



HIGH MARKS

MARIST AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL CLUB – SEASON 2011



U10 DIV 1 REPORT

DIVISION ONE: Under 18

ROUND: 9

DATE: Sunday, 26 June 2011

MATCH: Marist Vs Tuggeranong Bulldogs

VENUE: Pearce

GAME REPORT:

MARIST:

TUGGERANONG:

VENUE: Flaherty (2), Bazzana (2), Sandison (2), O'Rourke, Fenech & Kenny.

Felix Henderson-Burch captained the side today in what was a tight and low scoring tussle against the Bulldogs. The midfield was solid in the first quarter providing good defence. Isaac Males took several good marks, and Spencer Mooney kicked the only goal in the first quarter.

The second quarter saw Aidan Kelly and Ewan Wyles add the only goals. Ewan's goal was a solid kick that sailed through the goals after the siren sounded, earning a solid cheer from the Marist sideline squad. Ioannie Apostalakis was strong in the centre and was always at the ball. Corey Reid and Mitchell O'Brien were good performers in the midfield. Callum Lightfoot provided good tackles. Sam Dietz was impressive in a play that saw a solid kick to Spencer Mooney who offloaded quickly to Aidan Pies setting him up for his goal.

The third quarter was consistent with both teams only scoring one goal, despite a great shot at goal by Ioannie that was marked on the goal line by the Bulldogs. Aidan Kelly kicked a well earned team goal after an impressive passage of play involving

many of the team. Nick Brito took a great mark in the centre and kicked nicely to Brett Murray who was aggressive in the forward line with good kicks to teammates and solid marks.

Ned Hibbert was a solid performer in today's match with several possessions in the fourth quarter, including a set kick after a mark that ended in a point. He then added another behind later in the quarter. In another impressive passage of team play, Isaac Males' marked and kicked to Spencer Mooney who in turn kicked to Jude Henderson-Burch who finished off with a goal. Jude added two behinds later in the quarter.

Teamwork in the midfield was the secret to success in today's games with the opposition kept in check on most occasions. Armed with the words to the theme song, the boys let out a rousing rendition to end the match.

Next week's game is against Queanbeyan at Jerrabomberra.

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DIVISION ONE: Under 14

ROUND: 9

DATE: Saturday, 25 June 2011

MATCH: Marist Vs Ainslie

VENUE: : Lindwall Oval

GAME REPORT:

MARIST 8.12 - 60

AINSLIE 4.5 - 29

GOALS: Sam DeSousa (2), Sam Fisher (2), Patrick Dunphy (2), Clem McManus & Angus Dryburgh.

BEST PLAYERS: Patrick Dunphy, Luke Bicket, Nick Anderson, Jack Ellis, Liam Tutty and Ben McMahon.

Hi everyone - I've been pondering how I should write up this Saturday's game. We were playing Ainslie, so immediately; you begin to understand the scale of the challenge in front of us. Our last meeting against Ainslie, whilst victorious, was by no means a walk in the park. In our favour this Saturday, however, was the fact that we were playing at Lindwall, and it was a pristine morning for a hard game of footy: cool (cold even, until the sun game up and the canteen began to get its espresso machine working that is), and not a breath of wind. The stage was set for another big game, and neither side were in the mood to disappoint.

The first quarter was played with all the intensity normally accompanied by a Marist/Ainslie clash. Both sides were determined to stamp their authority on the game, and neither side was prepared to let the other intimidate the opposition.

Sam DeSousa pulled off some spectacular marks, and was well supported by some aggressive and determined play making, courtesy of Sam Fisher. James McMahon was not afraid of putting his body on the line and held off consistent, attacking play from Ainslie with some great smothers. The quarter ended with both teams a goal each, with Marist just up on behinds.

Luck was not with us in the second quarter, with Ainslie putting on three goals to only one of ours, scored magnificently by Clem McManus. The good news was, this episode occurred early enough in the game to sting our boys into the realisation that this was a game that could be won. Angus Dryburgh and Tom Stuart led from the front with great determination and play making.

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The tide certainly began to turn in Marist's favour in the third. Neither side gave any quarter however; parents and fans on the sideline were treated to a really entertaining and competitive game of footy. The whole Marist side shined in the quarter, and put on three superb goals through Sam (his second for the game), and two from Patrick Dunphy.

The momentum was clearly with Marist in the final quarter, however, full credit to Ainslie, because they played their hearts out for the final twenty minutes. But to no avail; Marist were coming home with a wet sail. Sam Fisher scored two great goals, and Angus Dryburgh also added to the tally with a goal of his own. Overall, it was an exciting and riveting game for spectators and players alike with Marist returning a hard fought win.

