



Great Shot

Message from TIC Mr Jack Edwards:

VALE- Rob Hortin

It is with great sadness that we learned of the news that Rob has lost his battle with illness in the early hours of Sunday morning. Rob Hortin was the previous TIC of Basketball who we can thank for many, if not all of what this sport is at Scotch. In fact, it was him who started this very newsletter. He was kind. He was caring. But most of all, he was passionate about Scotch Basketball. He was a great friend to many and provided the boys with such great experiences both on and off the court. Whether that be from the tours to the USA, to the memories of our last APS premiership, Rob was at the centre of it all. We have a lot to thank Rob for, and I pass on all our condolences to his family- his wife Jennifer and his sons Victor and Rex. I'll leave you with a brief excerpt from his retirement letter to this very newsletter.

So, to the parents who made all of this possible, I say 'Thank you'; to all the players I have been privileged to coach and teach, I say 'Well done!'; and to the many coaches

and team managers who contribute so very much to our boys' experience, I say 'Bravo!' It is for others to judge and I know I am biased, but I am proud of what we have achieved in basketball, especially as we have but one court. In my dreams, I imagine a second court at Scotch and wonder how many students would play our game. One day, perhaps, and in the mean time we shall defend our native fortress to the end. Of this, I am sure. Working with great people has always been a pleasure for me, and I have known many. They know who they are and I wish them and theirs every success in the future, as I do every one of you and your boys, who are the beating heart of our sport. What a wise choice you or your son made when he decided to pull on his boots and see what he could make of basketball. Watching or coaching him in his early years was tremendously rewarding, and seeing him develop his skills and confidence in a rewarding and caring environment was sometimes challenging, often amazing, and always fun. I take a thousand good memories with me.

RIP Rob



Slam Dunk Club

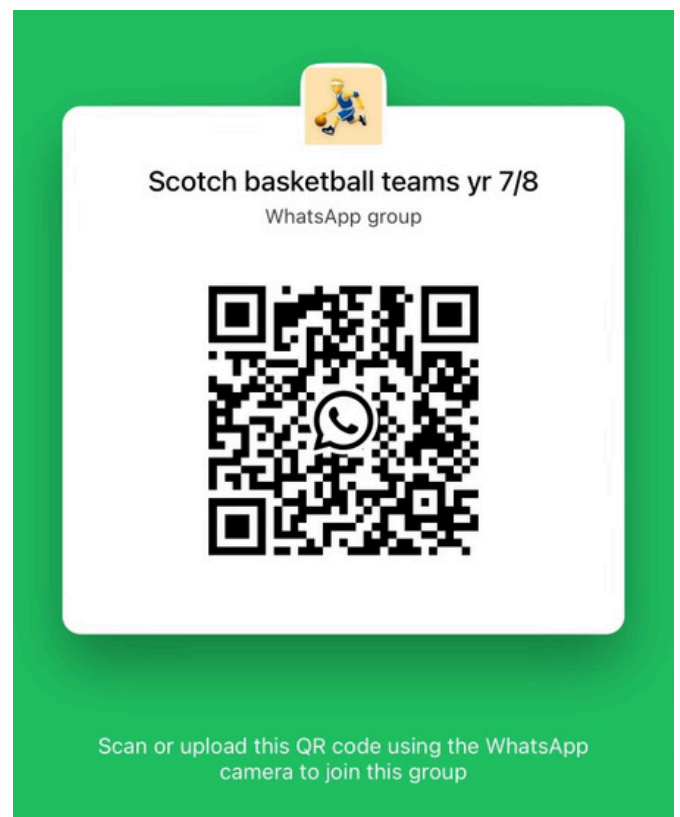
Message from Peter Tainsh - Slam Dunk President

On behalf of the wonderful committee, I wish to express how fortunate we are that Scotch provides our boys the opportunity to participate in APS Basketball - because they learn the importance of Teamwork. This is the cornerstone of success not just in basketball, but in life as well. It transforms a group of individuals into a cohesive and competitive unit where each player can bring their own style and skills to the court, but it is the collective effort that makes winning more likely.

On the court last Saturday, I saw several games where I saw boys demonstrating teamwork – communicating, supporting and trusting each other, but more importantly I saw them having fun – acknowledging their successes and disappointments, yet smiling and laughing too. Best of luck to the boys this Saturday and have fun. – Go Scotch!

Years 7 & 8 What'sApp Groups

Years 7 and 8 please scan QR code below to join your teams What's App. This is a great way to connect with parents, create scoring rosters, share lifts, add photos for the newsletters and advise absences. Parents can also easily swap between teams if required.



