

# Great Shot



## Message from TIC Mr Jack Edwards:

Dear Basketballers,

Here we are at the last round of the season! Again, the season has flown by and I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your efforts over the course of the season. I hope you all have enjoyed your experience within the program, have made some new friends and most importantly, have had some fun along the way.

I'd like to thank our amazing coaching and teaching staff who have put in countless hours behind the scenes ensuring everything runs smoothly and I do encourage all boys this weekend to thank their coaches for all they have done this season.

To our Year 12's who are finishing up, and to those who have played basketball since Year 7 with us, thank you for your contributions to our program. I hope you look back on your time involved in Scotch Basketball with fond memories and we would love to see you back next year as coaches. You have given your all to the school on the court and we hope you continue your basketball endeavours well beyond the school gates.

To the parents who have volunteered to score throughout the season, we also thank you! It is a thankless job and times and I understand this is probably the last thing you'd like to do on your Saturday morning but without you, the game doesn't go ahead- so thank you!

To the wider parent community, thanks for taking the boys to and from matches, ensuring they are at training on time- especially on those cold winter mornings! Your support of our program is greatly appreciated.

Finally, I'd like to thank the boys for their efforts. We will have further opportunity to do so at presentation night but you are what makes our program special and we hope to see you back on the courts in 2024.

We will send out a final Great Shot with match reports from this week's matches as well as a summary of all award winners from season 2024.

Enjoy the last round of matches!!



# Slam Dunk Club

## Message from Peter Tainsh Slam Dunk President:

Basketball at Scotch creates opportunities for boys to build friendships, develop communication skills, and foster a sense of community and belonging.

Apart from basketball being a physical sport which helps fitness, endurance, develop strengths; like most sports - basketball plays an important role in mental health too.

Basketball participation can boost self-esteem and reduce stress, providing a healthy outlet for emotions. Boys learn to handle wins and losses gracefully much like they will do in life.

Socially, the teamwork and cooperation learned on the court translate to better collaboration and interpersonal skills off the court.

Overall, engaging in basketball during adolescence is pivotal for developing well-rounded young men, confident individuals, healthy in both mind and body to face the future on and off the court.

**Go Scotch!**



# Slam Dunk Club

## Message from Slam Dunk Club:

### Family Day - Saturday 14th September

The Slam Dunk Club will be running a stall at family Day this Year. Please come and visit us - we will be situated around the Main Oval outside the Glenn Centre. We are pleased to offer for sale delicious gourmet Rocky Road and Hot Popcorn. Support your boys through food and raffle ticket purchases there will be some fantastic prizes to be won.

### Game Day Photo's

The Slam Dunk Club newsletter relies on photos from parents to capture the action of the games each week. We greatly appreciate all photos - you do not need to be a professional photographer. The best photos are those taken in landscape mode as they are easily edited to fit into the format of the newsletter.

Please email photo's directly to me - the editor at [nicolebegley@icloud.com](mailto:nicolebegley@icloud.com)



# Opens



## Match Reports: Opens

### 1sts: Scotch Vs Xavier

**Xavier (48) def Scotch (40)**

**Coach: Randy Shanklin**

The Scotch First's played their final round of basketball for the 2024 APS season. They faced a familiar foe in the crosstown rival Xavier College for a third and final time. Xavier jumped out to a quick 10-3 lead before Scotch steadied and was able to make a run of their own. Xavier led 16-11 at quarter time. Scotch has had a real problem on the defensive end for the majority of the season, but the second quarter saw a much more focused and energetic Scotch defence.

Scotch displayed defence that only the top teams in the APS consistently displayed holding Xavier to a paltry 9 points as they trimmed the lead to 25-21 at halftime. The third quarter saw both teams struggle to score. The third quarter has not been kind to Scotch throughout the season, but this game was very different. Scotch was able to stay within range of an upset as they trailed 36-30 heading into the fourth quarter. Scotch's stellar defensive performance stood up but they just could not break through the 6 point buffer that Xavier created in the first quarter. Scotch's offensive output fell short of its defensive performance and Xavier was able to hold off a late run to win 48-40. Top Scorers: (Harry Ward 14, Oliver Furusa 6, Lachlan Morrison 6, Tom Tisdal 4, Oliver Stirling 4, Archie Mc Sheffery 4, Campbell Bates 2)



