



Rugby

MARIST COLLEGE vs SPC – Saturday 29th August 2020

Each week we will have brief team reports each with the aim to cover as many teams as possible. Please see Team Reports below:

First XV RUGBY Vs SPC

Preparing for a torrid encounter we weren't disappointed. St pat's came out with plenty of energy and managed to score the first try inside the first 5min to give them and their supporters a boost of confidence. From then on the MCA side began to build pressure and dominate territory only to have some desperate last ditch defence repel some 'certain' tries. It took 20min for Hunter Dreghorn to cross in the right corner after some sustained pressure and good team work. The sideline conversion from Floyd Aubrey then started our scoring momentum. A second try to Dreghorn in the right corner moments later and scoreboard pressure was building on Pats. A serious hamstring injury to inspirational captain Nick Baker early in the first half was the one big negative for the day. SPC continued to defend strongly and challenge the line with the ball but couldn't manage the better field position. On the back of a dominant forward pack lead by Jack Condon and Will Valentine and our halves pairing of Matt Mitchell and Harry Whitten guiding and scheming around the ruck a platform for attacking raids was set. Condon's try in the left corner typified the effort of the team cleaning up a pass 45m out and beating three defends to score. The highlight of the second half try scoring was ignited by Aubrey when set to clear the ball from our own half, spotted a gap through the ruck. Scintillating footwork and acceleration left Pat's defenders mesmerised. A deft cross field kick to left winger Dwayne Ludwick saw him regather and then centre field kick the ball for Floyd to beat the Pat's players to score near the posts. The eventual score could've been more had it not been for some desperate last ditch defence by Pats; although the score line isn't a fair indication of the toughness of the contest.

Result: MCA 45 – SPC 12

TEAM	TEAM REPORT
10A	The 10A's had a well-deserved win against St. Pats at Curlew Park, with Pat Tierney leading the boys in the blue and gold out onto the field. Due to a rib injury the Dalby powerhouse was out for the game so Angus Watterston stepped up to the plate to play loose head prop dominating the scrums from the very start of the game. Althoughm St Pats were the first try scorers of the game this fired up Marist after seeing St Pats celebrations. Marist were quick to get over the line with Daniel Witt (inside centre) scored our first try. The boys were eager to take the lead after that try, Harry Gould (tight head prop) made an outstanding run from the 22 meter line, it was looking likely he was going to put the ball down but the pure strength of the runner kept him up over the line scoring a wonderful and unforgettable meat pie. Charlie Gribble got a hattrick by the end of the game with the other winger fresh out of injury, Eli Nichols tallying a try for himself also. Angus Blomely came on for 2 minutes



	<p>and made an impact adding points to the board with Tasman Barry scoring a good try showing how strong the backline of the 10A are. A special mention to Ethen Tsiamalili with all the rucks and counter rucks he secured keeping the team the ball.</p>
10C	<p>Good hit out in great conditions for the Marist boys on Friday afternoon. Outstanding pre-game from Sam Miller. Apparently inspired some boys to open their try scoring accounts for the season – first tries for Brayden Querido, Charlie Gardiner, Hugh McCann and Tom Perrin. Thanks too for Jack Donaldson helping us out, with some nice touches and a few tries to go with. Special mention too for Sam Carroll debuting in the forward pack, wreaked havoc on the ad line and crossed for a pacey try through the middle.</p> <p>Top notch display of goal kicking too from Rory Baker (10/12), his new approach this week of aiming between the posts worked a treat.</p> <p>PLAY OF THE DAY - while a field goal was planned (not by coaching staff), and then (surprisingly for most) very well executed from the boot of Isaac some 30+ metres out – play of the day however goes to Frank Baker. After a big yardage bust from Frank down the far right side, he then backed up one phase later to assist with an overlap on the far left hand side. Effort on effort gets the pay-cheque</p>
9A	<p>The 9A's had a tough encounter on the weekend against a much improved St Pats outfit. The Ashgrove side played with plenty of spirit and continue to build self-belief each week. There was not a great deal of space between the attack and the defence during phase play which created a lot of difficulty for getting over the advantage line. However, some valuable lessons were learnt due to this experience. Ashgrove will look to be more thoughtful with respect to reading the oppositions patterns in the future we hope. Some great play from our flankers Atticus Armstrong and Riley Canavan who were both aggressive with their running and hard on the ball at the breakdown. Harry Condon's service was first class given he had little time or space in which to operate. Munro Wood's intercept was a display of freakish skill and proved to be the decider and Bailey Caplick's charging 5 pointer was also a highlight. St Pat's points all came from kicks, that is, kicks ahead which fell in a friendly way for them. Such was the solid defence from the Ash 9A's the only way past the advantage line was to kick over it.</p>
9C	<p>Fantastic second win for the mighty 9C's. 11 tries for the team - with Harry Thomson and Xavier Ruffini crossing for doubles. A few players returned this week, which resulted in a strong performance from the team. Hamish Mortimer, Charlie Weaver and Jack Barton were dominant once again in the forwards. Hamish McEchearn showed that he belongs in the backline with some excellent ball skills and strong runs that set the tone for the team. Tom Mitchell and George Wood were big inclusions for the backline.</p> <p>Special mention: Sova Porgara who wowed the crowd and confused the opposition with his twinkle toes. The game was played in good spirit and looking forward to Padua this coming weekend.</p>



