



Rugby

MARIST COLLEGE vs PADUA – Saturday 5th September 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 PADUA

A 44 – nil victory over Padua was epitomised by a ruthless drive by the team to perform to their standards. Strong defence in the first half restricted Padua to their own half of the field and strangled them of any significant attacking opportunities. The pressure in defence soon started to reap rewards in attack. The side began to dominate the breakdown and get on top of a large Padua pack. Jack Condon started the first half scoring then the backs followed up with a seven try scoring blitz. Josh Biling scored three, Matt Mitchell two, Ky Rasleigh two and Floyd Aubrey one. Floyd and Dwayne Ludwick ignited the crowd with every touch of the ball in the secondhalf. Support play and the sides attention to detail to manage the game was evident until the final whistle. The focus is clearly on preparing for the final this Saturday verse tradition rivals St Laurence’s.

Result: 44-0 Win

TEAM	TEAM REPORT
6 th XV	<p>The boys started reasonably well considering a disjointed team preparation. Leading the first half this was MCA’s game to loose. There was some superb tackling in the ranks from Hugh Ford, James Thompson and Tom Thorpe to name a few. However, our inability to catch start off kicks three times in the first half hinted that perhaps we did not want it as much as the Padua 5ths. Right from the get go the Padua boys resorted to verbal banter and off the ball niggles. This finally crept under the MCA skin after the opposition scored a try with their wing running 3 steps outside the far touch line. There’s no doubt that not having a touch judge will be a first and last mistake by the coach. The coach was proud of the boys for the most part in not stooping to the cheap chat and foul play of the opposition. Two tries down and 6 minutes to play MCA came back firing with a converted try scored by the captain (Nathan Harding). Unfortunately, it was too little too late and a lesson in ‘underestimation’ to be learnt for MCA.</p>
10A	<p>The 10A fixture was a game of two halves and the first half was not pretty for the Ashgrove boys. A series of penalties and turnover ball gifted Padua easy territory resulting in 2 tries and a penalty goal to take a halftime lead of 17-nil. Needless to say the break provided a good opportunity to reset and put in a much improved second half performance. Inside centre, Daniel Witt, got the ball rolling by running a nice angle close to the ruck of halfback Oscar Burg to score under the posts. This is was followed not long after by Charlie Gribble who scored finished off a good try in the left-hand corner after a quick centre-field tap from 10m out to make the scoreline 12-17. Tasman Barry came with inches of scoring the winning try but was penalised for excessive movement on the ground. A tense last 5 mins saw Harry Gould, once again, demonstrate his power by barging over close to line through a dynamic pick and drive. Pat Tierney converted his second goal to take Ashgrove into a winning lead of</p>



	<p>19-17. Reggie McMillan and Chastyn creek both broke the line open in the second half making memorable surges upfield. Bring on Iona!</p>
10D	<p>The 10D's had their first win of the season today against Iona 10D. Iona only had 10 players, so I supplied them Cadell Hendrick, Harry Maisel and Carter Bidgood. Many thanks to these lads for playing the full game for Iona. Cadell and Carter were the two try scorers for Iona. So we played 13 a side and uncontested scrums.</p> <p>For Marist the try scorers were Luke Horst, Josh Casey (after a barnstorming run), Pat Manning, Jack Donaldson (maintaining his record of a try in every game), Hunter Lewis, Sonny Lam, Finn Eldridge, Tom Horton and Sam Schmidthausen. Overall a great game.</p>
9A	<p>The 9A's had a tough encounter against a well drilled Padua on the weekend and showed real spirit to come from behind to win 14-10 and secure the top of the pool position. Both teams tried to play expansive rugby with Ashgrove's first try coming from an extremely well run and executed set play from a free-kick, which proved that it isn't always necessary to flood an area with attackers if you can draw the defence away from the point of attack. The 5 points finally scored by Jude Knapp who had a very good game in all respects. There were some excellent carries by the forwards with Nic Gullo giving his best performance of the year and Declan Tunny once again charging into the defence. The front row scrummaged very well and again possibly the toughest player pound for pound in the school, Oli Clements, showed the way. Our second try came from a rampaging Sean Brown charge. In the backs, centres Munro Wood and Cody O'May defended superbly and then ran with real determination to bend the opposition defensive line on every occasion. A great team effort from a group of boys intent on improving each week.</p>
9C	<p>Another solid performance this week by the might 9C's.</p> <p>What was the teams toughest match so far was also the teams best performance. Off the kick off the team worked their way up field, keeping possession for 10+ phases to begin the match. This really set the tone for the rest of the match.</p> <p>Big games today by Connor Heinrich, Kurt Roberts and Fergus Duff in the forwards and Dom Rowell in the backs. It is good to see so many players putting their hand up each week to contribute to the team and help our their Marist brothers. Jack Barton and Hamish McEachern crossed for double and showed great physicality in contact.</p> <p>Big wrap for all the team for sharing the workload and being team players.</p> <p>On to the big dance next week – lets hope we can get the chocolates!</p>
8A	<p>There has been a healthy rivalry developing between our 8A team and Padua from recent years so this game was highly anticipated. With some quality players on the Padua side, the team was tested at the start but the boys kept to their basics and when they kicked into gear, they scored some excellent tries. The forwards expanded their style of play with some hard running and different ways of attacking with the usual skilful attack of the backs on display.</p> <p>The opposition scored points for the first time against us this year with Padua taking a penalty shot at goal to make the score 46-3. With only 3 goals kicked the final score of also could have been much greater. Well done to all players on an excellent performance and now the season is set up for a grand final against Iona college. This is one match we know the boys are looking forward to.</p>
7A	<p>The 7As came into the match against Padua knowing that it would be the biggest test of the season. Conceding quite early to a big Padua team, and fighting against a mountain of possession and a strong breeze, the boys showed plenty of grit and</p>



