

Issue

14

Volume 2
Number 14

Aug 8
2004



"Great Shot!"

Basketball at Scotch College

Distribution: Principal, Vice Principal, Heads of Year, Head of Sport, Coaches, Players and Parents

Inside

above: the "Best and Fairest" trophy



Game and Season Reports from the coaches, including detailed Stats for the 9A and 9B teams page 2

Player profile Hugh Wilson page 8

Thank You page 8

Basketball at Scotch

Get ready; it's the end of the Season for Basketball at Scotch with Presentation Night on Wednesday from 4pm.

Dr. Donaldson will toss the coin at the exhibition match, David Lawson from Kilsyth basketball will supply the commentary and Kickz101 will provide the prizes for the 3 on 3 competition.

This is the last edition of Great Shot for 2004. Look for this, and earlier editions online at www.scotch.vic.edu.au/Sport/Bball/Bball.htm



above: Scotch Firsts at MSAC on Saturday

Reports for August 7th, 2004

Including **Season Reports** by the Coaches



Scotch Firsts 32 lost to Caulfield 43

Another hard game for Scotch in the final APS fixture for 2004. Caulfield had beaten us earlier in the season (35 – 20) and clearly had our measure in that contest. In fact, they were the only team to defeat us by more than 4 points but, like us, had lost to St Kevins and Haileybury. On paper, therefore, and after 10 games, CGS and Scotch were even on points and separated by 4 percentage points in Scotch's favour. If ever two teams were evenly matched, these were they.

Our strategy was triple pronged: to close down their 'big' forward who had hurt us badly in Round 8, to prevent their point guard from dictating play, and to score more freely in offence than we have at important times in other games, and for most of the first half we did well. In our favour, the CGS point guard did not play and our defence held up under steady pressure from outside players whose apparent aim was to hit as many 3 pointers as possible. Scotch maintained a small lead for some time (14 – 9) but late CGS baskets turned the Scotch advantage into a deficit (16 – 20) at the break.

The second half was not so good for Scotch. CGS shooters found range and nailed seven of nine 3 pointers that gave them a useful if not an unattainable lead, and Scotch was unable to bridge the gap. In the end, whilst we contained their forward, we gave up too many outside shots and were unable to exercise control and discipline at the offensive end. Peculiar shot selection and forced play hurt our cause, and CGS capitalized on our choices to claim victory 43 – 32. **Wesley Cronin (10pts)** and **Nick Thomas (8pts & 7 boards)** worked hard, but our ball carriers probably gave up the ball too easily through rushed shots.

It was a disappointing end to a season that had provided many highlights. In the beginning, it was obvious that our First team contained a mix of players who had talent. As is always the case, the task was to harness diverse abilities into a coherent unit that would be competitive at the highest level of APS Basketball.

The season commenced as well as could have been expected with a terrific tour to Sydney where we defeated Cranbrook and Scots. Then we pounced on Wesley in Round 1, Carey, MGS, and Xavier to head the table with Haileybury who rolled us in OT in Round 5. Geelong College gave us a win before a second OT loss to SKC in Round 7 followed by the Round 8 loss to CGS. This meant we had done enough to secure a top four finish – something Scotch has not done for several years – and we were destined to play Haileybury in the first redrawn game, and this was our finest hour. A brilliant game that was reported earlier gave us hope that we might go on and win our remaining games. It was not to be, however. Not *this* time.

In summing up, the Scotch players and coaching staff should be pleased with some of their achievements and disappointed with others. Nothing is achieved by asking the old question: 'What if..?' or claiming in a moment of fantasy: 'If only..!' We are what we are; we have done what we have done. That is all there is.

Until next year, Go Scotch!

Mr. Rob Hortin
Scotch 1^{sts} Coach

2nds 50 defeated St Kevin's 27

The final match of the 2004 season against St. Kevin's was a close one for the first part of the game. St. Kevin's had a considerably shorter team than Scotch, but they were fast and determined to finish the season in style. It did not take long for Scotch to find a rhythm, and once they did there was no stopping them. With a few minor changes to defence, the boys played a solid game with scoring runs of 20 points for **Simon Booth**, 14 for **Julian Deschepper** and 8 for **Richard Endersbee** to finish the game 57-20. The only drawback is that we were not playing for first position which I believe this 2nds team clearly deserved. With an overall record of 9 wins, 1 draw and only 1 loss we maintained second overall. I would like to thank the entire team for a great season and a great finish. *Report by Coach Mr. Dan Belluz*



above: The last game of the season for a very strong 2nd side.

