



Rugby Results

Team	Villa	Padua	Iona	ATC	SPC	SLC	
6A Player of the Match	Marist 22 def. Villa 5 Finn Beaver						
6B Player of the Match	Villa 26 def. Marist 19 Balthazar Caesar						
6C Player of the Match	Villa 29 def. Marist 26 Harry Nolan						
5A Player of the Match	Marist 29 def. Villa 5 Angus Graham						
5B Player of the Match	Marist 74 def. Villa 0 Harry Geraghty						
5C Player of the Match	Marist 55 def. Villa 0 Will Robbins						
5D Player of the Match	Padua 35 def. Marist 5 Clancy Schmidt						





Around the Grounds

6A

Marist 6A emerged triumphant over Villanova College with a final score of 22-5. The match was an exhibition of skill, determination, and strategic play, showcasing the best of what rugby has to offer.

From the opening whistle, it was evident that Marist 6A came prepared to leave it all on the field. The first 10 minutes saw a display of hard-hitting tackles and dominant ruck play, setting the tone for the rest of the match. With relentless pressure, Marist 6A created opportunities for their outside backs to capitalize on the forward momentum, showcasing their cohesive teamwork and strategic execution.

Flynn Barrett and Jack Willoughby emerged as pivotal figures in driving Marist 6A's performance, orchestrating plays and leading the team with precision around the field. However, it was Finn Beaver who stole the spotlight with his exceptional performance in both attack and defence, proving to be a force to be reckoned with.

In only his second game of rugby, Seb Scuderi showcased his potential with a brilliant opening try. Despite heading into halftime with a 7-0 lead, Marist 6A knew that the battle was far from over, with Villanova College poised to mount a comeback.

The second half saw Marist 6A's forwards continue their relentless assault, dominating the breakdown and thwarting every attempt by Villanova College to gain momentum. Sam Mellifont stood firm at the back, providing a solid defensive foundation for his team.

As the game progressed, Marist 6A's superiority became increasingly evident, with Beaver securing a second-half try followed by another stellar performance from Seb Scuderi, who sealed the game with his second try. Despite Villanova College managing to score a consolation try, Marist 6A maintained control until the final whistle.

The match reached its crescendo with a moment of brilliance, Seb Scuderi, whose electrifying run down the wing was halted by a determined Villanova defense. However, Marist 6A's forwards swiftly regained control of the ball, initiating a sweeping backline movement that culminated in Jake Byrne crossing over in the opposite corner—a fitting end to a spectacle of rugby.

While celebrating their well-deserved victory, Marist 6A remains grounded, knowing that tougher challenges lie ahead, including a showdown with Padua College in Round 2. Despite their fantastic start to the season, there is still much work to be done. Yet, with their display of skill, determination, and teamwork, Marist 6A has undoubtedly set the bar high for the season ahead.

- 3 - Finn Beaver
- 2 - Seb Scuderi
- 1 - Jake Byrne

6B

The 6Bs started strongly, dominating the breakdown and frustrating their opposition. Through plenty of hard running on the back of many courageous pilfers, we managed to score 3 excellent first half tries, going into the break in the lead and in control.

However, Villa came out hungrier than us and wrestled back momentum through pressure at the breakdown.





All of sudden, we were on the back foot and questioning the referees every decision. We learnt a tough lesson today, and that is to not blame the referee, but to instead stay focused and fight for everything you can control on the footy field.

After conceding 19 straight second half points, we had a chance to level the score on full time, but fell inches short. It was a tough way to end a fantastic game of rugby that just didn't quite go our way.

But the boys sung their song proudly, as we do after every match- win or lose- because anyone who is lucky enough to take the field for MCA on a beautiful, sunny Saturday morning is clearly already a winner.

6C

6C were defeated narrowly in a good game. The score was 29-26 with a slow start in both halves resulting in two tries to Villa to start each half. Man of the match (3) points were earned by Harry Nolan who saved two tries running down a player in a 70 m sprint and scoring two great tries. (2) points to Patrick Pink who defended well and made plenty of meters. (1) point to Harrison Fowler for some great organising and quality talk throughout the game.

5A

The boys had a fantastic first half where they put on 4 tries through great control of the ruck and playing with good shape. Angus Graham's ability to control the back line allowed our wingers and centres to make good metres with their runs. The 2nd half lacked flow with our boys having to make a lot of tackles. They defended well and Villa were only able to score 1 try. George Thomas was fearless in his tackles and strong clean outs! A great first game for our 5A's!

3 points - Angus Graham

2 points - Jack James

1 point - George Thomas

5B

In an electrifying away game at Villa Park, the 5B rugby team faced off against Villanova College. Despite initial concerns over a lethargic warm-up, the boys dispelled any doubts with a stellar performance throughout the game. Working seamlessly as a team, they showcased remarkable development in their style of play.

Notable performances included Harry Geraghty, who demonstrated exceptional skill and made numerous impressive gains. The Grammare twins played pivotal roles in the team's dominance, particularly evident in their six tight head wins in the scrums. However, it was the collective effort of the entire team that secured the victory, with each player contributing to the outstanding performance.

This win not only highlights the team's talent but also their dedication to continuous improvement. As they continue to refine their style of play and strengthen their cohesion, the future looks bright for the 5B rugby team.

3 points - Harry Geraghty

2 points - Grammere twins

1 point - Max Laughton





5C

After a scoreless opening 10 minutes, James Midgley executed a great backline play to score a long range try and opened the scoring. Once on the board, the boys found their groove. The forwards started dominating the ruck providing quality ball for our outside backs. Will Robbins had a number of devastating runs through the middle third and he was followed by Cameron Murphy, Frasier Mills, Finley Given and Kash Webb. Jamie Hynes and Benji Robertson also finished off some great passages of play to seal a great first win of the season.

Tries: James Midgley, Cameron Murphy x 3, Will Robbins x 2, Jamie Hynes x 2, Benji Robertson

Goals: Sam Wiggins 3 from 4, Edward Moloney 2 from 3

3 points - Will Robbins

2 points - Jamie Hynes

1 point - Cameron Murphy

5D

Marist came out swinging with Paddy Williamson making a post-contact try in the first 10 minutes. Unfortunately, Padua had plenty of fight left and wouldn't let up. A pretty close first half gaveway to a Padua dominant second half. A few bad calls and questionable tackles didn't stop the boys from playing their best. Especially Schmidty at halfback fulfilling his captainly duties and being the best player on the field.

Alround a tough first game, but the boys look good for the season ahead.

Tries: Paddy W

