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"Great Shot!"

Basketball at Scotch College

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Look for more of the latest Scotch Basketball pictures on the Notice Board in the Quad.

Congratulations to **David Taylor** (year 10, playing on the 1sts) who has been invited by the Australian Institute of Sport to participate in a four day basketball camp in August.

Basketball at Scotch

This weekend across the courts; Scotch had 15 wins and 6 losses. Teams to watch over the coming weeks include the open 3rd, open 4th, 10A, 10B, and the 7C2 teams, currently undefeated in their competition.

The Scotch 1^{sts} played a grueling match with a most dramatic finish. Read the report by Coach Mr. Rob Hortin.



above: 1^{sts} player **Chris Anderson**

Photo Submissions: Do you have access to a digital camera? Do you want to see all the action **from your team** pictured in the 'Great Shot!'. At the moment we have only 2 or 3 parents taking photographs for the newsletter. These are parents with involvement in the senior teams. . Please send jpeg images to Ellen by noon Monday at: eeadie@bigpond.net.au

Game Reports for May 22 2004

SCOTCH DROPS THRILLER IN OVERTIME!

“Next time we shall not fail or falter; we shall not weaken or tire. Neither the sudden shock of battle, nor the long-drawn trials of vigilance and exertion will wear us down. We are determined. Give us the tools, and we shall finish the job.”
Winston Churchill

This was a game that promised a great deal and delivered more. Scotch and Haileybury undefeated after four rounds, teams ripe with talent, spirit, and skill, went toe to toe in the game of the season on Saturday.

Scotch started well and led throughout the first half because of great defence that kept our opponents – a free flowing, high scoring group - to 14 points at the break. In reply, our shot selection and offensive structure had us ahead 15 points to 9 within sight of the break, but two unfortunate lapses allowed Haileybury to close the gap. This proved costly in the final analysis, but more of that later.

The second half was fast and aggressive and saw some of the best individual performances of the season. The lead changed several times and with little time left, Scotch nailed a two to tie it up, 29 points apiece.



above: David Taylor (left) and Leo Tang (right)

The scene was set for overtime, and the two sides took the floor to do or die.

Unfortunately, this was not our finest moment despite a valiant effort and a game high 14 points by the inimitable **Troy Sandley**. Some missed opportunities allowed Haileybury to net 11 points in the period, including an uncontested 2 pointer, an uncontested 3 pointer, and an easy tip in when we failed to box out after a shot. At the same time, we had some excellent looks and passed when we really should have backed ourselves to seize the moment. Having said that, the four point spread at the final bell - **Scotch 36, Haileybury 40** – tells us that this game will be remembered for the elements that make basketball such a great game: hardness in defence, patience and courage in offence, clutch baskets under intense pressure, and a willingness to put everything on the line.

In other words, we should remember the words of **Wes Cronin** who, after the game, when the crowd had dispersed and other teams played other games on other floors, recalled the thoughts of Henry Ward Beecher: “It is defeat that turns bone to flint, and gristle to muscle, and makes men invincible, and formed those heroic natures that are now in ascendancy in the world. Do not then be afraid of defeat. You are never so near to victory as when defeated in a good cause.”

To conclude, I have to say: “(Quite) well played, Scotch! But we need to do better.”

Mr. Rob Hortin
Scotch 1sts Coach



above : Offensive plays for the 2nds: Left Richard Endersby (30) Chris Taylor and Micheal Frame, Right Richard Endersby, Hugh Wilson (19) and Chris Taylor

2nds 46 defeated Haileybury 32

This match against Haileybury was expected to be a difficult game for both teams and that is exactly what happened. Scotch came out hard and worked well in the first half with **Julian Deschepper** leading the scoring where we kept them to only 11 points. In the second half, Haileybury picked up their game while we seemed to lack some intensity. We were suddenly under threat. **Michael Frame** picked up the pace and led the scoring in the second half with 10 points. Thanks to some better finishes on the points and strong defence Scotch ended a solid game with a 46-32 victory. The boys are really coming together now and have demonstrated some character in the games. *Report by Coach Dan Belluz* Great ball movement on offence with all players being unselfish and making sure the most open man received the ball helped achieve a great win for Scotch College. Most of Haileybury's points in the second half came from lay-ups which

means we need to work on our transition defence to improve. Apart from this we continued to improve and gel as a team, with a strong performance from **Julian Deschepper** in the first half with 9 points. Everybody stepped up in offence in the second half to propel the 2^{nds} to victory. *Report by Captain Michael Frame*

3rds 42 defeated Xavier 23

The players were happy to play man-on-man for most of the match and wore their opponents down with their relentless pursuit of the ball. In the 1st half any ball Xavier threw at the basket seemed to fall in! However with good breaks, rebounding and some spectacular 3 pointers from **Alexi Bialecki** a pleasing final score eventuated. **Ben Elliott** and **Alexi Bialecki** were top scorers with 11 points each. *Report by Coach Mr. Stephen Pallot* The 3rds played an exciting and intense game against Xavier. They constantly pressured Xavier down the court and eventually pulled away late in the game though a lack of fitness and training showed.