Next Round 10 Marist Vs Tuggeranong Hawks at Lindwall Oval, Sat 2 Jul at 9:15am.

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For this team to compete against the top two teams it will be up to the mid-tier players to improve their game and contribute for all four quarters. Today we saw a really even effort across the whole team, where everyone at some time did something that contributed to the team and the win. An excellent 'best of season so far' game was put in by James Surtees on a wing and Josh Lodder down back was also prominent with several nice marks, and steady controlled play when in possession. The usual highlights were clocked up by Dinan McMahon, who this time chased and pressured his player for half the field and ended up putting on enough pressure to prevent the shot on goal. Another feature noted was the shepherding and body work around the packs, where big or small, the Sky player in the contest would put their body on the line for the team.

Finally I'd like to make mention of our two milestone players. Sean Warren has been one of the team leaders so far this season, his strength and controlled aggression around the contest gives great heart to his team mates. His 100th game was as good as anything we have seen him play this season and his run and carry through the centre followed by a massive 'bomb' into the forward line were great to watch. James Elwin, who was celebrating his 50th, again gave us another great game including four goals. James has a great ability to read the play and insert himself into the contest (and usually win). He takes on all comers big or small and we have all marvelled at his bravery. Keep up the good work boys.

Next Round 10 Sat 2 July Vs Goulburn Swans at Kenmore Oval (off Taralga Rd, Goulburn) at 10.45am. Players are asked to be at the oval 30 minutes prior game time.

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an Ainslie player out of the way to gain possession and followed up soon after with a great smother on an Ainslie kick. All of a sudden the quarter was over and a few of us were scratching our heads. That was quick! Turns out the hooter went too early. No excuses for weariness from the boys this quarter.

Coach Ash was ecstatic with how the boys played that quarter. The boys had done everything he had asked of them. There were a few fumbles, the ball was wet but they kept grinding away. Coach Ash was impressed with the fantastic pressure from the backline and the wall of blue and blue in the centre. He encouraged the boys to have a shot if they were in range and was impressed with how the boys were looking for their teammates, backing each other up. He could hear the talk out there and encouraged the team to keep their discipline up and no slacking off in the second quarter. The ball was quickly down to our end on the restart but Ainslie were brilliant in defence of the ball in front of goal. Paul produced a great smother and Kyle had a go at goal but Ainslie were too relentless in defence. NJ made a great kick running around Ainslie, to Jezza and of course, he kicked a goal. Jacob got the ball for us on the restart, batting it to X Factor who tried hard in the tussle resulting in a ball up. Jacob was dominant again, getting the ball to Toby who kicked to Ollie. He made a great collect kicking to Bomber, who marked spectacularly allowing him to kick perfectly to the safe hands of X. Hugh and Bomber then shepherded and bumped Ainslie allowing our boys to gain possession. Connor, Ollie and Jacob worked well together in defence of the ball along with Will and Briggsy. Hugh kicked a huge kick down to the forward 50 and Rhys was brilliant in the forwards. Toby was in the right spot again, in front of his Ainslie opponent to gain possession after Ainslie kicked down field. Ainslie worked hard to save the ball again, getting it back up toward the centre

square. Jacob produced a fantastic running mark and kick to our 50 but Ainslie gained a penalty in front of goal. On the kick Hugh was in Ainslie's way, collecting the ball and kicking towards Coach Ash's sweet spot but Ainslie were in the way again. Ollie and Connor focused on defending the ball on the kick, allowing Ollie to gain possession and kick back into the forward 50. Rhys was brilliant on the wing, surviving a huge swinging tackle but keeping the pressure on Ainslie and ball up. Toby made a massive tackle on Ainslie, bouncing up, remaining focused, never giving up and onto Ainslie again. Hugh made another huge kick to the forward 50 under massive pressure by Ainslie and Assistant Coach Luke was nearly in the action, as he worked hard to keep the boys hydrated on this warm day. Hugh made a lovely clearing kick across the field into space and Hail Stevie was onto it in a flash. Rich produced a great punch on the ball, following up with a quick collect and Jacob marked Rich's kick, booting it down towards goal. Rhys tried hard to get the ball and the goal but Ainslie were relentless. Briggsy put some amazing pressure on the opposition and Stevie was bumped by Ainslie, gracefully falling and tumbling over in style before he was quickly on his feet again. Rhys kicked down field with Kyle collecting but tackled hard by Ainslie. Briggsy booted to the forward 50 and X Factor and Rhys worked hard for the ball. Jezza collected and was tackled whilst kicking, gaining a penalty just to the right of goal. It took him a little bit to get on his feet but nothing could keep Jezza down when he had a chance at goal and this he did beautifully right on the hooter..

