



Rugby Union – Around the Grounds

6A

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 turnovers. 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 points while MCA couldn't, which led to a scoreline 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 two. 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.

6D

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.