# Opens

## 2nds: Scotch Vs CGS

**Scotch (48) def CGS (40).**

**Coach: Matt Slavin**

On Saturday the Scotch seconds took to the court for the penultimate round of APS basketball against another Caulfield Grammar team. Scotch jumped out to an early lead, making the most of offensive rebounding by David Benschneider (5 points) and Mitch Begley which extended possessions and provided second chance points. Caulfield was a quality team though and continued to apply pressure on our guards as we brought the ball up, and the margin slowly trimmed. Jono Baird (7 points) and Ben Wallis (11 points) kept the scoreboard ticking over for Scotch and a solid defensive stretch led by Monty McCann to the end the half held off a Caulfield run.

Scotch was ahead 24-18 at the break. The second half was a game of runs with Scotch building an early lead which we had to fight hard to defend throughout the period. Rohan Kinariwala remained aggressive going towards the basket, which allowed our shooters to find themselves open. As the margin narrowed towards the end off the back of some excellent perimeter shooting from Caulfield, Scotch showed excellent poise in controlling the pace. Charlie Hawker was instrumental in breaking Caulfield's full court press and settling Scotch in our half court offence. The game was only truly put away in the final minute with David Aziz (11 points), who had already had a massive second half, drained 2 free throws to push the lead from 5 to 7. Scotch ultimately came away with a hard fought and well deserved team win. Scotch defeated Caulfield Grammar 48-40.



# Opens

## 3rds: Scotch Blue vs SKC

**SKC (39) def Scotch Blue (30)**

**Coach: Harry Schneider**

A really well fought game from the 3rds Blue team over the weekend, just coming up short of the final result. Getting out to an early lead, the boys showed some real intensity around the post and Ronan worked really hard to keep the scoreboard ticking over. Defensively, the boys really rallied around Alex's communication, making it difficult for St Kevin's to get going offensively. Unfortunately, fatigue proved to be the enemy as the game rolled on with St Kevin's storming ahead for the win.

## 3rds: Scotch Red vs Haileybury

**Scotch Red (65) def Haileybury (29)**

**Coach: Charlie Ward**

A really impressive showing from the 3rds red side again this week. Right from the opening tip the boys were up and about, playing great defence and converting on the fast break, quickly opening up a double digit lead in the first 5 minutes. It was much of the same going forward, with the boys draining threes and playing with confidence, ultimately cruising to a huge win.



# Opens

## 4ths: Scotch Red vs Haileybury

**Haileybury (58) def Scotch Red (52)**

**Coach: Sasha Jamieson**

The boys were up early for only the second time this season, as we had an 8:30 tip off. Unfortunately the boys were still half asleep as we let the Haileybury side jump us, quickly falling behind by double digits. We steadied the ship a little bit, going into the break down 14. After switching the defence to man to man, and with the six game win streak on the line the boys began their comeback. We cut the lead down to 6 with 5 or so minutes left, however some clutch threes from Haileybury closed the game out, handing us our third loss for the year.

## 4ths: Scotch Blue

**BYE**

**Coach: Max Searle**



# Opens

## 5ths: Scotch vs Xavier

**Scotch (34) def Xavier (24)**

**Coach: Ian Lu**

Saturday morning, the boys in 5th came on time to the Scotch Glenn Centre for their second game. Perfect start began with layups from TJ and clean shots from Will Zheng. With their active defence and strength of teamwork, Scotch boys are leading when the first half ends, 15 vs 10. In the second half, Jifan, Jerry and Will Wang showed their participation in defence. They create space for the team and make the shots when they are wide free. Andrew and Kerry also showed their abilities to score and pass while the team started to get stagnant. Finally, Scotch won the game at 34 vs 24.

## 6ths: Scotch vs SKC

**SKC (26) def Scotch (22)**

**Coach: Alex Lawson**

On Saturday morning, the Scotch 6ths faced a very capable St Kevin's team, previously facing a 36 loss at Scotch's home court the boys did a great job narrowing the margin between the two sides this round.





