

OLD COLLEGIANS RUGBY CLUB

2014 YEAR BOOK



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FUN FACTS

291 NUMBER OF PLAYERS

11 NUMBER OF TEAMS

3 NUMBER OF PREMIERSHIPS

1 NUMBER OF OLYMPIC GOLD MEDALS

37 NUMBER OF STATE PLAYERS

19 NUMBER OF PREMIERSHIP OC PLAYERS WHO STARTED IN OC JUNIORS

47 NUMBER OF SECOND OR THIRD GENERATION OC PLAYERS

19 NUMBER OF NATIONALITIES AMONGST PLAYERS

0 NUMBER OF RED CARDS

11765 NUMBER OF SAUSAGES SIZZLED

4484

**TOTAL POINTS
SCORED BY
OC TEAMS**

PRESIDENT REVIEW

It is with no small satisfaction that we can reflect on 2014 as our most successful year at Old Collegians ever.

In Season 2014, Old Collegians can proudly claim the following many achievements:

- Bartercard Cup Championship, Div 1 and Div 2
- The ANZAC Trophy against Brighton
- The Eastern Suburbs Cup against Burnside
- Olympic gold medallist, Mackenzie Sadler
- The Coopers Trophy for Championship Club
- The Bob Hogarth Trophy, for our 1st XV scoring the most tries in the senior competition
- The Ray Rosser Memorial Award for Coach of the Year, Peet Arnold
- Spirit of Rugby Medals, for two the best volunteers in SA, Corné Arnold and Lenny Eilers
- The Ray Herde Shield for Best Under 21 in SA, Paddy Macklin
- The Edna Reilly Trophy for the best women's player in SA, Nadia Di Girolamo
- The Physio Direct Award for Black Falcons Best Player, George Bretag Norris
- SA Rugby Hall of Fame Inductee, Michael Lowe
- The President's Trophy for Best Male Forward in SA, Gary Mann
- The Don Smith Medal for the Best and Fairest Player in SA, Gary Mann
- Our U14s and U10s were undefeated, with the 1st XV and 2nd XV right behind them with only one loss each.
- The 1st XV, 2nd XV and U14s won their minor premierships
- All our senior and junior teams made finals for the first time anyone can remember. The 3rd XV, 4th XV and Women each missed out on progressing further into finals by the tiniest of margins, and the U16s made it to Grand Final.

- And of course, our glorious U14s, 1st XV and 2nd XV won their Premierships. It is the first time in our 77 year history we've had 1st and 2nd grade premierships in the same year.

It has been a magnificent year on the field, and my strongest belief is that it is our positive, embracing, contributing culture which feeds our on-field success and, far more importantly, maintains our healthy and happy community. My greatest wish is that we continue to value that positive culture as the most precious of our trophies.

The success of any given season is not built in that season alone, it is the product of the good and hard work over a number of years. My enormous thanks and applause go to all of our people – coaches, managers, administrators, volunteers, and players – for their enormous contribution to that long work and its fine 2014 fruit.

My thanks also go to all of our sponsors and benefactors without whose generosity we would struggle to provide our people with necessary facilities. Our sponsors are listed elsewhere in this yearbook, and I encourage you to support them in thanks for their support of us.

I have told the tale before - our first team in 1937 were mates who had all played rugby together as schoolboys, and had already spent years together. Since the 1940s our membership has been much broader than a single school, but that idea of a shared history is embedded in who we are as a club. Our very name tells us that we are part of a bigger story, a heritage, a shared set of values. Our name describes a relationship; it isn't the name of the suburb where we play, it's the name of what we are to each other. We are Old Collegians; we are old friends. Old Collegians isn't somewhere you play, it's someone you are. You are a part of our story, and I hope and trust that you were as delighted to be a part of that story in this wonderful 2014 season as I was.

Kim Evans



This time line shows the era of the special people for whom our Club Awards are named.

1940S E YULE, CLUB PRESIDENT (TROPHY FOR BEST FORWARD 1ST XV)

1940

1950

1950S C HOLDICH, CLUB PRESIDENT (TROPHY FOR BEST BACK 3RD XV)

1950S HJ 'BERT' ROGERS, CLUB PRESIDENT (TROPHY FOR SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES)

1950S J FORWOOD, CLUB TREASURER (TROPHY FOR BEST FORWARD 2ND XV)

1950S STEWART WOOD, OUTSTANDING CLUBMAN (TROPHY FOR BEST CLUBMAN)

1950S BOB BURGESS, PRESIDENT, COACH, CAPTAIN AND LEGEND (TACKLING TROPHY FOR U12S)

1960S B MCQUALTER, DEDICATED PLAYER AND KEEN CLUBMAN, KILLED IN ACTIVE SERVICE IN VIETNAM (TROPHY FOR BEST BACK 2ND XV)

1960S BERNIE MCQUEEN TROPHY, KEEN SUPPORTER (TROPHY FOR BEST TACKLER IN THE BACKS)

1960S W TEMPLETON, BEST & FAIREST (TROPHY FOR BEST FORWARD 3RD XV)

1960S WARREN BULLY, OUTSTANDING PLAYER (TROPHY FOR BEST CLUB SUPPORTER)

1960

1970

1970S G BAINBRIDGE, OUTSTANDING PLAYER (TROPHY FOR BEST BACK 1ST XV)

1970S ALAN SPRY, CLUB PRESIDENT (SPIRIT OF RUGBY TROPHY)

1970S BOB GEORGE, CLUB BARMAN (TROPHY FOR BEST AND FAIREST)

1970S DENIS HAYDEN, OUTSTANDING PLAYER (TACKLING TROPHY, U14S)

1970S JOYCE SPRY, JUNIORS PATRON (JUNIOR SCHOLARSHIP)

1970S ROD HAUSER, WALLABIES (TACKLING TROPHY, U10S)

1980S OWEN CLARKE, CLUB CAPTAIN (POINTS SCORING TROPHY)

1980S HELEN & HOWARD CLAY, FOUNDED THE JUNIORS (U18 COACHES' AWARD & JUNIOR SCHOLARSHIP)

1980S JOHN & JUDY BRADY, JUNIORS ADMINISTRATORS (TROPHY FOR MOST IMPROVED JUNIOR & JUNIOR CLUBMAN)

1980S JULIE & DAVID TURNER, JUNIORS ADMINISTRATORS (U14 COACHES' AWARD)

1980S KEN GRAYLING, SA RUGBY ADMINISTRATOR AND REFEREE (TACKLING TROPHY, U18S)

1980

1990

1990S GAVIN PFISTER, DON SMITH MEDALLIST (TROPHY FOR BEST TACKLER, FORWARDS)

1990S MIKE VON BERG, 1ST XV COACH AND SA RUGBY CHAIRMAN (TROPHY FOR CONSISTENCY, COURAGE & COMMITMENT)

1990S SANDI JENNI, OUTSTANDING PLAYER (MEDAL FOR WOMEN'S XV PLAYERS' PLAYER)

1990S STEWART DOUGLAS, CLUB CAPTAIN (TROPHY FOR BEST GRADUATE FROM JUNIOR RUGBY)

1990S WILLY WILSON, OUTSTANDING PLAYER (TROPHY BEST FIRST SEASON PLAYER)

1996 LUKE CALLAGHAN, FIRST JUNIOR CLUB CAPTAIN (TROPHY FOR JUNIOR CLUB CAPTAIN)

1998 TRISH ABBOTT, REFEREE, PLAYER AND U8S COACH (TROPHY FOR BEST GIRL IN U7S/U8S)

1980S MAXINE & IAN WALKER, JUNIORS ADMINISTRATORS AND STAUNCH CLUBMEN (U16 COACHES' AWARD)

1980S MERYL & HUGH KERR-GRANT, FOUNDED THE JUNIORS (U10S COACHES' AWARD)

1980S MICHAEL RAYMOND, AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLBOY (TACKLING TROPHY, U16S)

1980S PETER "DOC" DOUGLAS, LIFE MEMBER (U12 COACHES' AWARD)

2000S ALEX ROKOBARO, MELBOURNE REBELS & FIJI (TACKLING TROPHY, U8S)

2000S LIAM GILL, WALLABIES (U8 COACHES' AWARD)

2000S KIM EVANS, CLUB PRESIDENT (TROPHY FOR BEST GIRL, U10S)

2000S ANGUS CRAWFORD, POPULAR PLAYER (TROPHY FOR 2ND XV PLAYER'S PLAYER)

2000

HISTORY OF AWARDS

SARU AWARDS

Tamaki Cup, Premier Grade Minor Premiership

Ray Rosser Memorial Award, Coach of the Year: **Peet Arnold**

Bob Hogarth Top Team Tries Award: **OC 1st XV**

Coopers Trophy for Championship Club

Physio Direct Black Falcons Best Player: **George Bretag-Norris**

Spirit of Rugby Award: **Corne Arnold & Lenny Eilers**

Ray Herde Shield, Best Under 21: **Paddy Macklin**

SA Rugby Hall of Fame Inductee: **Michael Lowe**

President’s Trophy, Best Male Forward: **Gary Mann**

Edna Reilly Trophy, Best & Fairest Woman: **Nadia Di Girolamo**

Don Smith Medal, Best & Fairest Male: **Gary Mann**



2014 STATE REPS

Women:	Anja Halstead, Nadia Blake, Jadeen Chisolm, Sabrina Morrison, Mackenzie Sadler (Coach, Kath Cherry & Manager, Kim Evans)
Men:	George Bretag-Norris, Gary Mann, Jack Champion, Robert Smedley, Chris Bartlett, Tim Dawes, Paddy Macklin
Under 12s:	Tane Pardoe, Tayne Williamson, Max Linton, Darcy Rogers, Lochie Edwards
Under 13s:	Edwin Dodd, James Du Preez, George Hewitt, Max Monfries (Coach, Herman Du Preez)
Under 14s:	Tom Copson, Brad Killick, Alfie Malcolm, Matt Green, Magnus Illman, Michael Clifton, Oscar Armstrong, Nick Barry (Coach, Graham Copson)
Under 15s:	Oliver Horne, Rory Illman, Douglas Pratt, Ben Viljoen, Awin Matthews
Under 16s:	George Campbell, Joel Pepper, Sebastian Thompson (Coach, Steve Pepper)

OLD COLLEGIANS AWARDS

John Markey & Gavin Pfister Trophy for Best Tackler: **Fraser Murison**

Owen Clarke Points Kicking Trophy: **Harley Simmonds**

Mike von Berg Trophy for Consistency, Courage and Commitment: **Sandy Taylor**

Willie Wilson Memorial Trophy for Best First Season Player: **David Pedler-Jones**

Stewart Douglas Award for Best Graduate from Junior Rugby: **Luke Howes**

Bob George Memorial Trophy for Best and Fairest Player: **George Bretag-Norris**

John & Judy Brady Award, Junior Clubman: **Luke Howes & Rhys Frew**

Joyce Spry Scholarship: **Charlie Pickford**

Howard Clay Scholarship: **George Campbell**

Luke Callaghan Memorial Trophy, Junior Club Captain: **Charlie Pickford & Rhys Frew**

HJ “Bert” Rogers Memorial Trophy for Administrative Services: **Sue Thewlis**

Warren Bully Memorial Trophy for Best Club Supporter: **Chloe Lanzendorfer**

Alan Spry Memorial “Spirit of Rugby” Trophy: **Corné Arnold**

Canterbury Award for Special Achievement: **Mackenzie Sadler, for Olympic Gold!**

Stewart Wood Memorial Trophy for the best Clubman: **Tim Dawes**

OLD COLLEGIANS AWARDS CONTINUED

MOST IMPROVED PLAYERS (Seniors)

1st XV – **Jack Campion**

2nd XV – **Nicholas Howlett**

3rd XV – **Harley Simmonds**

4th XV – **David Pedler-Jones**

Women’s XV – **Sabrina Morrison**

PLAYERS’ PLAYERS

1st XV – **George Bretag Norris**

Angus Crawford Memorial Trophy, 2nd XV – **Mark Darby**

3rd XV – **Ryan Nielsen**

4th XV – **Harley Simmonds**

Sandi Jenni Medal, Women’s XV – **Lusia Raikiwasa**

U16 – **Rhys Frew**

U14 – **Alfie Malcolm**

U12 – **Max Linton**

U10 – **Jayden Hazzard**

U8 – **Noah Wilson**

U7 – **Oliver Collins**

BEST BACKS (Seniors)

G Bainbridge Memorial Trophy, 1st XV – **Paddy Macklin**

McQualter Memorial Trophy, 2nd XV – **Mike Otty**

C Holdich Memorial Trophy, 3rd XV – **Rene Munch**

4th XV – **Jarrod Mapstone**

Women’s XV – **Nadia Di Girolamo**

BEST FORWARDS (Seniors)

E Yule Memorial Trophy, 1st XV – **George Bretag-Norris**

J Forwood Memorial Trophy, 2nd XV – **Henry Nutt**

W Templeton Memorial Trophy, 3rd XV – **Ryan Nielsen**

4th XV – **Jeshua Graham**

Women’s XV – **Anja Halstead**

COACHES’ AWARDS (Juniors)

U7 – **Joseph Menz**

Liam Gill Award, U8 – **Lucas Aguiar**

Trish Abbott Award, U8 (Best Girl) – **Lana Hollway**

Meryl & Hugh Kerr-Grant Trophy, U10 – **Carl Arnold**

Kim Evans Award, U10 (Best Girl) – **Meg Richards**

Peter “Doc” Douglas Trophy, U12 – **Lochie Edwards**

Julie & David Turner Trophy, U14 – **James du Preez**

& Tom Copson

Maxine & Ian Walker Trophy, U16 – **Ben Hower**

ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS (Juniors)

U7 – **Noah Wilson**

U8 – **André Smith**

U10 – **Dakota Gordon**

U12 – **Henri Pardoe**

U14 – **Seaton Siegfried**

U16 – **Douglas Pratt**

BEST TACKLERS (Juniors)

U7 – **Will Tanner & Alex Punshon**

Alex Rokobaro Tackling Trophy, U8 – **Max Richards**

Rod Hauser Tackling Trophy, U10 – **Ryan Barlow**

Bob Burgess Tackling Trophy, U12 – **Kylan Williamson**

Denis Hayden Tackling Trophy, U14 – **Michael Clifton**

Michael Raymond Tackling Trophy, U16 – **James Francis**

JOHN & JUDY BRADY AWARD (Juniors)

Most Improved Junior 2014 - **Nick Brady & Oscar Armstrong**



VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to everyone who volunteered and cheered us on this year – together we have all built the most successful year OC has ever seen.

