

BASKETBALL

5A

After a big week of training, which focused on going back to the basics, the boys should a significant improvement in this week's match against ATC. The boys were much more fluent on offence this week and played some great team basketball. Unfortunately, we found ourselves settling for jump shots throughout the game, rather than attacking the rim. A special mention to Tom Novak for his work on the defensive glass and to Harry Cleary for getting to the line on multiple occasions. In the end the boys went down in a close game, with one ATC player scoring 25 of their 29 points.

5B

Great team effort and much improved performance from the 5B team. We manage to do some of the things we practiced during the week and it's great to see training effort turned into results in the court"

MVP: Team effort.

5Gold

The 5 Gold team were eager to put on a performance in their first home game of the season. In a defensive masterclass, both teams nearly remained scoreless in a tight first quarter. Buoyed by the cheers from the grandstand and some athletic steals from Jamieson McGahan and Will Webster, the boys rallied for consecutive baskets and put themselves in prime position to win the game. Unfortunately, Villanova made a late jump-shot as our boys went down in the final 20 seconds.

6B

The 6Bs travelled to ATC hoping to rebound from last week's first up loss. We started slowly with ATC getting off to a strong first quarter lead. After the slow start the boys came back into the game with Stanley playing a huge role in the paint at both ends of the floor. Cooper was tenacious in defence as usual and contributed on the scoreboard with 2 important baskets. However, the damage was done from the first quarter with the boys going down 28-18.

6C

A tough game against a very strong Villanova team. The boys never gave up however, especially in defence which was pleasing to see. Tom Dowl and Daniel Hart were brilliant in their rebounding at both ends of the court. And Tom Hammond and Harry Cootes both showed a lot of heart working hard to both steal the ball from the opposition players and bring it down the court. We play the same team next week gentleman, less aim to make the scores a little closer. MVP: Harry Cootes

6Gold

The team had a very tough game against a well-rounded Villanova.

With Fraser and Kai unable to play, the pace of the game from the start forced our boys to make uncharacteristic errors in the first half.

Our second half defensively improved with Marshall impressive throughout

The match. Harvey and Jarvis also fought hard given the extra time on the court and the pace of the game.

Despite the score line, ALL boys are to be congratulated on never giving up.

MVP Marshall Hair

7A

The boys got their win in the nick of time! (in relation to lockdown)... The 7A's put on an great display of basketball against St Edmunds. We got a strong early lead by moving the ball and playing solid defence. The boys/parents/college should be very proud of the boys efforts.

Until next week (hopefully).

7B

Following a tough loss to Laurie's, the 7Bs looked to get a win on the board against Eddie's. Though the boys were able to almost everything right in the first quarter, a number of Ashgrove misses on easy looks kept the game close. However, the boys eventually got the lid off the basketball and were able to consistently force turnovers and move the ball well, helping them to a comfortable win.

7C

7C's played very well ending the half 15-0 and finishing the game 26-5. Strong performances all around the team with everyone bringing their A game on both offense and defense.

7D

A great team win from the boys in the 7D's. After a slow start to the game in the first quarter, the boys put on both an offensive and defensive masterclass to outscore St Edmund's 33-6 in the final 3 quarters. A monster effort which each boy should be proud of. Special mention goes to Angus Shay for topping the score charts, Adrian Garbellini for putting on a defensive masterclass and Jack Webster for setting the tone of the offence.

8A

The 8A's were struggling a little in the early going particularly on the defensive end. A timeout in the 2nd quarter to remind them about the defensive assignments gave them the impetus to narrow the gap at the half. The second half showed what the group can do defensively. Plenty of opportunities were created at the offensive end and we need to finish these better. It was encouraging to see improvement again from last week but an infinitely tougher opponent is up next week in Villanova

8B

The Year 8B team had a close loss (28-24) in an exciting matchup vs. SEC. After a slow first quarter, the boys started to share the ball more on offense and worked their way back into the game at halftime. A few defensive breakdowns in the second half ended up costing the boys the win and will be a key area of focus at training over the coming weeks. Overall, the boys are improving each week and are building strong team chemistry.

8C

8C's had their first win of the season with a 19-13 win. The boys had a really strong 2nd & 3rd quarter with Will Lukin, Josh Dale & Luca Ruffini taking control of the game. Eddie's gave us a nervy finish with a few late baskets but we held on for a 6 point win in the end.

10B

Each and every AIC sporting season the challenge faced by teams is learning how to play as a team, this is especially evident in basketball with only 5 players on the court at a time, combinations and bench rotations are especially crucial. The 10Bs were asked this week to raise their game to this challenge.

Travelling to SEC is always a daunting task and after last week's disappointing first quarter the boys showed that they were willing to make that effort.

The Marist boys lead 15 – 14 after the first quarter and Eddie's realised that they had a tough game on their hands. A low scoring and physical second quarter saw SEC retake the ascendancy, but the Marist boys were in for the fight. The third quarter saw the teams trade baskets but with the team work from the MCA boys improving, the game was there for the taking. With 10 seconds remaining the scores were locked at 37-a-piece. Eddie's were in foul trouble and Matt Sharland iced a free throw to give MCA the lead, a 3-point play from Eddie's left the Marist boys 2 points down with 5 seconds to play, it wasn't to be, going down by 2.

The boys should be extremely proud of the way they played, and we hope to be back on court before the season ends.

10C

After a disappointing loss in Round 1, the Ashgrove 10C's bounced back beautifully to secure a fantastic win against St Eddie's. Improved rebounding and ball movement were pivotal factors in the win, Ashgrove getting up 29-18 at St Mary's College, Ipswich.

11A

The 11As travelled to Ipswich with a depleted team of 7 with two out injured. SEC were a daunting prospect. The MCA team stepped up to the plate. We put down a strong first quarter with Liam Morris and Declan Cooper leading the way. Cooper Hafiz as captain was also instrumental in the tempo and had another sterling game in defence. Will and Declan played excellent help D and we continued that into the second quarter. Liam Thomas came off the bench to exhibit an excellent passing game and Owen took the shot when necessary. In the last game of the day due to COVID it turned into a real confidence booster for the squad coming out victors 47-20.

11B

The 11B team continued their hot start to the season with a 40-6 win against St. Edmunds. We led the game from start to finish, with every player contributing to the outcome of a dominant win to wrap up a shortened Saturday of sport.

4ths

The 4ths had a slow start out at Ipswich on Saturday but eventually got the ball rolling in the second quarter. We didn't play our best basketball but we got the job done in the end with a convincing win. This win makes it 2 on the trot and the mighty 4ths boys are on a roll. There is heaps of room for improvement but the team is showing strong signs to be premiership contenders.