# Year 10



## 10A: Scotch vs MGS

**Scotch (54) def MGS (33)**

**Coach: Jacob Davis**

Simply outstanding game for the 10As this Saturday. Coming into this game after a tough loss last week the boys were fired up with their sights set on finishing a wonderful season with a win streak and that showed right from the tip. The first half was tightly contested as we made our runs Melbourne grammar was able to answer each time to keep the scores level at the half. The second half the boys really put it on. An intense half court trap and some brilliant ball movement followed by tough finishes and silky shooting saw us jump out to a 10 point lead early in the half. Following a time out by Melbourne grammar we knew that this was the time to put the game away through poise and intensity and that's exactly what we did. Never taking our foot off the gas (excluding the last two minutes of the game) the boys showed great maturity as well as their exceptional skill to put the game away and never look back. Some of the best basketball I've seen from a year 10 level.



# Year 10

## 10B: Scotch Blue vs SKC

**SKC (40) def Scotch Blue (23).**

**Coach: Tom Steventon**

The rivalry match belonged to St Kevins on this occasion. A bit of a slow start offensively led to limited scoring in the first 10 minutes, however both teams eventually got into the flow and picked up their offensive output. St Kevins' defence proved to be too intense, pressuring Scotch into numerous turnovers which led to easy fast break scores. Scotch struggled to find an offensive rhythm and in the end St Kevins ran away comfortable winners. Will James played his best game of the season and finished with 7 points. Harrison Millar continued his good form and closed with a game-high 12 points. Henry Hardy and Nicolas Lodge contributed 2 each.



# Year 10

## 10B: Scotch Red vs MGS

**Scotch Red (31) def MGS (27).**

**Coach: Luca van der Sluys**

A rivalry that dates back centuries, two goliath schools went head to head on Saturday morning and boy was it a battle!! It is our first game back after the break so we expected a couple cobwebs to be blown out, taking our time to find matchups and get open shots. Once the game got going, we never looked like slowing down. The score being roughly 6-5 towards the middle of the half saw us take the game away at halftime, 16-8. Archie and Bolin had a strong offensive half whilst Sam J and Zeke were brick walls in the paint!! The Reds were still hungry to pile on more points and didn't wanna give Grammar a sniff, scoring 11 unanswered points to drag the lead out to 19 points!!

The frontcourt duo Luke and Will provided us with plenty of spark, nicely complemented by Sam P who showed us how to drive strong to the hoop. Flynn lifted the boys up with his energy as we headed deep into the second half. To our shock, the Grammar team started to put up a fight and forced me to call a timeout with 4 mins to go as it was a 4 point game!! To our delight, we got to inject James Cameron from the A's into our lineup who came in clutch and scored a tough AND 1!! The Reds held on in the dying stages to win by 4 points!! We had a little scare at the end but in my eyes, the result was never in doubt! Let's hope we can carry this momentum and win our final game of the season!!



# Year 10

## 10C: Scotch Blue vs Haileybury

**Haileybury (36) def Scotch Blue (18).**

**Coach: Finn Lawson**

At the commencement of the game a still separated Scotch faced a sizeable margin against Haileybury's C's team. Determined to belittle the margin, Sam Cohen was lethal early-on, hitting a beautiful baseline jump-shot to get Scotch rolling. As Haileybury continued to score, so did Scotch with Angus Woollard doing his thing and getting to the hoop for scotch on multiple occasions. With a 22-8 lead at half time, Scotch desperately needed to lift their intensity on both ends of the floor. With excellent rebounding by Harry Tennent and inside scoring by Mathew Lin, Scotch clawed back for the majority of the second half, however Haileybury were too good and pulled away to a sizeable margin. A great second half boys, let's finish this final week off with a bang!

## 10C: Scotch Red vs CGS

**Scotch Red (47) def CGS (3).**

**Coach: Oliver Pereira**

The 10C red Scotch team played against Caulfield Grammar and demonstrated some very high level basketball. Our ability to move the ball quickly down the court for an easy fast break point coupled with the high intensive defensive pressuring was showcased today. We finished the half with a huge margin of 30 to 0 where every scotch player except 3 finished with a score. By the conclusion of the game all 8 players finished with a goal further displaying team spirit and selflessness.



