



Football – Around the Grounds

6A

The boys travelled out to Banyo to face a Padua side that was hungry to put an end to an undefeated year; however, our Ashgrove men had other ideas. The game was fierce from first to last kick with neither side willing to give up, some lovely ball movement from Padua had Ashgrove in tatters early but resolute defending and counter-attacking led by Giacomo Calabrese, Isaac Scomazzon and Jimmy Garden ensured that Ashgrove took an early lead. A bit overwhelmed by scoring an early goal, the boys let their guard down leading to a Padua goal to even up the scores. The second half was just as physical as the first; however, all the extras the boys have been doing at training paid off as they were able to run Padua off their feet and score a fantastic goal to win the game 2-1.

6B

Not to be outdone by the 6As, the boys in the Bs were focused and hungry in their game against Padua. Ashgrove dominated possession for the entirety of the game, playing with great width, teamwork and passion that enabled the boys to tire the Padua midfield and defence out. Aiden Lau was an inspiration in goal, and for the first time this year kept a clean sheet! He was aided by some outstanding defending by Charlie Wilcox, Oliver McGauley and man of the match Ben Allpass who stopped any Padua attack well short of the goal. Matt Murdoch, Jack McCormick, Eli Briza and Zac O'Ryan had Padua in a spin for the majority of the game, carving up their midfield which led to us being able to put 4 goals in the back of the net. The A-tiki was especially sweet after this one. Ashgrove taking home the chocolates 4-0. A special shoutout must also be extended to Harry Cooke, Will Lambley and Fletcher Wessling who were brilliant in their performances off the bench.

6C

Well done to the 6C team on a fabulous team effort. The score does not accurately reflect the effort put in by the boys. The team showed significant improvement in their ability to mark the opposing team during throw-ins, corners and goal kicks. A big mention must go to Harry Cook who made a few outstanding goal saves. Another mention goes to Hugo O'Sullivan for his strategic cross-field kicks into the box.

6 Gold

The 6 Gold defenders did a fabulous job of clearing the ball out of their own half. The goal keeper, Hugh, didn't see a lot of ball in the first half because of this effective defence. Hugh came out of goal to play midfielder in the 2nd half and showed relentless attack and dedication. A special mention goes to Owen Black for his outstanding communication on the field as well as his brilliant work in defence.





6 White

The mighty 6 White football team defeated their Padua counterparts in a 9-2 win on Saturday. Congratulations to Mitchell McCormick (4 goals), Sam Imlay (4 goals) and Rueben Smythe (1 goal) on their success in bringing the team's hard work to fruition. The team worked as a complete unit in the game and, through this, were able to dominate the opposition. With thanks to Alexander Keane and Bryn Morgan who joined our team on Saturday and through skill and strong play contributed to our success – Alexander with his strength in attack and Bryn in his skilled footwork. Our goalie (Josh Gannon) showed great skill in saving many an attempt and putting his body on the line. Sam Imlay, Massimo Tsiros, Rueben Smythe & Matt Stower all showed great skill, providing a never-ending barrage of attack. Mitch McCormick was strong in attack, often taking the ball right up to the goal and bringing the rest of the team with him. Harry Zappert, Ethan Barbarro & Danny Finn were brilliant in defence, pressuring the attackers from Padua with great success. It was a game to watch! Hard to pick, but this week's MVP goes to Sam Imlay & Mitchell McCormick.

5A

What was promoted as the game of the season, the boys rose to the challenge by playing the game of their season, if not their career! Five weeks of training accumulated to them working together so effortlessly and efficiently as a team in defence, passing the ball and polished finishes to earn a well-deserved win. Quinn Lovering landed the first blow with a quality finish from further out to settle a back and forth battle that started the game. Alexander Brown played a stellar game up front, resulting in a well-deserved hat trick for his efforts as he continued to search for goals off his head. One of the highlights of the game was Salem Tamer holding the defence tight with a strong performance tackling, passing and communicating. Overall it was an absolute spectacle to watch the 5As put on such a show; I am excited for them to finish even stronger next week to round out a noteworthy season to start their careers at Marist.

5B

A very tight contest saw the two teams even at half time. Some great second-half saves from Jack Rosenberg kept the boys in it. After multiple shots hit the post Luca Rosano managed to get the match-winning goal. Well done boys.

5C

The 5Cs continued their unbeaten run ahead of next week's final, winning the match 4-0. However, the final result does not accurately reflect the see-sawing nature of the hard-fought game versus Padua. The defensive line of Ben Fernan, Tom Dowl and Callum Curtin, along with Carter Gibson as goalkeeper, proved the difference between the two sides, continually stepping up to deny the strong attacking opportunities from the opposition. The midfield and forward line were again strong, and worked tirelessly against a valiant Padua team.

5 Gold

5 Gold started well with an early goal against Padua on a scorcher at Banyo. After being held scoreless for the rest of the half they came out strong in the second and easily overpowered the opposition finishing with a final scoreline of 3-0.





5 White

Marist arrived at Padua playing with one man down for the first half. Playing well on defence we managed to keep the score even for some time. The heat started to set in and with no subs, the boys were forced to play the whole match. This started to show as the boys got tired and although we fought well Padua went home with a 10-0 victory. Player of the match goes to Ben for his tremendous effort in the field.

