



Rugby Union – Around the Grounds

6A

Iona began the match full of intensity, enthusiasm and commitment, and from the outset, the 6As were on the back foot. The boys must learn quickly the importance of staying in the fight, especially when under fire or face a difficult season. Battling against both a strong wind and a barrage of penalties, the MCA boys spent the majority of the first half practicing their tackles. After a few *quiet words* during half time the spirits lifted but Iona were gifted a try from their own kick-off; 0 – 17 down it was always going to be tough. The boys managed to rally around each other and got the score back to 12 – 17 but were again denied by the referee after scoring under the posts. A tough loss to take for the boys but hopefully they are better for it.

6B

The boys were put on the back foot early, conceding 12 points leaving themselves 12-0. After half-time, the forwards stood up, led by Patty Travers and worked together as a unit to put on a tough display. Great goal kicking by Ben Sinclair allowed us to convert three late tries to grab the win.

6C

A great win for the boys from MCA and a fantastic team performance. There was good team cohesion between the boys, which was great to see after only one trial game. The boys played a great running game, completed their passes, made their tackles and scored plenty of tries. Was a great game to watch, well-done boys!!

6D

The boys rocked up and bulldozed over Iona in a high scoring game. The Marist forwards lead by Tyson Baker, who also scored three tries, and Finlay Gardiner with some amazing runs had strict control of the ruck and allowed the backs to run laps around Iona, with Daniel scoring three tries.

5A

In tough and windy conditions, the 5As trailed 5-0 early in the match. After digging deep, they levelled the score by half-time. A late Ashgrove try, whilst running against the wind, sealed the 10-5 victory. An excellent effort in defence helped hold Iona scoreless in the second half. A well-earned victory and a wonderful start to the season. Congratulations, player of the match, Owen Aldridge scoring the match-winning try!

5B

A low scoring match meant the boys had to work hard to secure the ball in order to prevent a strong Iona team from getting any points. With injuries seeing a couple of players forced off the field, the boys stuck together and closed out a great win for Ashgrove.

5C

A very disappointing performance from the MCA 5C boys, the team went into the game full of confidence and what proved to be a false sense of security, and they were blown off the park. Tackling and rucking was well below par in the first half, after some stern words at half time the team lifted and played much better in the second half, only letting in one try. Back to the drawing board for next week.





5 Gold

A tough gritty contest until the dying minutes against the traditional rivals of Iona with Marist winning 24-12. Player of the match performance from Charlie Turnbull with three tries and great games from Jakson Cook and Harvey Laughton. Nearly ten minutes of great goal-line defence from the Marist boys proved the difference in the end and the lads should be proud of a great game across the board.

5 White

A very, very good effort from the boys on the weekend. To come up against a well-oiled Villa team in their first game and to have such a close game is a testament to all the preseason effort to put in. We look forward to the rest of this short version competition.

