

" OLD COLLEGIANS RUGBY NEWS "

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NOTICE OF COMMITTEE MEETING

Gentlemen please note that the date of the Committee Meeting originally scheduled for the 26th May has now been altered to next Tuesday 2nd June 1970, at the home of Hartley Brinlow, 3 Hartley Avenue, Torrens Park, not at 3 Woodhouse Crescent as before.

PROGRESSIVE DINNER

Only a few tickets left now at \$3-25 per head. Remember the date: 20th June 1970. It will be a date to remember. 32-1568.

DRAMA

A meeting will be held at the home of Vern and Ronnie Goodwin this Thursday (28th May 1970) at 8 pm. 40 Inverness Avenue, St. Georges.

RESULTS AT A GLANCE OF LAST SATURDAY'S EFFORT

1STS XV DEFEATED WOODVILLE.....14 - 6
2NDS XV LOST TO PT. ADELAIDE.... 6 - 19
3RDS XV LOST TO WOODVILLE..... 6 - 55
4THS XV LOST TO PT. ADELAIDE.... 6 - 21
5ths xv DEFEATED UNIVERSITY..... 3 - 0 (forfeit)

COMPETITION LADDERS

<u>1STS XV</u>	W	L	D	F	A	Pts.
Elizabeth	8	-	-	183	43	16
Woodville	6	2	-	145	85	12
Glenelg	5	3	-	106	47	10
Old Collegians	5	3	-	114	77	10
University	4	4	-	143	98	8
North Adelaide	2	6	-	54	129	4
West Torrens	2	6	-	67	164	4
Black Forest	-	8	-	55	224	-

2NDS XV

Port Adelaide	7	-	1	145	33	15
Sth. Suburbs	7	-	1	116	43	15
Elizabeth	4	3	-	78	41	8
Burnside	3	4	-	130	139	6
<u>Old Collegians</u>	3	5	-	97	124	6
Glenside	2	5	-	67	82	4
Onkaparinga	2	6	-	49	105	4
R.A.A.F.	1	7	-	48	163	2

REGISTERED PLAYERS

The Club Secretary points out that there are still several players who are unregistered. Contact your team captain.

FROM THE TOUCHLINE by J. Diack

The First XV gained two premiership points at the expense of Woodville last week and these will certainly help to consolidate our position in the top 'four' while the five main contenders intensify their fight for places.

Again, we saw Old Collegians really make themselves felt in the opening minutes: working the play into Woodville's twenty-five and staying there until having scored. This is very good to see as in the two previous seasons we have taken time to settle down, and it is hoped that we can maintain this keenness to establish supremacy early. The try resulted from a fine backline rush and was well scored by Maxwell. Collegians' pack were almost merciless in the battle for possession as they dominated their opponents whose only key for survival was to attack our inside backs (this proved difficult) and to try and win the ball in the loose play (only moderate success here, but enough to thwart our try-scoring).

Our three-quarter line gave a good exhibition of strong cohesive attacking drives - good passing rushes, coupled with judicious kicking for touch were often featured. There were, however, momentary lapses. Unfortunately, during one such lapse, Woodville got the ball away and just starved us off long enough to score what was (I suppose) a good try.

Undeterred, Collegians maintained their general first half superiority and again forged ahead when Bainbridge and Davidson combined to bring off a nice blind-side movement. Harrison converted the try and also kicked two penalty goals at intervals during the remainder of the match.

Play in the second half began strongly for Collegians, but as the day wore on they slowly relaxed their grip, and after half an hour Woodville produced a spate of fast rushes - managing to score a second try. Our tackling wasn't as determined at this time as it had been earlier on. Still, the second half was just as exciting to watch as the first - the only items missing were Collegians' tries, and this cannot be stressed too heavily because as far as the actual scores or concerned, it was fine goal-kicking by Harrison that really brought victory to Collegians. (14 - 6).

