



HIGH MARKS

WELCOME TO ALL FOR THE 2010 MARIST FOOTY SEASON

Saturday May 1 was the beginning of the Junior AFL Canberra competition and Round four for the AFL Canberra Under 18 competition and a great opportunity to unfurl the 2008 Under 18 Back to Back Premiership Flag. See match reports following.

We once again have great registration numbers for the 2010 Season and are fielding teams in each age group from Under 10s to Under18's, including three Under 14 teams.

We are also introducing new coaches and managers in nearly every team this year, so jump in and help them out whenever you can. If your team doesn't have a first aid/trainer person then volunteer for this role.

COACHES AND MANAGERS

Thanks to all the following for dedicating their time to coach and manage teams this year:

IST XVIII'S: Senior Coach Brian Campbell, Asst Coach Chris Toogood, Manager Stephen Gilfedder,

HU16 DIV I Coach Russell Fort, Asst Coach Callum McRae, Manager Maddie Hudson.

U16 DIV II Coach Dean Logan, Managers Kate Buggy and Georgina Karo.

U14 DIV I Coach Martin Darcy, Asst Tony Harman, Manager Maria Hicks

U14 DIV II Sky Co-Coaches Steven Briggs & Russell Pieper, Manager Michael Zeitlhofer

U14 DIV II Royal Coach Simon Dunphy, Manager Petar Krajina

U12 COACH Ashley Colmer, Asst Coaches Yr 11s Daniel Burns, Ethan Miles and James Franklin, Manager Debbie McInerney.

U11 COACH Matthew Toogood, Asst Ciril Karo, Managers Karen Edwards and Janine Clark

U10 COACH Greg Brearly, Asst Chris Maher, Manager Dean Browne

COMMITTEE

We also have a few new people on the committee, but there is room for a few more as well, particularly from the younger teams, U10, U11, U12, U14, please feel free to come along.

We meet every second Monday of the month, 6:30pm to 8pm at Eastlake Club in Kingston.

COFFEE MAKERS

We will be having a training course in the next week or two, we would like a coffee maker in each age group to take turns in helping out at the Canteen, if you would like to attend the training course please send me an email.

WINE AND CHEESE EVENING

Tuesday evening May 18th 6:30pm to 7:30pm Hellenic Club,

\$20 per person at the door, finger food and wine included.

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MAFC UNDER 10'S VS WILDCATS CAPTAIN - COOPER BROWN



The under 10s played their first game together in the Marist colors and what a debut it was, the game played at home against the Wildcats .A couple of the big individual efforts worth mentioning were Luke Palisi five goals and three assists to his team mates and Sam Rankin three goals. With only three trainings under our belts the teamwork displayed was very impressive. The players- Sam Brearley and Nick Starkovski deserve special mention as they both could have kicked goals but handballed off to teammates in a better position- well done boys! The aim of our play this week was to always look for a teammate in a better position and to play on whenever possible. This was done several times by Nelson Dunphy who took marks, turned and looked to play on straight away.

Special efforts to go and get the hard ball and deliver a hand pass to team mates were Ethan Hart and Aiden Herstik- one of his big assets is his aggressive nature at the football- well done boys! Another pleasing nature of our first game was the speed some of our players possess- Copper Brown was one of these players- his ability to pick the ball up and move it to a teammate was very impressive. Handpassing was used well in tight situations especially from Adam Hackwell and Daniel Long. The ability to do this keeps the game moving quickly which is very important when trying to be a good AFL team. Other players that need a mention are Spencer Mooney and Ted Maher who defended

well when the Wildcats started to put pressure on us- well done boys! One final player that needs a mention is Ethan Plenty- his extra height worked well for us in the centre to get the ball to our smaller players, to move the ball to our forward line quickly.

It was a pleasure to coach the team for our first game. The team work and speed of play was great to watch from the sideline. Well done to everybody and see you at training on Tuesday.

U10 COACH - GREG BREARLEY

MAFC UNDER 12 ROUND 1 MARIST 2.1-13 V AINSLIE 1.1-7

On a glorious, perfect and beautiful sunny morning, although early, the Under 12s team came out to play a tough first game for the season on Lindwall oval. First words from our new coach for the season, Ash Colmer, were "the most important thing is the team; any decisions the Marist boys made were to be based on the team".

The boys ran out to rapturous applause by all present lead by our Captain Crowey and we won the toss. Perfect start to the season. The first quarter was a bit scrappy by both teams as they worked out the glitches of a new season but with a big boot of the ball from Michael Mc and some brilliant marks by Bomber, Crowey, Dylan and Jezza the Marist boys started to build some momentum. Ainslie achieved a behind in this quarter but our boys were starting to flow.

