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## **Marist First VIII – Straight into Grand Final – 5 September 2009**

Congratulations to the U18s team for making its second consecutive Grand Final. After a hard fought match against Belconnen the team now has a weeks rest to prepare for the Grand Final.

## **Marist ACT SSSA Representatives**

Five Marist Under 16 players were selected in the ACT Secondary Schools Australian Football team that travelled to the Sunshine Coast, QLD, in late July. Sam Kobal, Tim Catlin, Sean Drummond, Jack O'Halloran and Nic Hall provided the largest representation from any one club in the ACT team and acquitted themselves well in games against QLD, two WA teams, the NT and NSW. Highlight of the competition was a close win against WA2. ACT also had a very close game (loss) against NT and a highly competitive game against a more fancied NSW team. All five Marist players gained valuable football experience, having to step up in a national competition which was notable for its speed and skill level.

## **CATS U13's Team Announced**

After a very impressive selection trial day at Hanging Rock Oval Bateman's Bay on Sunday, selectors have finalised squad for the Under 13s ACT/Sth COAST CATS that will participate in the State Zone Trials at Albury in October.

Congratulations to the following Marist players in being picked for the team.



Brad Burns  
Marco D'Amico

Thomas Murphy  
Ryan Sandison

## **Junior Finals Information – Season 2009**

Congratulations to both the U12 and U14 Div 1 teams who have advanced to the finals series.

We wish them luck for their games on Saturday 29 August and encourage everyone to go along and support the players.



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| Division                     | Final                    | Teams  | Venue           | Time          |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|--|-----------------|---------------|
| <b>Saturday 29 August</b>    |                          |  |                 |               |
| U12                          | First Semi Final         | Belconnen Cats vs Belconnen Magpies            | Reid 102        | 9.00am        |
| U14 Div 2                    | First Semi Final         | St Edmunds White vs Gungahlin Jets             | Reid 102        | 11.00am       |
| <b>U14 Div 1</b>             | <b>First Semi Final</b>  | <b>Marist vs Queanbeyan Tigers</b>             | <b>Reid 101</b> | <b>9.00am</b> |
| U16 Div 2                    | First Semi Final         | Belconnen Magpies Teal vs Eastlake             | Reid 101        | 11.00am       |
| U16 Div 1                    | First Semi Final         | Eastlake vs St Edmunds Tigers                  | Reid 101        | 1.00pm        |
| <b>U12</b>                   |                          |  |                 |               |
|                              | <b>Second Semi Final</b> | <b>Marist vs Tuggeranong Lions</b>             | <b>Holt 103</b> | <b>9.00am</b> |
| U14 Div 2                    | Second Semi Final        | Weston Ck Wildcats vs St Edmunds Blue          | Holt 103        | 11.00am       |
| U14 Div 1                    | Second Semi Final        | Belconnen Cats vs Tuggeranong Hawks            | Holt 301        | 9.00am        |
| U16 Div 2                    | Second Semi Final        | Gungahlin Jets vs Queanbeyan / Goulburn Tigers | Holt 301        | 11.00am       |
| U16 Div 1                    | Second Semi Final        | Belconnen Magpies vs Ainslie                   | Holt 301        | 1.00pm        |
| <b>Sunday 6 September</b>    |                          |  |                 |               |
| U12                          | Preliminary Finals       | Loser 1 v 2 vs Winner 3 v 4                    | RMC - Oval 3    | 9.00am        |
| U14 Div 2                    | Preliminary Finals       | Loser 1 v 2 vs Winner 3 v 4                    | RMC - Oval 3    | 11.00am       |
| U14 Div 1                    | Preliminary Finals       | Loser 1 v 2 vs Winner 3 v 4                    | RMC - Oval 4    | 9.00am        |
| U16 Div 2                    | Preliminary Finals       | Loser 1 v 2 vs Winner 3 v 4                    | RMC - Oval 4    | 11.00am       |
| U16 Div 1                    | Preliminary Finals       | Loser 1 v 2 vs Winner 3 v 4                    | RMC - Oval 4    | 1.00pm        |
| <b>Saturday 12 September</b> |                          |  |                 |               |
| U12                          | Grand Final              | Winner 1 v 2 vs Winner Prelim Final            | Kingston Oval   | 9.00am        |
| U14 Div 2                    | Grand Final              | Winner 1 v 2 vs Winner Prelim Final            | Kingston Oval   | 11.15am       |
| U14 Div 1                    | Grand Final              | Winner 1 v 2 vs Winner Prelim Final            | Manuka Oval     | 9.00am        |
| U16 Div 2                    | Grand Final              | Winner 1 v 2 vs Winner Prelim Final            | Manuka Oval     | 11.15am       |
| U16 Div 1                    | Grand Final              | Winner 1 v 2 vs Winner Prelim Final            | Manuka Oval     | 1.30pm        |

