



# Football Results

Team	Villa	Padua	Iona	SPLC	SPC	SLC	ATC
<b>6A</b> Player of the Match	3 – 1 Oliver Imlay						
<b>6B</b> Player of the Match	0 – 1 Conal Heenan						
<b>6C</b> Player of the Match	11 – 0 Cooper Chaseling Otto van Boxel						
<b>6 Gold</b> Player of the Match	12 – 0 Mania Fitialo Ben Arcus- Simpson						
<b>6 White</b> Player of the Match	10 – 2 Jack Hodges						
<b>5A</b> Player of the Match	1 – 1 Knight Chan- Riotto						
<b>5B</b> Player of the Match	4 – 6 Seb Fallon						
<b>5C</b> Player of the Match	9 – 1 Max King						
<b>5 Gold</b> Player of the Match	3 – 2 Luca Pozzebon						
<b>5 White</b> Player of the Match	7 – 1 Michael Sorbello						





## Around the Grounds

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### 6A

A great start to the AIC season after two tough losses in the trial games.

The 6As started the game on the front foot and took an early 1-0 lead. From that point, Villa had endless attacking raids which the Marist defence continually nullified.

Against the run of play just before halftime, Marist got the much-needed second goal.

Villa got one back, but it was only a consolation as a well-worked team goal finished off by Josh Pola sealed the 3-1 victory. Oliver Imlay was the player of the match with his constant attacking threat, dribbling past the defenders with ease.

### 6B

A dominant display by the MCA 6B team, unfortunately, didn't lead to victory this week against Villanova. Although the boys peppered the Villa goal through constructive attacks, we were unable to net a goal. Quality performances from Tyler Baines, Isaac Walter and Cooper Donaghy. Our defence was strong, and the team worked consistently, managing to keep possession of the ball for most of the game. A great defensive game from Conal Heenan. As we move into Round 2, our focus will be on finishing and goal scoring.

### 6C

The pre-game talk for the 6C team was all about displaying teamwork and passing the ball to players in space, working hard for one another and, above all else, having fun. From the opening whistle, the team put this into action, with our defenders turning the opposition away the moment the ball entered our own half. As a result, our midfielders and forwards enjoyed a large amount of possession, as well as field position, and we were rewarded with many goal-scoring opportunities. Credit must go to the Villanova goalkeeper who saved approximately 20 shots on goal, but the relentless attack saw Marist come away with an 11-0 victory. A highlight of the match was the six individual goal scorers. Player/s of the Match goes to Cooper Chaseling for his 4 goals and Otto van Boxel for his unbreachable defence and clinical passing. Well done boys.

### 6 Gold

A big first-up win for the young men of the 6 Gold soccer team, defeating Villa 12-0. The most pleasing aspect was the great teamwork displayed by the lads with 6 different goal scorers in the match. Tom Di Sipio scored four of our goals with his bullet-like kicks. Manaia Fitalo had a great impact on the game with 2 goals, an awesome tackle in front of our goal to stop Villa from scoring and excellent clearing kicks from the backline. Ben Arcus-Simpson also played very well with 2 goals in the second half off the back of some great probing runs and a great save when playing goalie in the first half.

### 6 White

6 White had an amazing game but still has lots to learn. Padua was low on numbers so our boys stepped up and let them borrow a couple of players to even it out to a 7v6 contest. The boys played well as a team to pass it up the field and score plenty of goals for the first round. With a brilliant 10-2 victory the boys celebrated their win respectfully.





## 5A

Round 1. Villanova to their credit were a competitive side with structure and skill however our boys started the game strong with intensity and a winning mentality. Despite our many goal opportunities and 3 shots hitting the post, Villanova were able to lead the first half 1-0 with a free kick. The boys continued to lift their game throughout the second half with control creating even more goal opportunities, scoring an equaliser early on. Up until the last minute the boys created quality chances with a final result of a 1-1 draw not reflecting a dominant team performance.

## 5B

The 5B football squad started the warmup with a lot of confidence and energy. They started the game dominating Villanova's half of the field. However, despite their efforts, the Villanova team found a way through our boys, completely countering their dominance and eagerness to score with fast counters. This continued and we found ourselves 6-0 down with 10 minutes to go in the second half. At this point, the team was tired and the want to give up started to eat us up. However, this was about the time the game changed. The boys had fallen back when Patrick Power, 'The Fridge' received a nasty ball to the head, which really got under our skins. This is what I believed to be the turning point in the game. Something within us, maybe our brotherhood, changed us into an intense, fierce, and purposeful force. 10 minutes later we had scored 4 goals and spirits were high. Unluckily we had run out of time and the final whistle blew, bringing the game to a nail-biting finish.

The team's incredible comeback showed their true grit and determination, as well as their ability to band together and show the Villanova boys what Marist College is about, brotherhood. It was a proud moment for the entire team and a reminder that anything is possible with hard work and perseverance. Big props to Sebastian Fallon who scored a hat-trick and was deemed Man of the Match. The future of the team will come down to if we can flip that switch and pass our opponents with ease.

## 5C

Right from the opening whistle, I could tell that this would be a thrilling match that would ultimately showcase the skill and determination of the Marist 5Cs.

Maintaining pressure at the offensive end throughout both the first and second half, Marist undeniably dominated the possession of the ball, creating numerous scoring opportunities. A hat-trick from both Max King and Hamish McDonald truly evidenced this dominance. 5Cs speed, dribbling ability and precision of our passes did not go unnoticed. Despite adding a few new faces this week, we presented a coordinated front and, more importantly, worked together seamlessly.

A huge special mention should go to Max for his passion on the weekend, evidenced by his clinical and ruthless finishing ability in combination with his impressive endurance and stamina to be able to apply pressure on all areas of the field to help maintain the Marist dominance.

Furthermore, a strong defensive performance denied any chance the Villanova side had to equalise. Throughout training, I really pushed the boys hard to create a structured and disciplined defence, so it was beautiful seeing them implement this in the game. Our ability to





quickly close down space, accurately clear the ball, and provide a foundation for a quick offensive attack were the main contributors to our 9-1 success on the weekend.

Well done to all the boys for a successful first weekend, and I look forward to seeing you all at training!

### **5 Gold**

The 5 Gold football team were victorious against Villanova last Saturday, securing the game by a close margin 3-2. This was a game that was well-matched. The boys worked hard at training to improve in areas they fell short in the previous week – defence, tackling and field placement. Big improvers this week were James Tatnall and Lincoln Bartlett who demonstrated greater commitment to fighting for the ball. Ben Mulholland was a wonderful introduction to the team in defence. Special mention must go to our Player of the Match Luca Pozzebon, who worked brilliantly in both attack and defense. Luca's collaboration with Silas Law and Barney Armstrong in attack were particularly impressive. Well done team!

### **5 White**

The 5 White Football team were up against Padua on Saturday and the boys took to the field fired up from the start. With the ball staying in our attack for almost entire first half, the boys managed to score number of beautiful goals. The second half become more defensive, but the boys stayed strong and worked together as a team to keep the ball out. A special mention to our solid defender, Player of the Match, Michael Sorbello! The final score was 7 to 1, a very well-deserved win for the boys. It was an awesome effort by all with lots of teamwork, passing and supporting each other.

