



Rugby

MARIST COLLEGE vs SEC – Saturday 22nd August 2020

Each week we will have brief team reports each with the aim to cover as many teams as possible. Please see Team Reports below:

First XV RUGBY Vs

A 15 try rout of St Eddies was a dominant start to the revamped AIC season. Usually playing in a gale effects the standard of play but the 1st maintained control of the ball and ran in some excellent team tries. The first try came off the back of some Floyd Aubrey and Dwayne Ludwick magic were Dwayne regathered a cross kick and offloaded a miracle ball for the first try. Slick passing and excellent support play, on the back of good attack shape, lead to multiple tries. Great to see wingers Rohan Jenson, Dwayne Ludwick and Hunter Dreghorn score doubles on the back of great team work. Nick Baker (captain) scored a most unusual try after stealing a lineout 60 metres out, then running untouched to the try line. This was only rivalled by the sneaky dash to the try line by Matt Mitchell (halfback) from the back of a ruck 50m out when he took advantage of some sloppy ruck defence and showed a turn of pace the defence couldn't match. Great to see many players come off the bench to contribute to the result. The team now focuses on the challenge of St Pat's who played a 20 all draw with rivals Padua.

Result: 87 – 0 Win

| TEAM | TEAM REPORT |
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| 4 th XV | The 4 th XV recorded a comfortable 60-0 win against a plucky Iona 5 th XV over the weekend. With skipper Tom Lyons leading from the front, the 4 th 's raced to a 12-0 lead within 5 minutes of kick-off. A bit of ill-discipline and sloppy handling slowed down scoring proceedings before the flood gates opened just before half time. The 4 th 's backline ran riot scoring some well worked tries, with flyhalf Nick Muir running the show with aplomb. The forwards, not be outdone, bullied Iona and laid the platform for many of the teams 10 unanswered scores. Will Hunter was a standout performer, stealing countless balls at the breakdown. |
| 5 th XV | Strongest feature of the 5ths game: Strong defence around the rucks. The team tackled with great commitment . Also they showed good ball retention - only two turnovers during the game. One facet of game play this teams needs to develop further- shifting the ball to space better rather than tucking it up and taking on the defensive line. Overall a very good first up performance; they displayed real pride in wearing the bumble bee jersey. |
| 6 th XV | It's a pleasure to see a large and diverse range of boys getting involved in opens rugby. Friday's game started reasonably close with the 8ths scoring two tries in the first half. The 6 th 's size and skill dominated in the second half. There was strong running from individuals. However, the teams need to work on running from depth, cohesiveness at the breakdown and cleanout and low tackling to enjoy more ball play. |



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| 10A | <p>The 10A's had a hard fought 15-5 win to start their 2020 campaign against a solid St Edmund's outfit. With captain first five-eight, Pat Tierney, out due to injury, Connor Lyons stepped up to make his debut in the Blue and Gold working hard to direct the team around the park in very windy conditions. After being on the back end of a series of penalties from the kick-off, the boys composed themselves and created the first scoring opportunity of the game through excellent defensive pressure from Centres Daniel Witt and Tasman Bary, allowing left wing, Charles Gribble, to scoop on a loose ball and run 50m to score under the post. The score remained 5-0 until midway through the second half when St Edmunds dived over after a barrage of possession to level up. This ignited the forward pack who, not long after, led by Paddy Gavin, mauled a lineout to drive over for Ashgrove's second try. Ethen Tsiamalili, Reggi McMillan and Harry Gould continued the forward pressure with strong ball carries. This led to great field territory and again through excellent defensive pressure Charles Gribble was able to score his second try.</p> |
| 10B | <p>For the first game of the season, the team played well. The first half was as expect, a physical encounter with good but "rusty" rugby being played while settling into combinations and working out how we interacted with each other in our positions. The second half saw a significant improvement and gave us a glimpse of the standard of rugby this team can play. Good running rugby, great support play, dominance at the breakdown and physical defence often pushing the opposition backwards. We started to do the simple things well, with opportunities opening up when the forwards drove across the advantage line achieving multiple phases and allowing the backs to move the ball wide at pace resulting in a number of tries. Pleasing the team attempted the set piece and backline variations we had practiced. Excellent team effort looking forward to week 2.</p> |
| 10C | <p>The 10C's had a convincing win over St Edmonds 10C 61-0. They stuck to their structures, built pressure through multiple phases and spread the ball for their 11 tries. No individual stood out as every player did their part to produce the result.</p> |
| 9A | <p>The 9A's were against a very big SEC team whom gave us a torrid game last year with Ashgrove's superior fitness proving to be the winning ingredient in 2019. This year Ashgrove gave SEC a searching physical examination and took on the much larger players with plenty of grit and fortitude, to come out on top on the scoreboard and in the physical stakes. Bailey Caplick lead from the front and as captain continues to rally the troops successfully. Ned Rosenbrook used great leg drive to take the ball across the advantage line on a number of occasions. Harry O'Connor's service from the base of scrums and breakdowns was first class in trying conditions and the centre paring of Munro Wood and Cody O'May proved the value of hard, straight running. A great overall effort from a team that improves with each training session.</p> |
| 9E | <p>The 9Es debut started off with a little turbulence - only 10 boys made it so Padua agreed to play 7s instead. Despite having about 15 less substitute players as Padua, the Es put up a valiant effort and managed to score a few tries on Padua in the second half. The final score ended up being 58-29 to Padua. Special mentions for Chris Thompson and Roman Watt for giving 100% all game despite being clearly worn out and to Dom Mahoney for making sure everyone in the team had a run. All things considered the boys played well, and hopefully we can get a full side this Saturday and show the Ds a thing or two.</p> |



