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The Great Shot!

Basketball at Scotch College

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Welcome to the first issue of 'Great Shot!', a weekly newsletter distributed during the Basketball season for players and potential players, coaches and parents, involved in Scotch Basketball. The newsletter will bring you the weekend game results, provide insight into the Basketball Club at Scotch College, become a vehicle for informing players about upcoming special events, plus become a forum for players and coaches to share information with others. Each week look for featured teams, featured players and comments from players. Look for technical game tips from the coaches as well as humorous moments from the court. The newsletter will be distributed on Wednesdays, so look for your copy then and please, players, pass the newsletter on to your parents so they too can learn 'What's Happening' at Scotch Basketball. There will always be some information for them too on the back page.

Your submissions and digital photographs are very welcome at eeadie@bigpond.net.au (or fax 9809 0179) addressed to Ellen Eadie. This is a newsletter to inform and promote Basketball interests at Scotch and will become much more interesting if **you** contribute too. **Send us** funny quotes from the coaches and players, personal observations and any interesting stories you may have. We would love to hear from you. Send us your drawings and cartoons too.

First Shots of the Season

This past weekend basketball teams representing Scotch took to the courts. The principle, Doctor Donaldson, was spotted at the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre supporting the Scotch teams where the colours of red, yellow and blue were highly visible on the 8 courts.



(Time out for the open seconds, at MSAC on Saturday)



Dr. Donaldson supporting the teams at the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre

Team Reports For This Week;

It was the first game of the season for most teams and the first game in the new Scotch uniforms. The team reports that were submitted by the coaches follow. If your team is not listed, make it your responsibility to send a report to eadie@bigpond.net.au for inclusion next week.



7E vs Burke Hall

Scotch 36 defeated Burke Hall 24

Coach: Jeffery Watson

Player of the Week: Jimmy McLean

"Special thanks to Jimmy of 7C who volunteered to come on Saturday morning and be our 7th player." (Jeffery Watson)

8A vs Haileybury at Haileybury

Scotch 27 defeated Haileybury 17

Coach: Neale Peters

Player of the Week: Dan Nelson (8 points ,many steals and assists)

"they were a little rusty, not having played together for nearly a year. Terrific passages of play, with sharp passing, were intermixed with some lapses of concentration and a frustrating low shooting percentage. Defence was sharp and forced many turnovers, and was probably the most pleasing aspect overall. A good solid start but there is plenty of improvement to come from this team." (Neale Peters).

8C vs 8D at Glenn Centre

8D 32 def 8C 10

Coach: Linda Fiske

"This internal contest was a well fought match with the C team fighting till the end." (Linda Fiske)

8E vs CGS at MSAC

Scotch 47defeated CGS 19

Coach: Mrs Zeljka

Top Scorer: Ben Marks

Player of the Week; Ben Marks

"All the boys played well and were very supportive of each other with good team spirit." (Comments by a happy coach)

10C vs St Kevins

Scotch 26 defeted St Kevins 16

Coach: David Brown

Top Scorers: Fowdar and Li 10 points each

"teams were well matched, with St. Kevi's often stealing the ball and having more success with shooting. However our ball handling skills and team work enabled us to win."

(David Brown)

10C2 vs Caulfield at Caulfield

Caulfield 44 def Scotch 16

Coach: Mr. Glen Robins

Top Scorer: James Nixon

Player of the Week: James Nixon

A timetable mix-up left Scotch with a team of 4 players.

Despite lack of players, the second half saw Scotch out-score their opponents (Coach)

"A very tough game considering the circumstances. All players put in a great effort." (James Nixon)

Open Thirds vs Carey at MSAC

Scotch 22 defeated Carey 17

Coach: Tim Hurst

Captain: Chris Colman

"It was a low scoring game with both sides missing opportunities. We started with a zone defense and were falling behind. When we changed to man on man or half court press we did much better. We need to practice our shooting!" (Chris Colman)

Open 4ths vs Carey at MSAC

Scotch 33 defeated Carey 19

Coach: Mr. S Pallot

Top Scorer: Campbell Cogan (9)

Player of the Week; Charlie Low *(played an intelligent alert and unselfish game)*

"Despite most of the players not knowing each other, the team got off to a good start, taking a comfortable lead at the end of the 1st half. Scotch slipped a bit in the second half, however an own goal (a failed rebound) by Carey, and a strong final quarter gave substantial final score difference." (Osama Elsewaisy)

Open 5ths vs XC

Forfeit to Scotch

Coach Peter Riley

"The Scotch team gave two players to XC for a friendly game of Basketball". (Peter Riley)

Open 6ths vs WCW

Coach Peter Riley

Scotch Lost

"The first half of the game was reasonable, but the lack of scoring in the second half led to defeat. Well played by R Henkell and J Sum".

The Scotch Firsts

The First Team played their *second game* of the season this week.

