



Rugby Results

Team	Iona		SPC	SLC	SEC	Villa	Padua
6A Player of the Match	Iona 31 def. Marist 12 Will Carr	Marist 29 def. Villa 12 Will Smith					
6B Player of the Match	Marist 22 def. Iona 10 Max Laughton	Marist 43 def. ATC 7 Cam Murphy					
6C Player of the Match	Iona 12 def. Marist 10 Paddy Williamson Thomas Laherty	Marist 89 def. Iona 6D 7 Thomas Laherty					
6D Player of the Match	Marist 21 def. Iona 0 Hunter Coleman Jaime Hynes	Marist 34 def. SLC 6C Paddy Moffat					





MARIST COLLEGE ASHGROVE

Primary Sport

AIC Sport – Round 2



Team	Iona		SPC	SLC	SEC	Villa	Padua
5A Player of the Match	Marist 29 def. Iona 0 Hugh Southwood	Villa 19 def. Marist 17 Felix Katter					
5B Blue Player of the Match	Iona 21 def. Marist 7 Lachlan Mitchell	ATC 21 def. Marist 14 Luca Bryant					
5B Gold Player of the Match	Padua 20 def. Marist 5 Lumeo Schmalkuchen	Villa 47 def. Marist 0 Finn Sheahan					
5C Player of the Match	Marist 60 def. Padua 20 James Orbell	SPLC 24 def. Marist 19 Ricky Onal Henry Krinke					





Around the Grounds

6A

Marist 6A 29 def. Villanova 12

The Marist 6As responded with grit and flair in their Round 2 victory. After a tough opening-round loss, Marist 6A responded in style with a convincing 29–12 win over Villanova, overcoming the challenge of missing key forwards due to injury and illness.

The match's early stages revealed that both teams were still settling into their rhythm. Villanova, keen to bounce back from their trial defeat, started with strong intent, while Marist's new combinations took time to click. A hard-fought battle in the forwards set the tone for a physical encounter, with both teams trading blows in a see-sawing contest.

Marist drew first blood through a brilliant backline move that stretched the Villanova defence and saw Eddie Moloney finish spectacularly in the corner. However, a run of Marist errors and consecutive penalties gave Villanova valuable field position, which they capitalised on to score and convert, briefly taking the lead.

The turning point came just before halftime when Will Smith produced a moment of individual brilliance to cross the line and regain the lead for Marist, taking the score to 12–7 at the break.

Halftime instructions focused on winning the breakdown battle, and the forwards responded emphatically. With renewed urgency and control, Marist ran in three unanswered tries in the second half: two more to the electric Will Smith, and one to Noah Newman. The team's running rugby was a highlight, thrilling the spectators and showing the attacking potential within the group.

Special recognition goes to Ben Miller and Chase Richardson, who played two and a half games on the day. Their commitment, along with several other players who stayed to support and bench for the team above without any promise of game time, reflects the strong culture within the squad. A heartfelt thank you to the parents who made this possible.

It was an impressive all-round performance from a team showing real signs of growth. With resilience, adaptability, and a clear hunger to improve, the 6As now turn their focus to building momentum in the coming rounds.

6B

Marist 6B secured another sound win over Ambrose Treacy 6A. The score, however, hides what a tough game this was...with the opposition providing some stiff resistance in the first half managing to deny several good raids from Marist. Scores were tight at the break, however, in the second half Marist 6B created some good field position with strong straight running and through applying good defensive pressure managed to effect a number of turnovers and opposition knock-ons. Marist 6B then created a number of good try scoring opportunities to secure a sound victory.

Tries were shared between the backs and forwards with Angus Lippett contributing some good sniping runs and bagging two tries whilst Ben Miller demonstrated great hard running and crashed over for a well-deserved try. Max Laughton and James Midgley also contributed well with good long range runs culminating in tries.





Cameron Murphy earned Man of the Match honours with his great go forward and hard hitting defence. His leadership around the ground was also invaluable and he also contributed to the scoreboard with a good try.

A well-deserved victory from Marist 6B who whilst winning are still building their combinations and developing their ability to play as a team for the full game.

