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Basketball at Scotch College

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Above: 10B team at Waverley Stadium

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Basketball at Scotch

Next Saturday May 22, the biggest game of the season will be played out at MSAC when the **UNDEFEATED** Scotch 1^{sts} meets the undefeated Haileybury side.



We need to have as many supporters present as possible, so if you can come along and cheer for Scotch – **BE THERE.**

The Scotch 2^{nds} play Haileybury at 8:30, followed by the 1^{sts} at 9:20.

If your game is at MSAC on Saturday, plan to arrive early or stay to watch if you can. If your team has a bye, then make the trip down to the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre to show your support. Come wearing your polo top or other Scotch gear to show Haileybury that we mean business!

Do you want to get one of the **hottest fashion items** for Scotch Basketball Players? The Scotch Basketball Support Group Red Polo Tops will be available at MSAC, court 2, next Saturday sold by members of the Committee. Tops are \$25 each, with all profits going back into basketball at Scotch.

Game Reports for May 15th 17 WINS and 4 LOSSES!

SCOTCH APPLIES SLEEPER HOLD ON XAVIER! SCOTCH 54 DEFEATED XAVIER 37

Round four of APS competition saw Scotch go head to head with Xavier who, after a good win against Carey last week, were ready to throw everything at the cardinal, gold, and blue. The first half saw both teams wrangle for the ascendancy and like punch drunk boxers after 9 rounds, the match was tied up at 28 points apiece at the break. This is very acceptable scoring at this level, and it seemed for a time that Xavier hit every shot they put up. To Scotch's credit, however, we soaked it up and felt that a change of tactics might make a difference. It worked.



Above, left to right: Dr Donaldson and Mr. Taylor, Mr. Hortin with 1st players Gus Gray, Nick Thomas and Leo Tang, and Angus Keach

After several minutes of play Xavier's outside game evaporated, Scotch began to dominate the defensive boards and we capitalized on every opportunity at the business end of the court. **Angus Gray (8pts)**, **David Taylor**, and debutante **Leo Tang** shredded Xavier's defence with sharp and accurate passing (15 assists); **Chula Na Ranong (9pts)** and **Chris Anderson (8pts)** found range; **Nick Thomas (8pts, 4 defensive boards)** was deadly from the short corner; and **Troy Sandley (8pts, 4 steals, and 4 defensive boards)** carved his way to the basket like Gandalf the White clearing his path of Orcs. **Angus Keach (6pts)** stood up inside and **Wes Cronin** and **Ed Cowan (3 offensive boards)** restricted

Xavier's 2nd and 3rd attempts. In the end, Scotch held Xavier to 9 points in the half and managed 26 points for themselves in twenty minutes of entertaining and skilful play.

So, four wins from four outings and Haileybury, also four from four, in Round 5 to decide top of the table spot. If you can get there to support our 1st team, do yourself a favour and head down to MSAC for the 9.20am tip off.

Mr. Rob Hortin
Scotch 1sts Coach

2nds 37 defeated Xavier 25



Number 6, Simon Booth from the Seconds



3rds 38 defeated Caulfield 23

All 8 players gave 100% against their toughest opposition yet this season. Some excellent breaks, rebounds and passes, resulted in the team pulling away in the 2nd half. They ran down the opposition breaks and forced many errors. Everyone was exhausted, but well satisfied at the end. **Ben Elliot** was top scorer with 11 points. **Chris Coleman** commented " another great team

performance. Ben Elliot started again with his 11 points and each week we are getting better and better. **Daniel Harbison** also played well as Point Guard. Hope to go the season undefeated!" *Report by Coach Mr. Stephen Pallot*

4ths 29 defeated Caulfield 23

The previous week players had been in the 2^{nds}, 3^{rds} and 4^{ths}, 5^{ths} and 6^{ths} teams! And it showed! Despite our height advantage, passing and general team play was poor. We were down about 19 to 11 at the break. However in the 2nd half the team played thoughtfully, showing initiative and foresight to claw back a great win! **Myles McWhinney** was the top scorer with 8 points. **Lachlan Arundell**, also helped ensure Scotch a victory. *Report by Coach Mr. Stephen Pallot*