8A	<p>Another great performance by the team to set up a top of the table clash with their rivals from Padua College this Saturday.</p> <p>There was some great running by Taavi Upchurch, Sean Bright and Pat Anderson through the middle with some skilful offloading by the forward pack that led to some great tries. Reuben Downes and Jonah Miles were their usual energetic selves doing important work around the field in support of the team. The entire backline improves their skill every week and are exceptional at finishing off their opportunities created by the forwards.</p>
8B	<p>8B's had another strong performance on the week end with clinical phase play that build continuous pressure across the park. Set Piece was dominate which laid the platform for our backs to get front foot ball and take advantage of the backpadding St Pats Defence. This week against Padua will certainly be another tough encounter, but the 13B's relish playing in these high pressure environments. Bring it on!!!</p>
7A	<p>Following a much more difficult game against St. Edmund's the 7A's had a tough week of training focusing on defence and the breakdown in preparation for the challenge of St. Patrick's at Curlew Park. After an impassioned start by SPC, the boys rode out their early storm to take control of the match showing breakdown superiority and some counter-attacking flair to score some brilliant long-range tries. Leading 40-0 at the half, Ollie Millard showed some maturity beyond his years as a playmaker to control the pace of the game and keep the boys on task. Elliott Aldridge showed magnificent leadership of the forwards to create havoc in the rucks, stealing the ball all over the field before the backs spread the ball wide for some enterprising running Rugby – particularly by Sean Green – and skilful support play to finish the game with an 80-5 win.</p> <p>Onto Padua this weekend to decide the pool!</p>
7B	<p><i>The boys took the next step forward in their MCA AIC Rugby Year 7 2020 experience. An early kick-off (8am) appears to agree with the teams body clock. The standout performance of the match was that of Jake Caughley (Right Flanker). Jake previously a winger embraced the opportunity to start the game as a loose forward. He demonstrated significant commitment in both attack and defence. Outstanding effort. Jake 's performance was complemented by Jack Boyd (Hooker) who had an impressive game. Props Tyler Chan (Right Prop) and Talis Mark (Left Prop) dominated with Matthew Lyons (Right Lock), Cooper McGinn (Left Lock), Angus Cope (Left Flanker) and Captain Josh Heinrich (No 8) all delivering strong performances. Tom Clulow (Half-Back) was again selfless dishing consistent clean ball to Carter McDonald (Fly-Half). Carter's spatial awareness allowed his kicking game to shine. Centres Liam Farrelly (Vice Captain-Right Inside Centre) and Jacob Cook (Left Outside-Centre) saw plenty open paddock. Tadhg Ryan(Left Wing), Max Walker (Right Wing) and Hamish Munro (Fullback) respective positional play was pleasing. Their willingness to listen, ask questions and then apply the learned technique on game day is commended. Thank you to Huw Howell (Utility) for your significant effort. Huw's first season of Rugby -one to watch Mr Thorn? MCA 7Bs are on the march – Padua College-watch out here we come!!</i></p>
7D	<p>Ashgrove 7Ds Defeat Iona 7Ds, 21 - 14 with courageous defense and stunning attack. An early Ashgrove try to elusive fullback Finn Kennedy followed up by the trusty boot of Dan Gallagher gave the impression that we would be in for a one-sided competition until a flashy Iona backline struck back with 7 points of their own. With ball in hand, the Ashgrove forwards rumbled up the field, helped in turn by our talented backline until eventually big Maxy Hammond crashed over for a try of his own. Once again converted</p>