SENIOR COMMITTEE

President	Kim Evans
Vice President	Lenny Eilers
Director of Rugby	Danny McCartan
Selectors	Doug Mein
	Ian Walker
Secretary	Sue Thewlis
Treasurer	Amanda Porteous
Senior Committee Members	Stewart Douglas
	Jack Campion
	Simon Allport
Club Captain	Peter Cross

JUNIOR COMMITTEE

Director of Junior Rugby	Stewart Frew
Deputy Director of Junior Rugby	Graham Copson
Registrars	Trudy Armstrong and Corné Arnold
Secretary	Jane Richards
Junior Committee Members	Ian Horne, Michael Westerik, Simon Pickford, Chris Barry, Jamie Punshon, Ted Apted, Russel Gordon, Denzel Church

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Organiser	Sarah Monfries
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COACHES

Premier Grade	Peet Arnold and David Nolan
Reserve Grade	Stewart Douglas and James Irving
3rd Grade	Graham Raymond
4th Grade	Lenny Eilers and Nick Porter
Women's Grade	David Linder Patton
Under 16s	Michael Westerik / Simon Pickford / Ian Horne / Peter Dubois
Under 14s	Richard Pardoe / Stewart Frew / Graham Copson / Steve Hewitt
Under 12s	Craig Williamson / Charles List
Under 10s	Craig Barlow / Russell Gordon
Under 8s	Jarrold Deakin / Juan Aguiar
Under 7s	James Denley / Jamie Punshon
Joey's (Under 5s)	David Humble

TEAM MANAGERS

Premier Grade	Tom Secker
Reserve Grade	Doug Mein
3rd Grade	Ian Walker
4th Grade	Alex Walwyn
Women's Grade	Katey Bereny; Maxine Moran; Rebecca Derbyshire-Lloyd
Under 16s	Phil Whittaker
Under 14s	Chris Barry
Under 12s	Fraser Bell / Mark Edwards
Under 10s	David Linton / Craig Branson
Under 8s	Corné Arnold
Under 7s	Jamie Punshon

Referees and Referee Assistants

Andrew Howes, Luke Howes, Charlie Pickford, Rhys Frew, Abigail Howes, Emma Richards, Tane Pardoe, Henri Pardoe, Douglas Pratt

First Aiders

Jane Richards, Tim Wall, Phil Whittaker, Chris Barry, Graham Campbell, Sharon Barlow, Corné Arnold, Derek Pratt, Kate Denley and Chris Barry

Goal Posts

Mark Pickard for putting them up
Phil Whittaker for taking them down

OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEERS

Sarah Monfries and Jane Richards

Canteen, Functions (always giving time to the club)

Peet Arnold, Sandy Taylor and Steve Pepper

Junior Coaching Assistance

Corné Arnold

Administration, Merchandise, Junior Director of Rugby (Support)

Tim Wall

First Aid and Pitch Marking

Tiff Andrewartha

Embroidery for Players' Hoodies and Sports Bags

Rob Costanzo

Breakfast BBQ King

Jo Rogers

Lasagne Queen (so good)

Phil Whittaker

General Assistance and Odd Jobs

Jess Andrewartha and Emma Richards

Canteen Service

Coaching Assistance and Guest Sessions from the Senior Players this year were well received by all. The juniors very much appreciate the time given so freely by **Ben Suttell, Graham Raymond, James Daley, Jack Campion, Henry Nutt etc.** and would be very keen for this to continue next year.

MOVIE NIGHT

Sarah Monfries, Trix du Preez, Melissa Clifton & Estelle Pratt for the hot dogs, popcorn and pancakes.

JUNIOR PRESENTATION DAY

Special Mentions: **Karen Frew** and **Sue Thewlis** for all the hard work in the morning, **Kate and John Denley, The Pardoe's, The Costanzo's** for set-up assistance, **Mark Pickard** for the abundance of Krispy Kreme donuts, **Phil Whittaker** – IT support, **Rhys Frew** and **Emma Richards** for assistance in the canteen and during lunch, **Sarah Monfries** and **Jane Richards** and all the other parents who helped to make it a memorable day. **Alex Walwyn** and **Paul Horne** for all the stunning photos taken on the day – helping us capture those special moments.

A special thank you to all our wonderful parent photographers during the year and to **Melissa Clifton** for the U14s DVD.

THURSDAY EVENING MEALS

Ted Apted – for awesome steaks each and every week

Sue Thewlis, Jane Wright, Margaret Paterson, Jill Allen, Barbara Finn and **Anne Bradley**

SPECIAL MEALS

Anne & Michael Evans (Kim's parents) for the Grand Final, Saturday night evening meal (+ others evenings during the season)

2014 HOME GAME VOLUNTEERS OF THE DAY

3 May 2014

Best Volunteer: **Sarah Monfries**

31 May 2014

Best Volunteer: **Sue Thewlis**

7 June 2014

Best Volunteer: **Corné Arnold**

14 June 2014

Best volunteer: **Rob Constanzo**

Thanks for the hours spent masterfully manning the BBQ, Rob! Plus an honourable mention to Ted Apted, who spends all afternoon at every home game manning the scoreboard.

28 June 2014

Best Volunteer: **Oli Porter**

Much thanks to Oli for spearheading and organising the wonderful memorial day for our dear friend Bob Burgess. Thanks also to Sue Thewlis who is our most tireless worker and spends about 14 hours working at the club on a Saturday. Much love as always, Mrs T!

26 July 2014

Best Volunteer: **Chester Armstrong**

In addition to playing his own match, Chester also volunteers as a referee and touch judge for other matches, as well as helping out around the club. Thanks, Chester!

9 August 2014

Best Volunteer: **Simon Allport**

In addition to training and playing, and his regular shifts in the “Clamteen” every home game, Simon also does a lot of club admin behind the scenes. What a nice clam!

23 August 2014

Best Volunteer: **Jane Wright**

WE COULD NOT HAVE MANAGED THIS YEAR WITHOUT

THE FANTASTIC SUPPORT WE'VE RECEIVED

FROM ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS AT TRAINING NIGHTS,

ON GAME DAYS AND AT SOCIAL EVENTS.

THANK YOU ALL!

		P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	BP 4t	BP <7p	Pts
1st XV	Old Collegians	18	17	0	1	852	190	662	17	1	86
	Burnside	18	13	0	5	514	347	167	12	2	66
	Onkaparinga	18	12	1	5	486	405	81	10	0	60
	Brighton	18	11	0	7	524	385	139	12	2	58
	Port Adelaide	18	9	0	9	367	438	-71	10	2	48
	Woodville	18	4	1	13	303	564	-261	6	4	28
	Southern Suburbs	18	5	0	13	207	564	-357	5	1	26
	Barossa	18	0	0	18	0	360	-360	0	0	0
2nd XV	Old Collegians	18	17	0	1	758	131	627	16	1	85
	Onkaparinga	18	13	0	5	574	266	308	9	2	63
	Brighton	18	11	0	7	513	330	183	8	1	53
	Adelaide University	18	10	1	7	366	281	85	7	3	52
	Burnside	18	9	1	8	471	264	207	8	3	49
	Elizabeth	18	4	0	14	197	482	-285	1	1	18
	Port Adelaide	18	4	0	14	166	718	-552	2	0	18
	Woodville	18	3	0	15	209	782	-573	2	1	15
3rd XV	Southern Suburbs	18	15	0	3	646	295	351	16	0	76
	Brighton	18	14	0	4	621	261	360	12	1	69
	Old Collegians	18	12	1	5	607	225	382	10	2	60
	Onkaparinga	18	10	0	8	484	331	153	9	2	51
	Barossa	18	9	0	9	410	284	126	9	2	47
	Burnside	18	6	0	12	363	522	-159	4	2	30
	Adelaide University	18	4	0	14	281	637	-356	3	1	20
	North Torrens	18	1	1	16	109	966	-857	1	0	5
4th XV	Onkaparinga	16	15	0	1	481	152	329	14	0	74
	Port Adelaide/North Torrens	16	9	1	6	391	275	116	9	0	47
	Adelaide University	16	9	0	7	382	405	-23	9	0	45
	Old Collegians	16	8	1	7	308	266	42	6	1	41
	Brighton	16	7	0	9	266	418	-152	5	1	34
	Elizabeth	16	4	0	12	288	419	-131	3	1	20
	Burnside	16	2	0	14	185	393	-208	2	4	14
Women's XV	Southern Suburbs	12	11	0	0	526	80	446	9	0	53
	Onkaparinga	12	8	0	4	435	172	263	9	2	43
	Old Collegians	12	5	0	6	458	255	203	7	2	34
	Woodville	12	4	0	8	201	479	-278	3	1	20
	Burnside	12	1	0	11	102	736	-634	2	1	7
Under 16s	Onkaparinga	16	14	0	2	659	84	575	14	1	71
	Old Collegians	15	12	0	3	424	187	237	9	1	58
	Southern Suburbs	16	10	0	6	423	322	101	10	0	50
	Burnside	14	8	0	6	364	300	64	8	1	41
	Brighton	14	5	0	9	306	460	-154	7	2	29
	UNIV./WDRUFC	9	2	0	7	66	244	-178	1	1	10
	Burnside 2	14	0	0	14	56	524	-468	0	1	1
	Western Districts Vikings	4	0	0	4	17	194	-177	0	0	0
Under 14s	Old Collegians	15	14	1	0	786	105	681	14	0	72
	Barossa/North East Districts	15	10	2	3	442	182	260	11	1	56
	Burnside	16	10	0	6	432	347	85	10	0	50
	Onkaparinga	17	6	3	8	390	480	-90	10	1	41
	Brighton	16	4	0	12	195	377	-182	3	4	23
	UNIV/WDRUFC	15	4	1	10	205	459	-254	5	0	23
	Southern Suburbs	17	4	1	12	207	638	-431	5	0	23
	Western Districts Vikings	3	1	0	2	70	139	-69	1	0	5
Under 12s	Burnside	15	15	0	0	804	95	709	14	0	74
	Onkaparinga	17	11	0	6	563	374	189	12	0	56
	Barossa/North East Districts	14	11	0	3	440	251	189	10	1	55
	Old Collegians	15	6	0	9	291	348	-57	8	1	33
	Brighton	15	5	0	10	219	469	-250	5	1	26
	AURUFC/WDRUFC	11	4	0	7	248	340	-92	4	0	20
	Southern Suburbs	17	2	0	15	204	768	-564	2	0	10
	Western Districts Vikings (now joined with AURUFC)	3	1	0	2	57	89	-32	1	0	5
	Adelaide University (now joined with WDRUFC)	3	0	0	3	10	102	-92	0	0	0



DIRECTOR OF RUGBY
REVIEW

The 2014 season has been another successful year on the field for the Old Collegians Rugby Club. There have been many highlights in a year that saw all senior and junior teams reach the finals with the First Grade, Second Grade (3 in a row) and the Under 14s going on to win the Premiership.

The quality of the rugby being played throughout the club has gone to another level this year and much of the credit for this must go to the team coaches, managers and support staff from the Under 7s right through to the First Grade.

We often start the season slowly and build as the year wears on but this year the intensity and purpose was there from the first game in nearly every grade.

I won't go into detail in regards to results or listing coaches etc as both Stewart Frew (Junior Director) and myself will do that in our respective AGM reports.

In the pre season Peet Arnold and Stewart Douglas travelled to New Zealand to attend a coaching course run by the NZ Rugby Academy. What Peet and Stew brought back from this course reinforced what we already had in place but also added to our detailed pre season plans which Dave Nolan, Peet and Stew had already planned for the season.

The opportunity to send Peet and Stew on this course was made possible by the OC Trust which was established a few years ago for exactly this reason.

The value of sending our coaches on courses like this has a knock on effect throughout the club with many of the skills and techniques learnt being passed onto other Senior and Junior coaches and ultimately to the playing group.

We also purchased a new scrum machine this year, replacing the one which we've had for 25 years.

The old one was very hard to manoeuvre which didn't encourage its use particularly in the wet months.

The new scrum machine is far lighter and can be easily moved which means it can be used by the whole club. Also the technical advantages the new machine has, that helps the coach pick strengths and weaknesses, has seen a big improvement in our overall scrummaging, particularly in the juniors.

This year was clearly a successful year on the field and I believe we are in a position to go from strength to strength in future years, but for me our success has truly come from our great community spirit.

This spirit has always been at Old Collegians but over the last few years it has gone to another level.

It starts from the incredible drive provided from the Junior club and the enthusiasm they bring to every thing they do. This has had such a positive effect on the club and has helped in no small way in creating what is no longer a Junior and Senior club but one whole club... Old Collegians.

Cheers,
Danny Mc Cartan | Director of Rugby



FIRST GRADE

Coaches: Peet Arnold, David Nolan
Manager: Tom Secker

Season Summary

The first grade had a dominant year, winning 23 of the 24 games they played across the season. On the way we took out the preseason Bartercard Cup, the Anzac Day grand final rematch with Brighton in the first round, the minor premiership and made a clean sweep of the finals series. Bonus points were earned in every game and at the end of the regular season we finished with a 662 points differential and 20 competition points clear of second place (Burnside), over whom we were the victors 6 times in 6 months.