Opens



Match Reports: Opens

1sts: Scotch Vs Xavier

Scotch (51) def Xavier (43).

Coach: Randy Shanklin

The Scotch First's fronted up at the Melbourne Sports and Aquatics Centre to face a fierce rival in Xavier College. The teams struggled to score before Xavier jumped out to a 6-point lead. Scotch would close the quarter with a late score to cut the lead to 13-10 at quarter time. Xavier found their scoring touch in the second quarter while Scotch still had trouble finding the target despite displaying a much improved defence. Xavier's lead grew to as much as 9-points,

but Scotch found a way to stay close and trailed 32-26 at halftime. Scotch has struggled defensively for most of this season, but this game was by far their best defensive performance this season. They were able to hold Xavier to 10 points in the quarter. Unfortunately Scotch could not find a way to reward their stellar defence and only scored 3 points. Xavier would lead 42-29 at the end of the third quarter. In the fourth quarter Scotch's defence proved to be consistently stout for the duration of the game as they held Xavier to a measly 9-points for the quarter. Scotch did score 14-points in the quarter, but were unable to come up with timely baskets before the clock expired. Xavier would hold off a late run by Scotch to win the game 51-43. Top Scorers (Campbell Bates 12, Harry Ward 11, Oliver Furusa 8, Langdon Tainsh 7, Tom Tisdall 2, Lachlan Morrison 2, Sacha Kennett 1)



Opens

2nds: Scotch Vs Geelong

Geelong (79) def Scotch (39)

Coach: Matt Slavin

The Scotch Seconds took the early morning trip down to The Geelong College on Saturday. From the jump Geelong went into a full court press, which proved difficult for Scotch to break, and we quickly found ourselves down 2-15. Eventually Scotch found a way through and started to find some offensive rhythm. Geelong's offence was too much for us to handle, and they quickly ran over the top of us. Jono Baird (10 points) and David Aziz (10 points) found ways to score in transition to keep the scoreboard ticking over. Ultimately Scotch couldn't keep the game competitive and ended up being defeated 39-79.



Opens

3rds: Scotch Blue vs Hailebury

Haileybury (51) def Scotch Blue (32).
Red Coach: Harry Schneider

A well fought effort from the Scotch 3rds Blue over the weekend with some excellent work inside the post. That helped us to get the early jump on Haileybury, who unfortunately managed to fight back towards half time. Great rebounding from Lachie and post moves from Ronan showed the rest of the boys what's important in winning games. Looking forward, We will look at getting back on defense to stop teams getting out in transition.

3rds: Scotch Red vs CGS

Scotch Red (48) def CGS (24).
Red Coach: Charlie Ward

The 3rds red travelled to Caulfield to play their Wheelers Hill side. After following two losses the 3rds were hungry for their first win of the season. Finn Guthrie was a scoring machine finishing with 18 points and Sam Steele (7 points) Jack Richards (6 points) Marcus Peter (5 points) contributed heavily. Fergus and Lachlan were electric with their effort and rebounding, which was a real advantage for us on the day. Charlie and Max's passing set up over half our scoring opportunities. I was so proud of the boys as they all played a selfless, well-orientated win.

4ths: Scotch Red vs Carey

Scotch Red (44) def Carey (38).
Coach: Sasha Jamieson
Final score reported No Match Report



Opens

5ths: Scotch vs Haileybury

Haileybury (39) def Scotch (27)

Coach: Ian Lu

Last Saturday, our 5th's team won their second game of this season with everyone's effort. In the face of a well-staffed Haileybury team, our players have also been present to participate in the game completely. We were only up 22-16 at half-time so we couldn't let up on our defence. Nathan has led our offense this week, scoring on lay-ups. In the second half we held the lead and finished the game 17-11. The final score was 39 to 27.



4ths: Scotch Blue vs Haileybury

Game Cancelled

Coach: Max Searle



Opens



6ths: Scotch vs MGS

Scotch (36) def MGS (15)

Coach: Alex Lawson

The 6ths were at Port Melbourne on Saturday facing an evenly matched Melbourne Grammar team. With Terrific defensive efforts from guards Sam, Steven and Jacob, and great finishing and free throw shooting from Kingston and James, the 6ths beat Melbourne Grammar 36-15 in an exciting first victory of the season.



