



MCA Basketball – Round 2 Match Reports

2nd V

The 2nds did not get the start we hoped for trailing 10-0 5 minutes into the game. They eventually realised that SEC were not going to be an easy game and lifted their intensity. We managed to get within 3 points a couple of times but had given them too big a head start. Costly turnovers and some unforced errors in our passing game prevented any chance at a win. After a great game last week this was disappointing for the boys. MVP was Aidan O'Connell who always gives his best. Ben Mackie-Smith played very well in patches and Marcus Zipf stepped up.

MVP: Aidan O'Connell

3rd V

The boys kept themselves in the winner's circle after a dominant performance on Saturday, finishing with a win by a margin of 22 points. The boys started to struggle a little on defence in the 3rd quarter, allowing almost all of Eddie's points to come from the free throw line in the second half.

MVP: Henry Warren

4th V

In another great team performance, the boys claimed a solid win on the weekend. Although we didn't make as many baskets as we would have liked, our defence won us the game with great efforts from all players.

MVP: Jamieson Parkin

11A

After leading this game with general authority for 3 and a half quarters only to fail closing out the match (going down by 4 points) it felt tougher to swallow than a steak cooked on Dad's wood fired BBQ back in the 80's – just for reference he used to call them Fonzie steaks, in reference to the colour of the black leather jacket Fonzie wore back in the TV series Happy Days...Aye! As they say you learn more from losing, but I'd rather be a little dumber this week and have won! What I really felt lucky about was the general shift in the basketball mojo at our school. We are starting to seriously compete at all levels...with John, Lefty, Michael (good to see you at the 1st game mate) and a bevy of dedicated coaches at the helm we are going to be coming!

11B

With a loss last week, the 11Bs were looking for a win to get back on track. It was a close 1st quarter, then Marist pulled away with a convincing win.

MVP: Sova Pogara

11C



Great turnaround from last week's tie, with a 60-5 win. Our defence was great and allowed us to get a lot of fast break points.

MVP: Alex Clark

11D

Boys played really well as a team today with every player pitching in and scoring a point, with a good last-ditch effort from our opposition and comfortable 12-point lead going into the fourth vanished to an even ball game but some late gutsy defending from the boys and a banked three from Oscar Azzopardi and we managed to pull off a win.

MVP: Charlie Harris

10A

The 10As unfortunately went down over the weekend to St Edmunds College. We started strong and came out with the lead after the end of the first quarter. St Eddie's soon switched gear and overtook us, but we continued to play our style of basketball and have moments of brilliance. Really proud of you boys.

MVP: Bailey Skinner

10B

The 10Bs had another solid win on the back of more great defence. The boys showed some encouraging signs of improved offence building on from last week and look to continue their win streak this week.

MVP: Flynn Connolly

10C

A big win today for the young men of the 10C basketball team. Strong man on defence in the first quarter saw us steal a lot of ball and set up a lead from which the opposition couldn't come back. James Brandon played a great game, causing lots of trouble for the opposition in defence and being unstoppable on his drive to the basket in offence. Pat Jewell was excellent under the basket at both ends of the court playing a good all-round game. And Mitch Trotter scored some great points, with his good court vision enabling him to spot the gaps and drive strongly towards the basket or to see his teammate and put in a good pass for the assist. Ahead for all of the game (except the first basket), 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.

MVP: James Brandon and Pat Jewell

10D

Mighty 10D remain undefeated with back-to-back wins. Eddie's were a formidable force for the boys but just didn't have enough with the game capitulating in a 50-0 wash out on Saturday. All players were exceptional with special mention to Jack Shay who showed great leadership and tenacity coming off the bench for Marist.



9A

Away to Eddies is always a challenge and this week was no exception. After a good first quarter we dug ourselves a hole with turnovers and were down 7 at the half. Pulled back to 4 down at $\frac{3}{4}$ time. Big effort in last quarter, particularly defensively saw us finish over the top for a gutsy win.

MVP: Will McPhee

9B

All round, great team effort by the boys to dig deep and keep the lead. All the boys had great games and stepped up as we were short on numbers.

MVP: Parker Ullman

9C

The boys started off on the wrong foot with a couple turn overs allowing St Edmunds to start with a small lead. However, the Marist boys found their rhythm and managed to take back the lead to win 32 to 22. MVP goes to Max Walker making 5 crucial blocks to keep the boys in the lead.

MVP: Max Walker

9D

A great game by the 9Ds against St Edmunds College with Marist walking away with the win. The boys started strong working well as a team. The highlight of the game was the strong defence that was excellent throughout all four quarters.

MVP: Ash McKinnon

8A

The boys had a good game against Eddie's. We kept a 10-point window the whole game, and finished winning by 13. It was an all-round team effort with everyone contributing on the offence and defensive end. Looking forward to playing Villanova this weekend.

MVP: Matt Pegg

8B

A dominant performance by the team. A great defensive performance also.

MVP: Josh Bellett

8C

Another dominant display saw the 8Cs win their Round 2 match against St Edmunds College. A massive defensive effort again set the tone for their offence which saw all the boys get on the score sheet. The MVP for this game has to be James Gissing, who was an absolute presence in the paint.

MVP: James Gissing



8D

The 8Ds had a great win on Saturday, with the boys only allowing St. Edmunds to score 6 points for the entire game. Getting into the paint was a big focus on Saturday, as the team's rebounding and finishing at the rim proved to be the key difference that set apart the two teams. MVP goes to Matthew Stephens, who exploded in the first half and finished the game with an impressive 18 points.

MVP: Matthew Stephens

7A

The boys came out with a high level of intensity early but were no match for the Eddie's boys on the day. Although another tough loss for the team, the defence improved significantly and there were good patches of basketball amongst the rough. Ollie's outstanding defence was especially noticed as he kept the right intensity throughout the whole game, always making an effort on both sides of the flow. Connor was also very impressive scoring countless putback layups and grabbing strong rebounds over the Eddie's big man. The boys will have to keep working hard in trainings in order to snatch their first win of the season.

MVP: Ollie Macready

7B

After a great week of training the boys travelled out to face St Edmunds. The boys started the game very well, getting defensive stops in the front court and converting some difficult shots. The boys put on a defensive barrage of full-court pressure which resulted in a lot of fastbreak points and helped us gain control of the game that we would go on to win. Congratulations to the boys for their first win of the season and I look forward to many more

MVP: Owen Moirera

7C

The 7Cs went to Eddie's looking for revenge after a close loss to Laurie's last week. The boys left it all on the court, playing tough defence throughout the game to secure a 22-point win. Big offensive performances from Max Lenz and Harry Vecillio highlighted a great team performance.

MVP: Harry Vecillio

7D

After an outstanding performance, the Marist boys came out on top 35-9. It was amazing seeing the boys implement key skills learnt in training and applying them to situations within the game. The passion the boys have for the game did not go unnoticed; every boy gave over 110% on the court.

It was a great game to watch, seeing the boys work in unison to play to their highest standard. I have no doubt if they continue to foster their passion for the game of basketball, they will grow into very impressive players.

MVP: Ethan Horsham, for his constant offensive presence and pressure.