



# Rugby Results

Team	Villa	Padua	Iona		SPC	SLC	
<b>6A</b> Player of the Match	Marist 22 Villa 5 Finn Beaver	Marist 31 Padua 5 Finley Elphinston	Iona 21 Marist 0				
<b>6B</b> Player of the Match	Villa 26 Marist 19 Balthazar Caesar	Padua 21 Marist 0 Connor Henderson	Marist 7 Iona 7 Balthazar Caesar				
<b>6C</b> Player of the Match	Villa 29 Marist 26 Harry Nolan		Marist 26 Iona 10 Harry Nolan				
<b>5A</b> Player of the Match	Marist 29 Villa 5 Angus Graham	Marist 46 Padua 10 Mason Loli	Marist 14 Iona 10 Harry Kirkman				
<b>5B</b> Player of the Match	Marist 74 Villa 0 Harry Geraghty	Marist 54 Padua 0 Cameron Murphy	Marist 26 Iona 17 Charlie Maclean				
<b>5C</b> Player of the Match	Marist 55 Villa 0 Will Robbins	Marist 36 Padua 5 Charlie Taylor	Marist 7 Iona 0 James Midgley				
<b>5D</b> Player of the Match	Padua 35 Marist 5 Clancy Schmidt	Marist 25 SLC 5C 15 Ollie Hockings	Iona 5C 17 Marist 7 Clancy Schmidt				





## Around the Grounds

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### 6A

In a challenging encounter, Iona College asserted their superiority over Marist College, securing a 21-0 victory. The match highlighted Iona's formidable strength at the breakdown and in the tackle contest, making it a tough day for the Marist 6A side.

From the outset, Iona's physicality and skill at the breakdown disrupted Marist's rhythm. Injuries to six of the starting fifteen further compounded the team's difficulties. The absence of key players saw Marist lose their shape, leading to easy turnovers and hindering their ability to build any meaningful momentum.

Despite these setbacks, the Marist boys displayed commendable resilience, battling hard until the final whistle. However, their efforts were continuously thwarted by a resolute Iona defence that stood firm throughout the match, preventing Marist from getting on the scoreboard. In a testament to the spirit of MARist Rugby, several 6B players stepped up to fill the gaps left by the injured starters, facing a daunting challenge head-on. Their contributions were invaluable, and their willingness to step into the breach was a bright spot on an otherwise tough day for Marist College.

While the 21-0 scoreline reflects a dominant performance by Iona, Marist can take heart from their determination and the grit shown by the entire squad, including the brave 6B reinforcements. The team will look to regroup, recover, and come back stronger next week.

### 6B

Another huge performance against a dogged Iona team, but at the full time whistle you could see on everyone's faces that this was a win that got away.

We started slowly and let Iona take the lead before we'd even touched the ball. Fortunately, this seemed to wake us up and all of a sudden we were winning the breakdown and putting Iona under pressure. We levelled the score and went into the break with momentum. The boys dominated the second half but dropped the ball at or over the line on at least 3 occasions. Iona deserve a lot of credit for hanging on in a match where they had little ball or territory.

It was awesome to see our players step up and start making tackles as this is something we worked hard on last week at training. Some more work needs to be done around organisation and game management, so that will be the theme this week at training.

Well done boys and happy birthday to our ever elusive fullback Sam!

### 6C

Off the back of tough defeats at the hands of the Padua and Marist 6B sides, the 6Cs could have been discouraged and let it affect their season, but the boys put in some hard work during the week and it paid dividends on Saturday.

Across Tuesday and Thursday's training sessions, a big emphasis was put on getting our tackles right with good body height and power to drive the opponent back. The boys were very impressive in defence against Iona, with fullback Harry Nolan leading the way in defensive efforts as well as scoring the opening try via a well-read intercept.

Some clever counter-rucking from the forwards (particularly Joey Healy) caused Iona headaches all game, opening more opportunities for the backs to spread the ball wide. Hardy





Marks scored yet another try, while Harvey Wise showed his incredible turn of pace to run 70m to score, rounding off a comfortable win for the boys.

Special mention also goes to Harry Lewis who made 3 of his 4 conversion attempts, including some at difficult angles.

A priority this week will be to not let the standards drop and carry this momentum forward for the rest of the season. Well done lads!

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### 5A

Grit, determination, and a never give up attitude! Phrases that really summed up the 5A rugby teams performance. After a disjointed warm up where our photos went over and we only had 10 minutes to prepare, Iona scored in the first 2 minutes. It was the reality kick we needed. After the restart, Marist dug deep and began to string phase together and dominated the breakdown. Harry Kirkman scored from a pick and drive, followed by Mason Loli right on halftime. Noah Newman converted both tries. Halftime was 14-5. Iona scored in the second half to decrease the margin to 2 but Marist continued to dig deep. A truly remarkable performance from the boys.

### 5B

The 5B Marist rugby team showcased their grit and determination in a hard-fought 26-17 victory against Iona this past Saturday morning. Anticipating a formidable opponent, the team rose to the challenge, demonstrating resilience and strategic play throughout the match. While Iona proved strong around the ruck and capitalized on some errors, our boys maintained control of the game's tempo, securing possession and executing the trademark Marist style of rugby. Charlie Maclean's standout performance, highlighted by dominant tackles and a spectacular try, earned him the well-deserved Man of the Match accolade. However, it was truly a team effort, with numerous players contributing to the victory. Congratulations to the entire team for their outstanding performance and teamwork.

### 5C

Coming away with a win against Iona, the boys demonstrated impressive skills in dominating the ruck and displayed excellent teamwork and communication throughout the game. James Midgley's standout performance as the man of the match was exceptional, and Jamie Hynes's determination to keep playing despite being injured spoke volumes about his commitment to the team. Will Robbins's leadership and impressive runs undoubtedly played a crucial role in the team's performance. While there's always room for improvement, particularly in defence, the boys played an awesome game of rugby.

### 5D

A challenging first half against the C's forced the boys to work hard. Some good forward momentum was not enough to keep the Cs out. Their playmaking seemed to leave the Ds in shambles and left easy gaps for the boys to run through.

Second half against Iona seemed a closer fit. Good individual runs from the boys just weren't enough this morning. The lack of team play was the deciding factor. Would have been a no try day for the boys if it weren't for Schmidt's excellent efforts in halfback and a sneaky run himself to get over.

Good game boys plenty to look at this week in training.