	<p>determination to hold on in the fight to hold Padua to only a 12 point to nil score line at half-time. Led by dynamic forwards Elliot Aldridge, Seb Gardiner and Jake Caughley the boys came out hot in the second half to score early and put pressure back on Padua, bringing the score to 12-5 – and dragging themselves well and truly back into the contest. Ultimately though, Padua proved to just be too big and strong and ran over the top in the last 10 minutes of the match to complete a well-deserved victory 24-5.</p> <p>All in all, the boys can hold their heads high in the efforts that they made in not giving up for the entire 50 minutes and playing till the final whistle. The determination and camaraderie the boys showed, to continue to strive to win was extremely encouraging for the team moving into the future.</p>
<p>7B</p>	<p>Our most anticipated game of the AIC Rugby season with big stakes - a win means progression to the Grand Final, a loss and any premiership aspiration would be done and dusted. Once again, the standout performance came from a pocket rocket - Jack Boyd (Hooker). He was everywhere - cracking effort! Pre-game discussion centred around displaying positive attitude coupled with meaningful effort and if applied the desired results would follow. THE BOYS DELIVERED!</p> <p>The forwards led by Captain Josh Heinrich (No 8) took control of the game from the kick-off. Relentless bustling defence prevented Padua from settling proper into the game. Props Tyler Chan and Talis Mark dominated the centre of the field. Tight forwards Angus Cope and Cooper Mc Ginn along with loose forwards Micah Netzler and Matthew Lyons were special. Half-Back Tom Clulow was aggressive at the breakdown. Tom secured a ton of possession allowing Carter Mc Donald (Fly-Half) to entertain the many supporters with his strategic kicking and passing game. Centres Liam Farrelly and Jacob Cook were rock solid.</p> <p>Wingers Tadgh Ryan and Max Walker's skick chase, jam defence and use of the sideline was skilful. Full-back Lachlan Vink's positional play, use of speed and "eyes up" game sense iced the cake on a what was memorable game.</p> <p>Thank you to Interchange players Hamish Munro (Back), Hugh Homer (Forward) and Harry Wood (Utility) - your contribution to the team's result cannot be understated. Thank you to Mr Clulow (Tom's Dad) for his continued assistance on game day inclusive of being team photographer and point scorer identifier.</p> <p>Thank you to Mr Cook (Jacob's Dad) for running the touch line - best seat in the house. Are you up for it again this weekend?</p> <p>Thank you to Sterling McDonald (Carter's young brother) for again running the kicking tee. Sterling has assisted the team at all games this season-our good luck charm - 3 from 3.</p> <p>Looking forward to Saturday's Grand Final!!</p>
<p>6A</p>	<p>After a great week on the training paddock the boys were pumped for what was always going to be a challenging fixture. The Padua team had been performing well and the MCA boys were still working on combinations and trying to find some rhythm. The MCA scrum dominated throughout the first half but, disappointingly, Padua called for uncontested scrums taking away the home team's advantage. Padua's relentless defence constantly had the MCA boys under the pressure forcing regular turn overs which led to the team abandoned everything they had been working on at training and most importantly their game structure. There were plenty of strong runs from the "big units", Matty Pegg and James Gissing, but too much running one out again led to turn overs. Weaster was as solid as a rock at the back and marshalled the defensive line throughout the match, his positional play was exceptional. In what was a tight contest Padua converted their opportunities to</p>



	points while MCA couldn't, which led to a score line that did not reflect the match. The boys need to work on recycling the ball much quicker to give their attack more opportunity. All are looking forward to next week's final fixture in this truncated season.
6B	The 6Bs were unlucky to go down to Padua in a thrilling game, only losing by 2. Just as you'd think the boys were down and out, they'd string together some great footy to get them back into the game. Ill-discipline and poor ball control proved to be the difference and the end of the day.
6C	Tough hard-fought win by the mighty 6Cs. Padua put up a good fight against our boys however, true Marist spirit was shown to win by 2 points! Player of the match goes to the Marist halfback and skipper for the victorious team James. With him steering the forwards around the park and good ball to the backs James was the standout. Overall a great team performance.
6 GOLD	Coming up against a very strong and structured Villa team. The boys down in numbers and size left it all on the field and rallied together to put some late points on the board against a dominant team. Special mentions to Jack Pye the captain for leading and motivating the team to never give up!
5A	Trailing 14-0 early, the 5As fought their way back into the game through hard work and determination. Tries from our two Harry's, McAuliffe and Bardon, weren't enough to get the boys the win, but the team held their heads high as they left the field. They have come so far in such a short time and both coaches were very proud of their performance today.
5B	With one game left in the regular season, the 5Bs ran out against a determined Padua team that wanted nothing more than to spoil our undefeated season. A strong start by the opposition saw the boys down 7 - 0 within the opening 5 minutes, and we knew we would have a tough game on our hands. This try however sparked some emotion within the playing group, driving them to score 38 unanswered points, sending us straight into the finals.
5C	The 5C boys played very average in the first half. Missing first up tackles and making silly errors. The second half was a huge improvement. They brought the game to Padua, scoring two very good tries. They should be very proud with their efforts.
5 GOLD	A dominant win from the Ashgrove boys sees them into a grand final spot next week. Thanks to the individual brilliance of the fly half, Jakson, with at least 200 running metres for the match, Padua were kept completely out of the contest. Special mention to big man Henry Keates, who as captain, lifted the entire team and winger, Kaleb Maye, who both produced doubles to secure the victory.
5 WHITE	It was a tough game for the boys over at Wynnum, going down to a good Iona side. Despite the result, the boys showed incredible heart and determination to push through all the way to the end, demonstrating true Marist spirit.