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## MAFC U18's

**First Semi-Final:** Manuka Oval, Saturday August 22, 2009



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|------------------|-----|-----|-----|-------|----|
| <b>MARIST</b>    | 4.3 | 4.4 | 8.9 | 11.11 | 77 |
| <b>Belconnen</b> | 1.3 | 5.5 | 6.6 | 8.7   | 55 |

**Goals:** D Campbell 7, J. Eagle, D. Garlick, S. Kelly, A. McManus

**Best Players:** L. Cusack, R. McMahon, D. Campbell, N. Kane, D. Garlick, L. Collins

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## MAFC U16's Div 1

**Round 14:** Lindwall, Saturday August 225, 2009



|                |     |     |     |     |    |
|----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| <b>MARIST</b>  | 1.0 | 2.4 | 2.5 | 5.9 | 39 |
| <b>Ainslie</b> | 3.1 | 4.2 | 6.6 | 9.7 | 61 |

**Goals:** Mahon, Shafron, McLachlan, O'Halloran

**Best Players:** The TEAM

Knowing that a big win was needed for Marist to keep its finals hopes alive, the stage was set for a desperate clash in the final home and away game of the season. Toppling Ainslie by 40 points was needed to allow Marist to displace the Saints from a finals berth - a target not unrealistic knowing we had beaten Ainslie before and having the advantage of a home game supported by a large Blue and Blue crowd. Although bolstered by having the best available team we had seen for eight weeks, sadly it wasn't to be Marist's day. The season ended for a team that had shown much promise yet was plagued by injury, absences, a lack of numbers at crucial games, and indeed missed opportunities in 2009.

A nervous start was quickly settled with Marist the first to goal. Brad Fenech's quick hands found a full pace Jack O'Halloran come from the bench to burst around the pack on the forward flank and deliver to Sam Colbert, whose lightning fast handball set up Tim Shafron directly in front. Unfortunately Ainslie responded quickly and kept the ball in their forward line for most of the remainder of the quarter. Marist mistakes were costly and the Saints were able to shut down any Marist attempt to switch the play. Our backs were required to



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work much harder than they should have, yet Tom Short lead the defence clearing from the backline with aggression. Ainslie created more opportunities and kicked accurately at goal. Positive signs were there however. Steve Kenny was dominating the rucks, but we couldn't quite turn the centre clearances into a Marist advantage. Jack and Tim Catlin were making an impact, running hard off the bench. Ciaran O'Rourke, Kirk Mahon, Jordan Linehan, Rohan McLachlan, and Matt Laing were all in the contest – but needed more of the team to join them. The coach demanded harder tackling, work the switch, want the ball, and get numbers to the contest.

The second quarter was more even. Marist dominated possession yet poor accuracy, skills and simple mistakes robbed the team of the opportunity to take the lead at half time. At full forward Liam Flaherty worked hard to present himself, but team plays failed to deliver to his front. Jarrod Covington and Tom Dryburgh played tough football in front of their opponents and showed strong hands in both air and ground contests. Sean Drummond provided run and set up plays. Sam Colbert, Tom Eagle and Ethan Miles showed the commitment which the coach had asked for at quarter time. Matt Laing provided the run of the day with three individual efforts in the one play starting from the wing, through a series of handballs, combining with a hardworking Daniel Drew, and lobbing the ball into the goal square for a Rohan one-handed 'specky' and goal.

The second half started in style. The team was fired up having reduced the deficit to eight points at the major change. A textbook centre clearance win from congestion through Steve, Jordan and Jack set up Kiefer Martyn on the wing to drive deep into the forward 50 - where Marist kept the attack for the first five minutes but only managed to score one behind. Tristan Kilpatrick provided additional rest for the on-ballers and took the field in excellent club spirit, despite having played in the earlier Div 2 game. The next 10 minutes, however, were all Ainslie who were much cleaner with their use of the ball and delivered better to their forwards. The Saints poured on the next 28 points and slowly put the game out of Marist's reach.