3rds 34 defeated Xavier 21

The team was "firing" at the start. **Ben Zanatta** made some great shots from rebounds and **David Thomas** sunk two three pointers! The loss of **Chris Taylor** with a twisted ankle was a set back for the team (and Chris). Defence was solid and Xavier was struggling. In the second half Xavier were more aggressive and varied their play effectively to come within about 4 points.

However Scotch tightened its defence and took more care to draw away. Strong defence and rebounding by the likes of **Ben Zanatta**, **Randall Nolan** and **Chris Colman** stopped Xavier's surge and **Aleksi Bialeki** played as a man inspired. He sunk 4 baskets in the second half, drew 3 shooting fouls and scored 4 out of the 6 free shots *Season summing up:* The Open 3rds have been a very stable and committed

team. They have impressed with their intelligent play and their efforts to help each other and never stopping to worry about being fouled or knocked over. There have been some great passes and tap-ons by men as they are falling! A terrific team, undefeated all season. *Report by Coach Mr. Stephen Pallot*



above: the 3rds at MSAC

4ths won by default

Scotch won by default (Xavier played 2 of their best 3rds players!) We still played a game which Xavier won 24 to 21 Using their top scorer from the 3rds game and another of that team's best players Xavier ran ahead 10 to 0. Scotch steadied and drew even. The game was hard fought with considerable fouling and the score remained close until the end of the game.

Daniel Harbison and **Tom Barton** played a steady game and **Colin Bowman** covered the court with amazing energy! The late arrival of **Xavier Murtagh** lifted the team; both his energy and height gave us more options than just looking for the ever-reliable **Myles**

McWhinney. A pleasing effort against a loaded opposition team. *Season summing up:* The Open 4ths have had a very good season and have won 9 games and lost two games by 1 and 2 points only. The players have played enthusiastically and selflessly. They have been a pleasure to coach. *Report by Coach Mr. Stephen Pallot*

5ths 13 LOST Xavier 5ths 22

Facing a stronger and taller Xavier team, the 5ths were always going to struggle to contain Xavier on the offensive end but an inspired first half allowed the 5ths to keep the game close and thanks to Geoff Lee's presence inside (6 points) the 5ths were in with a fighting chance. Unfortunately baskets couldn't be found in the second half and Scotch watched the lead further stretch. A gutsy last few minutes though, as evident throughout the entire season for the 5ths, with David Chu and Rogan Sun hustling on defense and not giving their opponents an inch. A solid season from the 5th's, many lessons were learnt and all players showed determination to continue to learn and develop their game. *Report by Coach Mr. Peter Riley*

6ths 23 lost to WCW 33

The 6th were playing Wesley 4th team and it became apparent with some shots that they had the edge. Some difficulty scoring and inability to contain their points left Scotch behind. 33 to 23 final score. Thanks this season to some reliable players Matt Cameron after two years with

me, Campbell Robertson-Smith a potentially higher ranked player and a steal for the team. Cecil Chow for scoring and playing, Alex Chu for playing on occasions and when needed, and the Year 11's, Andrew Currie and dedicated player, Iain Boydell, a good player - watch out for parties? Adam Jane a good player after joining us, Jeremy Lee, finding time to score for us as well as the 1st team - almost as sarcastic as me, Carl Kimberly a great reliable player, Albert Mi - good luck next year with the upper teams and finally Bob Zhou a dedicated player and loyal to the team. Good season fellows - see you at training next year.

10A 30 lost to Xavier 40

The 10A had a disappointing finish to their season and lost a very even hard fought game against Xavier 30 - 40. Although they lost they can hold their heads high as they did themselves and their school proud. They played a great game and worked together as a team. Scotch started the game well. Everything was working according to plan and they were in front at half time. They were focused and determined and I was impressed at how well they handled the pressure of the occasion. They combined well and worked together as a team. **Edward Monteith**, 10 points had a terrific game. He was strong and determined under the boards and in offence scored often against a barrage of opposition players. His ability to hold his position and score was terrific to watch. The team went into the break composed and with a small lead. In the second half Xavier came out with all guns firing as we knew they would. They scored 3 three pointers and drove through our defences on many occasions to score 15 quick points. This stunned Scotch but to their credit they fought back and never gave up. **Nick Allen** scored 6 points and they were working their way back into the game. They worked hard all game and to their credit play the game out to the end. They were as gallant in defeat as they had been all season when they had won.

