



NEWS

COMPETITION STRUCTURE SEASON 2005

Following an extensive consultation with all Clubs and affiliated bodies, submissions and comments were analysed at a meeting of the SARU Board on 8 July 2004. A very clear set of criteria had been established as a result of input by Clubs and although all aspects will not suit everyone it has developed a way in which the SARU looks positively to the future with positive growth and development. Several very constructive suggestions and comments were provided by the key stakeholders and the main points were that:

- there should be no “bye”;
- the competition should be based on home and away games only;
- a minimum of Sunday games (as a result of State & International Games only);
- there should be a mid season break;
- the number of competing teams (Clubs) should be restricted to those who can compete at the highest level and allow for juniors to be able to play on Saturday morning prior to senior games.

It was also made clear by Clubs, that SARU must provide “targeted” development assistance to particular Clubs over the next two to three years to ensure they remain competitive and continue to gain playing numbers, particular skills and improve coaching knowledge. It is very clear that the Juniors will have teams from most Clubs in grades catering for under 8,9,10,11,12,14,16 and 18 (to be called Colts) in 2005 and obviously need to be catered for as part of the total “big picture” in 2005. Clearly with the current growth, at junior level, high schools and restructuring of the senior competition there is a need to consider the number of available referees, their future numbers and development. Staging of games over the next two or three years will be a contributing factor to the successful use of referee resources and possible recruitment.

In 2005 a “PREMIER GRADE” and “PREMIER RESERVES” will be made up of 8 Teams per grade and these two divisions will be preceded by Colts (under 18) at 12:40pm., Reserves at 2:00pm and Premier Grade at 3:20pm. Elizabeth U18’s will be matched up with any Premier Grade team unable to field a Colts team in the initial year (and will be reviewed annually). All other club or clubs and their teams will make up two other competition grades and with Women’s Rugby, will play an alternate “home and away” series matching the length of the season of the Premier Grade and with starting times which will allow all players to attend at least the second half of most Premier Grade matches. The draw for these grades will not be carried out until March in any one year following the receipt of nominations.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday September 4, Finals
Saturday September 11, Semi Finals
Saturday September 18, Grand Final
Friday September 24, Presentation Night



THE PHYSIO DIRECT OLD COLLEGIANS

DIVISION 1

3rd July 2004 - Old Collegians 13 v Brighton 27

In the Division 1 match at Tregenza on 3rd July, Brighton defeated our Firsts 27-13. After restricting the opposition to a single first half try, we succumbed to a superior side that ran in a further three tries after half time, while we notched only two tries for the day. Brighton spun the ball wide quickly in their initial foray into our 22 and crossed our line to score in the third minute. They held most of the territory and possession for the next thirty minutes, during which time we got plenty of tackling practice. Most of it proved adequate initially, but Brighton usually regrouped at the breakdown and recycled the ball in general play. We won a good share of the set play, albeit too slowly to be really useful in launching penetrative expansive movements. Sometimes we kicked to gain ground, but lacked the dash to follow through before Brighton gathered the ball and counter attacked. We spent time inside Brighton's 22 during the last ten minutes of the first half, almost scoring tries on a couple of attempts. Dan Boughtwood kicked a penalty goal. Brighton kicked one earlier, so the half time margin was five points.

Colls started the second half solidly. We gained some usable ball and shifted it quickly enough to create some passing rushes. We levelled the scores when our centres made big breaks and full back Andy McDougall sprinted to the line. For the most part though, Brighton kept their defence tight, thwarting our efforts to add points while they also kept up the attack. For Colls, D. Thompson, Christian Tedge and Tom Secker tackled well and made good efforts at the breakdown. Ben Suttell had a good game and Andy McDougall added some force to the backline. However, Brighton's speed, handling and backing up provided too much impetus for us to counter, and they scored three successive tries. Their number eight took the ball round the short side of a scrum to set up a successful try-scoring movement. Their next try resulted after a series of phase wins inside our 22, while their last try came after they drove a maul ahead by 15 metres. We looked our best in attack when we got into relatively open space out wide; one such movement enabled outside centre Ben Hamer to score our second try towards the end of the match.