At the last change Michael challenged every player to commit and enjoy the last quarter. Yet with the stronger breeze a win was still 'doable' if our game could come together. The senior player leadership asked the team to do it for themselves, the club, supporters and school. The team responded, Marist fired and won the quarter with a show of commitment and aggression that was lacking earlier. Tim Shafron, Rohan and Brad showed that Marist wouldn't be intimidated. Sam Colbert showed similar individual aggression (and earned warnings from a certain Mum on the sideline!). Ciaran persisted with attacking



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the ball, winning possession time and again. Kirk continued to win his plays and show composure under pressure. Jack gave it his all and was rewarded by putting his body on the line and winning the free to goal in front. Matt Toogood wouldn't give up and Sam Kobal was physical in the contest. Tim Catlin continued to work hard. Nic Hall came to life and provided a burst of speed to clear through the centre, setting up a passage through the hands of Sam Kobal, Kirk, Jarrod, Ciaran and a goal square mark by Jordan who unselfishly handballed to Kirk for goal. While Ainslie didn't appear to be threatened, to Marist's credit the Blue and Blues fought hard and came from the field at least content that they didn't fold at the death knoll and won their final quarter for the season. Coach, parents and supporters were proud of the team, despite not being able to make four quarters of football come together on the day.

While the team won't be present in the finals, the season had its successes and was notable for the strong support of the parents and the club committee. While many contributed, thanks are extended to Mark Laing for his runner duties and assisting Michael with game day advice, Tim McNally for his physio/trainer support (increasingly busy as the season went on), Martin Drummond for his dedication and assistance at training and other roles as required every Saturday, Martin Shafron and Greg Catlin in boundary duties, Steve Colbert for timekeeping every week and keeping up with the coach in scribing notes, and finally the dedicated parents, siblings and supporters who helped in the canteen, behind goals, provided oranges and snakes, and other duties. Special mention to the numerous committee members who provided necessary guidance and support, noting Chris Toogood and Brendan O'Rourke who were routinely present on training nights to assist with smoothing out any necessary administration.

Most of all the thanks of both players and parents go to coach Michael, who, while restricted in the player availability he would have liked during the season, managed to take a group of young men and not only further develop their skills, but introduce them to a higher level of thinking in football and teach them the discipline necessary for team success.

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## MAFC U16 Div 2

Round 13: Amaroo, Saturday August 15, 2009



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|-----------------------|-----|-----|-------|-------|----|
| <b>MARIST</b>         | 0.2 | 0.3 | 1.4   | 2.7   | 19 |
| <b>Gunghalin Jets</b> | 5.5 | 6.9 | 12.11 | 14.13 | 97 |

Best Players: Tom Crowe, John Sherring, Brad McLean, Mason Rose-Campbell, James Franklin, Tim Carton

The write-up of the boys' first encounter with Gunghalin concluded with the observation: 'What more could we want? Not much. It was a good effort against a bigger, faster, hard tackling side worthy on the day of Div 1.'

Little changed for the rematch. Gunghalin again looked a division above the boys. Although the Jets were held to a lower score, our own performance was down, at least on the scoreboard. Certainly, we could not take advantage of the wind in Quarters 2 and 4 by scoring heavily (despite numerous sprays at goal), but did hold the Jets extremely well in those quarters.

The boys were obliged to work hard all day, running and tackling constantly to stem the power of the Jet's midfield and their long, direct kicking to their forward line. We claim effective defensive rebounds from Keifer Martyn, Matt Toogood, and Brad McLean and strong marking of James Franklin, Sam Langley, Tom Crowe and Niti Prasad.

Our thanks to the Div 1 boys who helped out with numbers. After a number of weeks of barely scrapping together 18 because of illness and Div 1 promotions, and a forfeit when we couldn't raise a quorum, we look forward to the final game of the year against Eddies with a full complement.

## MAFC U16 Div 2

Round 14: Lindwall, Saturday August 22, 2009

|                   |      |      |       |       |    |
|-------------------|------|------|-------|-------|----|
| <b>MARIST</b>     | 1.0  | 2.2  | 2.3   | 2.6   | 18 |
| <b>St Edmunds</b> | 3.11 | 7.14 | 11.20 | 12.23 | 95 |

**Best:** Entire team.

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In an outstanding display of courage and skill against formidable opposition, the 16 Div 2 boys, a motley collection of under 14s and depleted, battle-worn regulars, sent their coaches, support staff and parents home feeling pleased that the best code of all had been well-served by their efforts.