In the quarter time break, Ash was pleased with the boy's effort, especially as it was hard work on the big Lindwall ground. The boys split into forwards, backs and centres and discussed a few improvements with the Year 11 co-coaches and they were ready for the second quarter.

Ainslie scored a goal but our boys were once again not deterred. Jezza came up with two brilliant tackles in the thick of the action and Crowey and Andrew M were in the right place for some brilliant marks. Ben booted the ball to half way having lost none of his touch from last year and the boys were on a roll. Crowey and Jezza put their bodies on the line with some brilliant 'speckies' and Michael Mc got the ball down to Nathan culminating in a brilliant goal. Well done Nathan. Hugh tackled hard, rolled his ankle and was on the turf for some time resulting in our medical staff, Fiona, sprinting out and back in her first foray onto the field for the season.

At half time, Ash let the boys know 'this games is there to be won, keep your heads over the ball and remember to man up'. The boys split into groups once again for some advice from the co-coaches and then the team regrouped and were ready for the third quarter. Bomber made a beauty of a mark getting in front of the opposition player and Jezza saved a certain goal by Ainslie. Toby was everywhere always in the thick of it, getting his head over the ball, passing backwards over his head to Michael Mc who kicked to Declan who made a fantastic mark. Declan kicked a behind and Marist were even on the scoreboard with Ainslie. After some amazing teamwork by the boys Bomber got the team ahead with a brilliant goal. The quarter finished with a beautiful kick by Thomas V and Jezza keeping his marking process perfect.

In the break Ash asked the boys to keep the intensity up and the boys certainly kept this in mind as they all put their bodies on the line. The intensity definitely changed and the boys could be seen to be thinking through the game better. Simsy made some brilliant tackles, Josh was fantastic, Kyle was after the ball getting under the feet of the big boys and Crowey tackled out of this world. The boys were desperate to keep their small lead over Ainslie. Shane batted the ball beautifully away from the opposition, gathered the ball and played on and Dinan took a goal saving mark in this quarter. Michael Mc sent a huge kick down the field and Connor was in the right spot to make the perfect mark. Hugh burned a lot of energy chasing the ball down the field and Jezza once again made some star marks.

The parents were counting the minutes and seconds till the hooter went and the boys had won their first game on Lindwall oval in the big league. Very proud moment for all involved. Well done to Ash and the co-coaches for some perfect work in a short space of time. The boys had to learn about the new interchange procedure through the game and the parents are on a learning curve too with throw-in's by the boundary umpire and paperwork to fill out when in the goal umpire's role. It was a brilliant day for a tense first game of the season as acknowledged by the final score, with many more to look forward to.

MAFC UNDER 14 DIV 2 SKY ROUND 1 V GUNGHALIN JETS

GUNGHALIN JETS **1.0** **3.1** **4.2** **5.4** **34**

MARIST SKY **5.3** **8.4** **10.8** **11.11** **77**

BEST PLAYERS: Chris Williams, Nick Anderson, Tom Stuart, Ben McMahon, Jack Ellis, Mitchell Pieper

GOALS: Stephan Zeithofer 2, Nick Anderson, Oliver Kuskie & Tom Stuart 1 goal each.

A fresh season and where better to start it than the green hills of Gunghalin! The boys appeared distracted through most of the first quarter, finding it almost impossible to get the ball past the half-forward line. To underline how hard it was to crack the Jets' half-back line, our only score (by Stephen Zeithofer) for the term came from a free with a 50 metre penalty.

The shifting breeze seemed to favour one end but whatever the cause, our efforts in the second quarter were far better. Some fine running football from the centre and half back drove the ball forward repeatedly. Parents cheered at the strings of good hand and foot passing as the boys looked for each other - Oliver and Nick's goals were the results of teamwork. We were outscored, but the Jets now knew Marist was there!

That wind was unsettling in the third quarter, but so too were our tackles on the Jets. Chris Williams featured repeatedly in clearing dashes, and the good passages of ball movement started well back and moved smoothly to the half-forward line. Nick, Tom, Jack, Ben and Jake put together some very attractive football, but it was a pack shot from Paul that brought our first score late in the quarter. Stephen soon put through a major and our hopes were up!



We almost won the fourth quarter! Chris Kemp came into action, complementing Mitchell's fine game, and Lachlan and Joe popped up when the pressure was on. Tom's goal came from a strong mark. Jeremy's dash in the third quarter continued, and Jack's strong run produced the final behind for our score.

Well done boys. Four quarters are better than three, but spectators enjoyed your teamwork and spirit.

