

Quad Basketball Series – Bishopstrow College versus Monkton Combe versus Prior Park College versus Ashwicke International School Senior Boys Match Report: Sunday 7 May, 2017

First Match: Monkton Combe 25 – 24 Bishopstrow College

The match started with Bishopstrow fielding a strong starting 5 – with Harry making his debut appearance for the College following his arrival in Week 6 of this term. Harry immediately made an impact with his high intensity and skilful handling. Pat and Sat also set the tempo with high pressing – and this resulted in an early lead of 4 points by the end of the first quarter.

Similarly, in the second quarter the team maintained its structure without the ball. However, the Monkton Combe players came into their own and managed to sink three separate 3 pointers in 4 minutes to lead at the break.

After the break, Bishopstrow added points on the board through excellent finishes from Sat, Pat and Harry which brought the teams back level to 16-16 at the end of the third quarter in this very close encounter. Finally, with the fourth quarter reaching its conclusion, the teams were level 22-22. However, Monkton Combe scored with 35 seconds to go to make it 24-22, yet with 2 seconds to go in the match Can showed huge composure to take it into extra time with an outstandingly calm finish.

The game went to golden goal – next point wins. All players were nervous, yet the MVP for Monkton Combe managed to wriggle his way through the defence to shoot. He was fouled by the Bishopstrow defence and with 15 seconds to go in extra time, he sunk the free throw, Bishopstrow losing the match in dramatic fashion – Monkton 25 – 24 Bishopstrow College.



Second Match: Ashwicke International 41 – 52 Bishopstrow College

The second game started with the Bishopstrow coach giving Harry a rest after playing four quarters in a row. This made way for Akhmad to participate in his first basketball fixture for Bishopstrow. Jin Koh and Jin So quickly led by example and their pressing and commitment forced the Ashwicke International team to make mistakes. The game was extremely open, but Bishopstrow showed a large amount of control and composure throughout the first two quarters to take a strong lead of 32-16. Can's shooting efforts were the pick of the bunch as he scored over 20 points in two quarters with his tenacity and drive to win.

In the second two quarters, the game became even more open as the Bishopstrow players began to fatigue. Ashwicke came back with 16 points scored in the third quarter. However, the international school based in Bath could not stem the flow of continuous offensive pressure as Sat, Pat, Akhmad, Jin Koh and Can continued to score points. The match finished Ashwicke International 41-52 Bishopstrow College. Both teams were very respectful at the end with all players shaking hands, and thanking each other for the opportunity to participate in the Quad Basketball Series.

MVP versus Monkton Combe: Harry MVP versus Ashwicke International: Can