The Firsts beat Woodville 33-15 at Gleneagles Reserve on 10th July, scoring five tries to two in a match during which our opponents held us at bay for most of the second half. Woodville kicked off the first half, took possession and charged over our goal line to score the first try. Down by 7 points so early in the day, we regrouped quickly and held most of the territory until half time. We had a stronger pack of forwards than in recent weeks and retained the ball for long periods after winning it quickly and decisively in lineouts and scrums. Play at the breakdown gave positive results for us too, so we could keep ball in hand, run forward and make useful breaks. Some handling errors set us back at times though, and Woodville's tackling stopped our momentum on other occasions. Our defence worked well when Woodville had the ball. Tackling was good and we forced them into making errors. One such error gave Juan Aguiar the chance to gather a loose ball just outside our 22 and dash up the touchline to score our first try. Dan Boughtwood kicked a penalty goal that gave us a one-point lead. After Woodville also kicked a penalty goal, we went back into the attack with a number of passing rushes. Jonty Teo was on the end of one of them and completed his 25 metres run with a fine try. Dan kicked another penalty goal before he made the vital break that sent Andy McDougall on his way to score our next try. During the second half, Woodville penned us in our territory for a big majority of the time but, despite having a good back row and a couple of dashing speedsters in the backline, they lacked the ability to break our defence, which withstood the pressure until injury time. Richard Czeglik, Craig DeCarle, Dan Boughtwood, Russ Wakeham, Simon Callaghan and Christian Tedge were some of our best players. Infringements by both teams halted potentially penetrative movements in general play, but on two occasions when we made headway into Woodville's 22, we scored tries. Our number seven flanker, Dennis Thompson (?) dodged defenders to touch down near the goalposts for Dan to convert. Later, Dan again set Andy on his way for our last try. Woodville scored in the closing minutes of the game.

10th July - Old Collegians 33 v Woodville 15

17th July - Old Collegians 27 v Port 8



24th July - Old Collegians 41 v Souths 14



31st July - Old Collegians 30 v Onkaparinga 15

7th August 2004 – Brighton 37 v Old Collegians 14

The Firsts played at Brighton Oval on 7th August where the home side staked an emphatic claim on this year's minor premierships by defeating our lads who needed victory to stay in contention for second position on the competition ladder. The score of 37-14 included six tries for Brighton and two for us, both of which came at the start of the second half.

Brighton gained possession after the kick-off and held territorial advantage for the next ten minutes. Their pack combined well to give them pick-and-drive options and the team ran well with ball in hand. A good spell for Colls enabled us to force play into Brighton's 22, where we set up some promising expansive rushes that put pressure on the opposition's defence, but after they regained the initiative, we had to labour hard until half time. Brighton players were strong in the mid-field and produced some well-drilled, fast running set pieces. They worked the ball wide to score their first try. They kicked a penalty goal from a spot right in front of the posts and later charged across the line for a try near the corner. Again, spinning the ball wide, they crossed the line to score a third try that gave a half time score of 18-0. We had some good moments after winning some of the lineouts and scrums with forwards and backs alike creating chances to move ahead, but our inability to clean up consistently at the breakdown cost us much momentum. Sure, we looked good when we ran with the ball, but Brighton had the speed and skill to cover most angles. They also out manoeuvred us often when we kicked ahead. In defence, we found it difficult to close gaps quickly enough and be in position to tackle effectively. That said though, there were times when we did well to counter our opponents.

