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# "Great Shot!"

## Basketball at Scotch College

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above: Jump ball for the 5ths

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above: the 6ths in action at MSAC

## Game Reports for Saturday May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2004

Teams undefeated to date are the 3rds, 4ths, 10A, 10B, 9C1 and 7C1 teams.

### **Scotch Players Rebound And Claim Fifth Victory!**

#### **Scotch 48 defeated Geelong College 23**

The Geelong College is a small school nestled in the leafy streets of Newtown, one of Geelong's finest suburbs. Delivering a quality service to boys and girls, the school's sporting achievements are not only significant but often remarkable, as recognized in their 13 Head of the River victories and 10 assorted APS premierships. To underestimate Geelong College is to play with vipers.

That said, Scotch needed to bounce back from our loss to Haileybury last week. The team's aim was to keep College scoreless for as long as possible while we poured on points at the other end. Nothing wrong with the theory, of course, but when College opened with a three on their first possession and led 8 points to 7 after four or five minutes, it was time to reassess what we were, or were not, doing on the floor.



The coach, (typically even-tempered and calm at all times), chose players he thought best equipped for the job and, in time, Scotch led 23 – 11 at the break. Better defence and some patience in offence saw the cardinals '*creep like leviathans to the shore*' and, at the break, there was a feeling that we should have been further in front. In fact, one commentator said: "*Scotch should be further in front.*"

The second half saw some polished performances from our players and College were kept at bay. Improved boxing out helped, but one wiry, fair-haired forward in dark green proved a nuisance on the boards throughout the game. Skipper, **Angus Gray (5pts)**, **David Taylor (4pts)**, and **Chula Na Ranong (9pts)** used the ball effectively, and forwards **Wes Cronin (5pts)**, **Nick Thomas (8pts)**, and **Ed Cowan (6pts)** did well after slow starts. **Chris Anderson (2pts)**, **Leo Tang (2pts)**, and **Julian Deschepper (7pts)** had opportunities. It should be noted, however, that Scotch hit only 5 from 17 foul shots (!) and missed a number of 'gettable' lay-ups. Disappointing results after some hard work at practice the previous week, and enough to have the wise and insightful team statistician, **Jake Eadie**, reflect after the game: "*Scotch players need to hit their foul shots and lay-ups.*" Well said, Jake.

This week we must rouse ourselves and unfurl our bloody flag to St Kevin's. Why? Because '*He that shall see this day, and live old age, will yearly on the vigil feast his neighbours and say, 'We played our best upon that day!' Then will he strip his sleeve and show his scars, and gentleman in Hawthorn then abed shall think themselves accursed they were not there, and hold their manhoods cheap whiles any speaks that fought with us against St Kevin's best!*'

*(Sincere apologies to W. Shakespeare)*

Mr. Rob Hortin  
Scotch 1<sup>sts</sup> Coach



above: the 2nds in action at MSAC

#### 2nds 71 defeated Geelong 5

The weakness of the Geelong team allowed Scotch to be up 40 to nil at half time, mainly through good running in transition and passing and cutting. In the second half Scotch dropped back it to a zone defence in order to allow Geelong to have some offensive chances. Scotch dominated the game with nearly all players reaching double figures in points, with **Hugh Wilson** leading the way with 14 points. Scotch seconds look to continue their success next week when we play St Kevin's. *Report by Captain Michael Frame*

#### 3rds 41 defeated Wesley 19

Another fast and furious game with Scotch pulling away in the second half. Wesley shot accurately but weren't given many chances. While the 3rds played intelligently and created many opportunities it took a while for the shots to go in consistently. Top scorer was **Aleksy Bialecki** with **Alex Zielke** and **Aleksy Bialecki** our best players this week. *Report by Coach Mr. Stephen Pallot* The

3rds, once again showed that we are the best 3rds team in the competition. The 1<sup>st</sup> half was tough, only leading by 8 points, but in the end we won by 22. **Aleksy Bialecki** proved he can shoot the ball with 3 x 3 pointers again! Other highlights included **Chris Coleman**, under the basket. *Comments from player Chris Coleman*

#### 4ths 28 defeated Wesley 23

Lots of good individual plays but generally a scrappy game. After a poor start we were "cruising" and then Wesley made a come back. Fortunately we tightened our defence to hold them off. Top scorers were **Myles McWhinney** (8) and **Daniel Harbison** (6) *Report by Coach Mr. Stephen Pallot* Scotch played an unsettled game to defeat Wesley College by 5 points. We used our height advantage well and used our space over the basket. The team played well but we will need to improve our defence. *Comments from player Daniel Harbison*

