

Marist Basketball – Round 6 vs. St. Laurence’s College Match Reports from the Courts

2nd V

Marist 37 – SLC 32

MVP: Matt Sharland

This week we had a very sluggish start with too many unnecessary turnovers that put us in a tight situation and added pressure to our game plan. The boys had to dig deep and get out of first gear to turn this game around. Fortunately, some effective transitional play put us in front on the score board which we were then able to hold onto the lead to win the game.

Consistency, good decision making and urgency will be our focus for next week. Vamos!

3rd V

Marist 32 – SLC 26

MVP: Oscar Azzopardi

Another good performance from the boys with some solid defensive efforts causing turnovers into some good buckets. Looking to finish the season off with a strong win over Eddie’s.

4th V

Marist 25 – SLC 24

MVP: Addison Knight

11A

Marist 37 – SLC 35

MVP: Jack Riley

So here we go.....Big Mulc is starting with the firsts (well done Captain, we missed you, but in true style was present for the pregame and sat on the bench supporting the lads)....Bailey the enforcer out with a broken hand....omg....that being said this group has both depth and heart....so let me break it down... The boys started with amazing energy and we were up by a margin in the first quarter, defence was excellent and backed up by some nice offence, “Austentatious” (Austin Beaman) led the way with some aggressive plays at both ends of the floor....we continued into the second quarter solid and leading 17-10 at half time (should have been 27-10 with our talent, but that’s basketball). The third and fourth quarter we plateaued a little, still playing tough however allowing the black and gold to get back into the game. Tough buckets from Joe Pegg, Flynn Connolly and Luca Martinuzzi kept us in the hunt. JJ (Jack Justice was Barkley like on the boards) and Jack Riley was playing chess. TT(Tommy Treston made some

huge defensive plays)....So here comes the climax...we're still three in front with 20 odd seconds to go, Laurie's call a timeout...we discuss that they are the nervous team, play D and if they make a freak shot we still have a time out...our D was spotless and Laurie's hit a ridiculous three from the corner to even up the game (they go crazy)... we take our time out...11 seconds to go...we run our play, take the shot and miss (JM and J)...Laurie's get the rebound (and it feels all over)....then....Enter the Dragon aka Jack Riley (superb Bruce Lee movie btw) who grabs the ball and creates a jump ball and the arrow is facing our way.....4 seconds to go...we get the ball in to Jack Riley and he penetrates to the hole throwing up a soft floater....hitting the left side of the rim (oh my.... it looks left, then bounces of the backboard...the buzzer rings, the ball hits the other side of the rim, jiggles a little and drops in like Jimmy Barnes at a John Farnham concert....boys go wild....Coach was completely calm, taking it in my stride of course...hahahah...WOW, what a W, what a team...so proud of these young men, well deserved and congratulations!

11B

Marist 41 – SLC 16

MVP: Oscar Pitman

This week the Marist 11Bs looked to continue their undefeated seasons against St Laurence's College. A slow scoring start to the game saw Marist leading after the first quarter 8-0, this trend continued as Marist found it difficult to score points but yet again it was their defensive effort that ultimately resulted in another win. The boys now look forward to having the opportunity to secure back-to-back undefeated premierships coming into the final round against Eddie's.

11C

Marist 66 – SLC 31

MVP: Leo Grimson and Pat Jewel

Leading from the first touch for one of the few times this season (primarily thanks to the opposition only having 4 players to begin the game), the 11C lads defeated St Laurence's today in a game that was as entertaining as it was skilful. With a first quarter score closer than I would have liked considering the opposition playing short to start with, the team methodically piled on points each subsequent quarter to eventually secure the win by 45. Leo Grimson had an absolute blinder of a game with two awesome rejects at the opposition hoop and a nice passing game in offence that resulted in some great assists to our players in good position under the basket. Pat Jewel was super tough as always in defence and showed smart basketball thinking in offence tricking the opposition defence into jumping too early by holding off on his shot, thereby leaving himself with an open basket to score. A great overall team effort today lads. We have one week to go ... let's finish on a high.

11D

Marist 23 – Padua 11C 11

MVP: Nick Marco and Pedro Hoffman

The game today was fantastic!! the communication on and off the court was one of the many reasons that we kept their team to such a low scoring game. The boys zone defence kept them from scoring in the first quarter and only let up 1 point in the second quarter. Our big men dominated the paint getting rebounds and boxing out Padua leading to many put back points. Our shooting could use some work but overall it was still great, while driving to the basket was fantastic making use of drawing fouls and exploiting Padua poor defense. Overall the boys played amazing and we are ready for our last game of the season.

10A

Marist 18 – SLC 33

MVP: Team defence with the best display this year.

We matched up against Laurie's in Round 6 in a game which developed into a slugfest with no more than 7 points in it at any stage. Defence on both sides dominated with offence being at a premium. Going down by 5 points represented another significant step forward against the best teams in the age bracket which is encouraging for next year.

10B

Marist 29 – SLC 46

MVP: Joey Laner

The boys simply didn't put up enough shots to win the game. Silly turnovers led to Laurie's rolling up the floor for 20 or more fastbreak points. We fought hard in the first half but slipped away from us in the end.