We produced an excellent period of play just after half time. Our forwards displayed renewed vigour and determination in the quest to get the ball quickly, hold it and forge ahead to keep momentum going. We drove one maul 15 metres, retained possession in ensuing phase play and sent Juan Aguiar over the goal line for our first try. This gave us confidence to execute some expansive movements and we succeeded in scoring another try. Dan Boughtwood kicked the conversions. This was a great spell of play, but it didn't last long. With eighty minutes of that playing standard we could have won convincingly! Brighton regrouped and exerted strong pressure as we fell into error. They got their next try when we failed to clear the ball from our 22. Brighton gathered the loose ball and had time to set up the successful counter movement. They scored two more tries after that by simply passing quickly and avoiding our tackling efforts. Finally, luck came our way, when Brighton actually scored a seventh try following a tap kick penalty near the goal line, but saw the try revoked because of a touch judge's report regarding prior foul play.

14th August 2004 – Old Collegians 25 v Woodville 22

Having shown good form in recent weeks, Woodville came to Tregenza on 14th August hoping to boost the chance of playing in the finals. They nearly won a close match against our Firsts who had to come from behind to win 25-22. The try tally was 4-3 in our favour.

Right from the start, our forwards played more tightly than the previous week and kept better control at the breakdown with support coming quickly and strongly to keep momentum going or to get the turnover. We had success in driving ahead a number of mauls and we kept Woodville's usually dominant back and second row forwards at bay. Woodville provided only token contest in lineouts, which enabled us to despatch the ball quickly into open space by astute kicking ahead and by expansive passing movements. However, we let ourselves down when some of our longer passes went astray and because of mishandling; aspects of play that need tidying up for the finals. We held by far most of the territory and possession in the game, factors which we were unable to exploit fully. In part, this was due to Woodville's defence, but some scoring opportunities went begging

because of errors. Our own tackling exhibited much improvement this week, through good anticipation and more resolve to pull the man down and retrieve the ball. All of the forwards played well, notably Charlie Sheppard, M. Goode, Christian Tedge and James Bradley. Dan Boughtwood, Ben Suttell and Simon Callaghan were some of the other good players.

Woodville scored the first try after we fumbled the ball near their 22 in a promising movement out wide. We were unable to cover the intercept, and they ran in to score and convert near the goal posts. Later, Simon Callaghan chased a kick ahead and touched down to score for Colls. A penalty goal put Woodville further ahead, before we took a penalty kick into touch and won the ensuing lineout. We carried play ahead in a maul and got the ball over the goal line. Jeremy Thewlis was heavily involved in getting this try. We took a 3-point lead with a penalty goal kicked by Dan Boughtwood. Just prior to half time, Woodville penned us inside our 22 and came close to scoring several times before breaking our defence for a converted try. We scored our next try early in the second half following a lineout win, from which we set up a superb running movement in which outside centre Dan made the final break and dash to the line. Colls clung to a one point lead until late in the game when, against the trend of play, our opponents thrust their way into our 22, split our defence and got their third try, gaining a 4-point lead. We forced proceedings back into Woodville territory for most of the remaining time, and it was one of our substitutes who scored the try that put us ahead again and was the culmination of some desperate team play. Ben Suttell kicked the conversion. The match was close, exciting and of a good standard, but one in which we didn't make the most of our chances.

DIVISION ONE PREMIERSHIP TABLE – 16 AUGUST 2004

		Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Bonus.1	Bonus.2	For	Against	Diff	Points
1	Brighton	18	14	0	4	9	4	449	220	229	69
2	Old Collegians	18	12	0	6	10	3	434	345	89	61
3	Port Adelaide	18	9	0	9	9	3	489	354	135	48
4	Southern Subs	18	7	1	10	6	2	350	455	-105	38
5	Woodville	18	7	0	11	4	1	278	440	-162	33
6	Onkaparinga	18	4	1	13	2	2	256	442	-186	22

Bonus Point 1: Awarded to any team who scores 4 or more tries

Bonus Point 2: Awarded to any team who loses by less than 7 points (inclusive)

