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"Great Shot!"

Basketball at Scotch College

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Photos required

The Great Shot Newsletter relies upon photographs submitted by parents. Without these photographs the newsletter loses some of its visual appeal. We are desperately in need of more, photo submissions. This week only 1 team could be represented thanks to parent Grant Taylor. Please help.

Submissions. Send Photo submissions as .jpeg images to Dale Wickberg at wickberg@cleverdirections.com.au
Send text to eadie@bigpond.net.au
The newsletter submissions deadline is Sunday evening

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>

Basketball at Scotch

There were a limited number of APS games held on Saturday as some schools were still enjoying holidays. Many of the Scotch teams, including both the Firsts and Seconds, had a BYE.
Read the reports commencing on page 2.



Scotch Thirds v Carey at Whitehorse Aquatic Centre

Scotch Basketball Diary Dates

July 29th

Breakfast with Jason McCartney.

Each basketball season the SDC Committee organizes one fund raising venture for Basketball at Scotch College. This year a breakfast with motivational speaker, sportsman and Bali Bombing survivor Jason McCartney OAM has been organized at school, on Friday July 29th. Jason was injured in the Bali Bombing on an end of season Melbourne football Club trip suffering extensive burns as well as other injuries and returned after extensive rehabilitation to football. Not just for Basketball families book your seats (parents, students, staff and friends) now for this fund raising event organized by the SDC. Download a booking form from <http://www.scotch.vic.edu.au/sport/bball/050729.pdf> or call Phil Mollison on 0418388555

August 9th

Scotch College Basketball Presentation Night

Game Reports for July 16 2005

1sts BYE
2nds BYE



3rds 22 lost to Carey 44

The unfamiliar environs of the Whitehorse Leisure & Antarctic (sorry, Aquatic) Centre brought a chill into the bones of the 3rds as they succumbed to Carey in their first match back after the break. The coach only just managed to get there for the tip-off as his icebreaker encountered difficulties on its way there. The team was running as cold as the air in the stadium, and **Ben Elliott's** hands just about snapped off trying to grab the first pass he received. There were some good passages of play, but Carey's physical style that merged professional wrestling techniques with basketball prevailed in the end, largely thanks to accurate 3-point shooting that Scotch was unable to defend. Ben Elliott collected 8 points and played well once his hands had warmed up, **Tom Barton** scored 5 points on some slick moves to the hoop, while **Chris Taylor** revelled in the physical play, scoring 4 points and trying out some jiu-jitsu

moves. **Justin Singh** was disappointed with the trip to "Earth's remotest shore, Regions which groan beneath the Antarctic stars", but was full of resolve to turn things around in the next game, predicting that the team would rise like a phoenix from the ashes to conquer Geelong College. *Report by Coach Blair Mahoney*

4ths 57 defeated Carey 20

Yet another huge win for the 4ths was built on the back of some hounding defence that forced Carey into turn-overs and led to easy fast break points. The teamwork was fantastic, exemplified by the spread of points, with every player who took the court scoring between 6 and 12 points. **Jamie Robertson** scored 12 points and almost got some streetball moves to work in the dying minutes of the game. **Lang Egan** scored 11 points with some sweet short jumpers, **Albert Mi**, unstoppable from mid-range in the second half, scored 8 points, and **Stephen Kimber** also

collected 8 points on some strong drives to the hoop and accurate free-throw shooting. **Jason Jando** gave a stirring speech before the game, saying to the team, "Remember whom you are to cope with: A sort of vagabonds, rascals and runaways, a scum of Baptists and base lackey peasants, whom their o'eremployed school vomits forth to desperate adventures and assured destruction." Well, ah, I'm not sure that's quite in the spirit of the game, referring to Carey as vagabonds, rascals and peasants, but such slander aside their destruction was indeed assured. *Report by Coach Blair Mahoney*

5ths BYE

6ths BYE

10A 35 lost to Wesley 38

In the first half, it was clear we hadn't trained for three weeks with school holidays and a week of work experience. We missed too many baskets, and forced too

many turnovers to create a lead, but some fast break opportunities from **James Ralston** (8 points) and **Will Tear** (6 points) kept us in with a chance. The second half was better as we lifted our defence, but again our shot selection let us down, and it was only for two three point shots by **Simon Barnett** (11 points) and **Sam Cossar** (5 points) late in the game that got us back in it. In the last couple of minutes, we had trouble penetrating the Wesley zone, and two late baskets sealed the win for Wesley, in what was a very even and well fought out contest. *Report by Coach Cameron Taylor*