Year 10



10A: Scotch Vs Geelong

Scotch (60) def Geelong (20).
Coach: Jacob Davis

The 10As recorded their second win of the season on Saturday as we travelled out to Geelong to take care of business. Whether it was the long drive, early start or cold weather we came out of the gates a bit sluggish however that was quickly turned around on the back of some intense half court trap defense and some eagerness to get out and run on the break. In the second half we only finished stronger, leaving no hope for a Geelong comeback and heading home on the bus with a 40 point victory.



10B: Scotch Blue vs Wesley

Wesley (52) def Scotch Blue (30).
Coach: Tom Steventon

The boys faced a talented Wesley team on Saturday morning. Wesley jumped out to an early lead off the back of some impressive long range shooting. To the boys' credit, they adjusted their defence and matched Wesley's intensity for the next 20 minutes. However, Wesley closed strong and ended up as 22 point winners. Nicolas Lodge hit some big shots and finished with a team-high 13 points, while Harrison Millar was super aggressive and finished with 8, and Jonathan Hughes showed some impressive shooting.



Year 10

10B: Scotch Red vs BGS

Scotch Red (30) drew BGS (30)

Coach: Luca Van Der Sluys

The reds were looking to continue their hot form from their win last weekend and make a big statement against BGS! With only 6 players, the boys were going to have to give it their all!! The game was in the balance early, neither school wanted to pull away yet. It was only a matter of time before Scotch started cooking, with Luke getting two buckets in the two possessions followed by big threes from Will H and Archie. Scotch got out to a commanding lead, shooting the absolute lights out and putting pressure on the Brighton team!! Sam J was having a stellar performance in the paint, making his presence known to Brighton. The halftime scores showed Scotch leading 20-11 as we refreshed ourselves for the second half. However, Brighton came out stronger than ever putting our offence into shambles and our defence in mayhem.

Going on a 11-2 run and eventually taking the lead 24-22 with 8 minutes remaining. I gave the boys a quick rest and sent them back out to get the job done. Zeke played some incredible defence and got some important rebounds but he unfortunately fouled out late in the game. With the game heading into crunch time, Will H and Luke stepped up BIG TIME and got back to back and 1s which brought the game to 30-30 with 15 seconds remaining. Sam J had the game on his fingers stealing the ball consecutive times giving scotch multiple chances to win! Flynn "the dagger" McKenzie had his chances to ice the game in the dying seconds but unfortunately the ball didn't want to go in. Great effort from our boys and I know we will come back hungrier!!

Top scorers: Will H (13 points), Luke S (8 points)



Year 10

10C: Scotch Red vs Wesley

Wesley (52) def Scotch Red (22).

Coach: Oliver Pereira

With multiple absences during this week's match against Wesley Grammar, The 10c red had to lock in and work extra diligently and collectively against a tall and aggressive opponent. Our efforts were impressive and should be praised for our constant determination and hard fought match. However this Wesley team were deemed too talented and strong for a shorthanded scotch team with a final score of 22 to 52 to Wesley Grammar.

10C: Scotch Blue vs Xavier

Xavier (42) def Scotch Blue (13).

Coach: Finn Lawson

In an early 8:00 start the boys were ready to play Xavier in their Gym. The boys played hard in the first half, with Harry Tennett collecting his fair share of points inside, keeping a very strong Xavier side to a small margin of 20-11. However, in the second half we were hassled by seemingly never-ending Xavier defence and the lead blew out to an unreturnable margin.



Year 10

10D: Scotch vs CGS

Scotch (27) def CGS (14)

Coach: Tiernan Lim Joon

In a great win for Scotch, the 10D's went up against Caulfield Grammar. As the game began, it was clear that the opposition struggled offensively due to the strong efforts on Scotch's defensive end. A well fought first half allowed for Scotch to build a 10-5 lead going into the second half. Some strong presences on the court from Arjun Khurana and Ethan Wong allowed for Scotch to build on this lead, with great rebounding efforts by Kevin Chen and scoring contributions from Mac Jamieson and Dexter McInnes further extending the margin. With an even better second half played, Scotch ended the game with a 27-14 score against Caulfield.



Year 9



9A: Scotch vs Geelong

Scotch (87) def Geelong (23)

Coach: Ben Fowler

The Scotch 9A's started their Saturday with a very early bus ride to Geelong College but showed no sign of tiredness or fatigue, becoming big winners. From the jump, Scotch provided heavy pressure on defence, with Wesley Prajogo and Hamish Gordon becoming the beneficiary of the stops we created, scoring a variety of easy baskets in transition. Harrison Loakes and Justin Warzala attacked the ring at will and finished well through traffic, whilst the Charlie's, Steventon and Lewin looked dangerous on both sides of the floor. This was a complete team effort and I was so proud to see the level of unselfishness and respect that was shown for the opposition in what was difficult circumstances for them on the day. Another great win, well done guys! Scorers: Wesley Prajogo 29, Hamish Gordon 24, Justin Warzala 9, Harrison Loakes, Charlie Lewin 8, Vincent Jhoty 6, Damien Tey 4, Joseph Wang, Charlie Steventon 2.