The 10As have had a wonderful season. They have worked especially hard at training and have

mastered many new plays that they have been taught. They work well as a team and understand and support each other. They will be a force to be reckoned with in the years to come. They can take much away from a very successful season. I would like to thank all players for the contributions they have made to basketball at Scotch. Every player has made a significant contribution and they are to be congratulated on their efforts.

I would like to thank the parents for their support each week and especially those who have helped with the scoring. I would also like to thank **Brett Mummery** for his expert coaching all season. *Report by Coach Mr. Mark Mason*

10B 26 defeated Xavier 23

The 10Bs finished the season with an inspiring win over Xavier on Saturday 26 to 23. Xavier started the game with great determination and scored early to get out to a very handy lead. Scotch on the other hand was sluggish and seemed uninterested in the first half. It was hard to find anyone who was playing with any sense of urgency or intensity. At half time Scotch was still in it but they would have to pull something out of the bag. They took to the court in the second half a new team. They worked hard in defence and trapped the ball, to cause many turnovers and scoring opportunities. They worked hard as a team and started to drive the key and break through the Xavier defence. **Joshua Houghton** 9 points fired up and capitalised on some great scoring opportunities. **Tom Naughton** 4 points played his best game for the season showing real determination in both defence and offence. **Quention Hanley** and **Nicholas Mollison** rebounded well in the second half and stopped many Xavier scoring opportunities. **Andrew Trinh** and **Paul Phan** worked hard all game and controlled the ball setting up many plays. With one minute to go Scotch levelled the scores. **Lang Eagan** drove the key to put Scotch in the lead. Scotch went to the line for team fouls, scored and kept position to win an exciting hard fought game. A great way to finish a terrific season.



above: 10Bs

With only one loss the 10 Bs can be very proud of what they have achieved. They played only one bad game and worked hard during games and at training. They have really grown into a terrific team who have a great understanding of each other and work well together. They have great potential and will add real depth and talent to the opens next year. The whole team is to be congratulated for an excellent season. **Andrew Trinh** is the "general" he controls the play and sets up many scoring opportunities and has grown into a very important player for the team. Like wise **Quentin Hanley** has been outstanding. He has controlled the rebounding and his determination has helped Scotch to many victories. His strong bustling game is invaluable. **Joshua Houghton** has had a terrific season. He is a creative player who scores freely and is a very important for the team. All players in the B's have grown this season and I congratulate them on the excellent contribution they have made to basketball at Scotch. Well done! *Report by Coach Mr. Mark Mason*

10C1 8 defeated by Caulfield 28

Despite the team's best efforts this season, the 10C1s scored a series of loses and only one win. Considering Mr. Ken Wheat was the coach for that win, many team members have debated the coaching skills of Mr Glen Robins. "Bring back Mr. Wheat!" the players silently screamed. Admittedly, this season has not

been a success in terms of scoring baskets however it is undeniable the 10C1s were successful in creating a positive team spirit, always turning up on time and always being sportsmanlike. From all evidence, it's a team of which Scotch can be proud. *Report by Coach Mr. Glen Robins*

10C2 26 defeated Xavier 10

The mighty 10C2s were untroubled by a short-handed (although tall in stature) Xavier team as they romped to a season-ending victory. Although showing their limitations in man-to-man defence for a period in the second half they were never seriously troubled as they finished on a high. **Jamie Robertson** contributed 10 points to the total, with **Jordan Ridgewell** scoring 7, **Byron Fiske** 5 and **Gordon Koh** 4. Asked to give a summary for Great Shot of the 10C2 team's season, which consisted of 7 wins and 3 losses, **Mond Qu** said, 'Let me speak to th'yet unknowing world how these things came about. So shall you hear of brutal, sweaty, and incautious plays, of accidental judgments, casual defence, of moves put on by cunning and forc'd cause, and, in this upshot, purposes mistook fall'n on the coach's head. All this I can truly deliver.' Um, okay Mond. I'm not sure if Great Shot has quite enough space for your season summary, so let's just observe the trajectory of improvement displayed by the team. After clawing out a one point win against Caulfield 1 in round one, Scotch went on to

beat them 38-14 in round nine. After losing to Carey by 12 points in round two, Scotch went on to beat them 28-16 in round ten. After beating Xavier by a solitary point in round three, Scotch, as you can see above, triumphed comfortably by 16 points in the final round. Either the other sides slipped in their ability during the season, or the Scotch 10C2s showed marked improvement.

