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Basketball at Scotch

The APS basketball season has started for everyone with 18 of the Scotch College teams playing their first match of the season. **There were 15 wins, one draw and only 4 losses.** What an incredible start for the Scotch Basketball Club!

We welcome **new assistant coaches**, all who have had years of experience as players and coaches, and most of whom are university students and 'old boys' of Scotch College. Welcome to **Brett Mummery, Stuart Pirie, Brinsley Saw, Peter Jackowski and David Forsyth.**

The inaugural **Slam Dunk Club Barbeque**, held on Sunday May 2nd was a great success with the rain holding off. Over 150 people, parents, players, and coaches, and special guests attended. **Luke McMillan and David Donaldson from the Melbourne Tigers** had some 'shooting' fun with the boys in the relaxed atmosphere of the afternoon. Thank you to everyone who came along. Special thanks to **Gus Gray**, from the 1^{sts}, who so efficiently organized a successful shooting competition.



The 'Great Shot!' newsletter is available in full colour as a downloadable PDF file on the Scotch College website, <http://www.scotch.vic.edu.au/Sport/Bball/Bball.htm>

Each week new photos will be posted onto the Scotch Basketball Notice Board. Don't forget to look!

Game Reports for May 1st.

GRITTY WIN BY SCOTCH 1STS.

Scotch 35 - Carey 25.



Scotch took to the floor against Carey determined to improve on last week's win over Wesley. The opening minutes were hard fought and while we managed to keep the score ticking over, some excellent defence kept Carey to only one point after nine minutes of play. By the break, both teams had settled into an honest arm wrestle and Scotch held a slender lead 15 points to 9.

In what was obviously going to be a low scoring affair and with Chula Na Ranong twisting his ankle earlier in the game, Scotch relied on only seven players to carry the flag throughout the second half. With our defensive strategy in place, only time would tell if we would be fit enough to go the distance.

Carey made a gallant charge in the opening minutes of the second half to close within a point before Scotch steadied and stretched their lead again. This was a genuine battle of wills, ability, and stamina, and the capacity of Scotch players to soak up the pressure was very impressive. Team Captain Angus Gray was pleased and was overheard later saying, 'they were as cannons overcharged with double cracks; so they doubly redoubled strokes upon the foe...until, to conclude, the victory fell on us.' Well said, Angus!

All players contributed to the exciting win and it was terrific to see Wes Cronin weave his way to basket against tight defence, and Ed Cowan (11 pts) find the basket under intense pressure throughout the struggle. Better discipline at both ends secured a memorable win. (photo : Chula na Ranong in flight) Report by 1st Coach R.C.F.Hortin

2nds 35 drew with Carey 35



In a hard fought battle Scotch drew with Carey 35 all. Scotch started off well getting out to an early lead before Scotch dropped their intensity, which allowed Carey to get back into the game and hold a lead at half time. Although Scotch was sharper this week compared to last week we were lucky to draw because **Leo Tang** hit a three as time expired tying the game. Carey played well and was a tougher side than Wesley

whom we lost to last week, but the Scotch 2^{nds} are only going to get better as another week of training should have our skills primed for a win. Best players this week were **Charles Low** who had a great shooting game and **Simon Booth** whose rebounding and inside game was invaluable. Report by captain **Michael Frame**

3rds 43 defeated St. Kevin's 20

Top Scotch scorer: **Daniel Lee**
Player comments: In the opening match for 2004, the 3rds faced St Kevin's. With **Dan Lee** driving to the basket, Scotch opened up a 13 point lead.

Coach's comment: Having never played with each other before it is often difficult for the combined Year 11 and 12 players to settle down to each other's play. But these guys passed well, backed up and talked to each other from the start. St Kevin's

shot well when in close but Scotch mainly kept them out with tight defence, particularly in the 2nd half.
Player of the week: **Daniel Lee**
Report by Coach Mr. Stephen Pallot

4ths 19 lost to St Kevin's 20

Top Scotch scorer: **Julian McKenna-Nesveda**
Player comments: In the opening game for 2004, the 4ths faced St Kevin's. In this rather low scoring game, the standouts were **Alex Zielke** and **Julian McKenna**. Scotch was slow in the first half, however, both teams picked up their game in the second half with St Kevin's winning by only one point (*report by James Ramsey*)
From the Coach: After a slow and tentative start the boys put on an inspired second half (which they won). They played on their man well and forced many turnovers. Shooting, as often occurs early in the

season, was a problem. *Report by Mr. S Pallot*

5ths 26 defeated Xavier 18

6ths 13 lost to Geelong 21

With a limited field of students, six students were taken to Geelong to face the Geelong 5th team and a well manned, tall, bulky pack. The result of 21 to Geelong 13 to Scotch was predictable. **Alex Chu** captained the team well, **Justin Yow** was the star with 7 points, **Shu Kai** shot well for 4 points, **Ben Phua** and **Bob Zhou** played well in defence, and **Rogan Sun** was a great player. *Report by coach Peter Riley*



above: players from the 10C1 game

10C1 17 lost to Xavier 22

In this tough match against Xavier **Jason Jando** was the top scoring Scotch player with 9 points. **William Li** collected 4 fouls. Will's comment was 'Basketball is like football except you use your hands'. Coach **Glen Robins** commented that it was a good game however the team does need to work on some fundamental basketball skills.



