

Match Reports – Round 5

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6B	<p>Being the first game on the new courts at Iona College the 6B basketballers were aiming to be the first team to win there. Unfortunately, that plan didn't come to fruition, but we weren't the first team to lose their either as the boys played out a thrilling 24 all draw. The first quarter was a tight affair with the teams going shot for shot. Marist found some momentum in the second quarter to lead 18 - 10. Iona went on an 8-point run of their own to tie the game up. Marist then led 24 - 20 with only 2 minutes remaining in what felt like a comfortable lead until Iona tied the game up late to leave the game in a stalemate.</p> <p>The effort and improvements from the first game have been enormous. Nick Prendergast and Stanley Grellman dominated in the paint at both ends of the court. Harry Cootes injected some speed to help us transition up the court in his first game for the B's and contributed with a crucial basket late in the game. Cooper Hayes and Mikka Piipari's defensive pressure contributed to many turnovers from Iona. These are just a few notable performances from what was another game where everyone contributed again.</p>
6C	<p>MVP Tom Hammond and Rafa Gonsalves</p> <p>A fantastic win for the young men of the 6C team. We meant business from the tip off with excellent rebounding and great teamwork. Tom Hammond consistently put himself in the front position when rebounding getting lots of ball. Rafa Gonsalves had a great game including an awesome reject stopping an opposition scoring shot under the basket. And Mr Dependable, Archie Enstrom worked really hard at both ends of the court and was especially good at chasing down the Iona fast break player when in transition.</p>
6Gold	<p>In what has been our best team performance so far, each and every boy played over and above in what has been our grittiest and thrilling game so far. All boys learned that better communication, smarter passing and slowing the pace of the game down worked in our favour.</p> <p>Isaac, Harvey and Jarvis led the way with shooting whilst Fraser and Kai were fabulous in attack.</p> <p>Lucas, Finn, Caleb, Joe and Marshall maintained the continuity of scoring and defended well to see us only one point down with less than two minutes to go.</p>

	With 15 seconds remaining Marshall Hair scored the winning points to win by one point!!! Well done boys. Fabulous effort by every boy.
7A	
7B	After a good win against Padua, the 7Bs we're looking to continue that momentum against Iona. Right from the start the boys showed that they had come to play and accumulated a big lead by halftime. The boys continued to play hard in the second half, sharing the ball and rebounding well continuing to be their strength all the way until the final buzzer when they closed out a comfortable win.
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8A	Iona was a much tougher opponent then our last with a number of quality players. We stayed with them in the first quarter but lost our way defensively in the 2 nd and 3 rd quarters. There were some pleasing efforts for all and we have come a long way since the start of the season. We will keep learning and improving, onto next week!
8B	The Year 8B team came up against a talent and well coached Iona team. A slow start resulted in Iona getting the early lead and this continued in the second quarter. Missed free throws also hurting the team's chances, with Iona taking 23-4 lead at halftime. The second half was a different game, with the boys showing what their capable of when they play with energy and confidence. The boys also showed great composure working through Iona's defensive press. Marist outscored Iona 22-20 in second half, with the finishing score being a 43-26 loss.
8C	The 8C's went down to Iona in a 19-17 thriller. The boys battled their way back into the game as it came down to the final shot of the match. The boys were gutted not to get over the line but there were plenty of positives to take into round 6.
8D	Boys started off slowly in the first quarter and struggled with the day's heat. They came back well in the second and third quarters and brought the game closer before one of our players had to leave early in the 4th. MOTM: Finlay Manning for his good intercepts and passing.
9A	
9B	Consistency with offence and an increase in turnovers contributed to our lost this week. There were glimpses of hope and a last minute surge but the gap was too great. I was happy that the boys finished the last quarter off with more intensity.
9C	The 9C's played a close game against Iona last week. The opposing team came out of the gate strong securing and maintaining a ten point lead for the first half. Marist contested

	<p>the game in the third quarter, narrowing the deficit to three points. Iona's ability to draw fouls in the fourth quarter ultimately turned the tide of what was a well fought game finishing in an Iona College win 23-31.</p>
9D	<p>A disappointing loss for the 9D young men today in a game that got away from them. Leading at half-time, we didn't score any points in the 3rd quarter which unfortunately cost us the game. Pat Jewel had a blinder today and was everywhere in both offence and defence. The rebounding by both Pat and Ed Wild and their teamwork under the basket was outstanding and contributed to a lot of our points. Max Norton also had a strong game, especially in controlling both the ball and the game tempo when transitioning from defence to offence. Let's get back up for a win next week gentlemen.</p>
10A	<p>We were playing for the first time in Iona's new multi trillion dollar gym...I think they might have bought stocks in vaccines about 2 years ago...so fair to say we were a little thrown off in the first quarter....especially when I walked past the opposition coach who was singing Jealous by Labrinth (except he changed the words)... "I'm jealous of the rain, that falls upon your skin...I know that you can feel it...when you are in YOUR gym"the words cut deep, but even worse...he was completely off key! The lads fought well, and the game was never out of our reach...our defence was strong again, however we struggled to drop our shots at the other end! We weren't quite good enough on the day and we learnt some really good lessons about ourselves, coach included.</p>
10B	<p>It was a disappointing day for all involved in 10B basketball.</p> <p>The team had the opportunity to push for a Premiership with a victory over Iona but the team never really got going. The first quarter started well for the Marist boys, with points coming freely. Defensive lapses throughout the second gave Iona momentum and allowed them back into the game. The challenge at half time was to tighten up defensively and to not allow Iona the free scoring opportunities they had been given in the second quarter. Iona started the third quarter well and when faced with the adversity the boys turned on each other. Attitude counts for a lot in a basketball team, with only 5 players on court at a time, if you cannot rely on your teammates a game can easily slip away, and this is what happened on Saturday. The game was gone.</p> <p>The challenge is to refocus, again, for the final two games of the season and play to the team's potential and finish the season well.</p>
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11A	<p>A great win for three in a row against a good team at home. We beat Iona 45 to 42 in a final minute shoot out</p> <p>Liam Thomas, Declan and Paul had great games but all played well. Dylan and Cooper strong and Will Collins played a critical role late off the bench. Better defence and smarter last quarter decisions got us home.</p>
11B	
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1sts	<p>The 1st V went to Iona low on Calvary with 4 players unavailable for selection due to injuries. The boys wanted no excuses and were ready to go. We exchanged baskets with Iona for much of the first half. Sloppy turnovers and giving up offensive rebounds helped Iona take an edge into half time. The second half was much the same with Iona going on runs with some unbelievably good shooting and Ashgrove digging in to stay in the game. With Iona holding a double-digit lead at the start of the 4th Ashgrove had to dig deep being short on rotations and needing to stay together. With some excellent full court pressure, good team defence we cut the lead to 4 with 3:30 left to play. A 30 second lapse saw an Iona player hit 3 3s and blow the game apart. The boys continued to battle hard but ran out of gas and time. The boys are playing well in patches but at this level you've got to play for the whole 40 minutes. Hopefully some players are returning this week and as always, we will be aiming to get better!</p>
2nds	<p>The 2nds made the trip to Wynnum on Saturday looking with energy and poise against an AIC heavyweight in Iona. Starting well, those boys looked ready for a quality game starting the first quarter well. The key was their proficiency attacking the paint, which led to their highest scoring effort of the season. Falling victim to some quality deep range shooting from Iona, 2nds fought back in the last 3 minutes from a 7 point deficit to close the gap to 1, but it wasn't to be as we couldn't convert on the last few plays of the game. The boys will look to fix the little things which went against us to ensure the next result is never in doubt.</p>
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4ths	