A few last words: **Andrew Black** described it as a "season of mists and mellow fruitfulness, close bosom-friend of the maturing sun"; **Chris Ackroyd** admired how the team during the "vigorous season did not shun hazard or toil"; **Keith Lam** marveled at how "they have taken the ball of earth and made it a little thing"; and **Stuart Thomas** said "with sparkling surface-eyes we ply the ball: it is in truth a most contagious game." A contagious game it is indeed. Well done to all the players who have plied the ball with sparkling surface-eyes this season. *Report by Coach Mr. Blair Mahoney*

9A 35 lost to St Kevin's 45

With many basic passing errors resulting in costly turnovers this was a disappointing game with which to finish the season. **Jack Railton-Woodcock** pulled down 7 rebounds and scored 14 points but needs to work on his defence. **David Trinh** worked hard but had no luck with the refs. **Sam Miller** scored 9 points, took 4 rebounds and affected 2 steals, and **Dan Nelson** scored 8 points, and made 4 steals.

9A Basketball 2004 Season Stats

For the season; 8 wins and 3 losses (Twice to Carey and once to St Kevin's)

	<i>Points</i>	<i>Shooting%:</i>	<i>Rebounds</i>	<i>Assists</i>	<i>Steals</i>	<i>Turnovers</i>
Dan Nelson (7 games)	63	58%	7	5	16	4
David Trinh *(11 games)	27	34%	13	0	26	13
Jack (10 games)	85	54%	52	0	3	14
James Ralston (11 games)	65	41%	17	2	10	10
Leslie Gan (1 game)	2	25%	3	0	0	4
Rex Barton-Smith (1 game)	1	33%	1	0	0	2
Sam Cossa r (11 games)	56	35%	9	2	10	14
Sam Miller (11 games)	94	38%	28	2	27	14
Simon Barnett t(7 games)	54	41%	21	4	8	13
Tom Gelling (4 games)	6	18%	7	0	2	5
William Tear (9 games)	16	20%	11	0	3	1
Grand Total	469	38%	169	15	105	94

* Best defensive player

9B 26 defeated St Kevin's 25

This was a thriller with the winning basket (by **Ben Marks**) falling after the siren. All players worked hard but none really stood out. **Rex Barton-Smith** is to be commended on being the game high scorer (8 points) on a day when he was not feeling well.

Basketball 2004 Season Stats

For the season: 8 wins and 1 loss (To Carey by 2 points, who we beat later in the season)

	<i>Points</i>	<i>Shooting%:</i>	<i>Rebounds</i>	<i>Assists</i>	<i>Steals</i>	<i>Turnovers</i>
Benjamin Lewtas (7 games)	28	25%	6	3	9	15
Benjamin Marks (9 games)	56	43%	12	0	11	13
Chris Thomas (3 games)	4	19%	3	0	2	4
David Fagan (4 games)	14	20%	13	0	3	2
Elliott Baxter (9 games)	58	40%	38	0	7	6
Jack (1 game)	20	45%	7	0	1	1
Jarrold Leith * (7 games)	47	29%	12	1	12	5
Leslie Gan (4 games)	0	0%	5	0	2	6
Nick (9 games)	57	30%	65	3	8	12
Rex Barton-Smith (9 games))	65	37%	3	6	27	12
Tom Gelling (3 games)	30	55%	19	0	3	3
GrandTotal	379	32%	183	13	85	79

* Best defensive player

Report by Coach Mr. Keith Oatley

9C1 BYE

Overall it has been an excellent season, and I thank all involved making my job easier. To the boys especially who regularly turned up at training and on time for the games and above all played well - sometimes inspired basketball, I offer special thanks. Thanks too are due to the parents who assisted - even if it was just getting them there on time- but especially those who assisted throughout the season on the score bench. My only regret is that we cancelled the internal match with the C2s. Had we played this match (which, of course, I am sure my C1s would have won) our triumphant season would have been complete.
Report by Coach Mr. Ron Anderson