Building on the platform set by Mike McCrea and Peet Arnold over the last couple of years, Peet and Dave Nolan pushed the playing group to play with a patience and confidence that had been budding but had not crystallised until this season. Not once was the starting team the same two weeks in a row, but regardless of who took the field, a pattern of play developed that saw Old Colls controlling the set piece and soaking up the pressure and

physicality of the opposition in the first half, before bringing it home with solid phase play interspersed with occasional individual brilliance. In many games it was simple team rugby, executed consistently and well, that frustrated the other teams and gave our players opportunities to stand out.

The competition for positions in training and the desire of the players to be in the squad was evident in the game day performances of both our first and second grade. It was overheard, as begrudgingly observed by officials from other clubs, that the 2 strongest teams in the premier grade competition were Old Colls first grade and Old Colls second grade. Complimenting the efforts of the players and coaches, the work of many others behind the scenes around the club, before and during the season, contributed to achieving these results. Whilst they can't all be acknowledged here, we all reaped the rewards of seeing some glorious rugby.



Front (L-R): Kim Evans (President), Liam McDonough, David Nolan (Coach), Paddy Macklin (Vice-captain), Tim Dawes (Captain), Peet Arnold (Coach), Will Sadler, Gary Mann, Mitch Oak, Rudi Timoteo
Middle (L-R): Kate Denley (First Aider), Rory Sheppard, Jack Champion, George Bretag-Norris, Chris Bartlett, Fraser Murison, Jaco Basson, Wesley Billett, Danny McCartan (Director of Rugby)
Back (L-R): Tom Secker, Peter Cross, Wayne Power, Bernie van Altena, Henry Nutt, Jon Collins, Riady Perdana, Jane Richards (First Aider)
Not Present: James Daley, Delano Leen, Rob Smedley





FIRST GRADE GRAND FINAL

Tries: Tim Dawes, Bernie Van Altena, Chris Bartlett (2), Paddy Macklin, Will Sadler (2)

Conversions: Will Sadler (3)

Coaches: Peet Arnold & David Nolan

Manager: Tom Secker

It was an uncharacteristically slow start to the grand final from OC, as skittish energy resulted in basic errors and allowed Burnside to hold possession for much of the first half hour. The OC's kick-off into the wind to commence proceedings failed to go 10 and, following the scrum reset, we dropped the ball at half way on the far wing where it was snapped up by Burnside who went off down the touch line. Mitch Oak made a desperate run from the opposite wing to drag down the attacker just before the try line and it was a question of who could get their support there first. Whilst our defence was able to rally and hold them out for a few phases, eventually Burnside found a gap and were over in the corner for the first try.

OC fought back and soon fed a scrum mid-field just inside Burnside territory. A quick strike had the ball quickly to the backs and it was shifted through hands to Oak on the wing. He made it to the 22 where our forwards arrived in force to propel further phases and eventually earned a scrum close the line. The pack again held strong and some smooth passing pushed the attack to the wing where Bartlett replied with a try to put the good guys on the board.

Burnside put the restart deep into our 22 where we took it cleanly and the forwards drove it out, with Mann, Murison and Perdana all making good yards grafting against the breeze. We made it back to our 10m line but another dropped ball gave a scrum to Burnside. They won the feed and went wide, again scoring in the left corner to extend their lead to 7. This was the sixth encounter between the teams for the season, the previous 5 all won by OC, and a nervous susurrrus was building that this might be the game where the tide turned.

OC had done most of the defending thus far, soaking up a lot of physical impact in the forwards and Macklin, Leen and Sadler were continually tested in the centre channel. OC kept their composure and, after the initial onslaught, managed to hold onto some consistent possession with the pace of our pick and drives and recycling. Van Altena took the ball off the back of a scrum on the half way and the following pack made good pace to the 22 where Burnside conceded a penalty. OC kept up the pressure with a kick for touch. A well executed take and drive put all 8 forwards over Burnside's line where Bernie secured the points. Burnside again went long with the kick-off, but alleviated any pressure by conceding a penalty on our 22 soon after. A long clearance gave us a lineout just inside our territory. Max Power secured the throw and the backs went wide to Sadler, coming into the line on an elusive angle and hitting the wing with pace. He smoked the defenders before scoring under the posts, allowing us to take a 17 to 12 advantage into half time.

The second half started in direct contrast to the first as OC came out firing and dominated Burnside for the first 20. After initial phases back and forth between the teams OC had the ball on the halfway. A couple of tight five substitutions had contributed a burst of energy to our pack and Rudi barrelled through the Burnside forwards before finding Nutt and Power in support, taking possession to the 22 where Macklin finished the run and scored. When play resumed OC conceded a penalty midfield and Burnside kicked to the 22. A blue steal by Power stunted Burnside's attack before Sheppard ran the ball through their realigning defence back to our 40m line. Burnside soon were

penalised and Sadler made touch to provide us a lineout 5m from the line. Burnside conceded several more penalties in the red zone but OC gave them no respite, declining the points and our forwards continually attacked their line before Dawes was able to dive over the line from the back of a ruck to score.

In total OC managed to put on 4 second half tries before Burnside could respond, though they still had chances. Patient driving phase play and varying the point of attack again proved invaluable for the third. It allowed OC to drive Burnside back 40m from near our line, before Nutt cut the remaining defenders out with a pass to Bartlett on the wing and he ran 60m to score. The fourth came soon following the restart, where the forwards drove up the field, culminating with Nutt and Rudi combining again to break into the 22 before Sadler took the final pass and scored.

In the final quarter Burnside mounted increasingly desperate attacks and held the majority of possession, but were consistently frustrated by withering defence across the OC team. Unable to break the line they reverted to trying to kick their way down field in the wind with limited effect, as our back 3 replied with interest and forced them to start again. Eventually Burnside made it into our 22 where they spent the last 10 minutes searching for a way through, finally succeeding in pegging one try back, but time was up and OC finished with an solid victory to complement a thoroughly impressive season.



**1ST XV GRAND FINAL 2014
OLD COLLEGIANS 41 V BURNSIDE 19**



SECOND GRADE

Coaches: Stewart Douglas, James Irving
Manager: Doug Mein

Season Summary

For our first game of the year, our team on paper looked stunning, and accordingly the season began in emphatic fashion as we took on Brighton on their home ground and produced a game of rare quality. Handling errors and missed tackles were almost non-existent. The 36 - 0 scoreline seemed to almost flatter Brighton, such was the standard that was attained. There was only one doubt that came from this game - would we be able to continue at this level? As difficult as it was, we did stay very close to the lofty bar we had set. And as a whole, the season was peerless.

Over the course of the minor rounds and then the finals series the team changed dramatically, week in, week out. Injuries, work, babies, holidays, playing promotions and sickness all played their part in providing new obstacles for the selectors and coaches. Yet every time the 2nd XV took the field we lifted our game far above all opposition.

At the base of this performance was the defence. We regularly kept quality teams scoreless or to a single digit score. This was a result of players being committed to the team's cause and pulling out that something special whenever the opposition looked threatening. Hard work on tackling technique at training paid handsome dividends as teams were suffocated out of games, unable to score or threaten at all, and their depletion of spirit became our fuel to drive, work and tackle even harder. Teams didn't really seem to play us, they merely held on for as long as they could.

The single game that we lost - to Adelaide Uni on a quagmire pitch - didn't halt our momentum at all. In fact losing by only 3 points, with 10 players out, seemed only to galvanise our determination to continuously improve even further.

The quality of personnel available to Old Collegians this season meant that plenty of players capable of playing 1st XV rugby found themselves playing in the 2nds. In times gone by this would have created some frustration and disquiet. Instead, these players attacked every game as an opportunity to prove themselves. This attitude is a coach's dream and the quality of the team's skill, commitment and culture helped the team to soar to their full potential. The same players also helped lift players from the 3rd XV and even the 4th XV to new playing levels. The new faces entering the team were welcomed and nurtured to become the best they could be.

This attitude speaks volumes, not just of the 2nds, but of the entire culture at Old Collegians. The greatest asset we now have is a positive and inclusive culture, and culture is the single most important building block in any rugby club's success.

The entire season can be encapsulated in the Grand Final. A powerhouse team dominated an undeniably talented Onkaparinga to win 32 - 5. The team played as a unit and with total commitment to each other. Reserves coming onto the field seamlessly merged into the team to continue the passionate teamwork. This is the sight of a strong culture in full flight.

Our playing style remained loyal to our team ethos of attacking at every opportunity and playing positive footy. There was never any thought of playing it 'safe' just because this was a grand final. We wanted to thrill our supporters, show the opposition our full armoury and ultimately have the time of our lives doing it. This approach had worked all season and it worked magnificently once again.

Having fought and won together, we celebrated together.

We celebrate with every single person that was involved in the team's success. Coaches, supporters, selectors, reserves, starting players, medical staff, managers, committee members, presidents and volunteers are all part of our success, because the 15 players that run onto the field are just the tip of the iceberg that is a premiership team.

For the third year running OC are second grade premiers - and deservedly so.

We are not just proud to wear the Old Collegians jersey, we are proud to BE Old Collegians, and we hope that our efforts this year make next year's team and following generations proud to wear red and blue and represent a great club.

My eternal thanks to all of you involved at every level, I feel extremely humble, proud and privileged to be the coach of such a talented group.

Massive thanks must also go to my co-coach James Irving and manager Doug Mein. This wouldn't have been possible without you two.

See you all in 2015,
Cheers,
Stewart Douglas.



Front (L-R): Doug Mein (Team Manager), Mark Darby, Liam McDonough, Peter Cross, Stewart Douglas (Coach), Wesley Billett, Mike Otty, James Bradley, Nick Howlett
Middle (L-R): Kim Evans, James Denley, David Nolan, Mitch Sallis, Matt Adams, Nat Linder-Patton, Danny McCartan (Director of Rugby), Kate Denley (First Aider),
Back (L-R): Jeshua Graham, Alex Eimes, Jaco Basson, Henry Nutt, Benny Blackall, Patrick Gordon, Jane Richards



SECOND GRADE GRAND FINAL



OLD COLLEGIANS 32 V ONKAPARINGA 5

The only team that had posed any real threat to the 2nd Grade this year had been Onkaparinga. Their lack of structure and ability to thrive in chaos had given us grief in our past two meetings, and we were ready for another tough game for 2014's ultimate prize - a premiership.

After winning the semi-final by a try OC had the week off while Onkas and Brighton beat each other senseless in the second semi. We knew that Onkas would be sore from this and also that they were a team that played with emotion and relied heavily on momentum to build confidence. It was essential that OC opened the game aggressively and put our stamp on the game. A major ally to the coaches' game plan was a power-laden team sheet plus a reserves bench of rare quality - despite losing lineout superstar Wayne Power on the morning of the game to the a first grade call-up.

From the first kick-off OC were rampant, quickly setting up camp firmly in Onkas' half. Controlling possession easily with accurate rucking, aggressive running lines and wave after wave of support, a penalty and several tries were just reward for a powerful display throughout the first half. The pack was relentless in its hunger for yards and the front rowers in particular were constantly stampeding down field. Blackall, Daley, Bradley, Nutt and Howlett (yes - front rowers all!) were more than Onkas could deal with. The support from Taylor and Gordon allowed the constant crashes forward to continue with fluid brutality. When the ball was distributed cleverly to the backs by a ruthless Basson at halfback, it was clinically used and possession was revered.

Otty held the ball up when Onkas fast moving rush defence shut down our midfield and shipped the ball nicely to Cross and Adams in the centres whenever there was the smallest opportunity. Hard running from the centres regularly opened up opportunities for a rapid back trio of McDonough, Linder-Patten and Nolan to attack with authority and pace. After dealing with the pack Onkas were faced with further stress in hauling in breaks from a back line on the prowl to snare every point and break on offer.

In between strong phase play the set piece was also dominating a wilting Onkas pack. The scrum faced some early resistance as Onkas seemed to realise that they needed all their fortitude to simply break even and thwart what could be a huge advantage for OC. As the half wore on this effort began to take a toll, and our scrum soon asserted itself and the opposition's resilience was worn down, leaving OC in the position of controlling the scrum regardless of feed. This prevented Onkas from effectively kicking out of defence.

Meanwhile, the lineout loomed high over the men in red and black. Billet and Eames regularly took their ball and easily controlled our own throws. A superbly patient and controlled driving maul was a fitting reward for some slick set piece work from a 10m lineout.

By the end of the first half Onkas were well and truly on the canvas. It seemed they could barely contain OC, let alone attack and threaten us. Onkas had yet to show us the running and creativity that been so effective in our previous meetings, making the coaches a little wary of what their charges would face after the break.

With a healthy points lead, the second half began well for OC, but the inevitable fightback from a proud and talented Onkas outfit was becoming apparent. They finally began to secure more possession by avoiding set pieces and playing a more continuous style. This lead to better field position and some pressure began to build on OC. But this OC team is built of sterner stuff, and to submit anything to the enemy was unthinkable. As Onkas increased their tempo in attack, OC increased its aggression in defence. A twenty minute period became a masterclass in turning defence into attack, regardless of which team had possession. This defence was lead by Otty and Cross, and they were supported by every team member with unblinking commitment. With scant regard for personal wellbeing the OC 2nd XV defence turned Onkas against themselves with massive tackles and relentless swarming defence. Tempers frayed, and Onkas were forced to turn to

tactics of the defeated. Sledging and foul play crept into the final 15 minutes as they desperately sought a chink in the seemingly impervious red and blue armour. Even as reserves were brought on OC maintained its rhythm and style. Onkas had no answer to fresh players entering the fray with no loss of skill, commitment or cohesion in our line-up.