10C

Marist 24 – SLC 38

MVP: Lachie Grant

Laurie's came ready to play from the beginning, posting a 10-1 score at quarter time. Clutch 3s from Ash and Noah brought the deficit to within 1 going into half time. The presence of Lewis "money" Tunney really helped the boys morale. Defensive presence from Max Gallagher and Max Walker sustained the pressure from Laurie's for as long as they could. But eventually Laurie's fasts breaks were the death of us. The boys put up a valiant effort that they should be proud of.

10D

Marist 16 – SLC 65

MVP: Darcy Latimer

One thing the 10D team is not short on is SPIRT. Week after week, regardless of score lines, the boys are on court giving it their all and trying their hardest. Although losing 16-65, the team laughed and smiled until the final siren.

9A

Marist 39 – SLC 29

MVP: Ollie Peregrina & Makenzie Bowen – shout out to the 9B supporters

In a thrilling showdown against St Laurie's, the boys emerged victorious by a commanding 10 points in an exceedingly hostile environment, silencing the home crowd and ending the undefeated streak of St Laurie's. The intensity of the support fuelled the boys, as they showcased exceptional teamwork and Marist spirit. St Laurie's fought hard, but our unrelenting defence and execution of plays proved to be too tough for them. This remarkable win will be etched in my mind and the boys' forever. For context - 4 years of coaching this same group, this was our first win over St Laurie's. We never gave up, and we stepped up to new levels.

9B

Marist 41 – SLC 42

MVP: Archer Mellifont

Coming off a 4-game winning streak the boys looked in good form early, as the game progressed Laurie's slowly caught up and our 9 point lead was down to 2 going into the last quarter. As the pressure mounted throughout the game the boys started rushing themselves and losing their composure. Another nail-biting game unfortunately we were on their wrong side of this one. Props to Archer he never gave up and gave 110% the whole game.

9C

Marist 27 – SLC 30

MVP: Toby Matthews

The boys came out strong pushing out to an early lead. However, complacency and lack of energy brought it back to neck and neck. Top efforts for finishing strong but weren't enough to get in front at the buzzer.

9D

Marist 40 – SLC 28

MVP: Harrison Davies

The boys started with high energy and muscle, running hard and fast and getting out to a good lead. The opposition started to mount a comeback, but the Marist boys showed some heart and held their composure to build the lead.

8A

Marist 40 – SLC 66

MVP: Charlie Cook

Although a 20-point loss this week, the boys came out and played hard right until the end. The help defence was greatly improved this week, with everyone willing to step up and keep working hard to get stops. The offence was good in patches where we saw some good ball movement that lead to easy shots. Coming into next week, the boys will look to end the season on a high against Eddie's in a rematch from the preseason. A win will be great evidence of the significant improvements the boys have made this year.

8B

Marist 37 – SLC 49

MVP: Harry Vickery

This week saw a heartbreaking loss against a very good St Laurence's who knocked us out of premiership contention. Although disappointing to lose, the efforts by the boys were fantastic as they competed right until the end. Will Stigter and Sam Mapledoram were great on the rebounds as well as being solid shot stoppers on defence. Harry was aggressive all game, drawing lots of fouls and making some very tough buckets. Carter Muspratt was also great with good on ball defence and he controlled the tempo nicely. The boys will look to finish off the season with a win against Eddie's next week as we look to finish in 2nd place on ladder.

8C

Marist 40 – SLC 28

MVP: Rafa Gonsalves

The boys looked to continue their winning ways against strong school St Laurence's. We started strong, facilitating a fast-paced game and moving the ball well creating great shots and saw us with a ten-point lead at the half. The second half was all about defensive intensity, pressuring the ball carrier as soon as they got the ball and forcing turnovers ensuring that the momentum stayed in our favour. Was a great team game from all the boys and we are looking to close out our great season with another win.

8D

Marist 39 – SLC 33

MVP: Fletcher Byrnes

With players back from injury, the 8Ds arrived to the game ready to work hard. A strong St Laurence's team pushed the boys hard until the final buzzer, but a determined defensive effort saw Marist earn the win.

7A

Marist 29 – SLC 35

MVP:

7B

Marist 19 – SLC 46

MVP:

7C

Marist 26 – SLC 24

MVP: Charlie Champion

A tight game from the start with the lead changing numerous times throughout the game. With Laurie's hardly missing a basket in the first half the boys knew that they were still in the contest if they kept to the basics. Down by 6 at one stage the full court press on defence led to turnovers which saw the boys take the lead early in the 4th quarter. Charlie Champion led the way with numerous intercepts and hustle up and down the court. Laurie's put in one last effort to get within a basket but cool heads tied ran the clock down in the final stages.

7D

Marist 37 – SLC 28

MVP: Will Quinn

In an excellent showdown against St. Laurie's, the 7Ds rose to the challenge, showcasing our talent and skills on the court. Walking away with a narrow 37-28 victory, this game is testament to the grit of the young men.

Once again, Steven Ryall and Laurie Russ dominated the paint, towering over their opponents. The number of offensive rebounds gathered between the two boys proved pivotal to our victory.

Further, Caleb Fuller and Heath Patterson's unwavering effort plays were also key to this win!

Will Quinn, once again, proved his skills on the court. Elegantly weaving through the defence, he showcased his natural talent. Week in and week out he remains the highest point-scorer for the 7Ds. Well done on a great performance Will!

Finally, Matty Campbell's positivity and energy on and off the court was not missed by Michael and I. Additionally, his performance on the court was one of his best to date.

This win is truly testament to the skills and work ethic of the young men. I look forward to finishing the season on a high after this weekend. Very well done 7Ds!