9C2 51 defeated Xavier 16

8A 29 drew St Kevin's 29

8B 22 drew St Kevin's 22

8C1 BYE

The 8C1 team has had a great season with all boys showing increased skill development as the weeks have progressed. We have had some significant wins and relatively few losses. With a steady rotation of players through the 8C teams, the boys have been required to play alongside different team members. This calls for initiative and co-operation, qualities displayed by all team members. The 8C teams have trained hard and it has been a great pleasure to watch them grow in confidence especially in recent weeks. I thank all of the boys for their commitment and willingness to "have a go". I wish all players well and look forward to seeing them return as players in year 9
Report by Coach Mrs. Linda Fiske

8C2 30 defeated 8C3 16

The 8C2's defeated the 8C3's 30 points to 16. The 8C3 team was down several players on Friday afternoon (two were doing detentions). To balance the numbers Vincent Raboude was recruited from the C3's. The 8 points he scored in the first half along with strong scoring from Yang Li (12 points--6 per half) and Don Khoo (8 points--4 per half) resulted in the C2's having a 16 point advantage at half time. Vincent returned to the C3's at half time and scored another 6 points (14 in total for both teams), however the C3's could only narrow the gap. It was amazing to watch the 8C players' skills develop throughout the season. Those who were able to attend the Wednesday morning training sessions showed vast improvements in offensive and defensive skills thanks to Brett's competent training. A special thanks goes out to Brett for his excellent drills and rapport with the players
Report by Coach Mrs. Donna del Porto

8C3 16 lost to 8C2 30

7A 51 defeated SKC 50

What a game! We made a very "nervous" start against our formidable opponents. However, desperate but excellent defensive play saved the day until we could consolidate and focus. I commented "When the going gets tough, 7A gets going" – and they did! All boys rose to the challenge. For example, we witnessed very "athletic" efforts by **Charles Ralston**, who didn't score, but certainly assisted all over the court. The halftime score was 30:15 in St Kevin's favour. Two points in the first few seconds of the second half showed our opponents that we

meant business. **Stu Pirie** arrived and yelled some timely advice. An edge of the seat game developed as we slowly drew level at 47 all, with only two minutes remaining. However, Scotch determination and focus won the day. Well done team!
Report by Coach Mr. Jeff Watson

7B Scotch 26 defeated SKC 19

This finely tuned "machine" was thrown off balance by an administrative blunder which sent us to the wrong venue! A belated and rushed start with only two subs saw us scrambling against a formidable opposition. A special thanks to the parents who provided the emergency transport between venues, scoring, First Aid, and supportive barracking – much appreciated by both coach and boys. The first half was treated as our "warm up" session as we refocused and strived for our usual momentum. The low rate of scoring was indicative of a very close game. All credit to the boys who, after trailing for two thirds of the game, finally gained a critical five point buffer which was eked out to seven points by the siren. A gutsy, well deserved win. Also, it was excellent to see the boys "gracious in their victory" against a formidable opposition. Well done boys!
Report by Coach Mr. Jeff Watson

7C1 19 lost to St Kevin's 25

Report by Coach Mrs. Grace Cardaci

7C2 35 defeated MGS 12

Report by Coach Mrs. Narelle Sheezel

7C3 10 lost to Caulfield 27

★★★ Player Profile ★★★ **Hugh Wilson** ★★★ Player Profile ★★★



Hi, my name is Hugh Wilson. I just recently broke my shoulder skiing but before that I was playing in the open 2nds. I used to play for the Dragons basketball club in the HBA but am now playing for the Malvern Tigers in the Waverley competition. This year the 2nds have a very successful season only losing 1 game, and proved to be better than the ones on a number of occasions at training. Playing with the likes of Richard Endersbee, Charlie Low and Leo Tang, I have had one of the most enjoyable seasons and look forward to many more with these 'clowns.' Lastly on behalf of the 2nds I would like to thank Mr. Belluz for being a fantastic coach/Bloke. See you on Wednesday.

I wish to say a special **thank you** to all the coaches who promptly supplied game reports for the newsletter on Monday mornings; to the special parents, especially **Grant Taylor** and **Nan Allen**, who emailed photographs to me Sunday evenings and to **Mr. Neville Taylor** who emailed and called the game results in to me each Monday afternoon. Thank you also to **Mr. Mark Mason** who constantly emailed photographs and was there for basketball at Scotch College when Mr. Taylor was absent. Thanks also to **Mr Tom Bowen**, who posted the newsletter onto the website each week and **Mr Rob Hortin** who was always there to edit the newsletter and add support.

Without all these people the newsletter could not happen. The Editor *Ellen Eadie*

THE END

2004