Players were rotated through quarters to squeeze any advantage. It took until the last quarter to get the mix right, but it was worth it. The defence again earned praise for the way they tackled their high workload. Time after time Niti Prasad, John Sherring, Mason Rose-Campbell, Henry Linehan, Jordan Fulton, Nick Dunham and Traistan Kilpatrick put in for hard-earned possessions. The occasional drives forward came from gritty play – nothing was won easily. The centres and forwards looked up to the tallest backline we have played against. Shaun Mills, Joe Grimes, Matt Clark, Sam Langle, Tom Crowe (who also played a role in the backline and on the ball) and Stephan D'Amico contested well, with Ryan Smyth, Matthew Shakestaff, Henry Linehan, Grange McMahon, Jacob O'Brien and the two McLean boys letting Eddies know this was no cakewalk!

Tom Eagle played his mix of tall and small man rolls superbly, leading by example from the first bounce. Tim Carton cramped late in the game from his overall efforts and his superb kicking out duties after opposition behinds. James Franklin made his presence felt in the face of overwhelming opposition at times. Though out tall-timbered, he never took a backward step and again kept Marist's head held high.

That's the team that played on Saturday. From the list at round three there eight names missing, most by promotion to Div 1, plus two injuries and one illness. This scribe has been watching junior footy for 15 years and has not previously seen such a depleted team and had not seen better displays of courage and good spirits when the odds were with the opposition.

Forget the scorelines. We started well, we finished well. Well may you say 'There's always next year' but we say well done boys!



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## MAFC U14 Div 1

**Round 14:** Lindwall, Wednesday August 19, 2009

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|-----------------------|-----|------|-------|-------|-----|
| <b>MARIST</b>         | 2.4 | 2.5  | 3.8   | 4.8   | 32  |
| <b>Belconnen Cats</b> | 2.3 | 10.9 | 12.17 | 15.20 | 110 |

**Goals:** S. Darcy, M. Pert, S. Short, C. Watson

**Best Players:** C. Watson, L. Harman, J. Kidd, D. McLean, S. Darcy, J. Fisher

Sadly Marist U14 Div 1's perfect home record has come to an end in the final match of the season. The Belconnen Cats were again far too strong in this rescheduled Round 14 clash with Marist at Lindwall (played Wednesday after school). But there were some positives to draw out of the game. The Blue and Blues kicked the competition's highest score of the season against the Cats, kicked the most scoring shots and were the only team this season to actually win a quarter against them (albeit just by a point).

The opening quarter was a very even affair. Belconnen scored first with a goal after only 10 seconds but within a minute Marist replied with a goal to Shae Darcy. A period of Marist domination then followed and the boy's efforts were deservedly rewarded when Matthew Pert steered through a well taken goal. The Cats added a 2nd as momentum swung back to the visitors who were full of running but Marist held firm and went into the first break with a 1 point advantage. High possessions for the quarter were recorded by Shae Darcy (6 kicks) and Thomas Murphy (4 kicks). Meanwhile Marist fired up and very resolute Marist defence seemed to have the measure of the fearsome Belconnen Cats forwards. Noted especially were some good tackles by Lewis Harman, Brad Burns, Jaspar Kidd, Chris Watson and Sam Short.

Unfortunately all the good work and promise of the 1st quarter was undone in the 2nd quarter. What happened in this quarter seemed to defy any rational explanation. If Her Majesty were present at this game she would probably call this Marist's 'Quarterus Horribilus.' The Marist intensity that underscored the good showing in the opening term mysteriously evaporated. It was almost a mirror of Marist's disastrous 3rd quarter lapses against the Hawks the previous week. Marks that should have been contested were uncontested and the good Marist tackling of the 1st quarter had all but disappeared. At first the Cats probably themselves surprised at the latitude they were suddenly getting had trouble finding their range but when the first goal came the flood gates opened. 7 more goals were kicked without answer allowing Belconnen to race away to 10.9 to 2.5 lead at

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the main break.