5ths 27 lost to Xavier 28

Last Saturday the Scotch College open 5^{ths} basketball team lost to Xavier College in a 28 to 27 heartbreaker. Scotch came back from an early 8 point deficit to grab a one point lead on Roger Sun's baseline jumper with two minutes to go before falling away in the final 60 seconds. **Joshuan Yam** was again the go-to guy, leading the team with 12 points and playing great defence with 5 steals. **Tom Barton** and **David Chu** each scored 4 points and played tough interior defence. All those who played made great contributions *Report by Gary Li*

6ths Won (Forfeit)



Above: The 6ths waiting for action

Due to a non show of the opposition the 6^{ths} were awarded a win. We had thirteen players show up, and finally some of their late arrivals turned up, so a scratch match was organized. As for their coach, well who knows, perhaps he was watching the wedding and slept in. *Report by Coach Mr. Peter Riley*



above: the 6^{ths} in action

10A 28 defeated Xavier 24 Scotch withstands the test.



Above: 10A players with coaches Brett Mummery and Mr. Mark Mason

The 10As worked together to win a hard game against tough opposition. The game started well for us with our offensive system working well and we scored quickly to be ten points up at half time. **Oliver Baxter** and **Nick Allen** rebounded well and **Simon Teo** was excellent in defense and great at setting up the offense. **Matthew Danos** was his elusive best top scoring with 8 points with many fast breaks. The second half, Xavier scored quickly with a few 3

pointers to get very close. We steadied, stuck well to our structure, and our team plan to win by 4 points. The team is working very hard and implementing well what they are being taught. We need to work at on finishing off well. On many occasions we did all the hard work to be in a position to score but failed to get balanced to make the basket. Something to work on this week. Best players **Oliver Baxter, Matt Danos, Nick Allen, Simon Teo, Robert Blinkhorn and Joshua Houghton**. *Report by Coach Mr. Mark Mason*

10B 23 defeated Xavier 10

The 10Bs had a great game against good opposition. They worked hard at both offence and defence and combined well to win by 10 points, Scotch 23 to Xavier 10. The first half was by far the best, scoring quickly and working systematically. In the second half we let our defenses slip and let the opposition score more freely. Best players were **Ed Monteith 6, Quentin Hanley 4, Matthew Brigs 5, Nicholas Mollison 6, Paul Phan and Steve Kimber 2**. *Report by Coach Mr. Mark Mason*



Above: 10As in action

10C1 18 defeated Caulfield 15

The team was coached this week by **Mr. Ken Wheat**. He was heard to comment "Rebounding, Rebounding, Rebounding – Thus wineth the game!" Still a long way to go before these players master the fundamentals of the game; passing and dribbling need to be developed as basic skills. Simple drills are needed to teach skills and confidence in these aspects of the game. Shooting will come after these prerequisites are mastered. **Jason Jando** was top rebounder and top play maker with **William**

Li sharing the honour of top scorer (6 points). *Report by Coach Mr. Glen Robins*

10C2 15 defeated Xavier 14

Unwilling to expend any more effort than is strictly necessary, the Scotch 10C2 team grabbed its second one-point win this season. Having one player turn up in incorrect uniform, Scotch was reduced to a rotation of six, but played strongly to go into the halftime break level at 8 each thanks to the two JRs, **Jamie Robertson** and **Jordan Ridgewell**, who had scored four points each. The shots just weren't falling in the second half, though, as Xavier managed to stretch their lead to six points with time running down. After a time out with less than three minutes remaining and Scotch still trailing by three points, the team fired up and applied full court pressure, leading to several Xavier turnovers. The lead was then cut to one with a minute remaining before **Chris Ackroyd** drove strongly to the basket and lofted a hook shot over a despairing Xavier centre that touched nothing but net. It was Chris's only basket of the game, and it was the match-winner. **Jordan Ridgewell** top-scored with 7 points and **Jamie Robertson** scored 6. **Byron Fiske** played with great flair, and quipped afterward, recalling Nietzsche, "The grand style arises when beauty wins a victory over the monstrous," which may have been a little harsh on the Xavier team. *Report by Coach Mr. Blair Mahoney*



Above: 10C2 tip off

9A 54 defeated Wesley Waverly 14

MVP Simon Barnett (12 points @ 40%, 5 rebounds, 2 steals). **Dan Nelson**, just back from injury, and **Sam Miller** also made significant contributions with plenty of points and 5 steals each. *Report by Coach Mr. Keith Oatley*