MAFC U16 DIV 2 ROUND 1 V QUEANBEYAN TIGERS

QUEANBEYAN: **1.3 6.3 4.2 3.10 102**

MARIST: **2.3 1.2 2.1 3.0 54**

BEST: Fulton, Byrne, Clark

GOALS: Fulton 2, Maloney 2, Fisher 1, McLean 1, Lane 1, Patron 1

The first game of season 2010 was played on a beautiful Autumn morning at the picturesque Queanbeyan Town Park. Boots had been dusted off and cleaned, jumpers handed out and Coaches last directions given. Marist started the game in fine form delivering the ball effectively and efficiently into the forward line with some good direct passing. Drive was provided well by Fulton through the middle and Maloney was presenting well as a target up front. At the same time Marist's defence led by Byrne was making the going tough for the Queanbeyan forwards.

At the start of the second quarter, as anticipated, Queanbeyan lifted their intensity and started to play a fast flowing running style of football. The pressure, led by Clark, applied by Marist was good with a number of spectators commenting there was no easy possession to be had. Queanbeyan's good use of the ball and running style of football started to tell on the score board.

At times Marist displayed glimpses of excellent football with direct passes and effective use of the ball to indicate a promise of things to come. All in all a good start to the season. The dedication and intensity of the Marist players was shown by Declan James who unfortunately broke his wrist and the teams thoughts are with Declan at this time.

The first game of the season provided parents and spectators alike the chance to re-connect and discuss activities during the off season. The Marist Runner and Water Carrier showed that some had spent the off season engaged in fitness and tanning activities.

MAFC U16 DIV 1 ROUND 1 V AINSLIE FOOTBALL CLUB

MARIST: **12.19 – 91**

AINSLIE **6.14 – 50**

BEST PLAYERS: Bazzana, Crowe, Darcy, Fenech, Smith, White

GOAL KICKERS: Darcy 3, Crowe 2, Fenech 2, Miles 2, Sandison, Harmen, Clarke

Round one was always going to be tough after 2 weeks off for school holidays and players overseas, on holidays etc. But the boys worked hard throughout the week and put the game plan into action.

To start the game off, Marist had only 16 players with players pulling out due to sickness and other commitments at the last minute. Ainslie took advantage of our decreased numbers to outscore us with 9 scoring shots to our 5. Lucky for us, we had a strong ruthless backline that put them under immense pressure to have them score 8 behinds and only 1 goal.

The 2nd quarter saw our "extras" turn up from U 16 Div 2 side and a few players from the U14 Div 1 side. We finally had a bench of three players and a full team on the field. After 5 minutes, Mclean got a nasty hit into his eye which caused him to be ruled out for the remainder of the game, but the backline, led by Sherring, still kept Ainslie to one goal for the quarter. Dunham was having a great game and left his man scoreless at half time. But we couldn't take advantage on the scoreboard with a series of rushed behinds by missed 'snap shots' at goal.

The 3rd quarter saw Marist working well together. The ruckmen, Fenech and Bazzana were working well with the midfield of Darcy, Smith, White, Sandison and Franklin and we were out playing Ainslie and dominating at every contest. Marist was once again reduced through injury with Mills hurt in a contest with a broken wrist.

The 4th quarter saw Marist finish the game off ruthlessly and unselfishly with 6 goals and 5 behinds while keeping Ainslie down to 1 goal 3 for the last quarter. Darcy, Franklin and Miles were exceptionally down forward. Crowe was also given the opportunity down in the forward line and dominated with 2 goals 2 behinds to his name and several goal assists. Carton taking over down at Centre half back with Eagle, Ryan Sandison and McKenna.

For the first game for the year, Russell was very impressed with the boys tackling, unselfish play, especially in the forward line. The boys are to be commended for their efforts and look forward to taking on Tuggeranong next week. Special thanks to all the parents that helped out during the game and the U18's who stayed behind and helped out or showed support.



MAFC FIRST XVIII, ROUND: 4, 1ST MAY 2010 @ LINDWALL OVAL V EASTLAKE

MARIST **5.2 11.5 12.9 18.11 (119)**

EASTLAKE **3.2 6.2 10.6 10.9 (69)**

BEST PLAYERS: McManus, Gilfedder, Campbell, Kane, Toogood, Kobal

GOAL KICKERS: Campbell 7, McLachlan 3, Kelly 2, Kane, Drummond, Laing, Gilfedder, Dryburgh, O'Rourke 1 each.

Marist still had a sizeable injury list (O'Halloran, Colbert, Kazias and Flaherty all out) but had a point to prove after a narrow home loss in the previous round. Jack Gibson came in for his first game of the season.