6C

The new system of reserves stepping down from grade above worked very well. Jamie Hynes (8 strong tackles and 2 tries), kept ball in ruck waiting for a pod leader to run on to the ball with pace (no catching the ball standing still). Forwards made good ground led by Ben Miller (2 tries) and Chase Richardson (1 try and 10 strong tackles) and Alex Aitken (8 very strong tackles and two tries). Captain, Sam Wiggins (6 conversions) lead the team around the park very well. It was Thomas Laherty's blistering speed (4 tries) that broke the hearts of the opposition!

6D

Marist 6D came up with a glorious victory over a strong Laurie's team Saturday morning.

The boys knew it was going to be a tough contest as the mighty 6Ds had to play against a C team for a second time this year. The boys started slow with Laurie's dominating field position and possession for the opening 15, leading to the boys being down 5-0. Thankfully, due to some great defensive work from man of the match today Patty Moffat and star forward Jake O'Ryan the boys were able to change the momentum and score the next try and with superstar kicker Ted Jorgenson kicking the conversion from out wide. The boys kept this momentum going up 19-5 at the break.

The boys knew they had to keep the same energy going into the second half if they wanted to win against this strong Laurie's team. Incredibly strong running from both Ruben Vos and Finlay Given kept the momentum with Marist and tries kept on coming, adding to Marist's significant lead. Special mention must go out to Alex Aitkin with a full field forward try that even the great Radike Samo would be proud. Ed Caton controlled the game beautifully in his first game for the Ds and at 10, complimenting Clancy Schmidt strong running game incredibly well.

Congratulations to all the boys on the terrific win and look forward to many more great wins with this very strong team throughout the year.

5A

In a heart-stopping finish, our boys went down to Villanova College 19-17 in a nail-biter decided on the final play, with Villanova crossing and converting on the siren to snatch victory.

Throughout the game, we showed moments of real class – sticking to our structures, moving the ball with purpose, and dominating in key patches. Unfortunately, lapses in focus and a drift away from what we've drilled at training allowed the opposition back into the contest at crucial times.





Felix Katter was outstanding across the park, earning a well-deserved Man of the Match for his relentless work rate and presence in both attack and defence. In the backline, Jack Mannix stood tall under pressure, steering the team around the park from halfback with composure and smarts.

It's a tough way to lose, but we'll take the lessons from this one and hit the training paddock determined to bounce back. There's a lot to like about what we're building – and we'll be ready to go next week.

5B Blue

The 5B Blue team demonstrated great determination and teamwork in their recent match. After trailing two tries to nil at half-time, the boys showed excellent resilience and composure in the second half. Their hard work paid off with Marist scoring two well-earned tries to one, narrowing the margin and finishing the game strongly. It was pleasing to see a steady improvement in both organisation and skill execution across the team. A solid performance and another step forward in their development as a squad

5B Gold

Marist 5B Gold had a tough day in the office against a rampaging 5B Villanova side. Whilst defence wasn't the greatest at times, the boys showed up and really improved in their efforts in the second half.

A shoutout has to go to Finn Sheehan, who was player of the match. His footwork made him hard to tackle, but it was defence that made him player of match. He made a number of covering tackles and did not stop trying the whole game.

Lumeo Schmalkuchen also had a good crack. He had multiple defenders bounce off him at times, with his barnstorming runs.

Marcus Chandler was tireless with his work rate on both sides of the ball. Doesn't matter what the score is, Marcus will go all day!

It was a tough loss today, but the boys know what they need to work on and are keen to improve week by week. It is tough being in the B comp, and the Villa boys were obviously just too good today.

5C

The 5C team took to Des Connor Park early Saturday morning, full of energy and enthusiasm. The boys were switched on from the first whistle and got off to a flying start thanks to some dazzling play by Ricky. His brilliant chip-and-chase, followed by a clean regather and a dive under the posts, set the tone for a competitive match. Henry K also had a standout performance, working hard around the ruck and making strong, damaging carries that broke through the opposition's defensive line.

The boys showed noticeable improvement in their attacking shape and structure, demonstrating the effort they have been putting in at training. Unfortunately, a few lapses in defence allowed the





opposition to capitalise with some easy tries. Despite a late push, we narrowly went down 24–19 in a tight contest.

This week at training, we will focus on lifting our physicality in defence and sharpening our work around the ruck. The team continues to improve each week and should be proud of their effort