#### 5ths 30 defeated Geelong 22

#### 6ths 27 defeated Melbourne Grammar (4ths) 26

In an exciting game, Scotch lined up with **Ben Phua** who scored 4 points with a couple of impressive shots. **Bob Zhou** is coming along as a great defender. **Kenneth Mc Allister**, **Great Shot's** player profile of the week, was sporting an injury (his version of extreme sports down a banister rail), but played through the sore wrist to score an impressive 3 points. **Ian Boydell** is coming along leaps and bounds for his second game. **Carl Kimberley** was playing well, and **Andrew Currie**, his normal smiling self, is showing great promise. **Matt Cameron**, played his normal game, aggressive and quick footed to score an impressive 6 points. The stars were **James Ramsey** and **Campbell Robinson Smith**, who both showed a keen awareness of the game and each scored an impressive 6. In a tight finish Scotch won 27 to 26. *Report by Coach Mr. Peter Riley*



above: Lots of scoring opportunities for the Year 10 A and B teams in Geelong

### 10A 70 defeated Geelong 35

### 10B 81 defeated Geelong 5

The year 10 A&B sides played in Geelong on Saturday morning. We left Scotch at 7.15 for our early morning excursion arriving at the Try Sports Centre Geelong East at 8.30 with plenty of time for a warm up.

The 10As won their game 70 to 35. Scotch started well with every part of their game working. They had strong defence, scoring easily with many fast breaks. **Simon Teo** was great in defence and stole the ball to score with an easy lay up. Great rebounding by **Oliver Baxter** and **Ed Monteith** saw Scotch have many scoring options under the basket. **Mat Brigs** continued his hard work around the court with his first game in the As. In the second half Scotch seemed to relax and allowed Geelong to score more easily. Geelong started to hit the basket with some great out side shooting, scoring some easy 3 pointers. This made their score look a lot more respectable. Scotch in the end went back to their set plays and ran out easy winners. Best players **S. Teo 14, O. Baxter 9, R Blinkhorn 12, M. Danos 12, J. Cooper 10, N. Allen 4, and M. Brigs 6.**

Geelong College B side arrived at about 5 to 9 for a 9.00 start. Our boys were ready and pumped for a

big game. Scotch started well with great defence and scored easily. With very little opposition and Scotch working like a well oiled machine we went out winning 81 to 5. Best players **Joshua Houghton 21, Quentin Hanley 16, Ben Dunlop 10, and James Hoey 16.** A great team effort.

A fun day was had by all and topped off with a well earned fuel stop at McDonalds on the way home. **Ben Dunlop** kept everyone entertained on the trip home. Well done everyone. *Report by Coach Mr. Mark Mason*

### 10C1 18 lost to Carey 26

The game was at Scotch where it was obvious that our defence strategies need more work. One student was overheard to say 'They should make the rings bigger'. Top scorer this week was **Lang Egan** with 11 points. *Report by Coach Mr. Glen Robins*

### 10C2 28 defeated Caulfield(2) 16

A late venue change saw the 10C2s venturing out to the badlands of Clayton to take on the might of Caulfield at the Monash University Games Hall. Only it turned out that the venue was one basket short of a full complement, which would have made scoring particularly difficult at that end. The game instead took place in the Recreation Hall there,

which had two baskets (albeit somewhat bent and loosely attached), but no centre circle or sidelines. Making the best of the situation, the Scotch boys attacked with gusto to build up an early lead. Some shoddy defence, however, where the 10C2s seemed to interpret man-to-man as defending against their teammates, saw Caulfield get some easy baskets with players left open under the hoop. The score remained close throughout the second half before **Jamie Robertson** and **Jordan Ridgewell** started to impose their will on the game, ending up with 12 points and 8 points respectively. **Gordon Koh** also chipped in with 4 points, and **Keith Lam** and **Mond Qu** each contributed a basket to see the 10C2s eventually extend the margin to 12 points, their biggest victory of the season. Before the game, centre **Chris Ackroyd** (displaying his extensive knowledge of the poetry of Alexander Pope) quipped, "He saw, he wish'd, and to the prize aspir'd. Resolv'd to win, he meditates the way," and that resolve to win came through in the end. *Report by Coach Mr. Blair Mahoney*