As the proceedings came to a conclusion, OC regained the upper hand and closed the game out with style and confidence, defeating a dangerous but ultimately outplayed Onkaparinga team 32-5. There are no best players in a grand final, there is only a squad of 22 that gave everything it had - one united team earning a wonderful reward. For the third year running OC are 2nd XV Premiers - and deservedly so. In addition to a magnificent Grand Final, the 2nds dominated the season from start to finish. Despite being continually disrupted by injury, exams, work and the pesky first grade, the team managed to lift itself to a remarkable standard of play week after week. This standard is a direct result of the club's incredible depth. Third and fourth grade players coming up into the team were willing and able to not just fill holes, but make them their own. During the season OC 2nds regularly fronted up with 7 to 10 players missing, yet still defeated the opposition with confidence and precision. A massive thank you to all the players that pulled on the jersey for the 2nds this year, you are all part of our success, and all part of our celebrations.

We are not just proud to wear the Old Collegians jersey, we are proud to BE Old Collegians, and we hope that our efforts this year make next year's team and following generations proud to wear red and blue and represent a great club. Thank you gentlemen, I feel extremely humble, proud and privileged to be the coach of such a talented group. Massive thanks also to my co-coach James Irving and manager Doug Mein.

THIRD GRADE

Coach: Graham Raymond
Manager: Ian Walker

Season Summary

After two years as the 3rd XV premier team, the shock this season started in round one with a one point loss to Brighton. Things got worse the following week with a loss to Southern Suburbs. Things then became more comfortable with a string of six wins, followed by losses again to Brighton and Southern Suburbs. From there on, we won six of the seven remaining matches of the minor round. The Barossa Rams showed us how to glide over a bog as they put 20+ points on us in our fifth loss for the season. In the first round of finals we dispatched Onkas in pretty good style. In the second week we were soundly reminded that we were the

third best division 3 team of 2014 by the eventual premiers – Southern Suburbs. It was a year where after a few weeks into the season the club was carrying some 20+ unavailable players every week. The affect on the lower grades is amplified and made it difficult to form a strong nucleus for our coach to work with. Of OC's 108 players, 71 had a run in the 3rd XV, of which only 8 played 10 or more of the 17 games. It was commonplace for 8 or 9 players to change week by week. This made it almost impossible to build the team's performance through the season as we have done in the past.

We tended to have big wins and much smaller losses and ended with the best for and against points difference. Third at end of season, third in the finals - we were not far off the pace.

The player movement between grades did have the benefit that we gave players a chance to try out in higher grades. Many secured a position in higher grades through the season. For me, that is what playing in the 3rd XV is all about - and winning of course.

Ian Walker



Front (L-R): Tony Mrwebi, Rob Porteous, Derek Lewis, Rene Munch, Robert Paprzycki, Simon Allport, David Nolan, Austin Wakeham
Back (L-R): Graham Raymond (Coach), Tim Wall (First Aider), Christian Newland, Ollie Jackson, Jeshua Graham, Ben Suttell, Ed Smart, Richard Czeglik, Zander Evans, Tim Wonders (Coach), Paul Cleary, Mike Otty, Ian Walker (Team Manager)

FOURTH GRADE

Coach: Lenny Eilers, Nick Porter
Manager: Alex Walwyn

Season Summary

4th grade hopes were high following a 2013 season that saw great improvement from the previous year. The season started off with a solid away win at Brighton with only 15 men before we ran into a powerhouse Onkas that set the benchmark last year, going down 27-12. Season highlights were good wins against Burnside, Brighton and Elizabeth, and an important and hard fought draw against Port, a result that prove crucial to us making the finals. We snuck into the finals and ran into a classy Adelaide Uni side, giving our all before unluckily going down 19-16 to the eventual premiers.

Many 4th grade players stepped up admirably to play good rugby in higher

grades and make important contributions to those teams. To see players who primarily played 4th grade in 2013 playing good rugby in a strong 2nd grade side highlights the importance of fielding a competitive team in the lowest grade. Once again we were pleased to welcome new players to the club into our ranks - Jarrod Mapstone, David Pedler-Jones, Dan Humphries, Alexis Baue and Rafa Enriquez are some who made great strides during the year. Young bucks Luke Howes Nick Porter & Peet Arnold showed glimpses of promise, and we expect to see plenty of them in the future.

In a typically disjointed season the core group of 4th graders showed great heart and

commitment throughout the year. Great leadership and play from Justin Elder, Harley Simmonds, Sam Walwyn, Mark Johnson, James Sheekey, Jarrod Mapstone and others got the team through a trying year. The injuries and absences throughout the men's grades filtered down to the 4's, and the team can't thank Danny & Ian enough for their tireless efforts in putting a team together, often with frantic phone calls and texts on a Saturday morning.

We go into season 2015 with high hopes to break a 15 year 4th grade premiership drought.



WOMEN'S GRADE

Coach: David Linder Patton

Managers: Katey Bereny, Maxine Moran, Rebecca Derbyshire-Lloyd

Season Summary

Sadly, for a variety of reasons our women's team failed to perform to their potential in 2014.

Unavoidable difficulties with the structure of the women's competition did not assist our cause. For various unavoidable reasons, the women's fixture is disjointed, uneven and contains many byes. Added to this, we 'match numbers', which tends to work against OC as we invariably could have fielded 15 and were training for 15 aside but mostly ended up playing 12s. Every week saw us with a bench full of eager, committed players who could only get half a game, and we have excellent loose forwards and outside backs who rarely had a chance to show their stuff.

We were disjointed ourselves as well, too. A number of key players were absent for much of the year due to injuries, work, holidays, school and representative footy. This carried a heavy price – we had limited consistency week to week, many players

played out of position more often than not, and we fielded something like our strongest team only once all year. Of course, there were some silver linings in all of this; young players had a chance to stretch their wings and learn new skills and we all learned to be very adaptable.

Through all of this, we still saw some excellent footy. Under the excellent coaching of David Linder Patton, great improvements were made in ruck, maul, tackle and ball movement, and the set pieces were dominant. The strong leadership of Lusia Raikiwasa in the captaincy had her squad giving it everything they had, and if we could have found a little more consistency, vision and aggression we would have been hard to beat.

The season finished with a heartbreaking 19 v 21 loss to Woodville in the first week of finals, pipped at the post by a more determined outfit. Our first half lacked the spirit we showed all season and were sleepy

at the breakdown and in defence, and went into halftime down 14-0. In the second half, we finally showed up and scored three great tries in short order. With only seconds on the clock we needed 2 points to draw and were 80 metres away from the tryline. Lusia pilfered the ball from the back of a ruck and rampaged for 50m before offloading to Phoebe, running a great supporting line, who sprinted in the rest of the distance and over the tryline. Alas, Phoebe was taken out by a spectacular and desperate cover tackle which dislodged the ball and ended the game as well as our season. This takes nothing away from Phoebe and Lusia who very nearly delivered the miraculous fairy tale ending we needed.

Onwards and upwards! There is always next year, and this talented, happy team will do better next time, with its mix of youth and experience and its great culture of support and positivity. The girls would like to thank Coach David Linder Patton from the very, very bottom of their hearts.



THANK YOU KIM



The 2015 Committee wish to thank Kim for ten tireless years devoted to Old Collegians in her role as President. During this period she has worked around the clock to ensure that all the stakeholders within the Club and that state wide and nationally, on behalf of the club, Old Collegians, and rugby, has had a respected and valued voice. With our best interests at heart, she has fought many battles over the years, ensuring the longevity and viability of the Club, along with assuring the Club of a stable home at the grounds of Tregenza. We wish her well in her retirement and with her continuing endeavours on behalf of women's rugby in SA.



DIRECTOR OF JUNIOR RUGBY



**MY RUGBY LIFE IS SHARED WITH MY CHILDREN, MY WIFE
OUR STRUGGLES AND ENDEAVOUR
A SPORTING COMMUNITY BOUND TOGETHER
EARLY MORNINGS
LATE TRAINING NIGHTS
ON FIELD BATTLES TOGETHER WE FIGHT
FROM TOTS THROUGH TO TEENS
ALL AGES IN BETWEEN
OUR CLUB STANDS TOGETHER
IN THE MUD AND FINE WEATHER
WE WEAR PROUDLY RED AND BLUE
WE LOVE RUGBY THIS IS TRUE!!**

By: **Stewart Frew** | Director of Junior Rugby
Old Collegians R.U.F.C.
26 August 2014

2014 Old Collegians Rugby Club | Director Reviews

DIRECTOR OF JUNIOR RUGBY REVIEW

After the success of the 2013 Junior Rugby Season the NEW 2014 Committee got stuck into planning for the season ahead with a focus on producing a better rugby program with a serious focus on skill sets and style of play. All elected Coaches completed the Rugby Foundation Course and followed this up with robust discussions about our rugby direction. Plans were then laid out and the process began.

Our First Grade and Second Grade Coaches attended an International Coaches Clinic in New Zealand and upon return were happy to share their experiences and knowledge gained with all the Junior Coaches. A fitness emphasis was adopted and the preseason began with many players surprised by the workloads expected from them.

Our “happy players make happy parents” theme appeared evident when the preseason started for our Under 7, 8 and 10 squads with big numbers rolling up into each team. At this time we as a committee and the coaches and managers were excited and looking forward to what the season would bring.

Behind the scenes preparations for social events and the meals we wished to provide on training nights was underway.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Junior Committee Members, coaches, managers and volunteers for all their hard work. I would also like to thank the Senior Committee Members for their efforts this year by providing support, advice and leadership to the Junior Committee. The attendance of Senior Committee Members to some of our Junior Committee meetings was fantastic.

Our registration day was a resounding success and the club looked more like a department store than a rugby club with merchandise being tried on for size everywhere you looked. The atmosphere was fantastic and felt like a family reunion.

Our finish to last season was with one of the most attended Junior Presentation Nights in club history and it had obviously been well received and was still being discussed by many on what a fantastic night it had been.

Recruiting appears to be very much a parent based result with many parents bringing new families to the club because they were enjoying our culture and environment and the coaching of their children met their expectations. We made the finals in the grades that play for premierships points and finished with the Under 12s in 3rd, Under 14s Premiers and undefeated and the Under 16's Runners Up. Our emphasis on a style of rugby was across the entire Club has been reflected this year from 1st Grade down and we must next season build on this momentum and belief in what we are aiming to deliver to our players.

The player numbers in some age groups will require some active recruiting to ensure teams have full squads in 2015, with particular focus on the Under 12s and Under 14s.

Overall, our numbers for next year are looking positive however it is at this time I ask all of you to assist the Club's efforts to recruit. We need to leave no stone unturned to make sure we have good numbers in all teams. Our success in our senior teams has been in some ways attributed to our junior players continuing with rugby after their junior rugby experience has come to an end. I believe our First Grade and Second Grade Premiership Teams had approximately 15 players in the teams overall that had come through the Junior Program at Old Collegians.

So I ask everyone associated to become a recruiting officer for the club. Please, please assist us.

Our social committee members have organised the canteen on training nights to a new level and provided new healthy food options instead of the trusted sausage sizzle. Parents have commented what a difference it has made to getting the children home without having to worry about feeding them before a shower and bed time.

The support and willingness of parents, players and siblings of players to staff the “Home Game” canteen, BBQ and assist with 7.00am set up has been wonderful and I personally thank those that were there to assist even on the most ordinary cold mornings. Thank you! Special thanks to Sue Thewlis and Sarah Monfries for the purchasing and setting up of the canteen on home games. Two young ladies that are siblings of players that need special mention are Emma Richards and Jess Andrewartha for their enthusiasm and hours spent serving in the canteen.

Our Junior Presentation Day was extraordinary. I have never seen so many people in attendance (approximately 450). Thank you to everyone that attended and those people that contributed to the smooth running of this event. The Under 8s and 10s mini movies made the day memorable and exciting. The special guest and new award video presentation from Liam Gill was amazing and I am sure there is one player that will never forget being presented his award of a signed Wallabies Jersey by a Wallaby player on YouTube.

Congratulations to all award recipients and a special thanks to all the attendees that were either in attendance to present awards in their honour or representing a family member of an award named after a family member. It really does make the event all that more special with some of our past players and administrators in attendance.

This was a very special year for the junior section of the club. We have great players, enthusiastic parents, dedicated coaches & team management and a hard working committee.

2015 is looking bright and we must ensure that we build on what we have achieved and make 2015 even better.

Thank you all,

Stewart Frew
Director of Junior Rugby, Old Collegians RFC

UNDER 16S



Front (L-R): Bernard de Villiers, Awin Matthews, Sam Price, Charlie Pickford, Rhys Frew, Ben Hower, George Campbell, Joel Pepper, Charlie Dubois, Liam Westerik **Back (L-R):** Tim Wall (First Aider), Phil Whittaker (Team Manager), Ciaran Whittaker, Kyle Fleetwood-Pieper, Isaac Hay, Kynan Carmichael, James Francis, Sebastian Thompson, Ben Viljoen, Rory Illman, Douglas Pratt, Spencer Bond, Oliver Horne, Michael Westerik (Coach), Ian Horne (Coach) (Cameron Peck, Eamon Lambert not present)

Coach: Michael Westerik / Simon Pickford / Ian Horne / Peter Dubois
Manager: Phil Whittaker

Season Summary

Congratulations to all our U16 players. The 2014 season has been a great ride for us all. It's the first time that I, as a coach can remember starting the year with a convincing win over Brighton. We consistently won games and played in a manner which we can be proud of, even when the opposition made it challenging to do so.

Our commitment to training and the team's willingness to try different tactics served us well. The belief and trust every player had in themselves and in their team mates got us into the finals. What a proud moment to be part of, with every Old Collegians team through to finals, both in the juniors as well as in the seniors. A first in the club's history! Sadly our first round of finals didn't go according to plan but as we finished second on the ladder we got another opportunity to progress further in the competition.

Semi-final day arrived and it was us up against Burnside for a spot in the Grand Final. Our last two encounters against them were tough and close and the semi's were not going to be any different. We were well prepared, positive and switched on. Through injuries we were down to only 3 reserves on the bench to start with. It was Game Time! Burnside dominated and we were down 19-0 half time. We came back strong after half time with our backs moving the ball wide and seeing us score early. The intensity mounted

and we started to dominate with another try from strong play in the centres. Another great run from our captain and an equally good conversion saw us level the game 19-19 at the end of normal time.

