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## THE Undefeated Teams

At the end of the games of May 31 several teams have progressed through the season undefeated.

The **Open 5ths, 10A, 9B, 7A and 7C** teams have all progressed to round 6 with **no losses**.

At one stage in the 10A game the undefeated record was being threatened by Caulfield with Scotch down by 6 1 points. With some great fast breaks resulting in easy points from well executed lay ups, the Scotch team soon gained control to win by 5 points.



*Scotch 3rds playing zone defence.*

**Remember to mark Presentation Night, August 12, in your diary now. The night will feature competitions, an exhibition game, great food, and great company in the Glenn Centre.**

**Submissions** Your submissions and digital photographs are very welcome at [eadie@bigpond.net.au](mailto: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.

# Team Reports for the Games of May 31<sup>st</sup>

## Scotch 1sts (40) lost to Carey (42)



just have to focus on 'getting better'. Certainly, greater consistency throughout the game, rather than half a game, will be rewarded. Next week we meet Wesley and will have another chance to meet our goals. **Go Scotch!** (report by coach Mr. Hortin)

A below standard first half saw the 1st team down 13 to 23 against Carey on Saturday, but some clutch baskets and improved shooting, as well as more dynamic and aggressive defense in the second half, brought Scotch to within 2 points, even though the score board indicated a three point gap. This necessitated a 3 point attempt which lipped out, and would actually have won the game had it dropped! Such is life, I suppose, **but we really do need good people on the bench to observe or manage the score sheet. Had we known we were only 2 points down, our strategy may have been different.** A very good performance from **Troy Sandley** - 16 points - and sound performances from the rest of team suggests we can improve overall on this result. And as Ben Rush said after the game, we

**Team reports are due to the editor by noon on Monday for inclusion in the newsletter. Please ensure that your team report is in on time**

## 2nds (16) lost to Carey (45)

A lackluster performance against strong opposition saw Scotch 2nds lose their first game of the season. Disappointing lack of enthusiasm and poor defence let the opposition score freely in the first half. Unable to penetrate their strong defence in the first half resulted in us not scoring at all. More commitment in the second half saw a far better effort and results. Improved defence slowed their scoring and we started to get a few baskets as well. Good performances in the second half from **Daniel Lee, Dan More** and **Michael Frame** enabled us to take some respectability away from the game. I hope after a week's rest we will regain some of the hunger and determination that we have had in prior games. (Report by coach Mark (Mario) Mason)



Michael Frame (2nds) makes a bounce pass then cuts through the opposition to the basket, ready to receive the ball.

## 5ths won by Forfeit

Scotch 21 to Caulfield 23

It was a difficult start for Scotch's 5ths this week with Caulfield playing two 4th players to make up their team. Although the final score was 23 to 21 against us, we won the game by forfeit as one of the Caulfield 4<sup>th</sup> players scored 17 of their 23 points. **Matt Cameron**, who scored 6 points, made some great breaks while **Myles Mc Whinney** used his size to good advantage. In the first half of the game our defence was sloppy with halftime score 11 to 9 for Caulfield. In the second half, a stronger defence saw Scotch take the game back. **Aseem Batra** was fast on his feet, and **Jean Bauler** played well. **Karl Henkell** is showing some promise, and **Mc Gregor Robertson Smith** was the star with 7 points and great defence work. It was an exciting finish, with Scotch requiring just one basket to draw after a free shot put away by Matt. Unfortunately, in spite of a strong effort, it didn't happen. Special thanks to Mr. Cameron and Mrs. Muldoon for scoring. (Report by coach Mr. Peter Riley)

## 3rds (15) lost to Caulfield (37)

With **Charlie Low** out (for the rest of the season) after he nearly broke his ankle at training, the 3rds had a tough game. Once again the 3rds played like crap with our shooting, passing and defense letting us down. Even though we were playing a better team than us, the 3rds had no idea where to go or what to do. More training will be required for us to improve and hopefully we will be able to win a few more games in the future. (Report by Chris Colman)

## 4ths (37) defeated Caulfield (18)

Scotch played a strong game against Caulfield with only 6 players. **Aleksi Bialecki** top scored for the 3<sup>rd</sup> week in a row. **Ben Zanatta** played with inspired enthusiasm even after losing one contact and then one glass lens mid-game. (Report by player Andrew Newnham) I really enjoyed the game with our 6 players working very hard. A real team effort saw every player score. **Andrew Newnham**, playing centre, moved and intercepted like a guard. **Aleksi Bialecki** and **Andrew Newnham** were best on the court this week. (Report by coach Mr S Pallot).