Thanks to James Diack for the First Grade match reports



DIVISION 2

3rd July - Old Collegians 13 V Burnside 39
10th July - Old Collegians 5 V Burnside 36
17th July - Old Collegians 5 v University 8
24th July - Old Collegians 10 v Southern Suburbs 0
31st July - Old Collegians 14 v University 15
7th August - Old Collegians 0 v Burnside 34
14th August – Old Collegians 11 v Elizabeth 17

DIVISION 2 PREMIERSHIP TABLE – 16 AUGUST 2004

		Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Bonus.1	Bonus.2	For	Against	Diff	Points
1	Burnside *	17	16	0	1	7	1	455	92	363	72
2	Brighton	18	13	0	5	5	2	358	172	186	59
3	University	18	11	0	7	5	2	282	208	74	51
4	Elizabeth	18	7	0	11	2	6	205	293	-88	36
5	Old Collegians	18	6	0	12	5	3	258	301	-43	32
6	Southern Subs	18	3	0	15	0	3	109	358	-249	15

Bonus Point 1: Awarded to any team who scores 4 or more tries

Bonus Point 2: Awarded to any team who loses by less than 7 points (inclusive)

Teams marked * had a bye in one of the 1st two rounds. Points will be adjusted at the end of the regular season



DIVISION 3 – THE CROCS

3rd July - Old Collegians 57 v Brighton 5
10th July - Old Collegians 48 v Woodville 5
17th July - Old Collegians 20 v Port 0 (forfeit)
24th July - Old Collegians 44 v Souths 0
31st July - Old Collegians 15 v Onkaparinga 19
7th August – Old Collegians 22 v Brighton 0
14th August – Old Collegians 50 v Woodville 14

DIVISION 3 PREMIERSHIP TABLE – 16 AUGUST 2004

		Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Bonus.1	Bonus.2	For	Against	Diff	Points
1	Onkaparinga *	17	16	0	1	10	0	441	144	297	74
2	Old Collegians	18	14	0	4	12	3	618	162	456	71
3	Brighton	18	10	1	7	6	1	309	274	35	49
4	Port Adelaide**	18	8	1	9	6	2	324	233	91	42
5	Woodville	18	4	0	14	3	2	178	510	-332	21
6	Southern Subs**	18	0	0	18	0	1	109	706	-597	1

Bonus Point 1: Awarded to any team who scores 4 or more tries

Bonus Point 2: Awarded to any team who loses by less than 7 points (inclusive)

Teams marked * had a bye in one of the 1st two rounds. Points will be adjusted at the end of the regular season

Teams marked ** loss of points for playing underage players



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DIVISION 4

3rd July - Old Collegians 5 v Brighton 17
10th July - Old Collegians 12 v Onkaparinga 14
17th July - Old Collegians 5 v University White 17
24th July - Old Collegians 0 v Roseworthy 31
31st July - Old Collegians 10 - North Torrens 16
7th August - Old Collegians 20 v Port 0 (forfeit)
14th August – Old Collegians 5 v Elizabeth 35

DIVISION 4 PREMIERSHIP TABLE – 16 AUGUST 2004

		Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Bonus.1	Bonus.2	For	Against	Diff	Points
1	Burnside *	16	15	0	1	9	0	440	108	332	69
2	Roseworthy *	16	13	1	2	9	1	379	97	282	64
3	Elizabeth	17	11	1	5	7	2	299	149	150	55
4	University White	17	9	2	6	6	2	314	229	85	48
5	Onkaparinga	17	8	2	7	4	0	197	244	-47	40
6	Brighton *	16	8	1	7	3	1	205	277	-72	38
7	Old Collegians	17	4	2	11	3	4	190	282	-92	27
8	University Black	15	4	1	10	4	1	239	339	-100	23
9	North Torrens	17	4	0	13	2	3	138	355	-217	21
10	Port Adelaide**#	17	2	0	15	1	1	75	388	-313	10

Bonus Point 1: Awarded to any team who scores 4 or more tries

Bonus Point 2: Awarded to any team who loses by less than 7 points (inclusive)

Teams marked * had a bye in the first two rounds of the competition. Points will be adjusted at the end of the season.