# Year 10

## 10D: Scotch vs SKC

**SKC (58) def Scotch (12)**

**Coach: Max Searle**

The boys travelled to play St Kevin's at their home ground. The lads went out and had some fun linking many plays to secure some promising points. It was good to see them enjoy themselves in the face of a defector. But unfortunately it was no match for the very tall St Kevin's team at their home court



# Year 9



## 9A: Scotch vs CGS

**CGS (62) def Scotch (41)**

**Coach: Ben Fowler**

The 9A's boys faced another tough opponent this week in Caulfield Grammar. Back in Round 1, we defeated Caulfield by as much as a couple of points, so we knew we were in for a tough battle. Sadly, the boys were undermanned this week due to injuries. At the start of the game we had 7 players, without any of our centres. Harry Loakes sadly sustained an injury at the start of the game, meaning he had to sit out too, leaving us with 6 and not much size in our favour. To the boys credit, they battled for the whole game against a tough zone defence. Hamish Gordon and Wes Prajogo provided much of the offensive output, whilst Justin Warzala and Vincent Jhoty battled hard in defence. Charlie Steventon and Damien Tey did a great job of getting the team into offence as usual. As much as we weren't able to play at the level I know this team is capable of, it was still a decent effort especially whilst being undermanned. Looking forward to making amends next week in our last game of the season!



# Year 9

## 9B: Scotch Blue vs Haileybury

**Scotch Blue (38) def Haileybury (13)**

**Coach: Michael Zuckerman**

The boys found their stroke this week! A massive 38-13 win was lead by a ferocious defensive Masterclass! Applying full court pressure helped the boys generate some instant offence which led to some easy buckets. Evan Tan was on absolute fire, Incredible steals on defence and lead the offensive unit with some crafty playmaking and assists. Rupert McCann lead scorers with 15 including some deep three balls and creative left-handed finishes at the rim. Jack McGregor, Johnny Liu and Hunter Cook all played a pivotal part in sharing some of the offensive load. Overall was a great team win, where all boys contributed and played an important role, looking forward to continuing this into our final game next week.



# Year 9

## 9B: Scotch Red vs Carey

**No Report**

**Coach: Caleb Lingwood-Smith**

## 9C: Scotch Blue vs Haileybury

**Haileybury ( ) def Scotch Blue (14)**

**Coach: Nick Evans**

On the weekend the 9C Blue team came up against a very strong Haileybury squad. After a slow start being undermanned for the first 10 minutes of the game, the rest of the team arrived and the boys began to get into a rhythm. The first results in lots of fouls and not many points so going into the second half we focussed on transition defence and the boys worked really hard to get in front of the Haileybury players and get set resulting in a much tighter second half. Ryan Tong played his best game of the season, getting into good spots on offence and creating opportunities. Top scorers were James Wong, Danny Shen and Tom Cashin.





# Year 9

## 9C: Scotch Red

**BYE**

**Coach: Angus McCleery**

## 9D: Scotch vs CGS

**Scotch (37) def CGS (23)**

**Coach: Miles Tan**

Last Saturday the 9D boys headed down to Wheelers Hill to face Caulfield once again. The boys started strong playing great defence and running on the fast break. Dylan and Hayden helped us build a quick lead with a few quick layups, while tiger was crucial in both offensive and defensive rebounding. Eventually Scotch got a great team win with contributions from everyone.



# Year 8



## 8A: Scotch vs CGS

**CGS (46) def Scotch (35)**  
**Coach: Connor Nio**

On the weekend the 8A's faced off against Caulfield. The boys got off to a good start, matching the strong oppositions offensive scoring with some easy baskets themselves, bringing the game to a narrow Caulfield lead at half time. A lapse of ball security and defensive awareness, saw Caulfield jump out to a large lead in the second half. However, the boys switched on, and brought great defensive pressure, leading to many transition scores. Unfortunately, the boys were unable to close the game, resulting in a narrow 11 point loss. Top scorers: Blake Bayliss (11), Leo Brown (8)



## 8B: Scotch Red vs Carey

**Carey (42) def Scotch Red (34)**  
**Coach: Kalen McInnes**

An early morning at BSC the Scotch 8B reds match up with Carey who run a quick offensive team going ring to ring. This was going to be a fight. The boys had plenty of great looks throughout, with Nate especially getting to the rim on command and putting up lays, however we struggled to land many of our shots which created opportunity for Carey to run the floor for many fast break layups. We were killed out there on rebounds, allowing Carey to gather offensive boards constantly giving them second and third efforts to score, however besides the latter we were strong, Leon had plenty of post moves in this bag along with Zach which put the pressure on, along with a clutch 3 from Errol and good finishes from Tobey, Cailen and Alex we were able to bring the game to neck and neck with a few minutes to go. Unfortunately we let the game slip away from us and Carey took home the win.