9B: Scotch Blue vs BGS

BGS (29) def Scotch Blue (24)

Coach: Michael Zuckerman

This week the boys came out with a vengeance. Some excellent team defence started off our game which led to some strong shooting throughout by Hamish Chalmers who was launching them from everywhere. Great pressure created turnovers and smooth offence for us to move the ball very well throughout the game. Ben Aziz and Rupert McCann's leadership and play making was vital where we were able to move the ball and stay competitive in a tightly contested game. Unfortunately, Brighton was too strong in the end as they managed to pull away by 5 points winning 29-24. The team is looking stronger and more unified each week and will look for a big win this coming weekend.

Year 9

9B: Scotch Red vs Wesley

Wesley (49) def Scotch Red (30)

Coach: Caleb Lingwood-Smith

The Scotch 9B red team travelled out to Glen Waverly to take on Wesley searching for their first win of the season. The boys struggled to put points on the board early as Wesley shot out to an early 12-point lead, but the deficit remained the same going into half time, with Edward Chen keeping Scotch in it with a strong 8 points in the first half. In the second half the Scotch boys came out with something to prove Hans Zeng and Dami Sun putting on some scoring pressure. However, after a few lapses defensively, Wesley steadied and ended up walking away with a 19-point win. Overall, The boys continue to show promising signs and look forward to securing a win next week.

9C: Scotch Blue vs Geelong

Geelong (29) def Scotch Blue (26)

Coach: Nick Evans

After a slow start and a big deficit going into the second half the boys played great defence and began to share the ball and move the zone of Geelong. Some great individual performances from Danny Shen, with a couple clutch threes, James Wong, with crucial steals and tough finishes, and Jerry Wang, as an important inside big protecting the paint, the boys got back to within 5 points with 3 minutes to go but couldn't quite get the job done. Massive effort from the boys to not give up and get so close. We left with our heads up and we will be back next week to get a win.



Year 9

9C: Scotch Red vs MGS

MGS (20) def Scotch Red (11)

Coach: Angus McCleery

The team took a trek down to port Melbourne to take on Melbourne Grammar. It was a tough start, with only just 5 players to start with 1 walking in at the jump ball. Reinforcements then came in, but Melbourne had already taken a lead. It was a scrappy, low scoring game, with strong defensive efforts by both teams. Ultimately, MGS just got out of our reach towards the end. The boys gave it their all as usual, and showed thorough improvement from previous weeks. They continue to improve and get closer to a win!!



9D: Scotch vs CGS

CGS (15) def Scotch (9)

Coach: Miles Tan

On Saturday the Scotch 9D basketball team played Caulfield at Caulfield. The game started slow, however we found ourselves a 2 point lead after the first 10 minutes. Caulfield were strong, playing their way back into a 2 point lead at half time. Tiger did a great job of scoring the ball while Silmon showed composure when bringing the ball up the court (which we lacked). In the end, Caulfield were too good winning 15-9.



Year 8



8A: Scotch vs CGS

Scotch (24) def CGS (22)

Coach: Connor Nio

On the weekend the 8A's faced off against Caulfield at MSAC. The boys started off strong forcing turnovers and getting scores off their great defensive pressure. The game was close all the way, but a last second and-one basket from Blake Bayliss, saw the boys take a 2 point lead. The boys managed to stay composed and get through with a close 2 point win. Top scorers: Blake Bayliss (7), Dylan Hartnett (6)

8B: Scotch Blue vs SKC

SKC (48) def Scotch Blue (38)

Coach: Cameron Proposch

The weekend saw us play St Kevin's away. Armed with seven players, after two big absences, the lads put in a decent shift against a well-drilled opponent. The game got off to a rocky start, with an early timeout after St Kevin's went on an 11-0 run to start the first half. But something had to give eventually. It is a credit to the boys' resilience and fight that

we leveled the game from there on in, after looking like it could get ugly for a minute or two. The fightback, led by the ever-steady Ford Feng (17 pts) and a great defensive performance by Leo Wilson (9 pts, all second-half), saw us make it a two-possession game half way through the second half. We started scoring at will. Unfortunately, our defense let us down, with St Kevin's pulling away to win by 10. The boys can take hope in the fact that we won the second half, 25-19. It was a frustrating game, but a sign of things to come. The mentality of the boys shone through in the second half. Despite some lapses of concentration and clangers, and losing to the old enemy, it was a performance to be proud of.