The tension was unbelievable with five minutes each way over time, to decide the game. It was a tight tussle with a penalty goal each way in the first 5 minutes to level the game up 22-22. In the second five minutes of overtime, we forged our way into their half from a penalty, and a win at the line out saw us in control with 30 seconds remaining on the clock and five metres from the line! We got awarded a scrum and halfback Dougie Pratt took the ball off the back, sniped over the line and scored the winning try (his first ever!) Jubilation from all! Into the grand final we go! Charlie Pickford had a great captain's game, Kyle Fleetwood-Pieper scored 2 tries and Dougie scored the winner. Another great come from behind win, 29-22 and a great effort from the whole team.

We made it too the grand final for another chance against Onkas. We went into the game with some injury concerns, a knee looking like a football and an ankle as black as darkness. The boys worked hard to get to this point and come game time they were focused. We started well but some missed tackles saw Onkas score,

where after we lost our captain with a suspected broken arm. The tide turned in Onkas' favour. The boys fought really hard but were overrun by a fitter, stronger Onkas side which put on a great display to win the game. We can learn from the experience as a group of young men and build on the future.

We hope to see you all out in the OC jersey in 2015. As a coaching team we would like to congratulate every player who took the field this year. We would like to take this opportunity to wish every one of our second year U16s that are moving up to U18s good luck. It has been a great pleasure and a lot of fun to coach you. We will still be watching your rugby careers closely and with a keen interest, whether you continue to play at club level or move on to greater things. To all our first year U16s, we look forward to having you back next year and hope you are as excited as we are for the 2015 season.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow coaches Simon Pickford, Peter Dubois and Ian Horne and our team manager Phil Whittaker. It has been a great year of rugby. Enjoy your summer, and we'll see you all next year!

Mike Westerik

Under 16s Player Review

Awin Matthews | Awin has been a dynamo on the left wing for us this season, great running with the ball and great try saving tackles against much bigger opposition. Awin was also selected and played state U15s this year, his pace and aggressive running continues to wow both his team mates and the opposition.

Ben Hower | Ben has also been a surprise package this year, dominating at hooker and gaining in confidence each game, a courageous player. Ben is proof that if you can get your body height low you will always run meters up the middle, his determination is inspiring to his team mates.

Ben Viljoen | Ben really enjoys playing on the wing with a number of great runs this year, always makes the most of his opportunities, great tackling this year. He has also played at fullback where his ball security and tackling has been outstanding. Ben also represented South Australia in the U16s state team.

Bernard de Villiers | Bernard has been a welcome addition to our lineout and scrum, he has done a brilliant job this year in the second row and contributed strongly to the lineout. We have also used his services in the backline, his pace and hard running has served us well.

Cameron Peck | Cameron has not had much opportunity to show his talent this year due to nagging injuries, great tackling this year and excellent running with the ball. With an ability to read the play, it is clear that he has a great talent for rugby.

Charlie Dubois | Charlie as ever steady always ready, a versatile player who can easily play in the forwards or fits just as comfortably in the backline. Charlie has a great track record although he decided not to play state this year. His knowledge of the game and determination to succeed has served him and the team well.

Charlie Pickford | Charlie has been an inspirational captain this year, always leading from the front. His intensity and ability to turn a game when the chips are down has been nothing less than amazing. Always getting the rest of the team to lift under pressure, which has held him in high esteem with his team mates. Charlie has also played state in the past couple of years, this year taking a break to commit fully to our club and his team mates.

Ciaran Whittaker | Ciaran another player who has had little opportunity to show his stuff this year because of injury but has a strong determination to succeed. Ciaran has been working hard on his fitness this year. He has a sound knowledge of the game and strong communication skills.

Douglas Pratt | Dougie was forced out of his comfort zone this year, playing scrum half due to Liam's injury, he has done an outstanding job. His powerful pass and pressure on opposition scrum halves has given us a great advantage over the opposition both at set plays and at the breakdown. He is not scared to get his hands dirty and will take on anyone in a contest. Dougie also played state U16s this year.

Eamon Lambert | Eamon had to give it away this year due to ongoing injury problems, really hope to see him back next year, we miss him up front.

George Campbell | George was a strong contender as always this year. He has lead the scrum from loosehead, always up for a big run. He is another player that doesn't know how to take a backward step. The knowledge George has gained over the years having played at state level for a long time has been evident in his support and advice to his fellow forwards, he is well respected in the team.

Isaac Hay | Isaac all heart, gives 100% every game, no need to tell Isaac what to do, he just gets on with the job. Isaac has a great future in rugby, the ability he has to clean out at the breakdown, his strength in the scrum and powerful running. He is the lynch pin in our scrum.

James Francis | Jimmy, what a great season he's had. He's got to be one of the two best U16 flankers in the state. He is always in the middle of everything and has been instrumental in setting up a number of tries, also scoring himself on occasion. He should have tried out for state team this year. We hope he does next year and will be following his career closely.

Joel Pepper | Joel, a very strong performance from him this year. He has also been a welcome addition to the team. Joel's communication skills are excellent. He has done a great job at number 8, also playing at prop and lock. He is another player with a strong knowledge of the game. Another one of our team who played state this year, great job!

Kyle Fleetwood-Pieper | Kyle, great tackling this year! He is also strong, hard and very fast. He showed growing confidence in every game. Kyle has proven to be a vital part of our backline. He is always ready and will do what is required, we need to get the ball to him more often. A true team player!

Kynan Carmichael | Kynan, the improvement in his skills is just amazing and his understanding of the position he holds in the team. He got better every game. Always does his best to get to break downs, solid in the scrum with some impressive running of the ball this year. Well done mate!

Liam Westerik | Liam, unfortunately we lost him to an ACL injury at the start of the season. He has been missed but he has been working hard and is rearing to go next year, hang in there mate.

Oliver Horne | Ollie what can we say, he has put his heart and soul into this team, guiding the backline from Number 10 or playing at 12, great work. Ollie is always trying to improve his own performance and help everybody around him with encouragement and advice. Ollie is yet another of our many talented players who have represented South Australia in the U15s this year.

Rhys Frew | Rhys has come back into our team stronger and faster. He has been a tough competitor in all aspects of the game, especially at the breakdowns. His dominance in the lineout is clear, taking control in the air. He is also a leader in the forwards and will do well next year in the U18s competition. He has been equally dedicated off the field, whether it is helping to set-up in the morning for home games, refereeing, or doing the barbeque. Well done Rhys!

Rory Illman | Rory who else would you put at fullback, safe hands, cool head, great kick and a chase. Rory's skill level and sheer talent for this game is amazing, he reads the play very well and often turns defence into attack on the bounce of a ball. He has kept us in the game on many occasions. Another member of our team that played state U15s this year.

Sam Price | Sam gives his all every time he heads out onto the field. You always know he's not going to miss that crucial tackle or drop the ball, he is brilliant at the breakdown. We could play Sam in almost any position and he will do a great job. He is another player with great potential, he is also a very confident player.

Sebastian Thompson | Seb is the other best U16 flanker in the state, no doubt at all. Seb is consistently one of the strongest players on the pitch. He tackles hard, loves to get his hands on the ball and if there's a way through he will find it. He is one of the best support players in the team. Seb was also chosen as a state player for the U16s this year.

Spencer Bond | Spencer has had a great season, with his hard work around the ruck and some very inspiring running with the ball. He has found his feet this year and has been dynamic at the lineout. He was also very solid in the second row and has done all that was asked of him. He will be an excellent leader in the forwards next year.

UNDER 14S



Front (L-R): Marcel Dajean, Jack Richards, Thomas Copson, Magnus Illman, Matthew Green, Alfie Malcolm, Magnus Duckett, Graham Copson (Coach)

Middle (L-R): Richard Pardoe (Coach), Tim Wall (First Aider), Kees Young, Brad Killick, Max Monfries, James Rees, Jasper Carter, Colin Tilson, Edwin

Dodd, George Pepper, Stewart Frew (Coach) **Back (L-R):** Oscar Armstrong, Harrison Cole, Campbell Robertson, Flynn Rogers, James du Preez, Nicholas Barry, Michael Clifton, James Gomersall, Ante Androvic, Seaton Siegfried. (George Hewitt, Chris Barry (Team Manager) not present)

Coach: Richard Pardoe / Stewart Frew / Graham Copson / Steve Hewitt

Manager: Chris Barry

Season Summary

The U14s coaches had made a decision prior to pre-season based on fitness standards they wanted to set for the 2014 rugby season. Each of the coaches agreed that fit teams give themselves the best chance of still being in the contest towards the end of a game.

The U14s were aiming to be fit, strong and follow a simple set of key drills at training to encourage performance of skills under fatigue, to simulate match conditions. The players were informed of the plan and applied themselves to the task in front of them. They approached the preseason with outstanding discipline and dedication. The lads were consistently improving from week to week and surprised themselves at times with what they were able to achieve.

Round one arrived and a win at Brighton resulted, the lads surprised the coaches and themselves as winning at Brighton has always been problematic in years gone by for many of our junior teams. The lads had a wakeup call against Barossa/NEDs with a draw and appeared to take on board important messages from the coaches about team structure, trusting team mate's abilities to do their job and be patient with the ball when facing stiff opposition.

Off field this team were bonding very well and the support for each other's efforts during training and playing was fantastic. They behaved like a team that enjoyed putting their bodies on the

line for each other and always acknowledged each other's performances.

Momentum was building and the team was rewarded with many of the players being selected in State Representative teams touring the Gold Coast in the U13s and U14s. The team had some big wins and held top spot most of the premiership season. However the opposition were improving and the Old Col's U14s were being hunted.

The team finished the season as Minor Premiers and the business end of the season was upon them. Breaks in the draw with byes and school holidays broke momentum, however the lads appeared confident in getting the job done during the finals. The first final was tough and was not the rugby the lads wanted to be judged by. A second half fade out resulted, however the first half points on the scoreboard was enough to get them into the main dance (the Grand Final) in a weeks' time. So some serious analysis was conducted and a decision to not make the same mistakes was agreed upon across all team members.

A consistent, tough, courageous effort was going to be required to get the job done in the next game "the Big One". The lads trained well and appeared calm during the week leading up to the Grand Final. The players were aware that they may not all get a run on to the pitch if the game

was close. We had agreed as a team to keep the best combinations on the park where possible to get the result they all craved.

The opposition had done their homework and produced their best rugby against us all season and were threatening to steal the chocolates. However the lads held their nerve, believed in themselves and held on to win in a cracking game of Under 14 rugby.

The standard of rugby from both teams was outstanding and the spectators were impressed with the level these two teams had risen to. The Old Collegians U14s held on to win and got to celebrate a wonderful year on and off the pitch. The lads also got to send two of their team mates off in the best possible manner, with Oscar Armstrong and Colin Tilson moving interstate.

The coaches would also like to thank all the parents for their support throughout the season and the wonderful feedback they provided, also a big "thank you" to the team manager Chris Barry and the various first aid providers for the team throughout the season. Winning a Premiership is something you will treasure for the rest of your life and something you can look back on and feel proud of, whilst not only acknowledging your individual effort but that of your team mates too - "friends for life". "Under 14 2014 Premiers".

Under 14s Player Review

Alfie Malcolm | Alfie has made the blind side flanker position his own this season. He gives 100% and more to everything he does. He is courageous in contest and never gives up. He is always looking to improve himself and will have a go at anything. Alfie is one of the reasons why the team has performed so well this year and is sure to do well in 2015.

Ante Androvic | Ante is still learning the game. Unfortunately he has been hampered with injury this season but when he is at training or during a game he applies himself well and is a valuable member of the squad.

Brad Killick | Brad is the most versatile player in the forward pack having played various positions throughout the season and not once appeared overwhelmed by the moment. His front row craft is developing and never appeared out of his depth when faced by bigger lads. Brad looks comfortable in whether the team is in offensive or defensive mode. His skills now allow him to appear like he has time on his side and he carries himself with an assured level of maturity not common in some one of his age.

Campbell Robertson | Campbell has shown a great degree of understanding in his first season of rugby. He applies himself well at training and is keen to improve his base skills and rugby craft. We see Campbell having a brilliant second year in 2015. A number of positions will open up to him as he gains more experience and confidence and his body matures.

Colin Tilson | Colin is one of our younger first year U14s and has had to make some big steps to get himself ready for on field battle. He is a very coachable player and has a fantastic attitude to training and does his job whilst on the pitch. His courage is to be admired and he never complains about anything he is asked to do in the front row. We at the club are really going to miss his smile and funny sense of humour when he leaves Old Colls to go interstate. Thank You Colin for many great years.

Edwin Dodd | Edwin is a dedicated and enthusiastic player whose game has gone from strength to strength as the season has progressed. He is a keen student of the game and is constantly looking to improve his skills and abilities. Edwin leads from the front and his team mates are always keen to follow the path he creates. A well respected member of the team and goes about his business with no fuss.

Flynn Rogers | Flynn is perhaps one of the most passionate members of the team. He wears his heart on his sleeve and has a "do or die" attitude when it comes to games. In 2014 he

has flourished, becoming an ideal utility player; playing as prop, second row, flanker, centre and wing. He has taken on-board the more structured approach that the Old Colls game plan demands and is developing into a very competent player. Flynn should be looking forward to 2015 with enthusiasm.

George Hewitt | Our starting number 10 (Co-Vice-Captain) has displayed maturity beyond his years in the playmaker position. George has improved his communication and leadership skills and now understands his role to create opportunities for his team mates during games. Always gives 100% and is a pleasure to coach. "Show and Go Georgie Boy" (only from inside the 10m mark). He has settled now in his own age group and has a fantastic understanding of rugby.

George Pepper | Unfortunately George was injured during the 7's preseason competition and therefore he did not have the opportunity to join his team mates in the rugby adventures of 2014 on the pitch. However prior to surgery on his shoulder George was always at training encouraging his team mates and assisting at games. Looking forward to seeing George back in the Red and Blue in 2015.