A more focused and invigorated Marist took to the field at the beginning of the 3rd quarter. Momentum was still with the Cats but renewed Marist pressure resulted in Belconnen suddenly having the 'yips' in front of goal. The pressure was so intense that the Belconnen forwards who had put the Marist defence to the sword in the previous quarter now struggled to have a clean shot at goal. Kicking 5 straight behinds before registering their first goal mid way through the quarter the Cats were then stung by a Sam Short goal against the run of play. The goal seemed to inspire the local team to be more adventurous going forward. Marist now began to get on top in contests keeping the ball camped for long periods in their attacking half. This period of domination however did not result in further Marist goals but with a bit more luck the 3 points that were scored late in the quarter could easily have been goals and this would have set up an interesting last quarter. Shae Darcy and Jordan Fulton were the quarter's high possession users of the ball with 5 disposals each also busy was Matthew Clark with 4 kicks and excellent tackles were laid by Daniel Mclean, Sean Maloney and Chris Watson.

The sun was not far from setting when the Cats took a comfortable 12.17 to 3.8 lead into the final quarter. In the circumstances it would have been easy to forgive the team for simply rolling over but to its credit the team fought the match out to the end. The intensity and spoiling of Lewis Harman was especially notable along with the tackling of Sean Maloney, Will Lane, Ryan Sandison and Jeremy Fisher. High disposal contributors this quarter were Jordan Fulton, Thomas Murphy, Sam Short, James Mckenna and Shae Darcy. A spectacular goal on the run by Chris Watson capping off one of his best performances for Marist this year added the final score to Marist's match tally of 4.8 – not a huge score in the scheme of things but an excellent result given the obvious strength of our opponents. Special mention should also be made of the goal umpire wearing a Marist uniform. His goal umpiring antics were a nostalgic and entertaining throw back to the days when the men in white coats had a much greater sense of self importance. Finally a big thank you to Brendan O'Rourke for opening the Lindwall Shop and providing grateful parents with much needed coffee sustenance on a bitterly cold Wednesday afternoon.

The Round 14 result means Marist has finished 3rd with 9 wins and 5 wins and can now look forward to playing finals football including a potential rematch with his its arch rival the Tuggeranong Hawks should Marist emerge the victor from Saturday's elimination final against the Queanbeyan Tigers. Good luck to the boys.



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## MAFC U14 Div 2

Round 14: Gordon, Saturday August 22, 2009

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|-----------------------------|------|----|
| <b>MARIST</b>               | 6.16 | 52 |
| <b>Tuggeranong Bulldogs</b> | 4.6  | 30 |

**Best Players:** Pat Jackson, David Cox, James Hicks, James Correll, Ryan Catelli, Chris Kemp.

Over the previous weeks, the team had a bye and a significant defeat by Weston Creek Wildcats. We also hadn't won a game for about 7 weeks. The last round therefore posed some challenges in terms of finishing the season on a high. We were also up against Tuggeranong Bulldogs; the team we beat by a point in Round 1.

Marist ran with the wind in the first quarter and dominated play. Two early goals to spearhead James Correll and one to Gus McManus saw Marist take the early advantage. Unfortunately, our 3 goals were then added to by 9 behinds as our enthusiasm saw us crowd the forward line making it difficult to achieve clear shots at goal. Still ... our best quarter for the year and a good start.

Bulldogs had the wind in the 2nd quarter and put the Marist backline under continual pressure. In a magnificent performance, the defense (as it has all year) played strongly and repelled many Bulldogs attacks. End result, no scores at our end but only 2 goals to Bulldogs. Marist ahead at half time.

Kicking with the wind in the 3rd quarter, we had many opportunities. James Correll and Daniel Grant both kicked majors but other attempts resulted in behinds or out-of-bounds. Up the other end, Bulldogs kicked a goal against the wind ... which cancelled out some of our efforts. At the final change, Marist 43 to 24 - up by three and a bit goals ... would it be enough?

The challenge went out to the team. We need to lift as we never have before. We need a sustained quarter of good team football to hold Bulldogs out.

The last quarter opened with play predominantly around the middle of the ground. Bulldogs broke out and launched a speculator from well outside the 50 ... it bounced, and bounced



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... and went through for a goal. Marist only up by 2 goals!

We'll never know what happened for sure but this goal seemed to flick a switch which raised the standard of skills and teamwork exhibited by Marist to a standard worthy of the AFL. We handballed to effect, we kicked to space, we ran and carried the ball, we shepherded, we hit targets. All the elements the coaches had been looking for all season came into play. Against the wind, Marist dominated play with the ball rarely venturing into the Bulldogs 50. This good work culminated in a sealer to Daniel Grant.