Half time was interesting with all the boys keeping a wide margin from poor Rich, who had unfortunately had a very close moment with some dog do do, requiring a Guernsey change. Nasty!!! Coach Ash was very happy, I must say, after the few frowns I've seen over the last few weeks. He said the backline were sensational and all the boys

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should have plenty of energy left after two short quarters. Assistant Coach Luke wanted the boys to get their bodies behind the ball, bending at the knees. Coach Ash followed this up by saying if the boys got behind the ball and they didn't get it on the first grab, then they had a chance at a second go. He said Ainslie were giving it a real crack, reminding our boys not to snap at impossible angles and remembering to reset. He finished with encouraging the boys to stick to the game plan. In the first few moments of the third quarter Bomber was down, requiring an ice pack to you will never guess where? Yes, his head again (Dad may need to go shopping this week). Michael R was ready to go to replace him as he hardly had time to cool off. Hugh kicked a clearing ball up the sideline and Rich tried hard to keep it in play. Unfortunately it went over the sideline. On the throw in, Hugh collected it quickly, forwarding it to Ollie. Michael R ended up on his belly but remained focused bumping the ball out along the ground. Very impressive. Toby made a brilliant mark kicking to Jezza and we got a behind. On the kick in, Jacob reached gracefully over the Ainslie players with little effort, marking over their heads. He attempted a kick for goal and we had a behind again. On the next kick in, Jacob batted it towards Rich who fumbled the ball, eventually grabbing it, kicked for goal, the ball bounced once and through the posts. Goal to Rich. On the restart the ball was quickly down to Ainslie's 50 and they kicked their first goal of the match. X Factor made a great saving mark and Hugh gave him a beautiful lead to mark with style. Coach Ash became a bit upset with the Ref's inconsistency but kept a low profile?! Kyle called for the ball giving Kenzo a wonderful lead to kick to. Billy kicked into our 50 and Hugh gathered the ball, spun, heard Jacob calling and kicked to him on the spin. Ollie booted the ball to Jezza who collected, kicked and the ball dribbled through the posts for a goal. Hugh came up with a wobbly left foot kick on the run and Jezza ran out to collect it. Hugh

followed up shepherding then batting the ball out at the same time. Michael R and Kenzo tussled hard and Ollie bumped Ainslie out of the way so Hugh could gather the ball. Toby kicked for goal and it bounced in front of Paul. Kyle attempted a goal next, unluckily it went over the sideline. Jacob dominated on the throw in with Paul stopping Ainslie, allowing Billy to get the ball, kick and he scored a goal. Assistant Coach Luke made a point of filling in this scribe on the state of the field; that is, he preferred the flat field this week compared to the difficult to spot slope of last weeks, that he struggled with. Hail Stevie got the ball out in the next play and Billy tried hard to collect it but it went over the sideline. On the throw in, Billy got it and was tackled high. Penalty to him. Billy kicked and we had another point. Kenzo came up with a great mark off Ainslie's kick and Jezza produced a great lead for Kenzo, marking in style. Jezza kicked for goal but Ainslie were once again in the way. Dan was brilliant in defence along with Briggsy, saving the ball and Kenzo was in the play again, kicking to Hugh who marked with safe hands. Hugh kicked across to Paul in front of goal and we had another point. Ollie made a great mark in the centre square clearing the ball down field with a huge kick. Hugh tried a leaping mark, was unlucky but was able to quickly gather and kick it on. X Factor was great in the centre square coming up with two fabulous marks and the third quarter was over..

Coach Ash continued to be delighted with how the boys were playing. They were sticking to the game plan and executing it like they could beat any team. There was always somewhere and someone to kick the ball too. He was adamant he wanted Ollie in his team every year, as he was pinnacle to the play when the team regrouped. Hugh was running rings around Ainslie with great disposals and his left footer. Kenzo was brilliant in this quarter and Briggsy was always backing up Ollie. Twenty minutes to go. The last quarter started with Jacob

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dominant as always and Kenzo kicking to Hugh after he called for it. Hugh marked the ball on the ground, diving for it then kicked to the forward 50, resulting in a tussle in front of goal. Paul soccer kicked the ball out followed by Jezza soccer kicking it straight through the two most important posts. Goal to him. How many is that? I think I've lost count. Michael R worked hard on the wing and Connor got the ball to Hugh, who was tackled without the ball after he disposed of it. Penalty to him. Hugh kicked down field and Michael R made a great mark, kicking to NJ, who marked beautifully followed by Paul, who marked in front. He kicked for goal but it was unluckily touched on its way through. Point to us. Bomber, NJ, Kenzo who made a great tackle, and Hugh, who was involved twice with help from Jacob, were involved in the next play, with Hugh gaining a penalty. He kicked to Kyle who turned and scored a goal for us. Brilliant team work! Cambria.