On paper, Marist looked better structurally, with Rohan McLachlan looking to confirm his good early form at centre half forward and Daniel Campbell reverting to his more customary full forward role. Down back, Kirk Mahon and Timothy Shafron similarly are taking on a settled look at centre-half back and full-back.

Moving the ball quickly from the centre, the Two Blues soon had the scoreboard ticking. With Daniel Discipio and Mark Brook the tandem team in the ruck, Anselm McManus provided the muscle and penetrating kicking out of the centre to set up forward opportunities. Wings Nathan Toogood and Nick Hall provided pace to burn and with John Kane and Sean Kelly rotated between the centre and half forward, the Eastlake backline was soon under pressure. John Kane kicked the first, and then captain Daniel Campbell came into his own – strong overhead and on the ground – booting three quick majors. Rohan McLachlan finished off the quarter scoring, but Eastlake also kicked some late goals to stay in touch. At quarter time, Marist led by two goals.

The second stanza provided more of the Daniel Campbell show with four well-taken goals, but with fine delivery particularly from McManus out of the centre. Sam Gilfedder built on a strong first quarter to provide plenty of rebound from half-back. Timothy Shafron at full-back and Ciaran O'Rourke also had strong quarters in the back half, with Tom Short also looking good forward of the centre, and Sam Kobal laid the foundations of his best game so far. Sean Drummond and Matthew Laing kicked goals, but again some late Eastlake majors kept the opposition to a respectable five goals down at half-time.

So far this season, the third quarter has been difficult for Marist, and this match proved no exception. While Sean Kelly, Sam Gilfedder, Matthew Toogood and Timothy Shafron were strong contributors, the effective tackle count dropped alarmingly, and the Demons clawed their way back into the game.

Coach Campbell put it to the players at three-quarter time and they responded accordingly. Eastlake scored an early 'poster' when they could have narrowed the margin to nine points, but from then on Marist took control. Sam Gilfedder moved to the centre and provided quick ball to the forwards, with McLachlan kicking another two goals before being forced off with injury. "Wombo" Dryburgh had a strong in-and-under quarter and was rewarded with a goal. Sean Kelly provided a typically composed finish for another, and Sam Gilfedder scored his first for the season, but of course it was captain Daniel Campbell with the last word and the final goal. Marist by 50 points.

MAFC FIRST XVIII, ROUND: 3, 24TH APRIL 2010 @ LINDWALL OVAL V AINSLIE

MARIST **3.0 4.1 6.1 7.4 (46)**

AINSLIE **0.1 2.4 6.6 8.6 (54)**

BEST PLAYERS: Kane, Discipio, Gilfedder

GOAL KICKERS: Campbell 4, McLachlan 2, O'Halloran

This was a test of character for a Marist side belted on the scoreboard and physique in their last match against the Tigers. Kelly, Hodge, Kazias and Colbert were all out, which particularly presented coaches Campbell and Toogood with midfield rotation issues.

On a slightly damp track and a gusty light shower, the Two Blues started well. Liam Flaherty, Sam Gilfedder and Jack O'Halloran all had good quarters, with John Kane setting up for an impressive four quarter in-and-under game in the centre. Captain Dan Campbell posted the first major, followed by Rohan McLachlan with Jack O'Halloran rounding out the six-pointers. Marist held a 17 point lead at the first break.

Ainslie began to work back into the game in the second quarter, with their on-batters picking up plenty of ball at the stoppages and their big man (and Marist nemesis) Peter Schroder starting to exert influence around the ground. Tellingly, O'Halloran and Flaherty went off injured. Anselm McManus was impressive in the hard stuff, with Ciaran O'Rourke on the backline sweeping contested and loose ball into counter-attacks. Daniel Discipio and Mark Brook rotated through the ruck, and did well, though were often offset by Ainslie playing a second man coming across the ball-ups. In greasy conditions, Gilfedder and Toogood showed dash and constructive ball use across half-back and centre, though conditions were not easy with marks hard to hang on to. Mahon also had a useful quarter. Marist effected some good smothers to restrict some of the Ainslie forward thrusts. Campbell kicked his second, but the half-time lead had been whittled down to nine points.

The third quarter was Marist's worst of this early part of the season, despite two early goals to McLachlan (a good high marking forward target) and Campbell. Thereafter, Ainslie took over, banging on four goals and probably unlucky not to score more. A high Ainslie rotation on the forward line will be a learning experience for our younger players, as Tricolour players floated free across half-forward and the corridor. Giving away a gratuitous 50 metre penalty did not help the Marist cause. Ainslie up by five points at the final change.