## 6ths (37) defeated St Kevin's (8)

Some fresh players moving from the 4ths this week made a great contribution to the team. **Francis Leung** was top scorer for the team with his impressive 19 points. **James Muldoon** made 10 points. **Chris Yong** contributed with 4 points. The

combination of these players with **Jonathan Sum**, a great defender, added enormous momentum to the game. **Jack Nicholls** and **Bernard Fung** both played well, adding to the defence line. **Alfred Tay**, new to the team played like a greyhound scoring an impressive 4 points. **Jonathan Tan**, a bit off form, showed good dedication to his team. (Report by coach Mr Peter Riley)

**10A (42) defeated Caulfield (37)**



Angus Keech jumping for the 10A tip off



The 10A coach Mrs Quayle, dwarfed by her team.

**10B (32) defeated Caulfield (27)**

**10C1 (15) lost to Caulfield WH (36)**

With a new addition to the team **Michael Wang**, we played Caulfield Grammar Wheeler's Hill Campus at the Glenn Centre. Considering last week we just beat Caulfield Grammar by a small margin, the team knew we'd be in for a hard time. We were trailing 16 to 9 at the end of the first half even though we had had a few good plays, with **David Chu's** fade away jumpers. In the 2nd half of the game Caulfield were tearing through our defence with ease. Even with the cheers from the sideline of "It must be the shoes" we still failed to do well in that

half. The team was disappointed with the result as we didn't play as well as we had done in the previous weeks. There were some good points, with **Michael Wang's** good drives, **Gary Li's** sneaky steals and **Rogan Sun, Kevin Wang, Geoffrey Lee and Albert Mi** trying their best to get the team back in the game. Even though we got a bad result, we hope to redeem ourselves at the next match. (Report by Brandon Chhan)



An unusual shooting style from a Caulfield player during the 10A game.

**10C2 (13) defeated Xavier (6)**

"We finally won", said one player. This week **Justin Yow** scored the most points with **Jeremy Lee** attracting the most fouls, It was a great team performance with **Bob Zhou** clearly player of the week. (Report by coach Mr Glen Robins)

**9A (46) defeated Carey (20)**

An excellent defensive effort in the first half shut down the Carey team and set up this comfortable win. In the second half Scotch players became a little slower in their footwork and Carey was able to score a little more freely. MVP - **Oliver Baxter** (20 points, 12 rebounds, 5 blocks). (Report by coach Mr. Keith Oatley)

**9B (34) defeated Carey (25)**

A good team effort. **Paul Phan** was awarded MVP for his excellent defensive work. **Andrew Trinh** (12 points, 3 rebounds and 5 steals) and **William Sandford** (14 points and 10 rebounds) were also good. (Report by coach Mr. Keith Oatley)

**9C (24) defeated Caulfield WH (23)**

**9D (10) lost to Xavier (34)**

**8A (18) lost to Carey (41)**

**8B (33) lost to Carey (37)**

**8C (26) defeated Carey (25)**

**8D (45) defeated Burke Hall (20)**

Another successful and hard fought game. **David Fagan** was a new inclusion in our team this week. In combination with **Ben Lewtas**, David was able to demonstrate some real pace around the court. As a result the whole team lifted. **Peter Holmes** is gaining confidence and top scored this week with 18 points. **David Fagan** wasn't far behind on 16 points. **Ben Lewtas** achieved 9 and **Patric Cox** also posted a score. The boys demonstrated real team work and they should all feel proud of their contribution. The final minutes of the game provided extra entertainment as the ball wedged itself between the ring and the backboard. It took some serious throwing by the ref to dislodge it so that the game could continue. (Report by coach Mrs. L Fiske)

**8E (56) defeated Melbourne (5)**

**7A (49) defeated Carey (27)**

**7B (31) defeated Carey (20)**

**7C (75) defeated Carey (10)**

**Charles Gamboni** was on fire with a top score of 28 points, but he was closely supported by the whole team. A big team effort with countless examples of unselfish play, resulted in a run away win of 75 to 10 against Carey (report by coach Mr. J. Watson).

