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The Great Shot!

Basketball at Scotch College

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This past weekend, players traveled to Geelong College, Xavier, MSAC, Melbourne Grammar and Caulfield Grammar for their games. No games were held at the Glen Centre on Saturday due to a scheduled power outage in Hawthorn.

This week in the newsletter there are more team reports to read (with some amazing scores), more photos, and an article for the players from Ben Rush. What is missing is player submissions. Only you can change that. If you have an interesting story to tell, some advice to give, or a photo to share, please send it to eadie@bigpond.net.au .

Ben has a great competition question for you. Be the first to answer correctly and win! Turn to page 4 for the question.

Submissions Your submissions and digital photographs are very welcome at eadie@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.



The 8A team, waiting for the game against Caulfield Grammar to begin, MSAC 10:10 am, May 17 2003

What a week, 15 wins, 1 Draw and 7 losses. A most impressive result for the 8D team where the final score was 90 to 10. Overall reports indicate that the players are developing great team skills in this new season. Go Scotch!

Team Reports for The Games of May 17th

Scotch 1sts vs Geelong College Scotch 52 defeated Geelong 43

“A very strong first half saw Scotch move to a commanding position. **Chula Na-Ranong** was everywhere and dominated the scoring, and our defence stood up well under increasing pressure. Half time score was 34 to 10. Tiredness in the second half, however, and lack of concentration, saw Geelong tick over the score until they crept within 10 points late in the game. Our players tended to rush offence and allowed far too many turnovers against a spirited opponent, and Geelong outscored Scotch 33 points to 18 in the second half. **Nick Thomas** also made a solid contribution with 13 points. Next week we face Haileybury, as yet unbeaten and disciplined, and Scotch players will really need to play at their best in order to bring Haileybury’s run to a halt. Top Scorer was **Chula Na-Ranong** with 19 points. Go Scotch!” (report by Mr Hortin, Firsts Coach)

Scotch 2nds vs. Geelong College Scotch 44 defeated Geelong 16

“The seconds remain undefeated for the season. On Saturday we made the trip to Geelong College and had another impressive win 44 to 16. The boys played well as a team and worked hard all game. Best were; **Micheal Baker** 9 points and great rebounding, **Daniel Lee**, (10 points) a dynamic creative player who drove into the key well, and **Michael Frame**, with good all round play and 6 points. **Charlie Sheldon**, **Hugh Wilson**, **William Shin** all demonstrated great cutting through the key. **Josh Ling** and **Time Wilson** demonstrated good rebounding. A great team effort.” (report by Mark Mason, coach)

Scotch 3rds vs. Geelong College Scotch 62 defeated Geelong 11

“This was a straightforward victory and we worked on our offensive moves. Everyone scored and **Xavier Murtagh** was particularly effective taking rebound shots. We had to play zone defence (Mercy Rule). Unfortunately the captain, **Chris Coleman**, rolled his ankle early in the game.” (report from Mr Tim Hurst, coach)

Scotch 4ths vs. Caulfield Grammar 3rds WH3

Caulfield 36 defeated Scotch 25
“Scotch got off to a good start in the first half, leading by 4 in the first five minutes. However under pressure from a confident opposition there was a loss of form towards the end of the second half. We made up for it late in the second half, but it was not enough to

square the game”. (player report by Campbell Coghlan).

“A very respectable result from a talented and cohesive opposition. Fast breaks throughout the game and aggressive man on man in the second half gave respectability to the score. **Charles Low**, player of the week, was solid as a rock. Six of the 8 players scored (top scorer was **James Muldoon (7)**), indicating great team effort.” (report by Mr S. Pallot, coach).

Scotch 5ths vs. Scotch 6ths 5ths 39 defeated the 6ths 22



“The game began awkwardly with three boys late. Boarders struggling to find cab charges left us short of time, but **Francis Leung** who had just played with the 4ths turned up and volunteered to play for the 6ths. The 5ths were always looking menacing for the 6ths however the combination of **Francis** and **Myles Mc Winney** made an effective team in the first half. However the skill of **Jean Bauler**, **Micheal Cameron** and **Karl Henkell** soon left the 6ths behind in the second half”. (report by coach Peter Riley)

10A vs. Geelong College Scotch 70 defeated Geelong 17

10B vs. Geelong College Scotch 52 defeated Geelong 18

10C1 vs. Xavier Scotch 38 defeated Xavier 23

“The 10C1s played an excellent game of basketball to overwhelm the Xavier side. Every player in the team played well and contributed to our team success. Top Goal scorers in the team were **Kevin Wang** and **Albert Mi** who scored a total of 12 and 10 points respectively. **Philip Fowdar** was also impressive with his rebounding and scored a total of 4 points. **Brandon Chhan** amazed us with his direct and effective passes which resulted in many points to our side. **Gary Li** was excellent in defence and made many sneaky steals off the opposition. **Goffrey Lee** and **Rogun Sun** played well all round. What kept us back from winning by an even larger margin was that the team kept on missing some of the easy shots. However the team played well in defence, blocking the opposition out and forcing them to shoot from outside the key. Overall, a really good game played by the 10C1s.” (report by player David Chu)

10C2 vs. Wesley E Wesley 33 defeated Scotch 8

The top scorer (4 points) and Player of the Week was **Alex Nigol**. The top fouler, for the second week in a row was **Justin Yow**. “A lot of defence training is required!” (report by Mr G. Robins)

**9A vs. Caulfield Grammar
Scotch 62 defeated Caulfield 27**

“A very slick team effort, especially in the first half, resulted in this substantial win. **Joshua Houghton** had a great game with 19 points, but the MVP went to **Oliver Baxter** with 14 points and 13 rebounds.” (report by coach *Keith Oatley*)