above: Coach Mr. Blair Mahoney at the 10C2 game

10C2 22 defeated Caulfield 21

Scotch won the game 22-21, just managing to hold out a fast finishing Caulfield team in the final minutes. **Gordon Koh** led the scoring with 9 points, and **Jamie Robertson** scored 8. Other noteworthy performers included **Chris Ackroyd** and **Jordan Ridgewell**. *Report by coach Blair Mahoney*

9A 47 defeated Haileybury 18

9B 74 defeated Haileybury 12

The season kicked off with comprehensive wins over rather weak Haileybury sides. The 9B team won 74 to 12 with **Rex Barton Smith** (16 points, 5 steals) awarded MVP. **Jack Railton-Woodcock** and **Nick Johns-Wickberg** made good use of their height pulling down 7 rebounds each and scoring 20 & 17 points respectively and all other players made solid contributions. The 9A team won 48 to 18 with **Sam Miller** (15 points, 4 steals, 4 rebounds and good defence) awarded MVP. **Simon Barnett** top scored with 16 points and **David Trinh**, with 10

steals, was also very valuable. *Report by coach Keith Oatley*

9C1 44 Xavier 14

9C2 27 Caulfield 19

8A 50 defeated Haileybury 38



The 8A's traveled to Haileybury on Saturday and used an even team performance to negate a 27 point effort from one Haileybury player to emerge winners, 50 to 38. After a tight first half, Scotch pulled away in the half and, although Haileybury came back to be within 7 with a few minutes remaining, were able to win comfortably. Rock solid defence won the match which got the offence running and allowed several scores on the break. **Richard Allen** top scored for Scotch with 14 points and was amongst the best players with **Tom Matthews** and **Jimmy Mollison** the other standouts, although the entire team contributed. *Report by Assistant Coach Stu Pirie*

8B 27 defeated Xavier 20

Scotch had plenty of possession in the first half but played poorly, turning the ball over frequently with poor passing and shooting, to trail 10 to 3 at half time. What a change at the start of the second half! Some terrific defence forced errors from our opponents and we scored well on the break, and 10 min into the half the we had a match-winning lead. *Report by coach Mr Neale Peters*



above; the 8C1 game

8C1 30 defeated Carey 18

The 8C1 team had a great start to the season with a strong win over Carey. A group that didn't know each other particularly well functioned efficiently as a team. **Paul Coles** consistently moved the ball down the court, enabling other players to score. The mercy rule was invoked early in the second half. **Tom Otter** top scored with 8 points while **William Wang** and **Don Khoo** scored six each. *Report by coach Linda Fiske*



8C2 17 lost to 8C3 40

7A 47 defeated Kostka Hall 29

The boys (and their coach!) made a slow, rather tentative 'back to basics' start to the season (First Quarter score 10 to 3) However, the Second Half saw this new 7A 'squad' begin to play as a 'team' with a faster, more open game play. This 'team' aspect was most pleasing to see, especially so early in the season. **Cameron Lowe** and **Ben Allison** did most of the scoring, but their success was usually directly the result of 3 or 4 excellent moves by fellow team members, especially **Michael Collins** and **Ayrton Eldridge**. Also, it was great to see so many parents there supporting the boys. In short, everyone worked hard to achieve this promising result. Well done. *Report by Coach: Jeff Watson*

7C2 2 lost to Caulfield 50 The Scotch 7C2 team was soundly outplayed by a fast and aggressive

Caulfield Grammar side, losing 50-2 in the opening match of the season. However, there were some promising signs for future weeks with the team putting up a solid zoned defence in the second half, and notable individual efforts from **Stefano Morandini**, **James Macindoe** and **Hugh Alabaster**. *Report by Coach Narelle Sheezel*

7C3 32 defeated Carey 9 The 8C3's decisively defeated the 8C2 team 40 to 17 points in this introductory game of the season. The 8C3 team showed superior offensive and defensive skills. The outstanding scorer for the match was Tom Otter who scored 20 points for the C3's. The top scorer for the C2's was **Lachie White** who scored 8 points. *Report by Coach Donna del Porto*

★★★★ Player Profile ★★★★★ Hayden Cox Walker ★★★★★



I am in year 8 and play in the 8A side. I started playing basketball when I was 8 years old. On the weekends I play with the Saint Paul's Saints. We have won the last 3 premierships. On Friday nights I play rebball with the Mckinnon Cougars in the Vic Championship under 14 grades. I also enjoy playing footy and baseball. I play drum kit and practice with the School Military Band. My favourite food is pizza. I hope one day to play in the Scotch 1^{sts} basketball team. We have an awesome new coach and a good team for him to work with. We are aiming to win all our games this season. We hope the 1^{sts} can be successful this year in their season.