An inspirational end to a season that, while it didn't feature a lot of wins, saw all the players improve their individual skills. Importantly, the last quarter showed what they are capable of achieving as a team ... something to take into next season.

## MAFC U12

**Round 14:** Gordon, Saturday August 22, 2009

|                             |     |     |     |     |    |
|-----------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| <b>MARIST</b>               | 3.2 | 4.3 | 7.4 | 7.5 | 47 |
| <b>Tuggeranong Bulldogs</b> | 0.0 | 1.3 | 2.4 | 4.5 | 29 |



**Goals:** Sam De Sousa 3, Michael Barlow, Josh McGovern, Jack Briggs and Dean Simpson.

**Player and Encouragement Awards:** Callam Kilgariff, Joe Lawler, Jacob Levien, Michael Barlow, Harry Terrill, Angus Dryburgh, Jeremy Manuelpillai and Will Campbell.

Marist's last match for the season before the finals was played away at Gordon Oval, heartland of the Tuggeranong Bulldogs. A win today would see Marist finish Minor Premiers, having held the top spot on the ladder for most of the season. It was a good day for footy even with a chill in the air through an icy breeze blowing from off the snowy mountains. Both teams faced off moments before the siren, each I'm sure with determination in their eyes. With their previous encounter at Marist's home ground earlier in the season, easily accounting for the Bulldogs, Marist would be seeking to make to two from two in what would cap off a good season for Marist. As the siren sounded, Marist contested the bounce, taking control of the ball early and delivering to the forward half flank. Quick hands to Michael Barlow saw the first goal of the match kicked within the first minute and possibly a record for Marist. Boosted with confidence, Marist set about repeating this performance, managing to mount a three goal advantage half way through

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the first quarter with further assistance from Jack Briggs and Sam De Sousa. A great start however Marist coasted for the remainder of the quarter.

After being held scoreless in the first quarter the Bulldogs came out stronger and more determined. Marist seemed to still be coasting which allowed the Bulldogs the opportunities they needed to put them on the scoreboard. Marist held the hosts at various points and managed a free kick which they narrowly missed. However, another opportunity from a free kick for Marist came late in the second quarter with Josh McGovern caught high. Josh lined up on a forty five degree angle and put the ball through for Marist's equaliser of the quarter. The remainder of the quarter saw both teams despatched to all areas of the ground with Marist coasting in attack and holding fast in defence. At the end of the second quarter little progress from either side was made on the scoreboard however, the boys came off ready for a refreshing drink and a chance to regroup at the half time break.

Coach Simon instructed Marist to man up and put some distance between the home side and themselves on the scoreboard. As the siren sounded the commencement of the third quarter that is exactly what the Marist boys did, punishing the opposition attack and setting themselves for their own attack. First goal of the third quarter came through a well orchestrated manoeuvre from Ben Van Meurs to Lachlan Moon, who then sent the ball to Sam De Sousa. Sam lined up for his second goal of the match, advancing Marist's efforts and entertaining onlookers. An unfavourable bounce had the bulldogs in possession and looked set to capitalise on a slow Marist defence. Great defence by Ben van Meurs stalled the Bulldogs attack and sent the ball back and through a succession of disposals. Together with Will Campbell, Jeremy Manuelpillai and Hugh Weber, the ball propelled towards the Marist forward line with quick hands to Sam De Sousa saw a 'specky' of a goal – Leon Davis style - kicked end on end and using the outside of his foot had the ball roll through for a well deserved goal, and Sam's third for the match. However, Marist was not done yet. Minutes later Marist found themselves in a good position and through the safe hands of Dean Simpson, marked the ball near goal for his first of the match. The Bulldogs managed to respond with a consolation goal just before the three quarter time siren.

Marist in the fourth quarter could sense a win and began to once again coast. This provided the opportunity once again for the home side to mount an attack with the Bulldogs posting the first goal for the quarter. Marist looked unphased by this and within



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minutes the Bulldogs had managed a second goal, narrowing the margin between them and Marist. This must have sparked something in Marist as the Bulldogs looked like a team fighting to the end. Marist held on and managed to keep the home side at bay as the seconds counted down to the final siren. Nervous looks around the ground were common as supporters of both sides watched on as the Bulldogs and Marist battled it out. Nervous looks soon turned to jubilee as the siren signalled the end of the match and the end of the season qualifying matches to take Marist to the finals. Marist had finished as Minor Premiers; with all that hard work paying off the real test would begin with next week's first finals match. Well done to the Blue and Blues for a great effort all year and special thanks to Coaching, Management and all the ground helpers for their excellent help each week. Next week's game start will be fifteen minutes earlier if the boys can be at the oval by 8.15am that would be appreciated.