**9B vs. Caulfield Grammar
Scotch 62 defeated Caulfield 20**

“A good win against an under-manned Caulfield team. **Matthew Briggs, William Sanford** and **Jake Cooper** all scored double figures. **Jake** was awarded MVP with 12 points and 3 rebounds.” (report by coach *Keith Oatley*)

**9C vs. Xavier
Scotch 17 defeated Xavier 11**

9D Bye

**8A vs. Caulfield Grammar
Caulfield 54 defeated Scotch 20**

**8B vs. Caulfield Grammar
Scotch 32 defeated Caulfield 12**

**8C vs. Caulfield Grammar
Scotch 29 defeated Caulfield 14**

**8D vs. MGS Wadhurst
Scotch 90 defeated MGS 10**

“The team had a resounding win over MGS on Saturday. The Mercy Rule was invoked before the opposition posted a score. Team work and strong offensive play enabled Scotch to post a total of 90 to Melbourne Grammar’s 10. Co-operative team play moved the ball to **Sam Cassar** and **James Taylor** who shot high scores. **Patric Cox** also made a substantial contribution to the score.” (report by coach *Ms. Linda Fiske*).

**8E vs. Carey
Carey 37 defeated Scotch 25**

Our top scorer this week was **David Yeung**. The boys are playing well, very supportive of each other and playing confidently.

**7A vs. Caulfield Grammar
Draw 32 32**

**7B vs. Caulfield Grammar
Caulfield 22 defeated Scotch 15**

**7C vs. Caulfield Grammar
Scotch 39 defeated Caulfield 26**
“Scotch had a good game with some excellent team play developing. **Tom Eldredge** and **Charles Gamboni** were both dynamic as guards, but all boys played as a team to achieve a good win against Caulfield Grammar.” (reported by coach *Jeff Watson*)

**7D vs. MGS Wadhurst
Scotch 32 defeated MGS 2**

**7E vs. St Kevins
St Kevins 55 defeated Scotch 20**



Player Profile Jarrod Leith

“My nickname is *Jadz-Leithy* and I am playing basketball for Scotch on the 8B team. I also play outside school for the *Ashwood Wolves*, on the 14/1 A1 team. I would like to play basketball on Friday nights but right now my mum thinks it is too much traveling. I am basketball obsessed and one day dream of playing on the *Scotch Firsts* and then I’m also keen on *Orienteering* – came 3rd in the state this past week. A favourite part of my day is catching the train home with friends, my favourite subject is *Art*, my favorite food is *restaurant food* (poor mum) and I have a dog and 3 fish.

Correction and Apology ▶ Correction and Apology ◀ Correction and Apology

In last week’s newsletter, **Chula Na-Ranong** was omitted from the list of players on the Firsts. **Sorry Chula**. Chula has played all three games of the season and is a very strong element of the Scotch Firsts Basketball team.

Great Words from Ben Rush – Director of Basketball Coaching

After having the opportunity to see a wide range of Scotch teams play in the first 3 weeks of the APS competition, one common issue could be seen – lack of vision. Poor vision has been MOST noticeable when players receive the ball. It has been very common to see the ball go directly to the floor for a dribble before looking to see who is in a better situation on the court.

Players should always be looking for a team mate in a better position. Also, you need to see the opposition defenders before making a pass or drive. This should not be a slow action, instead catch, look quickly and make your decision (pass, dribble or shoot). Keep in mind this famous quote:

“Be quick, but don’t hurry!”

When is the dribble used? It is used to attack the basket or get out of trouble. Using the dribble before you need to will often put you under pressure by the defence (especially if not a confident dribbler).

Remember: when you catch the ball, look ahead and around to find a teammate in a better position and to see where the defenders are before making a pass, using your dribble or shooting.

COMPETITION

A free chocolate bar (Mars Bar, Snickers or similar) to the first two players that are able to email me the name of the coach from the USA that made the above saying famous (“Be quick, but don’t hurry!”). You have until Friday afternoon at 5pm to email me the correct answer. Ensure you include your name, your year group and team you play in, along with the coach’s name. Only one email guess per player. Winners announced in next week’s issue.

Tip: the person has not coached in the NBA.

Send to: ben43_swish@hotmail.com

Good luck

The Scotch Coaches

All of the coaches at Scotch are teachers at the school committed to the development of Basketball at Scotch College. Many of them coach 2 teams. With the assistance of Ben Rush from the Victorian Basketball Association (see last week’s newsletter for a profile on Ben Rush) coaching at the school is being developed to a higher standard. Ben is available to all the coaches for extra coaching support and will weekly watch the games to suggest new drills, game tactics and plays throughout the trainings. Below is a list of all the coaches for this 2003 Basketball season. Please support your coaches.



coaches in action; left, Mrs Z Hamza (8E), Mr N Peters (8B) and Mr D Belluz (9C)

1sts Mr R Hortin
2nds Mr M Mason
3rds Mr T Hurst
4ths Mr S Pallot
5ths Mr P Riley
6ths Mr P Riley

10A Mrs M Quayle
10B Mrs M Quayle
10C Mr D Brown
10D Mr G Robins

9A Mr K Oatley
9B Mr K Oatley
9C Mr D Belluz
9D Mr R Anderson

8A Mr N Peters
9B Mr N Peters
8C Mrs D del Porto
8D Dr L Fiske
8E Mrs Z Hamza

7A Mr J Watson
7B Mr J Watson
7C Mr J Honnens
7D Mr J Thomson
7E Mrs G Cardaci