Coach Ash couldn't keep the smile off his face. The only thing that would be a bit better than today would be winning a Grand Final. It was the cleverest the boys have played and they stayed with the game plan. Words of praise were for the Backline, that they could write a textbook on how to play and they used their brains and space; the three under 12 players- Billy Clark, Rhys Pollock and Ryan Crowley. Lots of applause for these boys' efforts for the team; Jacob for being fantastic in the Ruck and wanting some Bulldog to happen; Toby for a great Captain's game and his 100% effort; Jezza- only 7 goals this week ! !; The Centreline for their brilliant efforts; Hugh- Speedy Gonzalez, hareeba, hareeba, harreba; and of course, the Forward line for their massive effort. Coach Ash finished with more words of praise and aiming for the team to keep this up for when we play Weston Creek Wildcats again in two weeks time. Next week we will celebrate Bomber and Toby playing 100 games of this wonderful game AFL.

Round 10 next week Marist Vs Tuggeranong Hawks Brown at Lindwall Oval, 10.45am. Players are asked to be at the ground 30 minutes prior kick off. See you there.

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the teams all tied at 28 points at the main break. For Marist Lewis Harman topped the statistics for the quarter with 8 disposals. Prominent also were Shaun Mills, Ryan Sandison, Jaspar Kidd and Mitch Carney with 5 disposals each.

The third quarter began brightly when Hayden Jackson struck an early goal for Marist with a goal assist from James Colmer and Shaun Mills. The Hawks responded almost immediately with a goal of their own, but that man, Hayden Jackson, was in the right spot again, firing home his third for the day after being put in the clear by a surgical Shaun Mills pass. The mini goal rush didn't end there. Another monster bomb inside 50 by Mitch Carney found - you guessed it: Hayden Jackson, who calmly slotted his fourth goal. Mitch Carney pulled down 5 marks in the third quarter and topped the disposal count with 7 disposals. Jordon Fulton and Trent Varlow also saw plenty of action during the quarter while good tackles were recorded for James Colmer, Sam Short, Joshua Van Meurs, Nick Ryan, Brendan Clark and Matthew Pert.

Marist began the last quarter 7 points in front but things looked rather ominous. A mounting injury toll and the fact that a number of players were now entering their sixth quarter of football having played in the earlier game put the match on a knife's edge. To add to Marist's woes the quarter began disastrously for Marist with the home team creeping within a point after scoring the opening goal of the term. But while a number of Marist players were visibly spent as the quarter progressed, several players bravely stood up when it really counted. Freddie Martiniello was one of these and featured in the first of three more goals to Hayden Jackson. Picking up the ball on the wing, Freddie, still looking fresh as a daisy, drilled the ball to Hayden Jackson who posted his fifth goal of the match. Hayden Jackson's sixth goal was the culmination of a skilful goal assist from Sam Short while his seventh resulted from a perfect Matthew Pert pass. Marist stats were way down in the final quarter but Freddie Martiniello, Ryan Sandison, Jordan Fulton, Shaun Mills and Gus McManus still managed to get their hands on the football and Mitch Carney and Sam Short laid some important tackles.

Next Round 10 Marist Vs St Edmunds Tigers, Sat 02 Jul 11 at Dairy Farmers Oval, 2pm.

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DIVISION ONE: Under 18

DATE: Sunday, 26 June 2011

MATCH: Marist Vs Queanbeyan Tigers

VENUE: Lindwall Oval

GAME REPORT:

MARIST: 9 . 14 - 68

QUEANBEYAN TIGERS: 5 . 8 - 38

GOALS: Flaherty (2), Bazzana (2), Sandison (2), O'Rourke, Fenech & Kenny.

Having recently played a tough game against the Tigers, the Marist squad knew it had to be on its game. A late injury to James Atkins reduced Coach Darcy's rotation option to a three-man bench, but the boys warmed up brightly.

Unlike the previous game, the wind wouldn't be a factor today, and Marist knew they would need to contest from the opening bounce. In what would be a pattern for the whole match, ruckman Kenny cleverly won the first centre clearance, with the ball reaching Bazzana who kicked (very!) slightly right after a free kick. Bazzana's second kick, from almost the same spot, following excellent defensive pressure from Darcy and O'Halloran, was true, and Marist was on the board.