10B1 64 defeated Wesley 11

Some unfamiliar faces as several players from the B2 team, which had a bye, joined in the fun, but it was the same dominance we've grown accustomed to seeing from the B1s. Scotch moved the ball with confidence and class, and scored at will. Wesley was shut out almost completely, generally struggling to do better than make desperate shots from long range, which were comfortably cleaned up by **Nick Johns-Wickberg** and **Peter Holmes** rebounding strongly. Top score for the opposition was the 5 points awarded for a rule breach forced upon us by an embarrassment of riches, namely a superfluity of singlets bearing the number 44. **Ben Marks** (26 points), taking a break from the As, dominated scoring and showed little sign of recent lower limb handicaps. **Rex Barton-Smith** showed completely characteristic courage when, having been crunched taking a charge once early in the game and wearing an ice pack on his leg as a result, he later braced himself in front of a rampaging Wesley opponent again and was again knocked onto his backside, resulting in the same majestic thrust of the referee's fist. All players contributed well to what was a very impressive win. *Report by Coach Mr. N. Peters*

10C1 Cancelled by Carey

10C2 25 lost to Carey 42

On Saturday, the Scotch 10C2 basketball team played Carey at the Whitehorse Leisure and Aquatic Centre. Unfortunately due to a last minute time and venue change coupled with year 10 work experience we had to start the game with only four players. The boys did well and despite being a man down managed to stick with Carey for most of the first half. The half time margin was a manageable 7 points. Not long into the second half our fifth player, **Ronald Lam**, arrived and provided some much needed fresh legs. **Ronald** proceeded to take a number of good intercepts and things looked promising. The boys tired though and Carey ran away with the second half, the final score: Carey 42, Scotch 25. **Tim Ritchie** had a good game scoring 13 or the team's 25 points. *Report by Coach Miss L. Kelly.*

9A 53 defeated Carey 22.

Scotch played perhaps its best team defence of the season, and also began to use a little more structure in offence. In all a very satisfying win. **Kile Rogers** was very good but remains a little hungry from outside the 3 point line. **Andrew Silagy** was awarded MVP, particular for his intensity in defence throughout the game. *Report by Coach Mr. Keith Oatley*

9B 55 defeated Carey 18

A sound team effort against weak opposition. The boys did enough to score a comfortable win but there was nothing really inspirational about this game. *Report by Coach Mr. Keith Oatley*

9B2 20 lost to Wesley 45

A rusty start back from the holidays saw the 9B2s lose 45-20 to Wesley on the weekend. Despite **Will Wang's** domination under the basket, a series of missed lay ups and poor passes led to the loss. Joint highest scorers were, **Yang Li** and **Andy Wang**. *Report by Coach Colleen McHugh*

8A 52 defeated Wesley 23

This was billed as a danger game as there was the possibility that the boys might be rather rusty after the holidays. However, this was not

so, at least in the First Half when the team cruised to a 26 to 6 lead. **Cameron Lowe** and **Ben Allison** both sank excellent 3 pointers as did **Charlie Ralston** later in the game. Scotch dominated throughout the game although the final score does not necessarily reflect this. Coaches were despairing midway through the Second Half when players were not 'boxing out' – indeed, just standing around watching the ball drop! Special mention to **Tom Miers**, **Ayrton Eldridge** and **Charlie Ralson** for some serious defensive play - including **Ayrton's** unique repositioning slide across the newly polished floor. Overall, another solid performance although at times lacking some intensity. *Report by Coach Mr. Jeff Watson*