Last week they defeated Xavier with a convincing **50 to 33 win**. Top scorer on the team was Troy Sandley (15 points) from year 11. After a slow start with a narrow lead at half time, they dominated the second half to win by 17 points. Coached by Mr. Hortin and newcomer Ben Rush, they responded well to the pressure exerted by the opposition.

This past Saturday they came upon stronger competition from the St Kevin's team, and although they were able to maintain a strong presence on the court, with the scores level for a time in the second half, they were unable to keep the momentum and lost by 5 points (**St Kevins 41 defeated Scotch 36**)

The team is composed of 10 players. Many of these boys play outside the school for teams in Domestic Competitions as well as Regional Competitions on Friday nights. Some of them are developing their knowledge of the game further by

coaching Saturday afternoon teams outside of the school in the Hawthorn, Waverley, Nunawading, Eltham, Balwyn and other competitions. Troy Sandley has been selected to represent Victoria at the National and thus can only play in the Scotch games when it does not conflict with State training commitments.

Players;

Chris Anderson (Y 11), Ed Cowan (Y 10), Wes Cronin (Y 11), Richard Endersbee (Y 11), Gus Gray (Y 11), Troy Sandley (Y 11), Charles Sheldon (Y 12), Leo Tang (Y 11), and Nick Thomas (Y 10). Jake Eadie (Yr 10) - Played Week Two



above : not much puff left at the end of Mr. Hortin's training

Congratulations to
Gus Grey, Captain of the Scotch Firsts for 2003 ,
And
Chris Anderson and Troy Sandley, Co-Vice Captains for 2003

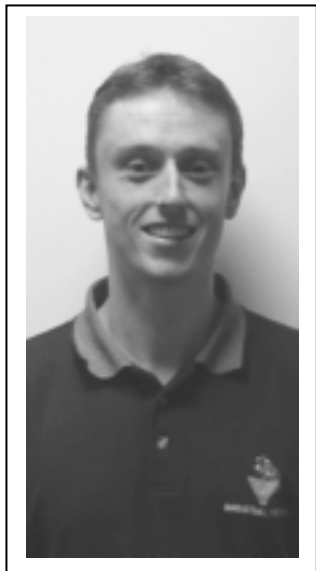
Player Profile

*Each week a player will be selected by random to tell you a bit about himself. This week we hear from **Leo Tang***



I'm **Leo**, some may call me Lee Hoe, others call me Wang, but my best mate calls me fathead. I'm what you call a "basketball obsessor". This doesn't mean I'm good, but I try. This year will be my second year in the 1st team, although I unfortunately got dropped $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way through the season last year. But playing in the 10A's was funny; some saying the highlight was my exceedingly high "oldskool" shorts, which were I must say about 15 cm long. I used to play for the Jets in domestic Saturday competition, but after the traumatic breakup I moved to the Jets' rivals, the Blue Devils. By the way, don't pay out fat people, eating's the bomb. P.S. don't take that the wrong way Tommy.

Introducing Ben Rush – A Great Future for Basketball at Scotch



Scotch College is very fortunate to have secured the assistance of **Ben Rush** from Basketball Victoria for the 2003 season. Ben has extensive coaching experience and is a Physical Education and Health graduate from the University of Tasmania. He is a qualified NCAS Level Two Basketball Coach, Level One basketball Referee and brings to Scotch College high level Coaching and Playing experience. Currently Ben has a very important role at Basketball Victoria where he organizes the camp programs, coordinates the coach accreditation area (levels 0, 1 and 2), manages the Basketball Victoria Skills Program, assists in the elite ITC (Intensive Training Camp) program and assists with the overall development of coaches and players in basketball. Additionally he is Head Coach U18 Men for the Waverley Falcons and plays at the ABA level.

Ben will be at Scotch during training sessions to introduce new drills to players and coaches, will assist the coaches at the games, and educate players, coaches and parents on basketball matters. He also has the role of setting an overall direction for the basketball program at Scotch. Ben's tips will be included in future newsletters.

We are very lucky to have him on board. **Welcome Ben**

During the week, one of the Scotch coaches was obviously not impressed with his boys. He declared " You are acting like little mice! You know what we do with little mice? WE KILL THEM! " Players beware.

Parents Time To Get Involved

Many of the sporting clubs at Scotch are supported by a parent committee. The parents contribute to the sport by supporting the coaches and players off the court. As the interest in the sport of Basketball at Scotch (and in Victoria) spirals upwards, it is now time for the Parents to help fuel this growth at Scotch by creating a support group. What can you do?

This season at Scotch we are forming the nucleus of a parent support group, to exchange ideas, to promote more Basketball at Scotch and to help develop the game at the school.

Please email Ellen Eadie at eeadie@bigpond.net.au if you are interested in

Obtaining more information

Becoming a member

Pushing things forward with new ideas

Check out the Scotch Firsts Basketball results each Sunday in the Sports Section of the Age.