The outstanding back was Slade who was the mainstay of our attacking drives. Harrison was a reliable full-back and played well (he can take the ball on the full and run). Davidson made a good return to the team and made several strong runs. Best forward was Desfontaines noted on numerous occasions as being the first Collegian player to reach a loose ball. Wright was busy all day in the thick of forward play whilst the rest of the team generally played well.

SECOND DIVISION Old Collegians (6) : Port Adelaide (19)

A good game of Rugby up against the "top-of-the town" side, but there was very little between the sides. Although they were a fitter side - (why?) - we could have won this game if only we had a place kicker in form. The half-time score of 6 - 8 should have been 12 - 8 or even 15 - 8, and this would have provided the necessary incentive.

However, this was a very good effort by a side playing as a team - the first time this year. A main factor in this improvement was that at long last we had a useful 5/8 in Laurie Evans. This was his first game in two years and we look forward with interest to his form a few weeks ahead. As it was, he mixed judicious kicking with a smart service to his centres and for once our 3/4 line had plenty of good ball. Unfortunately, whatever combination we tried, we had to play a natural wing inside, which upset several promising movements. As a result Jackson was wasted and when playing centre was several times caught in possession with a man outside him. Not his fault, the result of being played out of position.

SECONDS (Cont.)

Port went off at a tremendous pace and in no time at all the score was 0 - 8. We were being run off our feet and a heavy defeat looked likely. Remarkably, the side steadied to the point where territorial advantage was evenly shared and panic was averted.

A very dangerous Port attack was shattered by a really splendid tackle by Gene, a feat which he repeated immediately when Dick Smith got himself and Bob Dutton into all sorts of trouble by running backwards across his own goal and inside his 25. This is about the most hazardous and profitless move in all Rugby. Newcomer Bill Jack went off before half-time and was replaced by Keith Graham who had already played for the fourths side.

A good kick by Evans found touch ten yards from the Port line and a running attack from scrum to loose in which McQueen figured prominently ended with a determined dash to score by Graham (3 - 8). Port Gene, receiving from a line-out in our own half, followed up his lovely long kick in company with Jackson. Under their pressure the defence tumbled and Jackson went over at high speed. (6-8 and half-time.)

On restarting, first Gene and Edwards and then Wilby and McQueen made strong attacks which finished with Smith being unfortunately forced into touch in-goal. The ball swung to the other end where Port scored a good try far out on the left: 16-11. Port, now regaining the initiative, added a penalty goal (6-14) followed by a converted try which a couple of determined tackles by Wilby could not prevent.

We finished strongly with Frank's almost scoring after a fine solo effort. Much, much better, Collegians! Good possession in the scrums, tight and loose, but not in the lineout. A pack playing as a pack. A new and good-looking combination behind the scrum and three-quarters who, if not an ideal combination, all had a go. A full-back whose hands were at times a little uncertain, but whose kicking, running and courage were good to see.

I will not pick the best forwards from a pack of which every member played very well for fear of injustice to those not named. Cousins, Cooper, Lane and Evans were the best. (U.S.)

TEN MEN'S RUGBY

Got down the second time this year by five selfish, irresponsible Club Members who do not deserve the right to be Club Members.

Ten Members fronted to give the opposition a practice run. These ten Good Club Members were joined shortly after by "off-side" Sid, who did well to maintain his nickname.

Each player did well. The tackling of Moulinie was a delight to watch. Each member accepted his responsibility against the tremendous odds of a full, well-disciplined, well-coached, ex - 'A' Grade playing side of the opposition. Therefore it would not be right to name a best player in our side.

The score gave no indication of the play. We were unlucky on many occasions not to have scored more often.

To those who did not turn up, I hope you had a disappointing day. (H.S.P.)

FOURTHS

Sorry, you blokes! No-one wrote up your game, but from the little I saw of it, you seemed to be working together quite well. Next time, for sure. (H.S.)

TRAINING

It was thought that there was hope yet, the training before last, when thirty members rolled up. But last Monday it was cold..... and only fifteen beds decided to do the right thing.

It doesn't matter if the coach doesn't appear....you'll get a good run - no matter what! Mondays and Wednesdays, 6 pm. Kensington Park.