# Year 8

## 8B: Scotch Blue vs Haileybury

**Scotch Blue (49) def Haileybury (29).**

**Coach: Cameron Proposch**

The lads were too strong for a well-rounded but outmatched Haileybury side. The first half saw a stifling team defensive display with no weak links. Haileybury reached the ten-minute mark with only two points. Fletcher Sorensen (16 pts, 8 first half) was too quick, repeatedly beating his defender off the dribble. Come the second half, the flood-gates opened on both ends of the floor. Haileybury's press brought them some success, but also provided opportunities for the likes of Ford Feng (14 pts, 10 second half) to get to the basket repeatedly. Isak Schultz (7 pts) and Llywy Schoenborn (4 pts) showed glimpses of their talent, while Miles Pitt (2 pts) showed his basketball IQ.

It was great to see the boys having some fun, as we enter the last week of the unusually short season.



# Year 8

## 8C: Scotch Red vs Wesley

**Wesley (24) def Scotch Red (23)**

**Coach: Ed Blamey**

After a slow start offensively in the first few minutes, the boys turned it around and piled on some quick points with great scores from Kevin S and Immy. As the first half progressed, we began to build a lead with some great stops on defence turning into transition baskets. However, a few defensive lapses saw the score even at half time. Similar to the start of the game, the beginning of the second half was opportune for Wesley. They scored a few easy baskets which left the boys on the back foot. Instead of conceding, everyone pushed hard to turn the game around and with the clock ticking down we got to within a point. Unfortunately, a go ahead basket wasn't found, leaving us with a narrow defeat. The effort and determination shown by the boys was immense and this momentum should be taken into next week to finish the season on a high!