Well done Scotch! *Report by Player David Thomas*

4ths 46 defeated Xavier 17

While never really challenged, the team took a little time to settle and let the opposition keep in touch. But once the defence was improved we kept the opposition almost scoreless and our improved ball work resulted in numerous scores by Scotch in the second half. **Colin Bowman's** first game in the team was impressive and earns him "Player of the Week". **Colin Bowman** was top scorer with 12 points. Top scorer was **Colin Bowman** with 12 points with **Xavier Murtagh** and **Randall Nolan** each scoring 8 to assist the team to victory. *Report by Coach Mr. Stephen Pallot*

5ths 15 lost to Wesley 17

6ths BYE



above: the 3rds at MSAC,; left Justin Singh and right David Thomas

10A 41 defeated Haileybury 27

The 10As won a hard fought match against Haileybury 41 – 27. Scotch started very well with both our offence and defence working effectively. **Oliver Baxter** (19 points) was very strong under the boards and around the court and **Simon Teo** (8 points) worked well at setting up the offensive Reds and was great in defense. Scotch seemed to tire in the middle of the game and let their opposition score easily. Scotch steadied and soaked up the pressure to run out winners. **Matt Danos** was great in offence scoring with every opportunity with a match high total of 15 and over the last few weeks has been given the tag of cheery picker. Best players were **Oliver Baxter, Matt Danos, Simon Teo, Robert Blinkhorn, and Edward Monteith**. *Report by Coach Mr. Mark Mason*

10B 78 defeated Haileybury 7

The 10Bs started the game well with great defence and scored 20 points in the first 5 minutes after which we went to a zone defense. Haileybury didn't look like scoring and found it difficult getting the ball over the centre line. The 10B team worked hard on their defence. Great work under the boards by **Quentin Hanley** 9, and a fantastic game by **Matthew**

Briggs 15 points who seem to be everywhere and even popped up for a rebound or two. All in all a great team effort well done. Everyone played well and made a sizable contribution. Best were **Matthew Briggs, Jake Cooper** 13, **Quentin Hanley, Nick Mollison** 11, **Thomas Naughton** 11, **Stephen Kimber** 7, and **Andrew Trinh**. *Report by Coach Mr. Mark Mason*

10C1 7 lost to Wesley 31

Our defence strategies need to be discussed. Top scorer was **Jason Jando** with 3 points. *Report By Coach Mr. Glen Robins*

10C2 26 defeated St Kevin's 20

After two victories by a single point this season, one might think that the 10C2s cruised to a relatively comfortable six point margin against St Kevin's, but the team apparently likes to keep games interesting for as long as possible in an attempt to keep their coach from becoming complacent. After getting the fast break working well in the first half Scotch went off the boil slightly to let St Kevin's draw level at 9-9 at the break. **Keith Lam** graced the team with his presence at half time, having felt he needed some extra sleep in order to play to his

full potential. The rest of the team then proceeded to go to sleep on court at the start of the second half, watching dreamily as the St Kevin's players motored past them on their way to the hoop. Having allowed St Kevin's to score seven unanswered points, Scotch finally came to life, perhaps inspired by a speech from their coach that evoked Henry V at Agincourt, but more likely because they just felt like it. MVP **Jamie Robertson** pulled out three inspirational blocks to emphatically halt the St Kevin's scoring progress, and also managed to score 10 points himself at the other end. **Byron Fiske** hauled in countless rebounds and also scored 10 points, **Gordon Koh** scored 4 and **Keith Lam** collected 2 points. After the game an exultant **Stuart Thomas** was heard to remark "When Learning's Triumph o'er her barb'rous Foes / First rear'd the Court, immortal 10C2s rose." St Kevin's may not be entirely barbarous, and the Scotch 10C2s have a little way to go to immortality, but three wins out of four is a good start to the season. *Report by Coach Mr. Blair Mahoney*



above: free throws for the 10s, from left, Quentin Hanley, Jake Cooper and Oliver Baxter

9A Scotch 22 lost to Carey 35

This game was closer than the score suggests and it was only a couple of short lapses that allowed Carey to get a small break. **Jack Railton-Woodcock** played his best game for the season and was awarded MVP (8 points, 6 rebounds). **Simon Barnett** was again valuable and **David Trinh** worked very hard and played great defence throughout the game. The starting 5 were asked to play a lot of minutes and were perhaps physically not quite up to the job. *Report by Coach Mr. Keith Oatley*

