



Rugby Union Trials: Around the Grounds

6A

MCA 24 – SLC 20

6As came up against a very strong Laurie's outfit who were superb at the breakdown and creating turnovers. The As managed to hold them out with a thrilling 24 – 20 win which can be attributed to their efforts in supporting one another in attack, and being hungry in defence. With the short season ahead, a key focus that we will be working on is our effectiveness in the breakdown to both create turnovers as well as maintain possession. Player of the Match goes to Jed Cole for his aggression in defence and toughness in attack. He spent much of the game being rushed-up on when attacking which limited his chances to spread the ball to the outside backs, however hung tough to set up a few late line breaks. Great overall team effort with continual improvements through the match.

Player of the match – Jed Cole

MCA 26 – ATC 10

The MCA boys began their final trial struggling to find any rhythm and continuity in their play, this led to negativity and their team work suffered. In what was a tight see-sawing first half, the boys went to half time with a slim 12 – 10 lead. The coach had a few stern words at half time regarding the need to play as a team, and the boys began their second half looking like a new outfit. Even though the second half continued with too much "1-out" play, the boys got the job done; keeping ATC scoreless. A lot still to work on in such a short season, but the progress was positive and we look forward to next week.

Player of the match – Matt Pegg and Will Easter

6B

MCA 27 – SLC 14

After some game day reshuffling, the boys were able to put on a great performance with limited training. A good platform laid by the forwards followed by great communication and team work among the backs put us on the front foot throughout the game.

Player of the match – Ari Higginbotham

MCA 39 – ATC 0

The boys put up a good fight in a grind in the early parts of the game to wrestle our way onto the front foot. Our forwards led by Ben Sinclair outplayed ATC to provide the backs with a good platform to work off. Special mention to our bench players for providing much needed impact to keep the momentum throughout the whole match.

Player of the match – Ari Higginbotham

5A

MCA 0 – SLC 48

It was a tough trial for the 5As playing against a strong and quick SLC team. The boys dug in deep and we're unlucky to end the match scoreless. They will take many lessons from the match and no doubt bounce back with an improved performance next weekend.

Player of the match – Harry Bardon





MCA 21 – ATC 26

An ATC try in the final play of the match was the difference in an entertaining and see-sawing game that saw MCA fall short by 5 points. Our boys held their heads high in a close defeat, learnt some valuable lessons and showed improvements across all areas of the game. Now that the trials are over, a more settled team will approach the opening round with confidence and excitement.

Player of the match – Kingston Anderson

5B

MCA 65 – ATC 0

The team put in a gutsy effort to pile some points on a solid ATC side with the ball being passed around to a number of different try scorers. The team's selfless nature saw them finding gaps in the middle of the field and space out wide, and our halves were able to get the ball where it needed to go.

Player of the match – Riley Keogh

5D

MCA 50 – SLC 0

A good game from both teams with MCA coming away with a dominant win. One of the best quality colours games in recent memory and the boys should be congratulated on their good efforts all round.

Player of the match – Alex Homer

