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# “Great Shot!”

Basketball at Scotch College

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SLAM DUNK CLUB  
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# MATCH REPORTS FOR 28<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2007

## 1sts v Haileybury 32 - 58

*Improvement is everything!*

Monday night saw the **Scotch 1sts** travel to **Haileybury** without starting guards **Ben Alison & Kyle Rogers**. Behind some spirited play and some tough defence the **Scotch** boys were able to post a very solid performance against a team much more capable than their 5<sup>th</sup> place ranking suggest.

The teams' eyes are now set on winning our last game of the season versus **Xavier** and saying goodbye to the **Year 12** boys in style.



Lukas Carey, Coach

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## 2nds Bye

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## 3rds v Caulfield 30 - 32

*SOOOOOOO Close!*

The **Thirds** narrowly lost a very close match against **Caulfield 32 to 30**. The game was closely fought all the way with only ever a few points in it all game. The **Scotch** boys can be mighty proud of their efforts and in the way they played the game. Our boys exhibited Great Spirit and fought hard against an opposition prepared to use any tactic to win. I was very proud of the way the **Scotch** boys remained cool and well controlled under difficult circumstances. In a game that could have gone any way the result wasn't important. Although on the board we lost, I know they **Scotch** boys were the moral victors. **Scotch** had far more scoring opportunities but unfortunately the ball wouldn't drop. In the last few minutes we were ahead and had many chance to seal the game. It was not to be.

The best players were **Andrew Wilson (11 points)** who fought hard and kept his cool to play his best game all season. **David Trinh** was fantastic all game, great in defense, out rebounded taller opposition players and put his body on the line, drawing many charging fouls.

**Rex Barton-Smith** led the team well and was a fierce competitor. **Elliott Baxter, Nick Johns-Wickberg, Tom Matthews** and **Robert Marsh** all made significant contributions.

I am very proud of the spirit in which the **Scotch** boys played. Hold your heads high!!!

Mark Mason Coach

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## 4ths Red No report

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## 4ths Gold v St Kevins 39 – 10

**Scotch** hit the floor for the first time this season away from their customary home-away-from-home (MSAC), and were a little slow to find the right gear. Our opposition boasted a couple of decent ball-handlers and we allowed them to penetrate a little too easily in the early stages. We were doing enough offensively, and some strong drives by **Will Lawson (6 pts)** and good finishing by **Lachlan White (8 pts)** and **Simon Black (8 pts)** kept our noses in front but the first ten minutes were very tight. Then our defensive guards **Henry Hedinger** and **Lachlan White** upped the pressure on the opposition ball carriers

and the complexion of the game changed. **St Kevins'** dribble penetration was shut down and they started throwing some loose passes, with **Gabriel Fogarty-Phipps**, **Jack Naughton** (6 pts) and **Aaron Braddy** (5 pts) making some good steals that led to a string of baskets on the break and a handy 17-9 lead at the half.

The second half was all **Scotch**. Our strong defensive pressure blanketed **St Kevins** completely, holding them to just 1 point for the half, while at the other end points came relatively easily and were evenly spread.

A very good win.

Neale Peters Coach

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### 5ths Gold No Report

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### 5ths Red Walkover

Walk over. The opposition had only two players and two coaches.

Ken Wheat Coach

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### 10A v Carey 55 -32

The **Scotch** Year **10A** boys faced **Carey** in this weeks re-draw. It was off to Aqualink and unfamiliar territory for most of the players, but a distant home to **Charlie Hancock** and **Andy Lim**. **Carey** seemed to feel quite comfortable at the neutral court as they brought a much different attitude to this match than the first time the two sides met. **Scotch** scratched first on a couple of quick hoops, but **Carey** fought back and the momentum shifted in a matter of minutes. **Scotch** seemed to struggle against the 3-2 zone played by **Carey**. Turnovers and shots taken too quickly and missed were the reason that **Scotch** trailed 21-19 at halftime. **Scotch** were very fortunate to only trail by two, but their defence kept them close. **Cameron Lowe**, **Charlie Hancock** and **Matt Jane** led **Scotch** with 4 points each.