Harrison Cole | Harrison is a huge prospect for the future of the Old Collegians Rugby Club. He has developed into a strong ball carrier that now plays every game with guts and determination. He is not one to ever take a backward step on the pitch. Harrison brings other players into the game and his sense of humour is forever present. The attitude and will Harrison displays to improve at training is consistent each week and this has provided him with the skills he now utilises during each game.

Jack Richards | Jack started his 2014 season slowly and has since shown off his newly acquired abilities and skills. Jack reads play very well and is rarely caught out of position. Huge improvement in his communication skills has led to a couple of chances at different positions and he always met the challenge head on. Jack will have a very good 2015 if he applies himself to training hard because he has the talent and ability. Jack's tackling has improved greatly and his team mates admire his courage when he takes on much bigger opponents.

James du Preez | James commands strength, speed, leadership and underpinning core rugby skills, however, it is perhaps this season that he has managed to add control to the list of attributes. He has been an outstanding No. 8 / loose forward and has been the top try scorer

not only at Old Colls but throughout the whole competition over all age groups and grades. James embraces the game plan and brings his team mates into the game. He trusts his team mates to perform their role and this has given James a sense of freedom to enhance his offensive skills. A pleasure to coach and has settled very well into a new environment.

James Gomersall | James has had a great season. He has earned his No.7 jersey. His constant running and tackling at the breakdown creates many opportunities for his team mates. His ball handling skills has improved significantly and he consistently shows himself to be a real team player. James's enthusiasm and work ethic at training has been infectious and has challenged others to match his endurance. He has a no nonsense approach to his rugby and sets high goals for himself to achieve. A coach's dream and a player his team mates respect greatly.

James Rees | James has had major improvements in all facets of his game this season. He has become a strong runner with ball in hand. His new found confidence has given him the ability to be a devastating tackler when he is on his game. James now appreciates the value of ball retention in the contest and rarely gives up the ball. He has a bright rugby future and knows mental toughness is the key to future success. He has developed a will to push himself. It is great to see what hard work and application at training can do for a player. Big things are in store if he does the work required.

Jasper Carter | Well Jasper has always been the shy guy until this year. He has come on in leaps and bounds and now displays a massive interest at training and willingness to get on the pitch. "Super Keen" Jasper makes coaching young men a pleasure and will only improve and advance his skills from this moment on. Jasper now has confidence in his own abilities. He now at training applies pressure on his team mates to improve and perform. Jasper is no longer the quiet kid and has a cheeky sense of humour amongst his mates.

Kees Young | Kees is an impact player. When Kees has the ball and runs forward he creates opportunities for his team mates. He is strong and tackles well. His ball handling skills have improved greatly over the course of the season and he is very keen to develop his game. Kees shows great potential and we are looking forward to seeing him wear red and blue in 2015. Kees has fitted into his new environment with ease and is a well-liked team member. Team mates stand taller when Kees joins them on the pitch.

Magnus Duckett | Magnus has had a great season. His bright green scrum cap acts as a tracking beacon to the coaches as we watch Magnus making big tackles as he chases and runs with the forwards. He has developed a habit of picking and running off the back of rucks. Although hampered by illness and injury to some extent he has been a committed team player and has always been enthusiastic and supportive of his team mates. Magnus has an abundance of courage at all contests and consistently surprises with his pilfering of the ball at the rucks.

Magnus Illman | Magnus has had an amazing season as a senior team member who now has become a very talented player of the game. A force to be reckoned with and envied for his pace and style of running. He has shown many a defence a clean pair of heels, his communication and support play are excellent, as are his defensive skills. Magnus works hard at his game and enjoys the centre partnership reflected by the endless number of points he puts on the board. He is another well respected member of the squad voted in as co vice-captain at the start of the season. His work rate on the park is outstanding and his happy nature is infectious, a great member of the 2014 squad!

Marcel Dajean | Marcel started his season slowly but soon realised that through hard work and commitment at training he could be part of a great team. He continues to improve his style of rugby and has become a regular starting 15 player. He has become versatile through a couple of positions and is becoming more confident each outing on the pitch. His skill level in attack and defence is becoming more consistent and he now shows signs of dominating on the wing. Marcel is starting to believe in his own abilities which will make for a great finish to his season!

Matthew Green | Being a senior team member, Matt has shown he is becoming a very skilled and reliable presence on the park. He has easily settled into one half of a great centre partnership, running great lines and is repeatedly solid in defence. Matt has shown he can play at more than one position and will meet any challenge head on. His communication on the pitch is excellent as is his support. He enjoys himself at training and always puts in 100% which makes Matt a popular and respected member of the squad. He is courageous and a great asset to his team.

Max Monfries | Being a 1st year U14 Max has shown the potential he has and can tap into whilst playing in a very demanding position. This season he has learnt that communication and defence are important areas to work hard at. As he matures these skills he now is learning

to master, he will see the benefit in his on field performance. He works hard at training and has played in more than one position. Unfortunately Max injured his knee whilst on state duty in the later part of the season. Max whilst injured kept supporting his team mates and his commitment was unquestionable. Max will be the benefactor of the experience he has gained this season and his natural ability will make him a player to keep an eye on in 2015.

Michael Clifton | Michael is one of the most coachable players in the squad. He gobbles up rugby education and displays his learning through actions on the pitch. He is a quiet lad off the field, however during games he is a fierce competitor. He is truly at home in the fullback position and provides the team with great communication from the back. Michael is a natural leader in the team and guides his team mates around the pitch with clever communication skills.

Nicholas Barry | Nick has shown more and more maturity towards his rugby this season. His leadership role as part of his position improves every game. Nick has earned the respect of his team mates in his role and now understands what structure and communication can mean to team results. A very well liked player in the team and he is developing an extensive set of skills through his dedication to his craft. A crafty 9 he will be in years to come with a ton of courage.



Oscar Armstrong | Oscar has a great work ethic and thought process to his rugby. He has become a weapon with his skills on show at the line out with his jumping and disruption technique whilst in the air. Oscar has raised the bar with his organising of the team's set piece mauls. He is a tireless worker and has maintained his vigour and gusto all throughout the season. Oscar is the quiet achiever and in the main let's his rugby do the talking. Will be greatly missed when he moves to Melbourne next year.

Seaton Siegfried | For someone who had never played rugby before Seaton has proven to us all that a hardworking honest approach will pay off, his attitude at training and on game day is a coach's dream. He has mastered the basic skills needed for his position and grows more confident in his positional play on a weekly basis. He has learnt communication and support is an important part of his game and is putting this into practise on game day. He works hard at his defence and is one of the speedsters of the squad, great 1st season. Watch this space in the future Old Collegian members.

Thomas Copson | The U14 Old Collegians Captain of 2014. Tom has led from the front in all aspects of the game. His throwing skills have been impressive at line outs and he is the rock in the middle of our pack. Tom's defensive skills are admired by many for a player of such a young age. Tom is the calm influence in this team and always has his team's attention when he addresses them. He displays maturity beyond his years and he is very dedicated to his rugby craft. Tom is developing as a very good leader of young men.

U14s GRAND FINAL 2014

Coaches: Richie Pardoe, Stew Frew, Graham Copson, Steve Hewitt
Manager: Chris Barry

We did itttttttttt!

All the year was meant to come to this, a vibrant night game at Victoria Park with a ground tingling, aware this was to be part of rugby history. The boys played well but the week off gave them time to contemplate their navel and the big game to come. This however led to some nervousness settling in and as the whistle blew the tension was palpable like a violin string being tuned. Conditions were perfect. No excuses allowed.

The game started well but it was clear Burnside had not come to be rolled over like the previous three times. Their powerful centres and back row ploughed their way through with loss of structure of OC. However yet again, as all season James Du Preez powered his way through to set Kees for his first of two tries and nerves settled a little. Soon however there was a ping pong of tries with shape slowly returning with great individual efforts, cue Magnus Mighty Illman. This was more like it.

Half time came but the scores showed no gaping chasm as we have previously expected and the forward dominance was being contested with our normal structure not evident. However like all good teams when the game does not go your way the running class showed. Seaton Siegfried powered over for his first ever rugger season to cement his place as who now feels more comfortable with ball in hand than on foot. I won't name names but a great showing apart from the tackling! Nerves really had crept in and we saw a determined Burnside side fight back and get agonisingly close to us.

The whistle blew again, game won, series won, Premiership confirmed. It may not have been our most resolute but with the pressure of the night on their shoulders we done it and should be mighty proud. A toast to the U14s - what a team you were - to the fantastic coaches and to future years to cherish!



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UNDER 12S



Front (L-R): Lefatu Egglestone, Ralph Marks, Luke Robertson, Lochie Edwards, Linkan Williamson, Darcy Rogers, Maxwell Linton, Thomas Deakin, George Rowat **Back (L-R):** Craig Williamson (Coach), Henri Pardoe, Harry List, Andrew Andrewartha, Nicholas Brady, Tane Pardoe, Tayne Williamson, Brady Carlson-Stewart, Kylan Williamson, Matthew Gomersall, Declan Bell, Fraser Bell (Team Manager), Charles List (Coach).
(Mark Edwards (Team Manager), Gilbert Morgan, Ioane Egglestone, Thomas Mocatta not present)

Coach: Craig Williamson / Charles List

Manager: Fraser Bell / Mark Edwards

Season Summary

We started the season against Brighton in round 1, who had to forfeit the game due to a shortage of players. They called on a couple of their U14s and 2 of our players to make up a team. We played well and dominated in the scrums. It was a good hit out against an old foe and a great start to a promising season. We early on acknowledged the value of our pre season work.

We followed on to defeat Southern Suburbs the next week in a showcase of rugby. The whole team contributed to some wonderful passages of play. Our tackling was the highlight as well as some stellar runs by the backs out wide. We closed out the game with a dominant team effort. The club song was sung loud and strong in front of an appreciative home crowd.

In round 3 we played against a solid Onkas team. We went in low at the rucks and played good rugby but ended up with plenty of injuries in a physical game that went Onkas way. We learnt a lot about how well we can play and where we need to lift our game.

The following week we played against a combination Barossa/NEDs team. It was a fast game with lots of handling errors creeping in and loss of structure. This resulted in us losing the game. On a positive note we scrummaged well once again, but the opposition asked for uncontested scrums which was agreed to during the second half. Injuries to a number of players early on caused a few headaches for the coaches too. Tackling was identified as a key aspect of our game to work on at training.

In round 6 we played the newly amalgamated University and Vikings team. It was their first game and they had some very impressive players. We had

some strong standout performances by a number of individual players. Positives include outstanding on field leadership, truly impressive running rugby and strong tackling but it wasn't quite enough to get us there on the day. It was another week in which the referee called for uncontested scrums which meant that we could not capitalise on what has become a marvellous part of our game.

The time had come for us to play the top of the table team Burnside. Our tight 5 had a stand out performance. The backs played well and the tackling training paid off. Our opponents were travelling well before this game with significant margins over other teams. This was their tightest game to date. We didn't get there in the end but the improvement in our team performance was clear. We played a sterling game of rugby.

Next it was Onkas turn to come and visit us at Tregenza. We played strong tight disciplined rugby and beat them convincingly. The standout contributors were the entire team. We had a good start, not something we did well at the start of the season. Our scrum continued to impress the spectators and haunt our opponents. Our opponents' coach congratulated us on being organised and disciplined at the break downs.

It was our turn to travel to Bailey Reserve and face Southern Suburbs on a heavy home ground. We saw strong work around the breakdowns, good supporting runs and strong tackling from our backs. We also defended really well around the fringes of the rucks and Souths broke through our line only twice all game. It was overall a great result and team effort. We were clearly improving and played good entertaining rugby.

We travelled to Southern Suburbs for the second time in three weeks with a side depleted by illness and holidays. Conditions clearly favoured forwards rugby, and the whole pack excelled. Positives included some excellent work around the fringes of the ruck, some tireless tackling and the backs trying their best in non-ideal conditions. It was yet another strong performance from our team.

It was time to play Burnside again and we knew the game would be fought out in the packs. Our scrum was sublime. The game will be remembered as a great example of skilful and disciplined play by the whole team. We made numerous raids in the last ten minutes which would have secured a fitting draw. But it was not meant to be. It was very tense for the supporters from both clubs and we saw some monumental tackles. Burnside was shaken by a tight, effective group of players who kept trying until the last moment. Our tries came from great build-ups. We were unlucky when we came up short two times late in the second half.

Early August we travelled up to the Lyndoch "bog" for our game against Barossa/ NEDs. It was an important game for us late in the season. Standout performances included inspirational tackles and great running in difficult conditions. It was a tough day that took its toll on our team. Our opponents started stronger and our tackling let us down. We switched on late and played some wonderful pick and go rugby for the last part of the first half. Overall a tough day at the office and the conditions hampered our running game. The importance of the mental element of the game was highlighted in the post-match huddle.

We had a flying start to the game against Vikings/Uni at home. We scored within the first three minutes. Spirits were high. And then we went missing for the rest of the first half. We were simply off our game across the park. Sure, they had some big and fast players but it was our smallest (and perhaps our youngest player) who showed the rest of the team how to play. Our second half was better than our first and our forwards ran in a couple of late tries. However we lost structure and lacked discipline and there was a sense of resignation in the team. There were plenty of solo efforts but we just did not put together enough team efforts. It was decided that the focus at training would be on all players doing the "team thing" rather than trying to win the game on their own.

Next we ran into a committed Burnside team that outplayed us. They were at full strength and they showed us why they had been the undefeated team in the competition. It was a tough game and we had numerous injuries. It was a bruising encounter. The

second half was much better. We played some good rugby and got close a number of times. The backs moved the ball around well. Still we did not score and our tackling let us down. Credit to our team for maintaining their focus and trying their best.