**The fixture for next week, first round of the Finals will be confirmed throughout the week by the Team Manager with ladder positions 1 v 2 at Holt, starting at 9am on Sat 29 August.**

## MAFC U11

**Round 14:** Pearce, Saturday August 22, 2009

## MARIST

### Gungahlin Jets

Marist top 'n tailed the season facing the Gungahlin Jets on a moist paddock with clear skies and a steady wind from the North West. There was a great turn out of interested parents, relatives and friends for the final game of the season. Marist matched the opposition at first but showed they weren't hungry enough for the ball and let the Jets control the game for the bulk of the first quarter. Lachlan was rewarded with our first goal of the match before the siren sounded.

Coach Morwitch was not happy at the break and encouraged the boys to keep up the talk and motivate one another. The aim of the second quarter was to stay in position and to put more pump in the legs. Coach Morwitch worked his magic and this was all that was needed to spur the boys on. Nathan James ran his heart out and delivered some clean ball to Ben Izzard and Michael McCormack who took some good marks and produced

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big kicks. Bomber, Tommy and Patrick showed great work in the rucks with effective distribution of the ball from Jezza, Ben RC, Toby and Josh. Xavier and Jackson tackled well continuing the magnificent defence that was the hallmark of this quarter which was wrapped up with two beautiful goals from Toby and Michael.

At the big break, Luke Morwitch commended NJ who had been chasing the ball to the death and had saved three goals from the Jets. Luke told the Marist lads to spy someone and put the chase on for the third quarter. He wanted to see more energy from all. Some good tackling from Patrick saw him give great cover and followed through with an early goal from a tight angle. There were displays of good grabs and again the Marist boys were in control of the ball. Ben Izzard rewarded the Team with a goal after hustling play from Marist. After a bustling run down the middle, Jackson scored another textbook goal for Marist. Xavier made a strong contested mark above the pack while Michael caught good ball on the full off the boot.

At the break, the Coach was pleased with the great effort on defence along with the speed and the sustained effort of the whole Team who had run flat out for the third quarter. The instruction for the final quarter was for the lads to play clean running footy to lead them home to victory.

After a determined start, with strong kicks from Hugh and Dylan, Ben Izzard was set up to produce two perfect kicks adding twelve points to the score board. Kyle had a great run on the ball and hand- balled the pill to Toby who kicked another six points. Liam soon followed with yet another six pointer. Congratulations on a great game and a great season boys.

## **MAFC U10**

**Round 14:** Stirling, Saturday August 22, 2009

## **MARIST**

### **Wildcats Maroon**

Wildcats combined their 2 teams to take on the Marist side that was determined to finish their season undefeated. With both sides putting out the full complement of 18 players there was not the space of previous weeks but Rhys Pollock was still able to secure plenty

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of touches up forward. He landed the first goal with a well executed banana kick and followed this up with a pin point pass to Nick Kocek who was unmarked 5m out directly in front of goal. This game was the most physical of the year, with Jack Rankin and Charlie Dimoff excelling in the tough conditions. The Wildcats set up the match with a dominant second quarter and kept Marist scoreless for the first time this year.

Marist started the third quarter strongly with Daniel Cerni kicking long to a contest that saw Lochie McGovern soar above the pack to take a strong mark in front of goal. Cooper Browne then got into the action taking three marks, and was able to convert the final one into a well deserved goal.

Going into the last quarter the Wildcats had skipped away to handy lead but the Marist boys did not stop trying, with Reece and Nick once again dominate, crumbing the packs and both picking up a goals from close range. James Palisi was one the best on the day and showed great courage and continually work hard in defence. Ben Mills and Laurie Fletcher got plenty of touches and tried hard all day. Unfortunately the very popular Luke Webber played his final game for Marist, with his family moving to Sydney at the end of the year and we wish him all the best.

It was not the fairytale finish the boys had hoped for but all the boys showed great improvement throughout the year under the tutelage of Rich, who did a superb job with the boys during the year. Thanks also to Manager, Bec Kibble who made sure everything ran very smoothly.



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