



Basketball

MARIST COLLEGE vs St Edmunds College – Saturday 18th July 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 Edmund's College

The first round of an amended AIC competition was always going to be different. Restrictions on crowd meant that our usual home advantage was somewhat different to other years. A young group this year, the First V got down early, and showed resilience to fight back and persevere. Unfortunately, they could not overcome the initial deficit and fell just short.

Result: **48 – 58 Loss**

TEAM	TEAM REPORT
2 nd V	Despite missing training due injuries and players being away on Retreat the 2nds played a fierce and competitive game. Coming from 15 points down with a sleepy start they ended up losing by 6 but had a chance to shoot a win. Strong game by Jordan Chugg and Ethan Chapman stepped up.
3 rd V	After a great trial match against SPLC, 3rds looked to start their 2020 campaign off well against a strong opponent in SEC. The boys fought hard against a tough opposition, and after a drought in the first half, executed the game plan well in the 2 nd half. Small slip ups cost us the game, but the boys responded well to feedback and played to their strengths in the second stanza. An unfortunate loss will only drive the boys harder for this weekend against Padua.
4 th V	Every boy in this team is thankful to be playing basketball with their mates after such a long time away from sport. The 4ths started their season with a strong performance against a determined Eddie's team. Considering the boys only had one training run together, it all looks promising for an exciting season ahead for the boys with everyone doing their bit to get the win.
11A	The 11A's commenced the season after good wins over St Pat's and St Peters and a tough loss to Villa. Everyone contributed to a solid win against Eddies 58 to 15. The additions to the team Oscar Moehead and Joel Perkins contributed strongly with Joel taking a charge during the game. The "old stagers" of the team continue grow as basketballers and young men and also providing vocal support for the 11B's who returned the favour during the A's game.
11B	The boys put up a massive Win against St Eddies, it came down to the bench culture and team work that the year 11 basketball team has created.
11C	The 11C's worked extremely hard against Villa last Saturday. Despite a narrow loss for the team, losing by only one point, the boys played well and are excited for next weekend's game!
11D	The 11D's started a bit slow probably because we hadn't trained together as a team yet. Eddies got a 10 - 4 lead on us and we managed to come back and were even up at one point. Tough loss but the boys have a lot of potential showing great signs in offence and defence.





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10A	The boys started the game and ended the game well, but unfortunately started to fatigue a lot in the middle part of the game going down 15 at the break. The boys struggled to adjust to the change to two 20-minute halves, however they kept fighting till the very end. Aiden O'Connell was great defensively in the 2 nd half shutting down SEC main player to keep us in the game. It was a great week at training this week, and I'm sure the boys will be ready to play against Padua.
10B	After a sluggish first half the 10Bs really turned it on in the second to put their opposition to the sword. Patty Tierney started the game full of fire unsettling the opposition early, the defence offered the Eddie's 3-point shooter too much time and space and he kept them in the game. A renewed defensive effort in the second term shut the opposition offence down and their defence soon followed. It was a complete team performance in the second half and a credit to all of the MCA boys, as an injury and foul trouble meant that others had to raise their own game. The challenge is to maintain the momentum into our Round 2 game against Padua.
10C	The boys had a good first half especially the last few minutes getting the lead out to 10 points. Had a slower second half but defended well and managed to secure a win.
10D	Despite not having any training sessions, the boys came out and played very unselfishly with lots of passing and open shots. Everyone put in heaps of effort on both ends of the court and we came away with a great first win.
9A	The 9A team has shown definite potential throughout the trial period with some player growth during the off season in both skill and height, challenging each team we faced culminating in a 1-point loss to Villa with a chance to win the game with 1.9 seconds remaining. The challenge this year is to turn around the confidence level of the boys and have them realise their potential. The old Robin Williams line of seize the day still rings so true for the youth of each generation and often only becomes lucid for us as we get older...but...for the few that can seize the day realisation of potential is what awaits! Hahaha...in saying that we achieved the opposite on Saturday against Eddie's and dropped our bundle. The boys lost their confidence in the Ipidome (The Shed at Ipswich) that was loud and raucous and the result was a lack of conviction and too many turnovers...combined with a bit of good ol Ipswich trash talk this loss really hit us where it hurts. The good news is that we know where we went wrong, we know how to fix it and the boys hopefully learnt some great lessons from the experience. Really looking forward to this week's home game!
9B	The 9B basketball team travelled out to Ipswich on Saturday to face St Edmunds College. The Ashgrove boys had a rough start in the first half, going down double digits. We showed resiliency to make a comeback in the second half, but St. Eddie's early lead combined with the sheer size of some of their big men proved to be too much to overcome. Charlie Weaver and Pat Ryan had stand out performances. The boys will look to improve at training this week and be ready for another important game coming.
9C	The 9C's played a fantastic season opener. The play and ball movement was on a level far surpassing what would be expected for a new team. Each player contributed immensely to the win with their unique set of individual skills and hustle plays on both ends of the floor. This successful first outing provides confidence for a winning season.





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9D	The 71-19 score line accurately describes the dominance shown by the 9Ds, with great defence leading to plenty of easy, fast-break buckets. A whole team effort and a great start to the season.
8A	The 8As had a close game against Eddies. The game started out with both teams struggling to score. As the first half went on Ash started to score more freely and went into the half time break up by 6 points and feeling confident. In the second half Eddies played full court defence and Ash turned the ball over a few times to let Eddies back into the games. Ash was down by 4 with a minute to go when a number of intentional fouls were called when the boys were trying to stop the clock. All boys played well with no individual player really standing out. A great team effort.
8B	Thanks to a very strong start from the MCA boys, the 8Bs secured a satisfying win against Eddies, showing off some determination in defence, resulting in an 11/14 record of free throws.
8C	The 8Cs had a convincing win over St Eddies winning 41-11. While there were some impressive individual feats on the day, perhaps most impressive was the boys' ability to play as a team and with the right spirit.
8D	A big win for the 8D team with some excellent work under the basket by Jack Lafferty, Liam O'Rourke and Tom Donaldson. Up by 30 at half time, the focus today was on winning with Grace. I am happy to say the young men in this team responded to the challenge showing respect to the opposition despite the big difference in the score.
7A	The 7A boys were pumped after their 70-22 loss on Wednesday against Villa despite the score. They all felt they had improved as a team from last year. Our goal for Saturday was to reduce our St Eddies assists. We did this, we tried a new transition, tried to incorporate a little more structure to their game and it was their good listening skills in the last 21 secs that secured them the win. It was certainly a nail biter and lots of fun!
7B	The 7B's played hard but were overwhelmed by a very strong St Edmunds team who had good skills and were more aggressive in defence and more accurate with their passes. Training will make this team improve out of sight.
7C	The 7Cs played their first game as a team this week and we found that we have some strong skills across our team that if we use wisely will serve us well into the rest of the short season. We know from this first game that if we can improve on our shooting, we will be able to extend our winning margins quite remarkably. The boys were all very happy with the 27-6 win and are hoping to keep this up for the next three weeks.
7D	The 7D team played St Edmund's at Ipswich on a cold Saturday morning, but that didn't stop them from producing a 42-14 win in what could be only be described as a true team effort! From the very start in the warm-up, right through to the end of the game, the 7Ds worked together and supported each other as Marist men, and with great gusto. Saturday's captain, Angus Cope, scored a number of baskets, while Ben Pignolet kept Eddy's score to a minimum with some impressive blocks in defence. Well done 7Ds!