We had a great first week of finals. Our U12s played as a team and we won 33-24 against Onkas who offered us some stiff competition earlier in the season. This allowed us to progress to the next round of finals. Coaches, parents and players were delighted with our team's outstanding performance.

In the semi-finals we played against a focussed and strong Barossa/NEDs outfit, at Bailey Reserve. We did our best but the opposition outplayed us on the day. That was the end of the road for our 2014 season.

Our U12s played very attractive rugby this year and we made the finals, which we are very proud of, but it was a season which had its ups and downs. Our captain for each game was rotated amongst the second year U12s and our leaders grew in confidence

Under 12s Player Review

Andrew Andrewartha | A big and strong boy, James made a valuable contribution to the scrums at prop and lock. A good runner with the ball in hand.

Brady Carlson-Stewart | A notable addition to the club this year, Brady made a big impact on the field. He is a brave tackler, his heart belying his size. With Luke and Brady defending around the rucks, no-one ever got through up close.

Darcy Rogers | Darcy's tackling and positional play have really improved this year. His pace and willingness to throw himself into everything makes him a key member of the team.

Declan Bell | A frustrating season for Declan with injury and illness curtailing his game time. When fit, his rugby nous on the field was always welcome. His rucking and positional play really improved as the season went on.

George Rowat | A new addition to rugby and the club, George improved hugely as the year went on. His work rate was never in doubt and his tackling was really coming on at the end of the season.

Gilbert Morgan | A new addition to rugby and to the club, Bertie improved and improved and improved this year. He worked out how to play the game and started to make valuable contributions on the field.

Harry List | A first year U12, Harry struggled at times with the pace of the game and the size of the field. The improvement in his scrummaging and his work around the rucks was very encouraging this year.

Henri Pardoe | Fast and hard to tackle with the ball in hand, Henri always makes a key contribution on the field. As part of probably the

most dominant front row in the competition, his scrummaging was particularly impressive.

Ioane Egglestone | Gecko is biding his time. Some more growth and we are sure he will be back playing.

Kylan Williamson | A brave tackler who ran well with the ball in hand, Kylan was always an important contributor to the game. He was an excellent no.7.

Lefatu Egglestone | One of the quickest boys in the competition, Lefatu has gone from strength to strength this year. His tackling and positional play have improved out of site. He is one to watch in the future.

Linkan Williamson | A key part of a skillful and accurate backline, Linkan slotted at ease into any position. He was safe in defence with good hands in attack.

Lochie Edwards | Brave and skillful, Lochie is a great number 10. One of our best players but most importantly a very smart rugby player, who commands the respect of the group when he speaks.

Luke Robertson | A brave tackler, his heart belies his size. With Luke and Brady defending around the rucks, no-one ever gets through up close.

Matthew Gomersall | A versatile player, Matt is equally happy at 9, 14 or 15. He struggled at times with the size of the opposition but never backed down and always showed a lot of guts in his defence.

Maxwell Linton | Vastly improved this year, Max cast fear in to the hearts of his team mates in training and the opposition in games with his strong running and hard tackling. A versatile

throughout the season. Some of our younger players stepped up and showed the older players how to take a game by the throat. It was a season of great joy (when it all came together) and sometimes frustrating (when we let ourselves down). We also experienced some persistent injuries throughout the season.

The bigger part of the 2014 team will move up to the U14s next year – a formidable outfit if ever there was one. The U14s will benefit from the skills our players have learnt this year and the way that they can take hold of a game when they work as a team. The remaining U12s will form a solid base for a substantial number of U10s who will join them next year.

Thank you to the U12s coaches, Charles List, Craig Williamson and our team managers Fraser Bell and Mark Edwards. Enjoy the summer, and we'll see you all next year!

player, he was happy at 6 or 12 but was most effective as a dominant scrummaging prop.

Nicholas Brady | An excellent tackler, Nick really impressed with how well he listened and followed his coaches' advice and tactics on the field. He was always the first to "Post up" and put pressure on the opposition line.

Ralph Marks | A first year U12, Ralph's season was interrupted by several injuries and illness. While it took him some time to adjust to the size of some of his opponents, as the year went on Ralph's tackling improved markedly as did his overall contribution to the team.

Tane Pardoe | Big and strong, Tane was probably the best scrummaging prop in the competition. His tackling improved as the season went on and he was always an impressive site with ball in hand, swatting would-be tacklers like flies as he ran.

Tayne Williamson | Another versatile back line Williamson, Tayne gave good ball delivery at 9 but was perfectly happy to run the play at 10. Solid in defence, especially when he was allowed to Bob the Builder at training.

Thomas Deakin | On his day, Tom played marvellous rugby- brave, intelligent and tireless. As a first year U12 he is bound to be more consistent next year.

Thomas Mocatta | A first year U12, while Tom took time to adapt to the bigger players in the early part of the season, he always ran well with the ball in hand and improved his tackling as the year went on. A handy player throughout the season.

UNDER 10S



Front (L-R): Meg Richards, Jemima Monfries **2nd Row (L-R):** Ethan Frew, Harry Rogers, Mitchell Pratt, Samuel Brady, Xanib Bleakley, Ava Pickford, Slade Hollway, Noah Robertson, Max Cross, Wellington Grace **3rd Row (L-R):** Ryan Barlow, Jake Branson, Max Gordon, Ethan Hickman, Jayden Hazzard, Carl Arnold, Callum Moran; James List, Angus Porter, Dakota Gordon **Back (L-R):** Craig Barlow (Coach), Craig Branson (Team Manager), Russel Gordon (Coach), (David Linton (Team Manager), not present)

Coach: Craig Barlow / Russell Gordon
Manager: David Linton / Craig Branson

Season Summary

We started the season with 22 players with an even mix of first and second year U10s. Such a large group of kids with different skill levels presented the coaches with a number of challenges, not the least ensuring everyone had plenty of game time.

The kids were enthusiastic from the start, showed a willingness to learn and were very competitive with each other, so we were confident of having a reasonably good season.

The season exceeded our expectation, and whilst there is no official ladder, we can say that the U10s finished on top of the table, undefeated for the season. What was most impressive was seeing every player making a contribution to the game, the level of team work displayed, and

our backs pulling off some rehearsed moves in our last couple of games. The players also accepted a rotation policy that saw up to 40 plus substitutions on any given match day to ensure everyone had a fair go.

Memorable highlights include our second to last game at Burnside. When challenged by Burnside, the team stood up and finished the game strongly running out convincing winners. And then there was the unofficial grand final against Onkaparinga at home. After beating them in Round 1 and drawing with them the second time we played them, we thought Onkaparinga would challenge us in our last game of the season. Suffice to say, we smashed them to finish off a great season.

We take pleasure in knowing that our U10s were the only side to play without a coach on the pitch for the last four rounds of the season. We also would like to thank Stewart Frew for organising full size pitches for our U10s, when the opportunities arose. We are sure this will benefit the players moving up to U12s next year.

On behalf of the coaching staff, thank you to the parents who brought their kids out every Wednesday night, to those parents who assisted on Saturday mornings and to Sharon Barlow for delivering first aid. Thank you to Luke Howes who often assisted at training and refereeing and to Rhys Frew for also refereeing.

Craig Barlow, Russell Gordon, Craig Branson and David Linton

Under 10s Player Review

Angus Porter | A quiet achiever, Angus has been improving all year. Cleaning out and defensive work are becoming his forte. He has been pivotal to the U10s success this year.

Ava Pickford | Very consistent season with the opposition finding Ava difficult to handle with her strong ball running throughout the year. She was also very solid in defence.

Callum Moran | Grew in confidence as the season went on. By season end, he was a strong ball runner looking for opportunities to appropriately off load the ball in attack.

Carl Arnold | A role model for our U10s players and a genuine leader in the team on and off the field. Carl is a very gifted rugby player but what impressed us the most, are his efforts to include everyone as part of the team. He also has as a great work ethic at training.

Dakota Gordon | A steadfast reliable player on field, Dakota has had a great season. He can always be found in the middle of the action and isn't afraid to tackle the larger opposition players hard.

Ethan Frew | Ethan, when he puts his mind to it, had flashes of brilliance this season. A reliable and quick player and well liked by his fellow team mates.

Ethan Hickman | Ethan proved to be one of the quickest runners in the squad with a deceptive swerve which made him a very difficult runner to stop. We look forward to seeing Ethan next season with more belief in his ability to play great rugby.

Harry Rogers | One of our strongest players this year, Harry has a good turn of foot; often rattling the defence. Started to enjoy the contact in defence later in the season as he grew in confidence. Ready for the transition to U12s.



Jake Branson | Jake shows a real willingness to learn. We have been impressed with the way he runs the ball to the line and uses his size and strength to muscle in at the rucks. We have no doubt that Jake will be a force to be reckoned with next year.

James List | A nimble and quick player who regularly will run it to the try line. When chance presents James always seizes the moment and goes forward committed and determined, usually straight through the opposition.

Jayden Hazzard | The powerhouse of the team. Jayden's strength, size and determination made him a crucial part of the undefeated U10s side. His effort and hard work at practises showed in every game. A very well liked and respected member of the team.

Jemima Monfries | One of three impressive girls in the U10s side who improved steadily through the season. Jemima could always be relied upon to retrieve the ball out of the ruck and her quirky training antics will certainly be missed as she moves up to the U12s next season.

Max Gordon | Constantly improving his game throughout the season. Max can run with the best to the try line and is starting to use his height and strength to his advantage as his game knowledge improves.

Max Cross | Always a smiling lad, Max has improved again this year especially ball skills and tackling. Showing true team spirit, he will eagerly play with determination any on field position, even when on the other side if they were short.

Meg Richards | Driven and full of determination, Meg encourages the team to always try harder. Always ready for the next on field challenge, she is the equal of many and plays to win.



Mitchell Pratt | Mitchell is always very attentive and shows great capacity and desire to learn. Is quick on his feet and not afraid to get in there and mix it with a few of the bigger boys. An easy kid to coach.

Noah Robertson | One of the smallest in the side but very courageous. Always eager to have a run and has impressive speed and evasion techniques.

Ryan Barlow | Without doubt Ryan is one of the most dedicated and skilled tacklers and saved many tries for his team. His overall understanding of the game made him an invaluable member of the team.

Samuel Brady | Sam play's well above his weight and has been very consistent this year putting his body on the line. Always plays with a cheeky grin across his face.

Slade Hollway | Slade's knowledge and understanding of the game made him a very strong member of the team. His willingness to learn new skills at practises rubbed off on his team mates as he was often seen explaining rules to the newer players. A real pleasure to coach.

Wellington Grace | Excitable and passionate for rugby, he always brings a smile to the game. He puts the fun into playing rugby for the team and uses his light footed nimble ability to his best advantage.

Xanib Bleakley | A very hard working player and his dedication was rewarded with one of the longest running tries of the season. A very quick and zippy runner.

UNDER 8S



Front (L-R): Salvatore Costanzo, Tyndelle Bleakley, Jackson Denley, Max Richards, Daniel Howes, Marcus Pickard, Noah Wilson, Ivan Arnold
Middle (L-R): Tyson Hazzard, Samuel Lindow, André Smith, Lucas Aguiar, Lachlan Bell, Jack Bell, Lana Hollway, Piper Monfries, Alia Hickman, Torence Egglestone
Back (L-R): Juan Aguiar (Coach), Corné Arnold (Team Manager), Jarrod Deakin (Coach) (William Deakin not present)

Coach: Jarrod Deakin / Juan Aguiar
Manager: Corné Arnold

Season Summary

The Old Collegians Under 8s team began the 2014 season with 11 players of completely disparate abilities, size, skill and athleticism, most of whom had never played full contact rugby, some of whom had never played rugby and a great number that were still eligible to play U7s. By the end of the season, this group had progressed to being a team of 19 junior rugby players who each knew their capabilities, who knew what was expected in a game of rugby and who produced some great team performances. The objective at the beginning of the season was to teach the players how to play rugby, a style or brand of rugby that would be as enjoyable for them to play as it would be for us to watch. We wanted to instill a “team first” attitude amongst the players – it isn’t about the individual rather the collective and how they combine to play – as well as encourage leadership and accountability. The

season was to be about teaching and developing a base from which the kids could hold their own on the pitch and transition seamlessly into the next age group.

From a coaching view point, it was incredible to see the development of the kids over the course of the season. In the early part of the season we had a number of players that were too frightened to make a tackle; that would rather throw the ball away than risk getting tackled; who thought that it was okay to stand back and let another team mate go into a ruck to clean out and secure the ball. In the latter part of the season it was those players who were first in at the breakdown, saving tries in the last line of defense and holding the ball like their life depended on it.

Sportsmanship also shone through during the season given our team was called upon

countless times to supply the opposition with players in order to make a fair contest. When we called for volunteers, there were always a few hands up (though begrudgingly) and never once did anyone complain about having to put on an opposition jersey.

The coaches and the team manager are satisfied that we have gone some way to achieving the goals set. We feel comfortable that the players moving to U10s are ready and, equally, we are excited for the remaining U8s and what they may achieve on the pitch in 2015.

Well done to the U8s on a terrific 2014 season.

Under 8s Player Review

Alia Hickman | Though we only saw Alia for half of the games during the season, her enthusiasm was always on show. The next stage of Alia’s rugby development is the physical side of the game and positioning. If we can get Alia focused on which side of the advantage line she should be positioned, we can look forward to a good season from her in 2015.

André Smith | André “The Giant” Smith has transformed himself this season. With his size and pace, there was never any doubt about his ability to run over the top of everybody to score on his own. He has realized though, that is not what rugby is all about and during the latter part of the season he began to dominate at the breakdown, securing the ball for the team and bringing his teammates into the game. His last game showed us that he understands rugby and will be a force to be reckoned with in the older, bigger bodied, age groups.

Daniel Howes | One of the smallest players in the U8s, but one of the bravest. Daniel came into his own during the season showing no fear in taking the ball and barreling into bigger opposing players. He also developed into an aggressive tackler. An important team member who improved markedly during the year and will hold his own as an U10 in 2015.

