

Football: Around the Grounds – Round 4

1st XI

A hard fought game which started with an early goal for Marist. With many opportunities not quite converted for the boys, both teams had swings of possession during the first half with Padua equalising against the run of play. The second half had much of the first until a well constructed goal broke the deadlock for Marist. This saw the game begin to be dominated by the Marist boys who went on to score a third which was a fitting result in the end.

2nd XI

Padua was the toughest of our pre-season games and our AIC encounter was no different. They had some skilful players and closed us down well. Most of the first half was evenly balanced with few scoring opportunities. Padua broke the deadlock early in the second half through a cross into the box from the right which was volleyed past our keeper. Padua continued to threaten but Max Mobbs, our-fill-in keeper, made sure we stayed in the game with a fabulous double save. This close call buoyed the team and through some great counter-attacking play Aiden Christison was eventually brought down in the box for a penalty which was emphatically taken by Jack Mestric to level the scores. The team weathered some hard challenges by the Padua team in the closing stages of the match but we maintained our discipline while fighting hard to try and win the match. Unfortunately time was against us and the game finished 1:1.

3rd XI

Only one goal separated the two teams and unfortunately this went to Padua who were just the better team on the day.

5th XI

A well fought win, the boys never gave up. After being 2-0 down we brought it back to 2-2. With 5 minutes left and 4-2 down, an incredible last push by the team saw us victorious in a 5-4 win against a strong Padua 5ths team

6th XI

A convincing win that saw minimal touches by our goalie as our midfield did such an outstanding job. The Eveready battery award to Dylan Soll who was everywhere (4 goals) and well supported in midfield by Alex Pitman. When Iona did get the ball up front, Liam Webb did a great job stopping their attack.

10A

Tough game against a spirited home side. Went two nil down and looked like salvaging a point but in the end just didn't get there.

9A

Dominated the majority of the game with possession and great looks going forward. They made the most of a mistake in the back four for their first goal and a penalty with two minutes left ensured we shared the points for the day.

9B

Dominated game and just couldn't score a winner. Padua scored with only shot and we hit bar twice in second half.

9E

All the boys played really well. Best I've seen them play. Our defence was very solid and we were dangerous in attack. Overall, really good performance from all the boys.

8B

Down 2-1 at half time, but an inspiring half time pep talk from the coach led them to win the game 5-2 and remain undefeated.

7A

Come from behind 3-2 win (all goals down one end). Amazing finish from Giacomo to win the match: from the bye-line, over the keeper and in the top back corner. No idea how he pulled it off!

7B

Good game from the boys, very physical but we held our own well. Great goals from Will Jay and Will Lambley. Highlight of the game was Xander's slide tackle in the first half.

5A

The 5A's again started strong this week: quick thinking from Will Silec to put Hunter Chan-Riotto through on goal. Unfortunately we couldn't hold onto the lead. The Padua goal keeper made some excellent saves to deny Ashgrove an equaliser.