In the second half, **Scotch** finally found their game and increased the ball pressure as well as snaring rebounds that seemed to get away from them in the first half. **Andy Lim**, **Nick Wilson**, **Alex Van Ryn** and **Charlie Hancock** were definitely the difference in the second half after slow first half starts. Once **Scotch** levelled the score they never looked back. All 7 players were able to score in the second half which was a true credit to their team play offensively and defensively. **Cameron Lowe** dropped in 12 second half points. **Charles Ralston** and **Andy Lim** helped out with 7 points each in the second half.

**Scotch** would outscore **Carey** 36-12 in the second half to win the game by a comfortable 55-32 cushion.

On behalf of the boys, we would like to thank all of the parents who were there to support the boys. We hope more family, friends and schoolmates can get along next weekend in the final game as we look to beat **Caulfield Grammar**.

**Scotch Top Scorers: Cameron Lowe 16, Charles Ralston 9, Matthew Jane 8, Andy Lim 7, Charlie Hancock 6, Nick Wilson 5, Alex Van Ryn 4.**

Randy Shanklin Coach 10A

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### 10B v St Kevin's 34 - 29

The **Scotch** Year **10B** team faced **St Kevin's** in their re-draw. The boys faced two difficult tasks; one, their coach would be late enroute from Aqualink and the A-team game; two, they would play **St Kevin's College** in their home venue on their campus.

Facing those odds, **Scotch** went out to open the scoring, but things got worse from there as **St Kevin's** applied a full-court press and active zone defence to confuse the normally composed team. **Scotch** displayed a lack of desire to defend on one end of the floor and a lack of desire to protect the ball on the other end of the floor. Uncharacteristic play saw **Scotch** fall further and further behind the determined **St Kevin's** side. **James Fitchett** would lead **Scotch** in scoring at the half with 6 points. **Hayden Lamont-**

**Stacey** and **William Huggett** were the only other two **Scotch** players to score with 2 *points* a piece. St Kevin's was in control of the match thus far leading 20-10 at halftime.

A change in the line-up saw a totally different **Scotch** team in the second half. As the boys got back to playing their style of basketball, they held **St Kevin's** to 1 point after 8 minutes of play while scoring 13 of their own. **St Kevin's** would get close, coming to within 3 on two occasions, but **Scotch** kept applying pressure and taking better care of the basketball. **Hayden Lamont-Stacey** came up with clutch baskets time and time again in the second half pacing **Scotch** with 10 *points*. **William Huggett** had 5 *points* and made crucial defensive plays. **Ewen Wellings** was very instrumental in the win coming up with big rebounds before being injured. **Jack Marks** and **Alfred Chu** were excellent with their ball pressure with **Alfred** contributing points as well. **Lawrence Martin**, **James Fitchett** and **Tom Miers** should be commended on the adjustments they made in making good basketball decisions after shaky decision making in the first half.

The resilient **Scotch** boys would pull off an amazing second half comeback which saw them outscore their opponent 24-9 and win the "road match" 34-29. The boys should be very proud of this win for a lot of different reasons but two stood out: 1) it was a total team effort to come from behind and win, and 2) to beat a team on their own venue in an unfamiliar environment. Well done guys!!!

On behalf of the guys, we would like to thank all of the parents who showed up in support of this game (especially to those who started the game off coaching for me).

**Scotch Top Scorers: Hayden Lamont-Stacey 12, William Huggett 7, James Fitchett 6, Alfred Chu 4, Ewen Wellings 4, Tom Miers 1.**

Randy Shanklin Coach 10B

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### **10C Gold v Caulfield 21 - 28**

**Scotch** lost to **Caulfield 21 points to 28** though the boys certainly put in a respectable effort. **Mark Lym** led the scoring pack with 13 *points*; **Ben Johnston**, **James Macindoe** and **Roy Chan** scored 2 *points* each.