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| 8A | <p>The 8A's continued their strong trial form into the first round of the short AIC season with an 83-0 demolition of SEC. Some powerful running from Jasper Barry, Taavi Upchurch and Pat Anderson was supported well at the breakdown by openside flanker Jonah Miles who had 5 turnovers in the first 15 minutes. The backs thrived on the work of the forwards with some brilliant attack and skilful football from the entire backline led by Leo Henry and Tom Millard with some scintillating counter attack from Tom Howard. A positive sign was that the whole team came through uninjured ahead of some tougher games to end the season.</p> |
| 8E | <p>The 8E's had a gutsy win against Iona's D 37-21. While the first half was a close tussle, with Iona taking a lead into the break, the boys came out in the second half and blew their opposition away. Tyrell Wolmby seemed unstoppable every time he ran the ball, scoring and setting up tries at will while Oscar McVey organised the backs nicely. A great start to the season.</p> |
| 7A | <p>The 7A's game against a much improved St Edmunds was a tricky affair that the boys made more difficult for themselves than needed be. Holding a strong 19-0 lead at half time some costly mistakes and an intercept cut the margin to 5. It could have easily turned into a deficit, but through a timely play by Sean Green and quickly followed by another by James Milner a commanding 31-14 victory was achieved to the relief of a concerned coach.</p> |
| 7B | <p><i>A promising start to an shortened AIC 2020 Rugby season with an inspirational Captain Josh Heinrich (Right Flanker) produced a strong performance and was ably supported by Vice Captain Liam Farrelly (No 8). The big men up front led by Talis Mark (Left Prop), Tyler Chan (Right Prop) and Angus Cope (Left Lock) demonstrated skill in attack and commitment in defence. Jack Boyd (Hooker), Matthew Lyons (Right Lock), Micah Netzler (Left Flanker) were solid with Micah's effort being rewarded with a try. Tom Clulow (Half-Back) and George Philp (Fly-Half) ensured the delivery of quick, quality ball to Carter McDonald (In-Centre) and Jacob Cook (Out-Centre) who in turn set up nicely their outside supports being Tadgh Ryan (Left Wing) and Jake Caughley (Right Wing). Tadgh and Jake provided much entertainment for the spectators with numerous long searching runs towards the tryline. Add to those the efforts of Lachlan Vink(Fullback) and Max Walker (Utility) it made for an overall pleasing team effort. Thank you to Ignatius Hallman and Hamish Munroe MCA 7 Cs for benching. This week we welcome back Cooper McGinn. Bring on St Patrick's Shorncliffe.</i></p> |
| 7C | <p>This was a hard fought game that showed how tough this team is – they do like a scrap it must be said. Niggling injuries also made it hard to maintain a coherent structure. Homer, Lister, Knight and Lukin were the stand out players and there was some good counter rucking. The boys showed a lot of character and hopefully this can continue over the next few games.</p> |
| 7E | <p>The 7E team courageously went down to Iona on Saturday morning knowing that they were going to face some tough opposition in the 7D Iona team. Despite getting off to a shaky start the boys began to find their own and started to fight back through some brilliant passing and some line breaks which saw them get close to the line a couple of times but sadly these efforts still weren't enough to get them on the board. Despite losing 48 – 0 to Iona, the boys should be proud of the efforts, especially in facing up against a higher level team.</p> |