



HIGH MARKS

***MARIST AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL CLUB
– SEASON 2011***

U16 DIV 1 REPORT

DIVISION ONE: Under 16

ROUND: 11

DATE: Saturday, 23 July 2011

MATCH: Marist Vs Tuggeranong

VENUE: Tuggeranong Homeground

GAME REPORT:

MARIST	40
TUGGERANONG	55

This week's match saw Marist and Tuggeranong go head to head again, this time at Tugger's home ground. Tuggeranong had just come off a good win against Belconnen so the Hawks were bound to be feeling confident. It was a chilling wind that greeted both the players and the parents; however the sun was out so that was a good start. Unfortunately that was as good as it got. With the team heavily depleted due to injuries and State rep duties, the team didn't have the best of weeks. The day couldn't have started better for Tuggeranong by getting the first score on the board. Both teams were very enthusiastic however it was Tuggeranong that had the majority of possession for the entire quarter. Marist attempted to stay with them, however Tuggeranong (and the wind) had a different idea. Marist was kept scoreless with Tuggeranong putting on 25 points in the first quarter. In comparison to Tuggeranong, Marist weren't looking for the best option or hitting their targets. Tim Catlin and Nic Hall displayed some good on ball

work with Sean Drummond being as consistent as ever in defence. It was an excited Marist crowd when the first quarter ended.

The second quarter saw a resurgence from Marist with their first points on the board through Brad Fenech and Ethan Miles. Good tackling and on ball work continued despite being down Tuggeranong's end. The sideline crowd thought that Marist would have had the advantage with the wind this quarter, however Tuggeranong showed Marist what they weren't doing and countered the wind with some good scoring shots and terrific passing. Tuggers were ahead by 28 at the main break.

It was fairly even in the third quarter, with both teams scoring some good goals. Marist took some great marks in this quarter, with the best coming from Fenech, Pietro Badalassi, Toogood, and Flaherty. Ethan scored another two vital goals which enabled Marist to keep pace with Tuggeranong. The end of the quarter saw Marist down by 30 odd points but not out of the question.

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The final term saw Marist come out fighting. Mitch Carney was having a great game with an excellent mark being rewarded with a great goal. Marist continued to apply pressure and the on-ballers were continuing to cause Tuggeranong some pain. Tim Catlin took a great mark (after a well executed scream for the ball). Tom Short and Tom Eagle also took great marks with Marist's main scorer (Ethan Miles) getting another excellent goal. It was good to see a piece of football where a Marist player crumbed off the pack; after seeing so many missed opportunities where the contested ball went to ground and the Hawks regained possession and got it out of our forward line. There was also great determination shown by O'Rourke as he went in and under for the ball and demonstrated strong tackling and pressure and setting up a defensive press out of the forward line. This determination was also demonstrated with strong pressure and

tackling by Eagle and Toogood.

Marist were certainly improving with time and just needed another quarter to catch Tuggeranong however it wasn't to be with Tuggeranong winning this battle by 15 points. Marist did keep Tuggeranong scoreless in the final quarter which was good. It was a good team effort to come back to be within 15 points however they were a bit underdone this week. I think all would agree that the umpiring and the ball bounce were not in our favour either.

Next week I am sure the boys will be back to normal given school holidays are over and the Tour de France has finished (no more late nights)! The finals aren't that far off, so I am sure this week's result will assist them to refocus. Thanks to Pietro Badalassi and Mitch Carney for pulling on the jumpers this week, you both had great games.

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