Ivan Arnold | Though still U7, Ivan has a rugby brain beyond his years accompanied by a bottomless well of enthusiasm. Having practiced his scrum-half routine and side-step in the backyard with his brother since he could walk, Ivan always turned up ready to play and play he did. Ivan needs to become more physical and impose himself at the breakdowns (given he is usually the first there!). Once this part of his game develops, he will begin to dominate matches.

Jack Bell | Jack played only 4 games in the U8s having played U7s for the bigger part of the season. We would have liked him for the season based on his form! An aggressive, desperate ball player, Jack showed that he has plenty to offer. He was frustrated about the penalty count against him but he is gradually beginning to pick up the laws of the game. I’m looking forward to seeing him carve up the competition in 2015.

Jackson Denley | Jackson, like a number of this team mates, came to the U8s early into the season from the U7s and found the step up to full contact difficult. At some stage during the first half of the season, Jackson decided that he was going to show us what he was about by making a scintillating try scoring run down the sideline. He followed this up numerous times during the rest of the season! With development of his physical game, Jackson has the potential to shine in 2015.

Lachlan Bell | Lachlan played only one game of rugby with the u8s towards the end of the season, but loved and embraced the experience. We are looking forward to see more of him next year.

Lana Hollway | Born to lead. Lana evolved during the season as a player and a leader. Her improved confidence to play as a forward and carry the ball up the ground, particularly in the latter stages of the season was pleasing. Even more pleasing was her taking the initiative and directing her team mates into position on the pitch on game days.

Lucas Aguiar | Lucas has a unique depth of understanding of the rule book and there is no doubt that this has helped him become a “complete” player in this age group. He tackled fearlessly, he stole the ball at the breakdown countless times and he ran in many tries, inspiring his team mates with his efforts. The next step for Lucas is to develop his passing game and to keep his mind only on those things he can control. A super season and a bright rugby future ahead.

Marcus Pickard | Having joined the U8s from the U7s mid-way through the season, Marcus had to make up some big ground to contend with bigger kids in a full contact environment. He struggled early but, to his credit, never lost his enthusiasm or nerve and it was very pleasing to the coaches to see him progress late in the season. He’ll be more than ready for U8s in 2015. Marcus is a little character renowned for his excuses – “my Dad put my mouth guard somewhere and then went overseas”... “I’m late because my sister bumped her head”...

Max Richards | The ever-reliable Max. Max was the fittest in the team given the number of laps he had to run at training for not being focused! He could never be accused for a lack of focus on Saturday’s and his fitness always shone through – constantly running back to make inspiring tackles on the last line of defense. He was equally committed in attack with many incredible try scoring dashes throughout the season. An invaluable team member and a talent.

Noah Wilson | The “Beast”. Noah began the season, like many others, just wanting to pick the ball up from the base of the scrum and run in a try. During the season he evolved into a fierce tackler who induced fear into the opposition. Noah has developed into a reliable team member who always turns up to play. He is going to trouble the opposition players in the seasons to come.

Piper Monfries | Another mid-season joiner, though out from the wilderness rather than the U7s. At first Piper struggled to work out where she needed to be and what she needed to do. As the season progressed, we witnessed some great efforts on Saturday mornings that illustrated that Piper can impact the game. Like a number of the new players, some work on the physical aspects

of the game and positioning will stand her in good stead for the 2015 season.

Salvatore Costanzo | Salvatore began the year as the quiet young man, happy to stand aside and watch proceedings. As the season progressed he demanded the ball and relished the opportunity to attempt to bash through the oppositions line. Though still an U7, he showed incredible improvement in his game and equally his engagement. The next step for Salvatore is to make his presence felt in the rucks and mauls.

Samuel Lindow | This was Samuel’s first season of rugby. Not only did he play rugby on Saturday mornings but he also had some basketball commitments. Samuel made huge strides in his rugby development as the season progressed. His commitment to tackling and defense was very pleasing to the coaches as was his attacking play, showing a lot of pace with the ball in hand. We soon wished that rugby would displace basketball! A big improver and an important team player.

Torence Egglestone | In his first season of rugby of any kind, full contact or otherwise, Torence has showed glimpses of what he can do. When he puts his mind to it, he is able to assert himself in the game by pushing up in defense and making tackles. We want him back next season to build upon this. If he has the desire, he will become an integral part of the U8s team in 2015.

Tyndelle Bleakley | Tyndelle joined the U8s early in the season after her family relocated from the UK. A quiet and reserved player, the coaches had to work hard to get her involved. Once she felt comfortable, we saw some flashes of talent with some deceiving runs through traffic. Tyndelle showed improvement in her tackling and defense during the season and can be proud of her efforts.

Tyson Hazzard | At times during the season Tyson dazzled the coaches with his defensive aggression – running to the contest and making the tackle right when the team needed it. His confidence built during the season and he added other aspects to his game including passing and providing support at the breakdowns. There is no doubt he is going to be a force in the 2015 season.

William Deakin | Another U7 in 2014, Will battled for the first half of the season with the physicality of the game as well as positioning. However, like a number of his younger team mates, the switch came on late in the season and he began to impose himself at the breakdowns by cleaning out and helping secure the ball. The next step for Will is to develop his tackling. Pleasing improvement.

UNDER 7S & JOEYS



Front (L-R): PJ Sos, James Hicks, Oscar Angove, Quillien Bleakley, William Tanner, Loisi Egglestone, Jackson Brady, Rhys McCarthy, Samuel Howes, Noah Wilson, Jack Wilson **Middle (L-R):** Mawson Mos, Daniel Boulden, Edward List, Zack Czeglik, Hudson Lindow, Joseph Menz, Joey Corbett, Oliver Collins, Alex Punshon, Alexandra Humble, Azalie Czeglik, Anika Sos, Samuel Humble, Harry Menz, Jack Bell **Back (L-R):** Jamie Punshon (Coach/Team Manager), Abigail Howes (JPP Referee), James Denley (Coach). (Jack Taylor, Jemima Collins not present)

U7s Coach: James Denley / Jamie Punshon **Joeys Coach:** David Humble
Manager: Jamie Punshon

Season Summary

What a year 2014 has turned out to be for the U7s. With a starting line-up of eight players we finished the season with a total of twenty one U7s in our team. During the season three of our starting players (Jackson Denley, Marcus Pickard and Jack Bell) were dispensated up to play in the U8s. This was a great achievement for these players, especially Jack Bell who is in his first year at the club. We saw the team gain eleven new players throughout the season and what a gain we have had with all of these players developing at a pace that can only be described as astounding. Their skills in attacking rugby are second only to their skills in defence.

Under 7s Player Review

Alex Punshon | Grew in confidence very quickly at the start of the year to establish himself as one of the team's natural leaders. Straight running in attack with the ball and a never give up cover defence was inspirational to watch.

Alexandra Humble | Sasha always runs with the ball in two hands which makes her very difficult for defenders to tag. Never worried about mixing it with the boys, she was a valuable asset to the team. We look forward to seeing Sasha's rugby continue to develop over the coming years.

Training on Wednesday nights regularly saw a great turn out of players and parents with tremendous help from David Humble who took the U5s or Joeys, for separate training. Training was centred on ball skills along with attacking and defensive drills. Help was always at hand during the year with many players' parents stepping up and helping out. This help was greatly appreciated by the coaches, James and Jamie.

Game days saw us regularly turn up with more than enough players ready to take to the pitch and so on many occasions our squad split into Red and Blue teams to take on different

Anika Sos | Best natural catcher and passer of a rugby ball we have seen. From day one Anika impressed us with these core skills and is going to develop into a formidable rugby player.

Azalie Czeglik | Coming from very good rugby stock, it was great to see Azalie out playing the opposition this year. As the year went on Azalie started to push the boys out of the way and came looking for the ball. Azalie will be hard to stop next year, looking forward to 2015.

opposing teams. Our Joey's, who consisted of Harry Menz, Jack Wilson, James Hicks, PJ Sos, Rhys McCarthy, Samuel Howes, Samuel Humble and Zack Czeglik, also had a number of occasions to play matches against each other. This was an invaluable experience for these players especially Samuel Howes and Rhys McCarthy who both moved up from the Joeys to the U7s team during the latter half of the season and showed their skills with the bigger kids from their first games.

So, in all, 2014 has been a successful year for the U7s and we all look forward to building on this success in the coming 2015 season.

Daniel Boulden | Daniel had a great 2014. Finding a lot of space out wide with the ability to outpace most of his opponents. His natural ability to run with the ball and find space is hard to teach.

Edward List | A hard hitting straight up the middle ball runner. As coaches we knew we could always count on Ed to get the team going forward in the right direction. We wouldn't want to be tackling Ed in 2015!

Hudson Lindow | Hudson is a fantastic team player, always knowing where his support players are. Most grown up players struggle with this concept. He threw some great dummies this year to the support players and shot through to score some great tries, but passed when he had too.

Jack Bell | We knew we wouldn't have Jack in our U7s team all year as he was "too fast and too furious!" He has a natural rugby brain and is a total competitor. Jack is lightning quick and fearless in defence, standing in front of opposition players twice his size and "tagging" them to the ground! U8s look out next year!

Jack Taylor | One of our favourite players to watch with the ball in hand in 2014 as we never knew which way Jack was going to step. So fast on his feet, a devastating change of direction which left defensive lines in tatters. One of the best cover defenders going around too.

Jackson Brady | One of our fantastic straight runners of the ball. Jackson never took a step backwards in 2014, and was rewarded with tries quite regularly. His attentiveness and concentration at training are second to none.

Jackson Denley | Played in rounds 1 & 2, and all very quickly realised he needed to go up an age group. We missed him, but apparently he had a great time in the U8s!

Jemima Collins | We look forward to seeing Jemima out on the park again next year. Jemima has a natural feel for the game of rugby, taking opportunities when they came her way, 2015 will be her year to shine.

Joey Corbett | From the first moment Joey touched a rugby ball it was obvious they were meant to be together! Joeys pace and awareness of space and how to use it on a rugby field cannot be taught. Swerving and standing covering defenders up, it was awesome to watch. We look

forward to seeing Joey building on these skills next year in the U8s.

Joseph Menz | Another one of the speed demons in the team. Not many could keep up with Joe once he set off for the try line. Never took a backwards step in defence and chased hard in cover. Joe has a natural fitness and his ball skills improved immeasurably during 2014.

Loisi Egglestone | His flare and natural rugby ability are something to watch out for. We watched Loisi grow in confidence with every training session and game. Very nimble on his feet, scored some of the most amazing U7 tries of 2014. Loisi will explode onto the scene in 2015.

Marcus Pickard | Played 6 rounds in the U7s and after a solid 2013 showed he was ready to make the jump up to the U8s early in the 2014 season.

Mawson Mos | One of the hardest trainers in the group, Mawson set a great example for all to follow. His hard work was rewarded with scoring great tries using the skills picked up at training. Mawson is another natural athlete built for rugby and we look forward to his continued leadership in the group.

Noah Wilson | Noah "rocket shoes" Wilson. Once Noah unleashed his speed, there was no stopping him. An avalanche of tries followed and no one could keep up with his blistering runs. Noah will be unstoppable in open spaces next season.

Oliver Collins | Ollie played with confidence and determination from the very first time he pulled on his boots. Darting through the smallest of gaps to score, with a change of pace hard to read. Steps well off both feet and passes well off both hands.

Oscar Angove | Once Oscar was let loose on the U7 rugby pitch in the later part of 2014, he had found true happiness. Oscar gets the game of rugby and we look forward to seeing him develop

over the coming seasons. He is one of our high lights from this season.

Quillien Bleakley | Quillien ("Q") has a free spirit which led to some fantastic running rugby on his part. His love for the game of rugby is evident and his boundless energy makes it difficult for opposition defenders to contain him. We know Q will have a solid off season working on his passing left and right, ready to go in 2015.

Rhys McCarthy | We were counting the days down, towards the end of 2014, for when Rhys would hit the pitch, and when he did, wow! Rhys runs with the ball in two hands, a skill hard to teach. A natural rugby player, 2015 will be a year to remember for Rhys and the opponents he runs around!

Samuel Howes | Sam is possibly the most fearsome defender in the OC, "pound for pound". He tracks the offensive line very well and naturally reads the game in front of him. As dangerous in attack as he is in defence, sudden changes in direction left much bigger opposition players clutching at air. Look out for Sam in 2015.

William Tanner | Will brings an energy to the team that is infectious. Eager to do the hard work, loves running the ball and always looks to be involved. Once he is in space with the ball no one can stop him from scoring. We know he will have a rugby ball in his hands all summer.

JOEYS The Under 5s "Joeys" Foundation Members, 2014 consisted of

Harry Menz
Jack Wilson

James Hicks,
Patrick "PJ" Sos

Rhys McCarthy
Samuel Howes

Samuel Humble
Zack Czeglik

The formation of this Squad, had its origins late in 2013, Over the summer of 2013/2014 discussions were had with Corn   Arnold and it was decided to kick off the Joeys at the start of the 2014 Season. As the U7s were being put through their paces, a number of the younger siblings, could not contain their enthusiasm to join in.

It was evident there was a requirement to allow them to participate, and at the same time not restrict the pace of the U7s rigorous training schedule.

Each Wednesday night, a small group of four year olds began training, learning some basic skills, and having some fun.

There was a lot of running and chasing which also included some ball work. Along with this an emphasis was made on fun, inclusion and learning to listen to instructions.

It was a privilege to introduce these enthusiastic kids to the basics of Rugby and to see them have three matches of their own.

The highlight of the year, for all involved, was when Rhys McCarthy & Samuel Howes turned 5 late in the season and started playing in the U7s. Immediately they showed their team mates they knew what rugby was all about with some blistering runs, to the line.

All the Joeys can stand tall and be proud of their achievements this year. Remember, run straight, run hard and look forward to playing in the U7s in 2015.

David Humble.



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