	<p>by Gallagher. Another converted try kept Iona in the contest, closing out the half at 14 all. Playing with only one reserve, the boys were battered and bruised heading into the break but nonetheless were committed to closing out the game in the second half. The boys are to be commended for defending a skilful Iona backline and strong forward pack in good field position for a good portion of the second half especially having lost two key defensive players in Ash Mckinnon and Christian Gehle players to injury. In the end it was a Cam McClure special and another conversion to Gallagher that sealed the deal at 21-14. Each and every player was essential in producing a great win and a very entertaining game of footy. On to Padua!</p>
6A	<p>An injury depleted 6A's team were put to the test this week with many boys playing out of position and many backing up from their Bs game against Nudgee College. This saw the likes of Jonah Wilde playing in the unfamiliar role of fly half, which he did with ease with excellent communication and direction between himself and his scrum half, Jude Dearing. The focus of training this week was to enter every ruck with intent and purpose. This was clearly evident in the first ten minutes of the game with our enforcers, Will Slater and James Gissing creating turn-overs due to their effort plays in the ruck which lead to the team shifting the ball wide and scoring tries through Taj Cook and Mac Connelly.</p>
6B	<p>The boys travelled out to play Nudgee College 12Cs, for a GPS v AIC crossover. Aside from a few simple errors the Marist boys showed great fight and effort to stay in the game. A great battle in the forwards and some good display from the backs were some great signs throughout the game, but it just wasn't enough against a strong Nudgee side.</p>
6C	<p>The boys played well. With some great performances throughout the team. Solid effort to climb back on top of SPC but fell just short. All in all, it is great some great team cohesion and improvements from the team, looking forward to continuing this in the games to come.</p>
6 GOLD	<p>Starting the game down numbers against a very quick St Peter's team the boys put in a very physical effort and big runs from Tyson and Daniel put the MCA boys on the board early. Jack Pye had a brilliant performance with many chase down try saving tackles as well as a great defensive effort from Tom long who got involved in every tackle and caused multiple turnovers. The boys had a great effort and dug deep for the entire game and fought extremely hard till the final whistle.</p>
5A	<p>In their most complete performance of the season so far, the 5As dominated possession from the get go, on the back of some excellent work at the breakdown from the forwards. An early Harry Bardon double gave the team a 12-0 lead going into the break and two more tries in the second half capped off the team's best match of the season. Well done boys, huge game coming up next week!</p>
5B	<p>While the forwards did a great job of securing clean ball for the team, the backs did a great job taking advantage of the windy conditions with 3 tries coming off the back of long-range kicks from fly half Ryan Browne. Tough running and pride in our defence put us in great field position to be able to attack with width and score 5 tries against a well drilled St Pat's team.</p>
5C	<p>What a turn-around! The boys played excellent from the start to the end without getting complacent. Tackling and rucking was a huge improvement from last week. Coaches were most proud of their sportsmanship, respect to the referee and other team.</p>
5 GOLD	<p>A great defensive performance from the boys headed by a tackling masterclass from the likes of Harvey, Jesse and Charlie. Dominant in the first half thanks to the rucking prowess of the forwards and hard running of the backs. The lads put 17 points on before they defended for almost the entire second half. Well done to Caleb who produced two try saving tackles in a row to seal the victory for Marist.</p>



5 WHITE

Great game all round game from MCA 5 White. After a close first half, the boys came together and committed themselves excellently at the break down and as a result, set up some fantastic running tries. A phenomenal first win of the season.