Special mention to **Ben** and **Roy** for their season basket!! Defense could have been much tighter but fitness levels suggest that more Monday afternoon running is required. :)

One more game next Saturday. Can we break our losing streak? Je crois que non! :)

Glen Robins Coach

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### **10C Red v St Kevins Green 16 - 45**

With 3 of our regulars missing this week and some early foul trouble the **10C Red** team struggled to put up a fight. The team did not create enough viable passing options and showed they need a lot of practice at passing and shooting. Having said this all players tried hard throughout the game and **Josh Bowles** and **James White** were awarded MVP's.

Keith Oatley Coach

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### **9A v Xavier 16 - 37**

After a competitive start in which both team traded baskets, a close contest looked to be on the cards. However, **Scotch** failed to capitalize on some wide open shot attempts late in the second half, finding themselves playing catch-up basketball at the conclusion of the 1<sup>st</sup> half.

A strong opening from the likes of **Phillip Peters** and **Ben Foster** kept **Scotch** in striking range early in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half. However, with continual missed opportunities around the basket and frequent turnovers **Scotch** could never reclaim the lead. The persistent defensive and offensive energy demonstrated by **Jarrold Tang** throughout the game was to be commended.

Andrew Harms Coach

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## 9B Bye

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## 9C Blue v Melbourne Grammar 43 - 19

The **Scotch 9C's** lead for the entire game demonstrating superior shooting and defensive skills. Because we had only four players the boys were forced to play for the entire game which would have been exhausting. Two Year 8 students, **Matt Hancock** and **Will Morrell** volunteered to help out by interchanging as a fifth player, many thanks for their help.

*The top scores for the team were: Jonathan Chen 11 points, Kenneth Thompson 8.*

Donna Del Porto, Dan Belluz Coach

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## 9C Red v Xavier 18 - 15

The 9C Red team was missing a couple of its regular member but fortunately **Stuart Proposch** and **Kenneth Thomson** stepped into the breach. It was quite clear from early on that these boys had not played much together, but came together to produce some great defensive plays and applied enormous pressure to the **Xavier** shooters. This resulted in a very close win by **Scotch** with a score of 18-15. *Fifteen points of the eighteen scored came from Jonathan Chen.* A great effort by all.

Dan Belluz Coach

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## 8A v Caulfield 28 - 50

**Scotch 28** was defeated by **Caulfield 50**. With only five players this week the team performed well as the boys played out of their customary positions. The boys stuck together as a group, and it was a credit to them that they were able to hold the margin to 20 points.

*Top scorers: Matt Hancock 10, Nathan Lee 9, and Will Morell 5.*

A great team effort!

Adam Nener, Coach.

## 8B v Caulfield 49 - 25

As the season draws to the close the **8B's** posted another convincing win. It's always a fun game when your team hits the front and manages to keep piling on the points. **Francis Ha** was "on fire" scoring within the first minute, **Caulfield** answered quickly, but **Scotch** retaliated with a score from **Al McPherson**, and **Francis Ha** delivered again. The half time score was **Scotch 36 - Caulfield 16**.

It wasn't long before the Mercy rule was invoked. Unfortunately, a knee injury sidelined **Al McPherson** for the remainder of the game. We had a big bench this week and everybody contributed points.

*Top scorers: Francis Ha with a whopping 21, Alan Mai 8, Albert Salt 6. Well done lads!!*

Linda Fiske Team Manager. Adam Nener Coach.

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## 8C Gold Bye

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## 8C Blue Bye

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## 7A v Caulfield Grammar 31 - 34

### *The one that got away...*

The poet *John Donne* said, '*Despair is the damp of hell, as joy is the serenity of heaven,*' and I understand his meaning as I sit and reflect on this morning's game that swayed in the balance for forty minutes of intense and sometimes desperate play. Could we have won? Yes. Should we have won? Possibly, but there can be no excuses for several defensive lapses that made the difference as the clock ticked inexorably to its conclusion.

