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"Great Shot!"

Basketball at Scotch College

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Photo Submission Guidelines

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. Be part of the action and submit your photos too. page 3

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The latest edition of the 'Great Shot!' newsletter is available in **full colour** on the Scotch College website. You will also find archived editions from last week and last year. Visit <http://www.scotch.vic.edu.au/Sport/Bball/Bball.htm>

All teams have commenced training this week with games scheduled for Saturday. Each Wednesday the latest fixtures are posted on the Scotch website at <http://www.scotch.vic.edu.au/Sport/Fixtures/fixture.htm>



Scotch Basketball Diary Dates

May 23rd USA Basketball Tour Information session
July 26th Breakfast with Jason McCartney
August 9th Presentation Night

Your submissions are welcomed by the editor at eeadie@bigpond.net.au



Game Reports for April 30

1st Report

St Kevin's 64 defeated Scotch 46

Scotch started well and maintained a short lead throughout the first half because of excellent decision-making by all players and some fine inside play by *Ed Cowan* and *Nick Thomas*. We were unable to break away, however, and every time we seemed likely to, our opponents did enough to stay in touch. At the break, Scotch led 26 – 24.



Four poor turnovers in the opening minutes of the second half cost us dearly: SKC scored from each and then, with their tails properly 'up', SKC applied intense pressure and moved further into the lead. Our scoring capacity dried up and the structure we had so effectively employed in the first half evaporated in the heat. We did not look like threatening the scoreboard until *Jake Eadie* banged in a three, but the damage was done and SKC won 64 – 46.

Whilst, statistically, our scoring was even overall (26 + 20), SKC's pressure turned 24 first half points into 40 second half points. This is impressive but they were able to do it because we applied little intensity, turned over the ball, and made poor attempts to box out at the defensive end. We also missed relatively simple shots from close quarters and relied too much on *Cowan* (22pts) and *Thomas* (12pts). As good as they were and are, we cannot rely on two players to win games. It doesn't work that way. In short, we have much to work on this week.

Overall, we should be grateful that this was a practice match. Our season commences next Saturday against Haileybury who are bigger, stronger, and more talented than SKC. Does this mean Scotch will be underdogs? Yes. Does this mean we will lose the game? Absolutely not! Not if we protect possession, play with discipline, and execute well. Last year, Scotch defeated Haileybury in the game of the season and it felt good! We achieved that feat (Haileybury's only loss in the 2004 season) because we refused to lie down, played with genuine intensity, and believed we could win. I say, *'Let's do it again!'*

Mr. Rob Hortin
Scotch 1sts Coach

2^{nds} Report

St Kevin's 37 defeated Scotch 2^{nds} 22

The seconds started the season on Saturday with a practice match against St Kevin's at MSAC. The team started tentatively and found it difficult to score early. Ben Dunlop was running well and presented options in transition. James Hoey and Matthew Briggs worked hard to bring the ball down the court and passed well. In the second half we settled down, combining well to out score our opposition. Our offence improved greatly with much more movement through the key. Some great individual efforts came from Ben Dunlop and Jake Cooper who both worked the ball easily through the key to score on a number of occasions. Our defense also improved in this half and a couple of times we were able to trap the ball and score easily from a turnover. Although we lost 22 to 37 the boys showed great potential especially in the second half. We need to be a lot stronger especially under the boards and be patient in offence. Looking forward to a great season!

Mr. Mark Mason
Scotch 2^{nds} Coach

Photographs for the Scotch Basketball Season



Today's digital technology makes it easy to take a lot of photographs and to share them with friends and others. The 'Great Shot' newsletter has embraced the saying '*A picture is worth a thousand words*', and aims to include a representative selection of game photographs in each newsletter. Players names are omitted from the text and the photographs cannot be copied from the web version of the newsletter to ensure compliance with privacy issues.

We cannot achieve our aims without some **HELP** from the parents and players. If you take photographs at the games, we would love to have a copy for the records. Some of these photographs will appear in the newsletter. All will be included on an end of year slide presentation displayed at the Basketball Presentation night August 9th.

Below are some Submission guidelines ;

Select the digital photograph(s) you would like to submit for the weekly basketball newsletter, 'Great Shot' and for the end of season presentation.

- Email them to wickberg@cleverdirections.com.au as early in the weekend as possible. The newsletter deadline is Sunday evening.
- Include 'SBB' or 'Scotch' in the email subject field (to avoid having your email end up in the junk/spam bin).
- Identify the team and game date.
- Emails with total attachments need to be less than 6MB.
- Please include your contact details.

The recommended file format is JPEG (JPG or JPEG), but we are not restricted to that format. If you're not sure about the format of your files, the details for attaching files to your email or have other questions, ring Dale Wickberg, 0409 669 889 or Ellen Eadie, 9889 4535.

Please do not be offended if your submission doesn't make the newsletter. The editor needs to ensure that all teams get representation. Of course we need lots of pics for the end of season presentation, so they won't go to waste. Don't be worried that your camera may not be of the highest quality, it's the kids and action that counts and we really look forward to your support to bring your son's team into the bright light of the press.
Dale Wickberg, SDC Photography Coordinator 2005



Information evening for a Scotch USA Basketball tour December 2005

An information evening for a proposed Basketball tour to the USA during the December 2005 school holiday will be held **Monday May 23rd 7:45** in the Science Theatre, Scotch College.

Chris McCoy from **Horizons Travel** will present information and be looking for expressions of interest. This tour will be open to players who are currently in years 9, 10 and 11, to play against Junior Varsity teams in the USA.

Slam Dunk Club Season Opening Barbeque

On Sunday May 1st over 120 people gathered at the home of Tom and Ellen Eadie for a basketball Season Opening Barbeque. It was a great afternoon. The photos say it all;