9B 37 defeated Xavier 18

MVP was clearly **Elliot Baxter** with 8 points, 5 rebounds, 3 steals. **Rex Barton-Smith**, **Ben Lewtas** and **Ben Marks** were also big contributors. Both the A and B teams must

work on improving their discipline and structure in defence. *Report by Coach Mr. Keith Oatley*

9C1 BYE

9C1s had a bye and I hope they enjoyed their rest and will come back renewed and reinvigorated for next week's match. *Report by Coach Mr. Ron Anderson*

9C2 32 defeated Xavier 18

The 9C2s had an excellent victory over Xavier. Scotch won 32 to 18, and it was most encouraging to notice the good all round team play. This was especially notable in the scoring where 8 out of the 10 players on the list scored. *Report by Coach Mr. Ron Anderson*



Above: 9C2s at MSAC

8A 29 lost to Wesley 32

In a game which neither team led by more than 7 points, Scotch suffered its first loss of the season, going down 32 - 29 to a tough Wesley team. With **Richard Allen** controlling the boards and leading all scorers with 18 points, some great hustle plays from **Hayden** and from **Stephen** in his first 8As game and reasonable defence across the board, Scotch always looked likely to pull off the win. However, a few missed chances after taking back the lead 29 - 28 and increased pressure

from Wesley cost us the win. *Report by Coach Mr. Stuart Pirie*



8B 32 defeated Wesley 8

A scrappy first half against Wesley, with both teams making errors, missing great opportunities and unable to score, saw Scotch lead at the half 8 - 6. Fortunately, Scotch switched on in the second half, swarming in defence, rebounding with more authority and finally finding its shooting touch to run out 32 - 8 winners. **Jimmy's** defence and aggression in offence produced a game high 10 points, all scored in the second half, but the team spread the scoring well. **Tom** and **Ben** also had big games at both ends, but the entire team, in the second half, turned tough defence into easy offence. *Report by Coach Mr. Stu Pirie*

8C1 15 lost to Caulfield 42

The score line does not reflect our team's effort. **Will Barton** played strongly in both offence and defence. So did **Simon Black**. These top scorers were well supported by their team members. While we were often in possession of the ball as consequence of strong defensive play, it was our shooting that let us down. To our horror, our opponents were deadly at the ring, and number 30 was lethal!

Report by Coach Dr. Linda Fiske

8C2. Cancelled

8C3. 36 defeated Carey 25

7A 62 defeated Wesley College 17

The game proved to be a timely confidence booster for the team. Everyone contributed to heaps of possession with unselfish team play. However, our conversion rate was still far too low – we need to slow our approach to the basket for more controlled lay-ups.

Ben Allison and **Cameron Lowe** in particular, had noticeable shooting success.

Report by Coach Mr. Jeff Watson

7B 64 defeated Wesley College 0

The Wesley boys apparently had not played together before as a team, which allowed us

a comfortable win. However, we used the occasion as a timely confidence booster for the team and to develop better team play at game speed. The whole team worked well together giving 'centre' **Jeremy Chaves** lots of ball, which he used to good effect. *Report by Coach Mr. Jeff Watson*

7C1 Cancelled

7C2 32 defeated Carey 3

The Scotch 7C2s scored their first win of the season with a convincing victory over Carey Grammar. **David Signorino** and **Jack Lynch** both scored well with 12 points each. In the first half Scotch's man-on-man defence was strong, and excellent communication between players on court ensured an equally strong zoned defence in the second half. The contributions of **Alex Thomas**, **Stefano Morandini** and **Jonathan Chan** were noteworthy, as was that of **Anthony Hamawi** who exerted no less energy than usual, despite being on the 40 Hour Famine.

Report by Coach Mrs. Narelle Sheezel

7C3 16 lost to St Kevin's 36



Above : Moments from the 5ths game at MSAC

I'm **Matt Danos**. I am in year 10 and have been playing basketball at Scotch since year 7. I am currently playing in the 10As and hope to play in the 1st's in the future. I also play for Maccabi and the Mystery Men. I have been playing basketball since I was 10 years old and since then have kept up with my superstition of a lucky pair of socks and jocks. I also play cricket, tennis and golf. My favourite food is Nando's! I am really enjoying this season and hope we can continue our winning ways (2-0 including a win over Xavier which is always good).



Editor's note: Matt was the lucky winner of the LeBron Nike basketball at the SDC Family BBQ. We hope you are putting it to good use, Matt!

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