

Scots College Basketball Club

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The Undefeated Scots Yr 9 White

John Vogel describes the Scots Yr 9 game 'Scots White vs St Pat's Celtics'

On Friday 24th June, our Year 9 White basketball team was gearing up for a typical Friday night game. This year we have been undefeated, nearly losing one, but other than that, winning very comfortably. We thought it was an ordinary night, but when we heard about Timi's Mum passing away, we knew this was a game we must win for Timi.

Before the game started, we were determined. But as the game started we seemed to lose ourselves in the moment. We were losing by 4 points most of the game. In the second half we had a great 4 point streak, which helped us tie the scores. But in the closing minutes St Pat's really turned up the heat with a full court press, taking a 5 point lead into the final minute. In the last minute I get passed the ball behind the 3 point line, I take the shot and get it in. Our team was really happy but we were still down by 2 with about 45 seconds left. Our defence puts pressure on and steals the ball back. I get passed the ball behind the 3 point line again and take the shot and make it. We feel hope now that we are up by one, but St Pat's score straight away to take the lead again with only 10 seconds to go. In the final few seconds William Crisp gets fouled and has 2 free throws. One to tie, two to win. He misses the first one under pressure, but we know he can do it. He makes the second one. We are all really relieved as now the game goes to extra time. St Pat's are really frustrated and quickly foul Josh Trotter. He has two foul shots to be a hero. His first free throw is an airball, another nervous start. But the second one he lobs up and it goes in. We were all really happy as we had just won a game that seemed out of reach. A great team effort.

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On a cold Friday night at the old Winter Show Buildings in Newtown, you can find any number of teams playing basketball. The building has seen better days but it has 2 full size courts and is the current home of Wellington Basketball until it moves to the new Indoor Community Sports Centre in Kilbirnie. The night I turned up, three Scots teams were playing (Yr9 White, Red and YR IOB) under the guidance of Claire Hall, Rowena Chin and Callum Brookes. The Yr10B team called out, "come on Sir", to Callum Brookes when he tried to avoid the team photo - the boys were having none of it.

We play sport for the sheer fun of it, the competition and the desire to win and none more so than the Yr9 team who played their hearts out for their team mate, Timi, in memory of his mum. Read John Vogel's account of the game on this page. Our thoughts are with Timi and his family.

Our thanks go to all the coaches, managers and parents who support the boys and help to make it all happen - we couldn't do it without you. For those of you who are new to the game and wonder what on earth your son is talking about with 'airballs' and 'and one', check out our new column on 'Understanding your Son'.

Sarah De Renzy – Scots Basketball Club Committee



Callum Brookes and the Yr10B team at Show Buildings.

The Senior A team are playing in the Regionals competition at Te Rauparaha Arena in Porirua from 20-23 July. They have a strong and determined team this year and are looking to make their mark. Draw:

http://www.basketball.org.nz/_r/uploads/2010/02/2011-AA-Secondary-Schools-Zone-3-Premiership-Tournament-Draw-as-at-29-Jun-11.pdf