Strong defence kept Queanbeyan out of forward 50 for the first half of the first quarter. Sherring, Burns, Drummond and Hall offered solid options across half back, with Catlin and Flaherty

combining well to provide forward pressure. An excellent contested mark from Kenny provided the next real scoring opportunity, with Kobal's kick just wide. Darcy and Drummond continued to tackle ferociously, with O'Halloran intercepting from the bounce after a Queanbeyan major to provide Fenech with his first shot – a brilliant kick that was equally brilliantly touched through by the defence.

A contested mark by Flaherty close to time after a good run and lead-up from Darcy again resulted in a minor score. Poor disposal options let down good defensive and attacking endeavour, but Marist enjoyed the bulk of the possession and ended the quarter with six shots to two, but ahead only 1.5.11 (Bazzana) to 1.1.7 on the scoreboard.

In a carbon copy of the first quarter, Kenny again won the first bounce of the second, the ball quickly travelling through O'Halloran to Flaherty, but the kick was again just wide. From the resultant kick

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in, Queanbeyan moved the ball quickly forward, and scored from a kick that sailed agonisingly close above the waiting defence. This gave them the lead, and a momentum shift until another Kenny clearance gave Flaherty another opportunity which he duly converted from 40m out. From the next centre bounce O'Rourke bravely smothered, giving Darcy and Bazzana the opportunity to combine quickly, but the kick just grazed the post. To make amends, Bazzana marked truly from the kick in, passing to Flaherty, who posted Marist's third goal.

Kobal, Short and Catlin combined well to turn defence into attack, and Marist went well ahead in the inside 50 count. Once there, however, tight Queanbeyan defence kept options limited and scoring opportunities came from difficult angles. Sherring and Hall combined well again across half back but as in the first quarter poor disposal options broke down the forward pattern. Close to half time, Burns gathered from a Queanbeyan kick in, skilfully passing to Sandison who kicked truly, and the boys went to oranges up 4.9.33 (Flaherty 2, Bazzana, Sandison) to 2.2.14.

Toogood, Catlin and Miles combined brightly at the beginning of the second half, but the second poster of the morning followed by another very narrow miss from Toogood were a couple of missed opportunities that the boys may have wanted to convert. To settle the ship, Hall continued his excellent recent form with a crushing tackle, the ball going from Miles to O'Rourke with the co-captain making no mistake, and Marist had opened up a 26-point lead.

The wind came up a little, favouring Queanbeyan this quarter, and if the Marist boys thought they had control of the outcome, there was still a lot of footy to play. Hall and Fenech combined to save a promising Queanbeyan attack and a strong tackle from Eagle another. A Queanbeyan free kick was then miraculously touched on the line by Short, but momentum had definitely shifted, and their first goal of the quarter came from a free kick from the resultant kick in.

Kenny, Flaherty and Bazzana combined well to allow the latter to kick his second from deep in the forward pocket, after Darcy had won the ball well from the previous bounce and kicked just left. Queanbeyan again moved the ball quickly from the bounce and kicked their second for the quarter. Short provided excellent defensive pressure and minimised the damage from the opposition forwards, and the siren sounded with honours equal for the quarter. Marist led 6.13.49 (Flaherty 2, Bazzana 2, Sandison, O'Rourke) to 4.6.30.

At three-quarter time, coach Darcy made it clear to his charges that there had been a momentum shift, and the boys' winning streak was most definitely at risk. In particular, lapses in discipline had given up free kicks at critical moments and allowed the opposition to maintain touch.

Marist started the fourth quarter brightly, with Sherring spoiling a Queanbeyan-won clearance, the ball reaching Hall whose kick was again just touched on the line. Queanbeyan moved the ball quickly from the kick in, and scored to bring the margin to only 13 points with 15 minutes left. Marist were winning the bulk of the clearances, but finding they were holding onto possession for too long resulting in turnovers. For the next few minutes, Queanbeyan were camped well in their forward half, but good defensive marking limited

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their options, and when Marist was able to move the ball forward, quick hands would ensure a good scoring opportunity.

From such a period of broken play, Sandison snapped truly with about 7 minutes to play, giving the boys much needed breathing space. Queanbeyan wouldn't score again, and Marist settled to add good majors from Fenech and Kenny. Marist again had a large number of contributors to the win, and a good spread of goalkickers. The team again was miserly in defence, with excellent roles played right across half back. Up forward, every forward 50 entry provided many options, with players making good space.

The win is the team's seventh in succession, and should leave them in second on the ladder, with a tough game against Tuggeranong coming up next week.

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