Year 8

8B: Scotch Red vs BGS

BGS (40) def Scotch (39)

Coach: Kalen McInnes

Saturday morning at Scotch College the boys faced off against Brighton Grammar. Their side looked decent but we knew we were better. The first half the boys started well on both ends of the floor, stopping scoring opportunities from Brighton whilst taking the ball to the ring for some tuff buckets, Alex was able to weave through the D and score a few needed goals. We finished the first half on 17 to Brightons 15. From this point it was going to be a close game and the boys knew this. We came out strong in the second half with Nate taking it to the ring and scoring whenever he pleased. Errol had A couple transition buckets from steals on the defence end which gave us the momentum we needed. However Brighton were able to counter us by scoring each time we did making the scores neck and neck. With about a minute to go we were down by 3 points, the clock not stopping at all (not even in the last minute) for some unknown



reason, this really didn't help us out, but from a clean steal by Dante we were able to get another bucket with 10 seconds to go leaving the score as 39-40. 10 seconds left and the boys were putting full pressure up, they managed to sneak a steal in our half but unfortunately it was not enough as the clock ran down and we were defeated by a single point. This was an amazing game from the boys and they put up a great effort.



Year 8

8C: Scotch Blue vs CGS

Scotch Blue (26) def CGS (24)

Coach: Max Tham

On Saturday, the boys played a thrilling game against a challenging Caulfield side. At the start, both teams struggled to score, with Scotch especially missing easy layups under the basket. However, it was only a matter of time before Scotch hit the scoreboard, as our beautiful passes enabled the year 8's to get wide open shots. Despite the double digit lead, Caulfield fought back, eventually tying the game at 24 apiece. However, it was Kevin's heroic drive to the basket that gave the red and blue a 2 point lead with 40 seconds on the clock. Even more impressively, the boys were able to lock up the Caulfield boys on the final possession. With spectacular blocks in the final seconds Scotch were narrowly able to get the win. This was a great win for the boys, and I hope this encourages them to bring this same intensity to next week's game.

8C: Scotch Red vs CGS

CGS (37) def Scotch (28)

Coach: Ed Blamey

The narrow defeat against CGS was easily the best game of the season by the boys. Outstanding work on the offensive end led by Immy who ended the game with 11 points. The consistent aggression shown through the relentless drives to the basket was excellent to see. On the defensive end, everyone held their own and we created many turnovers and forced a bunch of missed shots. The only fault was a lack of rebounding for the majority of the game which allowed some easy putback points. Both Kevin's also played great games. Overall, an awesome team performance in a match that was close all day and could have gone either way. Good signs for the rest of the season.



Year 7



7A: Scotch vs CGS

Scotch (32) def CGS (22)

Coach: Guy Sidelman

The Scotch boys matched up against Caulfield this week having come off a BYE last week the boys started off slow with the game being close early on however after switching to our full-court trap defence we stunned the Caulfield group taking a 10+ point lead to end the first half. The boys continued to play excellently on the defensive end pushing the ball in transition well with the boys making that extra pass to the open man which highlights this groups fantastic chemistry and unselfishness. A stand out performance by Tom Perks ensured we held our lead and ended up winning comfortably and are still UNDEFEATED!

7B: Scotch Blue vs SKC

No Report

Coach: Alex Parker

7B: Scotch Red vs CGS

Scotch Red (48) def CGS (18)

Coach: Josh Cutchie

The 7B Red team had an impressive win against Caulfield Grammar, winning 48 to 18. Elliot led the offence of our team with 19 points, and Allan and Kieren backed him up with 7 and 11 points respectively. Felix and Ollie were a force on defence getting multiple stops and rebounds, while Jordan and Callum kept up an intense on ball pressure the entire game. James and Jack further supported the game through their constant energy they bring to the floor. Overall a great game from all the boys.

Year 7

7C: Scotch Blue vs MGS

MGS(40) def Scotch Blue (7)

Coach: Toby Bierman

The boys were simply out skilled against Grammar as well as having a big height disadvantage against some tall skilled opponents who maybe didn't belong in a C's team. Our defense significantly improved with the team being smarter and more rough under the rim. The boys had some great plays however were never a close match for a tough Grammar side. On to the next week!



7C: Scotch Red vs BGS

No Report

Coach: Seb Richardson