# Year 8

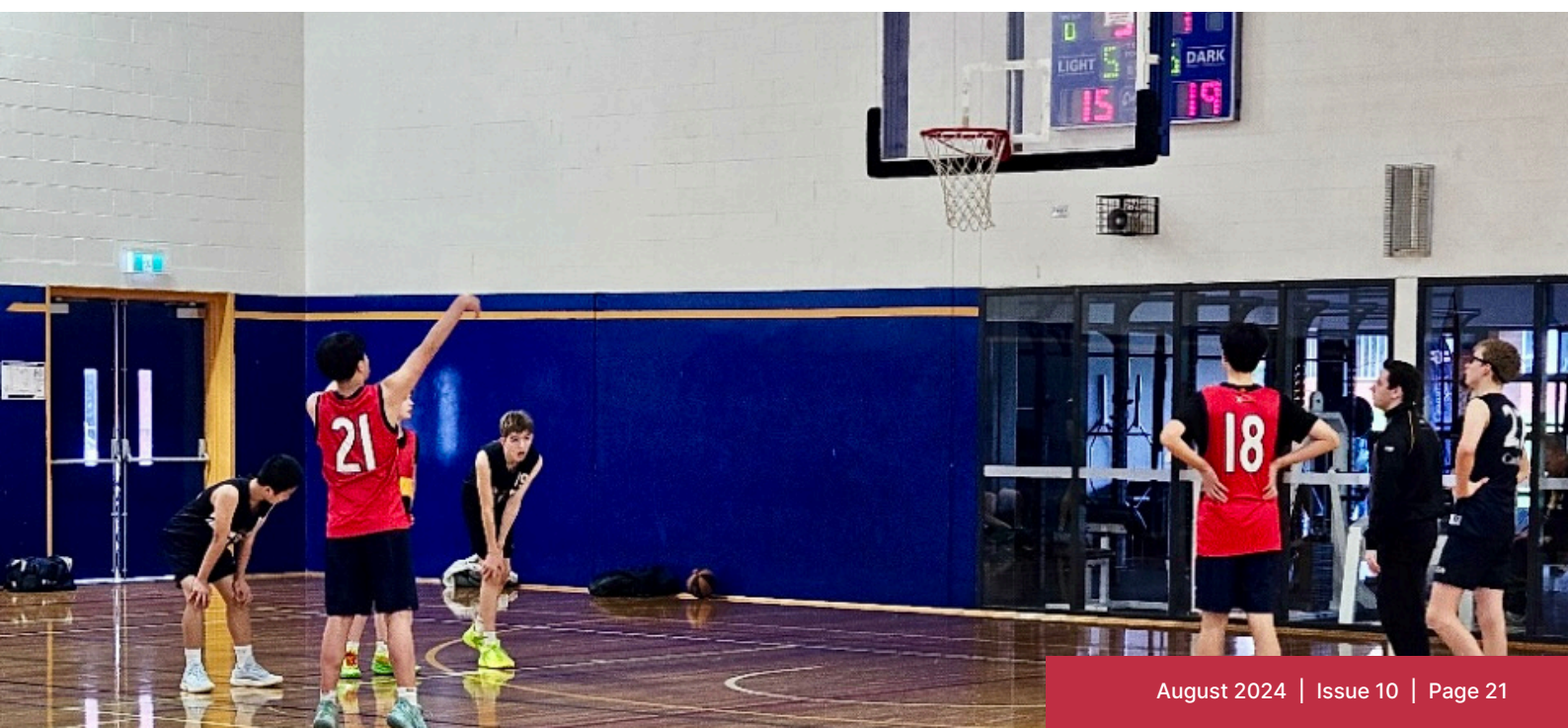
## 8C: Scotch Blue vs Haileybury

**Haileybury (37) def Scotch Blue (12)**

**Coach: Max Tham**

The boys had another tough loss against a strong Haileybury side. After getting thrashed in the previous week, the boys were determined to avenge their loss. Throughout the game, the boys used great teamwork to score baskets, finding open players around the key and in transition. Defensively, the boys were much improved, as the 2-3 zone proved to be challenging to play against for most of the opposing players. Although Haileybury took a quick lead to start the game, Scotch was not far behind, as timely baskets from Sam and Alex were able to keep us within arms reach of the opposition. However, some of the star Haileybury players proved to be too difficult for the red and yellow to handle, as they were able to penetrate our zone to extend the lead to double digits.

Despite the setback, the boys were not disheartened and kept trying to make a push into the second half. However, costly misses and defensive breakdowns lead to a late blowout in the last minutes of the game. Overall, the boys should keep their head high as they were able to improve on last week by reducing turnovers and increasing their conversion on shots. I look forward to seeing what the boys can do in our last game of the season.



# Year 7



## 7A: Scotch vs CGS

**Scotch (36) def CGS (32)**

**Coach: Guy Sidalman**

This week our 7A boys had a re-matchup against the Caulfield group at their secondary Campus. Our boys started off the game in a mental slump missing multiple good looks at the ring and allowing Caulfield to score in transition pushes putting them up 14-2 very early in the first 10 minutes of the game. After a quick timeout and change in defensive structure our boys were able to shut down the Caulfield transition and went on an incredible run bringing our boys up at half time. We started the second half in our "52"

2-2-1 full-court trap defence which put heavy pressure on the weaker Caulfield guards with an incredible job by Nathan and Kerstan putting the hard work in distorting the opposing guards putting them in a frenzy and allowing us to capitalise on the steals turning them into points. We struggled in the paint as we had multiple players in foul trouble late in the game however Marco put the group on his shoulders in the final minutes of the close game hitting 2 clutch 3-point shots to put the scotch boys ahead and winning the game 36-32! Very well done for the boys on playing with heart and trusting in our system not giving up early when things seem rough! Our 7A group still stands **UNSHAKEN and UNDEFEATED, GO SCOTCH!!**



# Year 7

## 7B: Scotch Blue vs Xavier

**No Report**

**Coach: Alex Parker**

## 7B: Scotch Red vs SKC

**No Report**

**Coach: Josh Cutchie**

## 7C: Scotch Red vs Haileybury

**No Report**

**Coach: Seb Richardson**



# Year 7

## 7C: Scotch Blue vs CGS

**CGS (26) def Scotch Blue (21)**

**Coach: Toby Bierman**

Quite a painful nail biter that we lost here as we were looking quite skilled and confident midway through the game. We started off getting dominated 0-10 in the first 10 minutes and were looking helpless, however after a timeout we flipped things around. We were getting back on the fast breaks, playing hard defence with the help of Aarav and Alvis under the rim getting rebounds. We turned our deficit of 0-10 to 12-12 at half time. Jasper hit a big 3 pointer to bring us within 3 points with a couple minutes left. However we relied too much on momentum and couldn't keep up with Caulfields consistency and tough layups, finishing the game down by 5.