9B Scotch 25 lost to Carey 27

A close and hard fought game with Scotch inballing under the basket as the siren sounded. In general the team played better defence this week and got a lot of good shots. Unfortunately many of them did not fall (**Jarrod Leith** 1 of 8 and **Nick Johns-Wickberg** 1 of 5 from the floor). **Ben Lewtas** played good defence and equal top scored with 6 points. In his first game for the Bs **Tom Gelling** scored 4 points and pulled down 3 rebounds. MVP must be awarded to **Rex Barton-Smith** (good defence, 6 points, 2 rebounds and a steal). *Report by Coach Mr. Keith Oatley*

9C1 45 defeated Xavier 12

Once again the C1s showed real tenacity and ability to win quite easily. After a late start, (the opposition were late and had only

4 players), Scotch showed their dominance early and coasted to an easy victory. Special thanks are due to **Tim Ritchie**, who offered his services to play for the opposition so that they could field a competitive team. He played well for them and was their second best scorer. This was a fantastic example of real Scotch spirit - making the game more enjoyable for all - congratulations Tim! *Report by Coach Mr. Ron Anderson*

9C2 30 defeated St Kevin's 25

After a slow start against St Kevin's the Scotch 9C2s gained in confidence to be 6 points ahead at half time. However four minutes into the second half Scotch ran into foul trouble losing its rebounding advantage resulting in an extremely close match. The team rallied and demonstrated great courage and composure to match St Kevin's score evenly in the second half. This team continues to improve as they acquire the skills of the game and the second half was an outstanding effort of which I (and the team) should be proud. *Report by Coach David Forsyth*

8A 40 defeated Carey 27

Although Scotch took a 20-17 lead into the second half, a 3 pointer from Carey made it an even game inside the first 2 minutes. At this point, Scotch stepped up its defensive effort and ended the

contest, scoring 20 of the last 27 points to run out winners 40 - 27. **Steven Lo** stepped in to start for the first time and had his best game yet, scoring 6 points and rebounding and defending strongly. **Aaron Braddy** also had his best game for the year, and **Hayden Cox-Walker's** defensive efforts and rebounding at both ends was another major plus. **Rich Allen** again topped all scorers with 15 but the scoring was spread well over the entire team. *Report by Coach Mr. Stuart Pirie*

8B 27 defeated Carey 24

Although Carey threatened early, once Scotch got its defence sorted out the game was over as a contest. Scotch took a 10 point lead into the second half, largely due to a good scoring spread, lead by **Callum Maxwell** who had 6 at the half and dropped in another 3 in the second half. **Callum's** sweeping defense lead to a series of fast breaks and **Jimmy McLean** and **Tom Otter** continued their recent good form at both ends to help ice the game, scoring 14 and 10 points respectively. Scotch's guards controlled the ball well, giving fantastic supply to the big men, who controlled the boards and let Scotch ease out a 45 - 24 win. *Report by Coach Mr. Stu Pirie*

8C1 23 defeated St Kevin's 15

8C2 Won by Forfeit

8C3 Cancelled

7A 40 defeated Carey 31

Carey got the jump on us before a time out allowed us to 'restart' the game. The team rose to the challenge with a determination to control possession and get some points on the board. **Ben Allison** in particular, was starting to put them through, ably assisted by **Ayrton Eldridge** and **Charlie Ralston**. By Half Time we were two points up, with still only a 3 points buffer by Three Quarters. However, over the last few minutes, the entire team lifted into 'overdrive' to cruise home. (or as **Ayrton** said "to put the nail in the coffin") A very exciting game, well played by both Carey and Scotch. *Report by Coach Mr. Jeff Watson*

7B 49 defeated Carey 29

The team hit the court running and soon had a good buffer which they kept throughout the game. The whole team was getting hoops, although **Nick Wilson** and **Lawrence Martin** were the most successful in this vital role. The two 'Jacks' were alwin the thick of things seeking possession, as was the 'little guard with the longest shorts' However, it was a big team effort – well played boys! *Report by Coach Mr. Jeff Watson*

7C1 32 defeated Carey 9

There were no baskets for a good 7 minutes into the match. The defences of both sides were tight, and then **Dylan Mavros** broke free and made our first basket. From then on we found our feet and the baskets were coming thick and

fast. The team played very well to defeat the opposition bringing joy to the Scotch crowd that was there to watch. *Report by Coach Mrs. Grace Cardaci*

7C2 10 lost to St Kevin's 45

Scotch's 7C2 team was outplayed in all aspects of the game on Friday afternoon by a much stronger and faster St Kevin's College team, losing 10-45. Whilst scoring was difficult, **David Signorino** scored 6 points. In an excellent individual game, **Alex Thomas** scored 4 points and displayed great leadership throughout a challenging match. *Report by Coach Mrs. Narelle Sheezel*

7C3 BYE

★★★★ Player Profile ★★★★★ Troy Sandley ★★★★★ Player Profile ★★★★★

My name is Troy Sandley. I'm Vice-Captain of the 1sts and I've been playing basketball at Scotch since year 7.



I play Championship on Friday nights for Eltham and this year I have been selected to the U18 state side. The 1^{sts} season is going very well and we hope to continue our success!