8B 41 defeated Wesley 21

A good strong start by Scotch with some solid defense and excellent transitions soon gave us a healthy lead, of 14 points to 2. **Michael Collins** returned after 6 weeks (injury) with some exciting play and put 12 points on the board. **Andrew Lim** was also on fire and enjoyed one of his best games - also with 12 points. Better still, he remembered Tuesday's training skills and pulled off an excellent pump fake. Well done! A little bit of 'holiday mode' plagued the boys early in the Second Half when they found it difficult to 'maintain the intensity' Wesley began to penetrate what had until that time been good 'two/three' defensive play by Scotch. However, the boys re-grouped and all put in to help secure a very solid victory. *Report by Coach Mr. Jeff Watson*

8C 24 lost to Carey 40

Scotch put up a fantastic fight throughout the whole game, but unfortunately were overcome in the end. *Report by Coach Gus Gray (2003-2004 Basketball Captain)*

7A 13 lost to Wesley 47

The boys were very rusty and did not defend well against the lay-up and missed the vast majority of shooting opportunities. Top scorer for the game was **Tim Stephens**

in a loss of 13-47 to Wesley.
Report by Coach Mr. Dan Belluz

7B 16 lost to Wesley 27

The boys were a bit rusty after the holiday break however they did play well. Unfortunately Wesley were a stronger team on the day. Top scorers were Ben Foster, Kenneth Thomson and Harry Moot. *Report by Coach Mrs Zeljka Hamza*

7C1 Scotch 36 defeated Carey 18.

The Scotch 7C team continued their most successful season on Saturday with another strong win against Carey. **Daniel Tram** and **Stuart Proposch** played a very strong, high pressure defensive game. **Jamie Barnes** and **William Brack** showed great speed on the court and also each

scored 8 points. **Tom Gardiner** and **Andrew Kerr** each scored 6 points and continue to use their height to good advantage. The team is playing more cohesively with every match and all players are to be congratulated for an excellent effort. *Report by Coach Mrs.Narelle Sheezel*

Playing Representative Basketball



As well as at school, many of the Scotch boys play for local domestic teams weeknights or Saturdays, and also on representative teams such as the Melbourne Tigers, Hawthorn Magic, Dandenong Rangers, Waverley Falcons and more. If you were to question players on the top teams from each age level at Scotch it would reveal the level of commitment and enthusiasm these boys have for their sport, and the high level of skill.

Many of the representative teams are coming to the 'business end' of the season with finals in September. Many clubs commence try outs for the next season in August and September. If you have any interest in joining one of these clubs (games Friday nights all over Melbourne) and developing your basketball to the highest standard, contact one of the clubs listed on

<http://www.scotch.vic.edu.au/Sport/Bball/general/outside.htm>

Nick Thomas (left), who plays for the Scotch College Firsts, playing for the Melbourne Tigers. *Who said that Basketball was a non contact sport?*



Images from Friday June 28th, Scotch Firsts v St Kevin's at Scotch

**SCOTCH BASKETBALL END OF SEASON PRESENTATION DINNER AND EXHIBITION
GAME**

TUESDAY AUGUST 9th.

Get set for an exciting finale to the Scotch Basketball Season.

Scotch College Basketball, in association with the Slam Dunk Club, presents an exciting game of Basketball between the 2005 1sts and former Scotch College Basketball Captains, accompanied by a professional announcer, great music and clever commentary. Tip off at 5:30.

The game will be followed by a 3 course buffet style dinner, with additional new 'Burger Bar' in the Cardinal Pavilion, and end of season presentation of awards.

Prior to the game, boys are invited to participate in a 3 on 3 competition commencing at 4:00pm, with great prizes to be won.

Date Tuesday August 9 2005
Time 3 on 3 right after school, game tip off 5:30, dinner immediately after the game
Venue The Glenn Centre and Cardinal Pavilion
Cost \$25 per person, children under 12 free
RSVP Via Reply Slip before Friday August 5
Cheque payable to Slam Dunk Club
Mail to SDC, PO Box 482 Bulleen VIC 3105

Reply Slip Scotch College Basketball Presentation Night

Name _____

Year Level(s) _____

Telephone number _____

Number of People attending _____ **at \$25 per person (children under 12 free)**

Total Amount Enclosed (cheque payable to Slam Dunk Club) _____

3 on 3 Competition Registration (optional) Please write Player Name(s) and current school team (ie 7C) below. *(Players please bring a light and dark singlet or wear your school singlet and reverse as required)*

RSVP NO LATER THAN Friday August 5 2005