villa 28	Jack Riley
	<p>The team has had to work extremely hard at training the past 2 weeks getting up to speed with our offensive and defensive strategies alongside being able to quickly identify the oppositions on court structure and key playmakers. Understandably Villa was going to be a very tough game but with a team of 12, we knew we had athleticism and determination to keep the pressure up the entire game. Captain Jack Riley led the team to victory with a stellar performance on the court. Other shout outs go to Jacob Keogh for coming off the bench and nailing 2 x 3 pointers, Tom Reck for defensive hustle and Tom Dreghorn for stepping up with a solid starting V performance. There was several great moments during the game where the team created space, had patience</p>	

	<p>and rewarded themselves with a basket, however too many errors crept in which cost us from having a more comfortable winning margin. Having the confidence of our first win going into round 2 against Padua , the boys will continue to build on the execution of plays, and we are looking forward to hearing more talk both on and off the court.</p>	
<p><b>Third V</b></p>	<p>Marist 28 Villa 15</p>	<p>Oscar Pittman</p>
	<p>A nice start to the season for the Thirds Basketball men with a win over Villanova. A little too close for comfort in the first quarter (with us 7-5 up) thanks to some messy, unsettled play, by the third the lads had found their stride allowing the coach to finally relax a little. The Villa game is always a physical one and this team was no different. The opposition played tough basketball and our boys did well to stand up to the pressure and use their bodies to great effect to both cause turnovers and score points. MVP (and top scoring) Oscar Pitman had a great game working super hard in defence and scoring great baskets when he decided to take on the opposition under the hoop. Clancy Dunn used his speed to great effect chasing down the opposition fast break in defence and being instrumental in bringing the ball down the court in offence. Leo Grimson also played very well, his tough defence making him difficult to score over. These young men work so well as a team and play the game with such energy and this passion was totally obvious today. As a coach I am hoping this team first mentality and high intensity play continues through the rest of the season.</p>	
<p><b>Fourth V</b></p>	<p>Marist 31 Villa 18</p>	