**7D (44) defeated Burke Hall C (25)**

**7E (24) lost to Caulfield (52)**

After a slow start (30-8), Scotch went into the second half with all guns firing. **Yang Li** was dynamic passing the ball quickly down the court to our team players. **Eddie Yeoh and Will McLean** shot high scores and contributed to some assists but all the boys played as a team giving respectability to the score. Many thanks to **David Dower (7F)** for his great assistance on the day. (Report by coach Grace Cardaci).



## Player Profile      **DAVID THOMAS**

*Hi, my name is Dave and I play for the **10A's**. The 10A's are a pretty good team, and as we haven't lost a game in 2.5 years. We're hoping to make it 3.5 years by the end of the season. I also play domestic for the Warrandyte Redbacks, and I used to play Friday nights as well. Now I coach a Warrandyte U14 Boys team on Friday nights instead. I'm not a basketball "obsessor", I just play for fun.*

## Essential Equipment for the Basketball Player

Ask a parent and they will tell you that all you need to equip yourself to play basketball is a ball, ring, a team uniform and one pair of running shoes. Ask the player, and the story is quite different. Below is the list;

**Basketball Singlet** It must be one size **too big**. The singlet is preferably made from a high technology silky fabric and made by a reputable manufacturer (such as And One). Favoured singlets are often a registered NBA product (retail over \$80). Each player must have several singlets in their possession, one for each team they play on (for most A team players this will be 3 teams), a light and a dark one for trainings, one for sleeping in, and another to wear when watching a game, one for wearing out, and one for just hanging around at home.

**Basketball Shorts** Shorts must be at least one size **too big** and must cover the knees. The best shorts are made out of high technology fabric. Each player must have several shorts in their possession, to match all the singlets

**Warm Up Top** On these cold winter mornings, a warm up the singlet is a necessity. It can be a plain T-shirt, of the newly styled muscle T-shirt, with a basketball logo of some marketed by the apparel companies ( \$35).

**Warm Up Pants** Warm up pants are only valuable if they quickly without taking off the shoes. Styled to match the bonus.



top, layered over player's choice, or a sort, designed and

can be removed other gear is a

**Basketballs** More than one ball is essential; one for use outside on the driveway or other concrete surfaces, and another to be used inside only, preferably a TOP FLIGHT leather ball, this inside ball is never to be bounced outside.

**Socks** White socks, several pairs, are essential as they need to be changed often. Socks with And One, Nike or NBA logos are preferable. You must own at least one pair of knee high basketball socks to wear at special games such as grand finals or just whenever you want to look different.

**Drink Bottle** The bigger the better.

**Shoes** The **most important** component of the basketball player's personal equipment is the shoes. Many players spend hours researching the 'best' (coolest) shoes for them. Colours must match the singlets and the styling must be the latest available from the Basketball manufacturers. Visit the **And One** shop on Bell Street, the **Nike** factory in Collingwood (or the city shop), or the basketball shop **Kickz101** in the city and you will often see that special breed of athlete, the basketball player, pointing out the virtues of the \$200 (or above) basketball shoe to their guardian. (Which usually needs to be replaced within 9 months \$\$\$\$\$). A pair to wear to and from the game is essential, and must be easy to slip on and off. A pair to wear while playing the games and a third pair to wear while playing on outside courts is also an essential component of the basketball player's kit. Can you ever have too many Basketball Shoes?

Other non essential items that one might find in the basketball player's bag are basketball Videos, Rap CDs, Discmans/minidisks, change for vending machines, ankle strapping tape and sweat bands (for head, arms, fingers or legs).