The big man Dan Campbell did his best to rouse his troops for the last quarter and lead from the front in chasing and tackling. However, Ainslie skipped clear with a couple of goals and despite Campbell kicking his fourth, held on to win by eight points. Coach Brian Campbell was sanguine after the game, pleased that while beaten on the scoreboard, the Marist effort and will-to-win did not slacken.

MAFC FIRST XVIII, ROUND 1, 11TH APRIL @ LINDWALL OVAL V BELCONNEN

MARIST 3.0 5.0 10.2 14.2 (86)

BELCONNEN 1.2 3.3 3.4 7.4 (46)

BEST PLAYERS: Kelly, McLachlan, Mahon

GOAL KICKERS: Short 5, Kelly 2, Sanderson 2, Campbell 2, Mahon 1, Leahy 1, Smith 1

The Grand Final rematch fittingly took place at Lindwall, with the aroma of Brendan's coffee from 'Casa MAFC' beguiling both supporters and opposition. Plenty of luminaries were in attendance including Haydon Armstrong and Josh Winchester from last year's premier team, the odd ACTAFL El Presidente, and of course the parents of the current crop of aspiring champions. The depleted Two Blues side, missing a number of representative players, welcomed under 16 players Callam Sanderson and Brad Fenech.

With a gusty cross breeze blowing from the watertank side to the deactivated electronic scoreboard, Marist fell behind to an early Belco goal, but rallied with John Kane prominent on the far wing. Daniel Discipio and Mark Brook laid the early season groundwork for an imposing ruck combination. Sean Kelly was strong across the centre, with captain Daniel Campbell on the ball around the ground providing vigour at the contest. Rohan McLachlan provided a mobile tall target at centre-half forward. Callam Sanderson goaled, followed by Tom Short who provided a strong forward marking contest throughout the match. Sean Kelly provided a third before the quarter time interval.

With the breeze in the second quarter, Belco rallied, assisted by a John Kane taking a heavy knock which took him to the sidelines to the final siren. The northerners poured on the pressure with the advantage of the breeze and came back within striking distance, before Marist rallied with goals to Tom Short and Steven Smith (making his first appearance in the Two Blues colours in a couple of seasons – since his legendary after the siren goal at Hughes for the 16-2s). At half time Marist held a 9 point lead.

The third quarter was defining for the game's outcome. Coach Campbell, noting the low tackle rate in the first half, asked the troops to respond, and they did – in spades. Belco were given no room to move, and turnovers followed. With Discipio and Brook on top in the ruck, Tom Kazias, Anselm McManus, Nathan Toogood, Nicholas Hall and Kelly controlled the centre, with Kirk Mahon, Gilly and Tim Hodge strong across the back half. Timothy Shafron, Tad Souden and the in-and-under Samuel Colbert gave the opposition no space or time. Taking advantage of the breeze, the Two Blues converted, with Short (2), Sanderson, Kelly and Mahon scoring majors. At three-quarter time, the Two Blues held a 40 point break.

Belco turned in on in the early stages of the last quarter, with three quick goals, but Marist rallied, with rookie James Leahy, the impressive Tom Short and 'Plugger' Campbell with two providing the icing on the cake. Sam Kobal, Tom 'Wombo' Dryburgh, Brad Fenech and Tim Simpson all gave plenty to complete a strong across-the-board performance.

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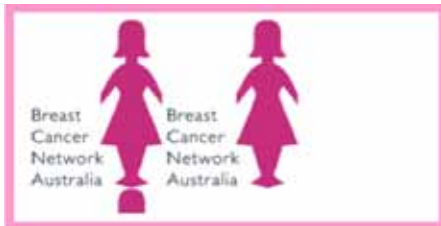


SATURDAY 8TH MAY



This coming Mothers Day weekend is Juniors Round 2 at Lindwall Oval and PINK FOOTIE WEEKEND –come along in pink and help support MAFC supporting Breast Cancer Network Australia.

All clubs are participating in the Pink Footy Day round, MAFC will be decorating the canteen and surrounds and fundraising at Lindwall Oval. For away teams there are opportunities for you to participate in what other clubs organise, or come by Lindwall after your game.



This coming Mothers Day weekend, AFL teams across Canberra will swap the traditional red footy for a hot pink match ball, as they compete in the second annual Pink Footy Day an event helping to raise funds for Breast Cancer Network Australia.

Pink Footy Day is a great way for sporting communities to demonstrate their support for local families affected by breast cancer. So in the spirit of Mother's Day and caring for those special women in our lives, please give generously to this very worthy cause. Monies raised will go directly to BCNA

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