### 9A 63, MGS 12

Once again the Melbourne Grammar team did not prove to be strong opposition. As with the B team, however, Scotch combined well and proved they could be

flexible when asked to play different styles; fast breaks in the first half, slower half court offence in the second. The defence was generally tight although some work needs to be done on blocking out. **James Railton** was awarded MVP shooting 9 from 10 from the floor and 2 from 2 from the foul line. *Report by Coach Mr. Keith Oatley*

### **9B 73 defeated Melbourne Grammar 0**

Even though Melbourne Grammar did not prove to be much opposition the Scotch team performed well. The first half was highlighted by disciplined man to man defense in the back half and fast breaks to the basket. In the second half we

slowed things down pulling the defence back inside the 3 point line and playing half court offence with no fast breaks. The shooting was much better than last week with **Tom Gelling** hitting 8 of 11 and **Jarrold Leith** hitting 8 of 16 to be equal top scorers. **Tom** also pulled down 7 rebounds but was just piped for MVP by **Jarrold** (16 points, 3 rebounds, 6 steals) who's defence and speed was excellent. *Report by Coach Mr. Keith Oatley*

### **9C1 21 defeated Carey 15**

Scotch won again 21- 15, in a closely fought match. We thought we were in for a relatively easy match when the opposition only had 4 players at tip off. However

they had two advantages. One was an extremely tall and quite effective player, who they played throughout and we were unable to counter. Second was the fact that we were not shooting or passing well. Apart from turning the ball over several times through 'panic' passes to the opposition, we seemed to be unable to find the basket. However an exemplary effort and great gutsy performance led by **Henry Hedinger** inspired us to hang on an eventually triumph - more narrowly than I'd hoped. *Report by Coach Mr. Ron Anderson*

### **9C2 BYE**



### **8A 33 lost to Melbourne Grammar 36**

This was a game we should have won, but we didn't. After Grammar got away to a strong start with a powerful inside presence, Scotch reeled them in and the game saw-sawed through the middle stretch of the game. Grammar pulled away again to lead into the last minutes, before Scotch made one last effort. **Hayden Cox-Walker's** defensive play was instrumental in our comeback and **Jimmy Mclean** brought the energy he has shown in the B's into his first game in the A's. Combined with **Peter Tear's** best game yet and **Aaron Braddy's** offensive hustle, the game was in the

balance until the last play. Unfortunately we came up just short and fell 36 - 33. *Report by Coach Mr. Stuart Pirie*

### **8B 39 defeated Melbourne Grammar 6**

This game was over as a contest after 5 minutes, when Scotch had already scored more than the overwhelmed Grammar team would produce for the whole game. Against a team far less experienced and skilled, it would have been easy for each player to become selfish, but the way in which the ball was shared around was great. *Report by Coach Mr. Stuart Pirie*

### **8C1 Cancelled**

### **8C2 Cancelled**

### **8C3 33 defeated St Kevin's 32**

A very close game. Scotch kept the pressure on all through the game. Top scorers were **Ryan Bowman**, **Andy Wang** and **Simon Black**. A great team effort *Report by Coach Ms. Zelijka Hamza*

### **7A 52 defeated Melbourne Grammar 23**

This week the boys were determined to start with a fast open game, right from the tip off. Both **Cameron Lowe** and **Ayrton Eldridge** had excellent games. An

early and very healthy buffer was maintained throughout the game. As Director of Coaching **Mr Ben Rush** commented "Both 7A and 7B teams are showing excellent team dynamics". All boys are unselfishly contributing – well played boys (or as **Ayrton** said 'that's the ticket').  
*Report by Coach Mr. Jeff Watson*

**7B 58 defeated Melbourne Grammar 5**  
Again this week, the team hit the court running hard and soon established a healthy buffer, which was easily maintained for the duration of the game. Everyone was scoring baskets, especially **Alistair Gibson** and **Andrew Lim**. However, again this week it was very pleasing

to watch a 'whole team' effort – well played boys. *Report by Coach Mr. Jeff Watson*  
**7C1 22 defeated Melbourne Grammar 4**  
**7C2 BYE**  
**7C3 16 lost to Caulfield 39**

★★★ Player Profile ★★★ **Kenneth McAllister** ★★★ Player Profile ★★★

I am in year 11 at Scotch College and have been playing basketball since I was in Year 4. I have played for the Balwyn Boomers. I like any sport that involves snow including skiing, snow boarding and ice hockey. This week I am playing in the 6ths, but thus far this season I have played mainly in the 4ths. We do get moved around a bit. I have one brother and like to eat any food which includes chicken.



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