We began well, and after several minutes we led **Caulfield** by a couple and stretched our lead to 5 after 10 minutes or so. **Alex Fejer** (8 1<sup>st</sup> half pts) and **Harry Skelton** (5 1<sup>st</sup> half pts) were in over drive and finished well, and they were well-supported by **James Littlewood** and our rookie, **Ben Lee** (4 1<sup>st</sup> half pts). However, just as our momentum lowered the Coach's heart rate from 190 to about 165bpm, a succession of whistles stifled our offensive efforts and **CGS** took full advantage of their good fortune. They drew level and led at the break 17-20.

The second half was make or break and it is with a very heavy heart that I say we did not defend well. **CGS** players flashed to the middle freely, and there was one horrible moment when one of our better players seemed more concerned with what was happening on the adjoining court until his direct opponent stepped in front of him and scored from 7 feet. At the offensive end, we had the fire power to wrest the lead from **CGS** but one or two players tended to rush 3pt attempts as our 'bigs' watched events from the perimeter. This, in the end, was our Achilles heel. I am not sure that we took more than 6 offensive boards in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half and that will kill most teams, no matter how good they are.

**Harry Skelton** played his heart out the full 10 yards. He finished with **11 of 31** and was quick to get back on De. every time. **Alex Fejer** was superb in the opening half, and his defensive rebounding in that half kept us in the game. He finished with **10pts**. **James Littlewood** (4pts) was valiant but needs to improve his technique at both ends (this will come with experience and effort); **Ben Lee** (6pts) did not look out of place and did enough to cement his spot in this team; **Gareth Wymond** and **Oliver Griffith-Danby** tried hard in the furnace and found the going tough; and **Tim Allen** had some moments. We held **CGS 14-14** in the half and were left to wonder what might have been.

But we live to play again and will drag our poor, bedraggled selves from these ashes of despair and shadow, and as JFK might have declared, '*Let every school know, whether it wishes us well or ill, that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe,*' until we reach the broad, sunlit uplands that only victory can provide.

**This is a great team. These are great boys.**

Come and support them in their final game of the 2007 season next week against **Burke Hall**.

Let's finish the year on a high!

RCF Hortin Coach 7A



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### 7B v Caulfield Grammar 16 - 42

It must be said that this was a brilliant game from our **Scotch** boys in spite of the score line. For those gallant parents who stood in support, **the game also showed why B games must be scheduled after A games**, and why this was not the case this week remains a mystery. It took some time for the Coach to regain a sense of time and place after the **A's** loss, and this scenario was unfortunate.

Anyway, following hard upon the **7A** game, five young Collegians stood alone against the might of a fully-manned **CGS** team. Events and circumstances of the last week had left us injured, bruised, and thin in both teams, and when three players withdrew very late in the day for various reasons, we found ourselves well and truly between a rock and a hard place. To make matters even worse, if that were possible, one available player missed the game entirely. *Wherefore art thou, Tyrone?*

Undeterred, however, our boys fought with all they had for forty minutes. **Victor Yang (8pts)** was the pick of the bunch at the offensive end, and **Anthony Ma, Sam Broomham, Ugo Abarakwe, and Alistair Lithgow** ran themselves into the ground. We stayed out of foul trouble, as well, and this was a fine achievement in itself that showed plenty of maturity from this unexpected line up.

**Well played, Scotch!**

RCF Hortin Coach 7B

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### 7C Blue v 7C Gold 33 – 17

After a poor game last week the **Blue** team came out firing. Having five players to the **Gold** team's four no doubt helped, but only led by two points at half time. In the second half the **Blue** team managed to run away with the game scoring 24 to the **Gold** team's 8. Congratulations must go to **Josh Tram** who scored *17 points, 16* in the second half, for the **Blue** team while **Anthony Samaris** top scored for the **Gold** team with *9 points*.

