



MCA Basketball – Match Reports

Round 4 vs. Padua College

2nd V

The seconds were depleted in number and struck by flu but managed to get a narrow win over Padua on their home court. Liam Morris stepped up and in defence and got us a lot of valuable turnovers. Eddie Manson played a much longer game and his energy with Andrew Crook really helped. Declan Frechtling and Will Collins were steady.

MVP: Liam Morris

3rd V

The boys brought home a resounding win on Saturday, after a good old-fashioned thumping of the opposing Padua side, finishing with a 61-16 win, with everyone getting involved one way or another. Lachlan Ford made his first career jump shot, filling him with confidence to take at least 10 more, which were all unfortunately missed; however, his mental resilience was on show, with everyone cheering him on to keep shooting.

MVP: Lachlan Ford

4th V

Coming up against an under manned Laurie's side, the boys were dominant from the tip off. All the boys scored on the weekend, with nice movement allowing for easy buckets.

MVP: Fletcher Artho

11A

As we know all basketball courts are not created equal and unfortunately the Padua courts were dustier than a Longreach backyard, the slippery conditions made for a low scoring match with lots of turnovers and missed layups. The boys still did what they needed to get the win and despite a frustrating game it was pleasing to see some nails hammered in at the crunch time in the fourth quarter.

MVP: Callan McClean



11B

The boys had a convincing win and demonstrated pockets of good intensity. With a little more discipline and focus this team has the potential to greatly improve. Looking forward to fine tuning and executing our plays next week.

MVP: Charlie Weaver

11C

The team started very slowly in the first quarter as we only managed to put up 1 point when Padua were down to 4 players. As the game went on we got into rhythm and ended up with a nice win.

MVP: Ethan Hennaway-Bates

11D

Very upsetting result this weekend for the boys, after going up 10-4 in the first 4 minutes of the first quarter we started off hot however after some poor rebounding and stagnant offence the scoring halted quickly and the game ended in a 20-20 draw

MVP: Pat Hooper

10A

Another close loss on Saturday from our 10A boys v Padua. After an intense last 5 minutes with a flurry of points, rewarding defence and turnovers, the boys closed the gap but were still left short, resulting in a 35-41 defeat. The boys played extremely well and continue to improve week after week. Very proud of the input of each team member and the role they played throughout the game.

MVP: James Mulcahy, for his leadership on and off the court and tenacity until the final buzzer.

10B

The 10Bs continued to build on an excellent season so far with a strong win against Padua on Saturday. A 9-0 run in favour of Padua decimated the halftime lead held by Ashgrove, but up by one point and with 5 minutes left in the fourth, it was a string of three pointers hit by Tom Dreghorn, Austin Beaman and Flynn Connolly that sealed the win by 13.

Congratulations boys, still undefeated!!

MVP: Austin Beaman



10C

A great win in their first close game of the season for the young men of the 10C basketball team. At training this week, we worked on game situations and what to do if we were either in front or behind by 2 with little time left on the clock. Practise we put to good use in the final minutes of this game. Tom Donaldson was excellent under the basket. His rebounding at both ends of the court making a big difference. Mitch Trotter played his best game of the season so far with some tough defence causing turn-overs and a nice passing game leading to some great assists to players under the basket. And the coolness under pressure shown by James Henry when bringing the ball down the court (against some very strong press defence) played a vital part in our ability to get the basketball across half way and into scoring position. All in all, it was a fantastic effort by all of the lads to keep their composure and stay the course against a very tough Padua team.

MVP: Mitch Trotter and Tom Donaldson

9A

We started well creating a good lead but were a bit complacent in the 2nd quarter allowing Padua back into the game and only up 3 at the break. The second continued our most impressive display defensively. We did not give up easy baskets and our press created a lot of uncertainty for Padua leading to some easy baskets. We kept focussed for the full 2nd half running out convincing winners with some really nice plays to finish the 4th quarter

MVP: Isaac Deem

9B

The team played strong and aggressive which ultimately decided the outcome of this game! Great team win boys!

MVP: Ben Player

9C

Marist began with a slow start against Padua with 6 points each in the first quarter slowly trying to break away we saw Marist take the lead at half time with the score 14 to 8. Marist was able to break away from the close game scoring 13 points in the last quarter to win 31 to 12. MVP goes to Joey Laner taking great shots and leading the scoring for Marist.

MVP: Joey Laner



9D

A difficult lose for the 9Ds against Padua going down, 11-48. Unfortunately, for the team there were pliantly of shooting opportunities but the ball just wouldn't sink. Next week the team will face Iona, hoping for their second win of the season.

MVP: Max James

8A

The 8As beat Padua on Saturday quite comfortably. If we finished our shots around the ring and hit our free throws the win could've been even bigger! However, despite that the boys effortlessly executed their plays on offense and stuck it to Padua on the defensive end.

MVP: Matt Pegg

8B

The team bounced back from our loss to Villa, starting off with a 26-6 lead at halftime. Marist continued this pressure throughout the game and came out with a strong victory. A notable moment at the end of the game was Baxter doing his best Reggie Miller impression, hitting a step-back 3 after grabbing an offensive rebound.

MVP: Josh Bellett

8C

The round 4 clash between Marist and Padua saw our boys come away with a narrow loss. Despite showing a lot of heart to turn a 10-point deficit into a 2-point lead going into the final minute, Padua's height got the better of us in the final seconds of the game which eventually saw Marist lose by 2 points. The MVP of this game was Will Valmadre whose efforts on both ends of the floor inspired the rest of the team.

MVP: Will Valmadre

8D

The 8Ds suffered their first loss of the season on Saturday, as Padua edged out a 5-point win in the closing minutes. The boys fought hard to comeback after a dismal first half but Padua unfortunately proved to be the better team on the day. MVP goes to James Milasas, who showed Kawhi-type defence and great transition offence throughout the whole game.

MVP: James Milasas



7A

This week saw the 7As clinching their first win of the season against Padua. It was great to see the boys play a free-flowing game of basketball where everyone got a chance to show off their own individual talents. The defence was standout as everyone worked hard to step up and hustle on loose balls. Tom Deem was especially good throughout the game as he attacked the rim with confidence and scored some very tough buckets. The team will look to build on this success next week as they face some more tougher opposition

MVP: Tom Deem

7B

After a long and restful Ekka break, the boys were energised and ready to take on Padua at home. We started out strong, getting a quick lead on the opposition through our height and ball movement in transition, however we became complacent in the second quarter and allowed Padua to claw their way back into the game after doubling their 1st quarter score. The boys knuckled down at the start of the second half and attacked the game head on, racing away with the lead in the third quarter as a result of a great team game. We held our lead through the fourth quarter and gave ourselves a well-deserved win, ready to get back to work at training for our tough opponents ahead.

MVP: Xavier Barber

7C

The 7Cs took on Padua looking to get a win after a week-long break from basketball. Harry Vickery and Tom Keogh led the offence throughout the game, and a blockbuster clutch bucket from Max Lenz secured the boys a 5-point win.

MVP: Harry Vickery

7D

Right from the first quarter, Marist had an undeniably strong presence. Dominating possession whilst implementing many of the skills taught in trainings was truly an awesome sight.

The ongoing teamwork and determination of the boys in every single minute of the game did not go unnoticed, and continues to remain one of the many things I love about coaching the 7Ds.



The MVP this week is awarded to Rafa Gonsalves, as week-in week-out he comes to the games with a positive attitude and a supportive mindset. I've noticed it from Day 1 and because of this, Rafa is undeniably a key factor to this team's successes.

MVP: Rafa Gonsalves