Good luck to both teams for the rest of the season and hopefully they can both finish with a bang.

Chris Taylor Coach

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### 7C Gold v 7C Blue 17 – 33

The **7C Gold's** played against the **Scotch 7C Blues** and unfortunately only had 4 players. The 4 boys did a fantastic job playing against 5 players and the scores were even at halftime. The boys got tired in the 2nd half and ended up losing 33-17. The 4 boys, **Jason Ha, Anthony Samaris, Shih-Wang Tee** and **Will Zhang** should be congratulated as they played extremely hard under difficult circumstances.

Well done boys.

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### 7C Red v Caulfield Grammar 16 - 15

The **7C Red** team played **Caulfield Grammar** on Saturday and only had 5 players. **Caulfield** were much taller and this made it difficult for our boys to get rebounds but they worked hard the whole game to take advantage of their speed.

After building a good lead in the 2nd half we saw it disappear due to the offensive rebounding power of **Caulfield**. With 20 seconds to go we were down by 1 and **Caulfield** had the ball. An unlikely hero stepped forward. **David Rizkalla** stole the ball at halfway and took on the tallest player from the other team, shooting right over the top of him for the winning basket. **Ben Ferguson** and **Albert Chang** did a fantastic job of being the leaders in the absence of the teams' regular leaders. *Final score 16-15.*

Fantastic game boys.

Mike Runchey Coach 7C Gold/Red

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Thank you to all the coaches, team managers, the parents, the players, the scorers, the photographers, and the refs who make basketball at **Scotch** College such a great sport with which to be associated.

**“Scotch College – Pushing the limits – As one”.**

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the prize!!**

- 🏀 Bidding ends Tuesday the 7<sup>th</sup> August at 2pm**
- 🏀 Winner announced at the Presentation Night**

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**Date:** Tuesday, 7 August 2007  
**Time:** 3.45pm - 3-on-3 in the Glenn Centre  
5.30pm - Exhibition game tip off, Glenn Centre  
6.30pm - Finger food/ drinks in the Foyer of the James Forbes Academy  
7.30pm - Award Presentations for Years 7 to Opens  
**Venues:** The Glenn Centre Upper Gym and James Forbes Academy  
**Cost :** \$20 for adults and children aged 12 and over, \$10 for children under 12  
**RSVP:** Via Reply Slip by Thursday, 2 August 2007  
Cheque payable to Slam Dunk Club  
Mail to Slam Dunk Club, 1 Glen St, Hawthorn. 3122.  
**Enquiries:** Sue Lowe, on ph: 9818 1212 or 0412 447 784 or email: scotch.basketball@scotch.vic.edu.au



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**Reply Slip - Scotch College Presentation Night, 7<sup>th</sup> August 2007**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Player's Year Level(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number \_\_\_\_\_

Number of People attending: Adults and children aged 12+ at \$20 per head \_\_\_\_\_ and  
Children aged under 12 at \$10 per head \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Enclosed (cheque payable to Slam Dunk Club) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Registration for 3-on-3 Competition - *(participation is optional)*  
Please write Player Name(s) and current school team (ie 7C1) below. *(Players please bring a light and dark singlet or wear your school singlet and reverse as required).*

Player and current team:  
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Player and current team:  
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# SLAM DUNK RAFFLE

**7<sup>th</sup> August 2007**

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Value: \$150.00*
- 5<sup>th</sup> PRIZE: *Long Sleeve "Sierra" Wind/Rain Stop Jacket  
Retail Value: \$125.00  
Thank you Phil Mollison*
- 6<sup>th</sup> PRIZE: *a) 2 x Hoyts La Premiere Movie Tickets (valid 6 months)  
b) 2 x Hoyts La Premiere Movie Tickets (valid 6 months)  
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- 7<sup>th</sup> PRIZE: *a) \$25.00 Dobsons Voucher  
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