Teams marked ** loss of points for playing underage players

Teams marked # loss of points for playing lower grade and forfeiting higher grade



WOMEN'S XV – THE FROCS



3 July - Sthn Subs 27 v Frocs 12

10 July - Bye

17 July - Frocs 32 v Port Adelaide 0

24 July - University 7 v Frocs 10

31 July - Burnside 0 v Frocs 37

7 August - Competition bye

14 August - Bye

WOMEN'S PREMIERSHIP TABLE – 16 AUGUST 2004

		Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Bonus.1	Bonus.2	For	Against	Diff	Points
1	Southern Subs	13	13	0	0	12	0	605	19	586	64
2	Old Collegians	12	9	0	3	6	0	230	133	97	42
3	University	13	7	0	6	7	2	320	203	117	37
4	Burnside	13	2	0	11	1	0	81	489	-408	9
5	Port Adelaide	13	1	0	12	1	1	62	466	-404	6

Bonus Point 1: Awarded to any team who scores 4 or more tries

Bonus Point 2: Awarded to any team who loses by less than 7 points (inclusive)

Congratulations to the Frocs who were selected to play for the South Australian Warriors, our women's state rugby team, in 2004. They are (named clockwise starting top left), Belinda Wade, Lusia Raikiwasa (Vice Captain), Zoë Woodstock, Tara Naige, Bec Manson, Imogen Hume, Kate Reynolds, Kristie Hume and Kim Evans.

The warriors did well in Sydney, beating ASRU and Sydney Blue. They were unsuccessful against Sydney White, ACT and Brisbane, but played well in every game.



JUNIOR RUGBY

U8	Coach: Trisha Abbott	Physio Direct sponsor the Under 8s with the Physio Direct Encouragement Award each week. This goes to the player who tries the hardest, does a job the coach asks for, tries new things learned at training etc. The weekly winners receive a pair of Club socks and a certificate. We'd like to ask Mums and Dads to adopt Physio Direct as their family physiotherapist. Physio Direct has six clinics – so there's one near you.
U11	Coaches: T. Naige & T. Collett Manager: D.Armstrong	The past few weeks have shown a vast improvement from a very talented group of young rugby players. A few outstanding games, particularly against Brighton, Vikings and Souths, have shown how much these boys and girls have improved over the season. The support play and effort of the whole team has been fantastic all season, but everyone seems to have picked up in the last round. Performances by the hooker Stewie Nutt, 5/8 Chris Russell, centre Paddy Macklin, fullback Darren Pinkerton, flanker/lock Terry Wilkinson and No 8 D'Arcy Sadler have consistently impressed. Bryce, Johnno and Nick Chattaway have improved remarkably each game. One moment which ticks in my mind is the most recent game against Souths. Sam Collett, one of smallest players in the team, received a kick at full back and chose to chip & chase rather than get smashed. The biggest kid from Souths caught the ball, and Sam picked him up and drove him into the ground in the best tackle of the year! This resulted in a turnover and a subsequent try, thanks to the excellent support work by the rest of the team. We lost that game, but good rugby like that made me the proudest coach in history!
U13	Coaches: Danny McCartan & Mark Gill Manager: Philip Norris	<p>26th June 2004 - Slightly better weather but same grim determination from the team...except for the first 3 minutes when we allowed a large, fast Vikings player to run untouched for a surprise try which was then converted. "A wake up call" said the coach. After the shock the team got down to business and ended up running in some 6 try's to Viking's 2 (yes they scored again!). Overall the team played very well and there were some patches where there was a lot more passing than usual....players not simply dying with the ball when there are players in open spaces ready to keep the runs going. Final score Old Colls 32, Vikings 12.</p> <p>3rd July 2004 - Next time for sure. In probably the toughest game we've played yet we missed out but conceded only 2 tries to Onkaparinga the competition's benchmark team....a team like ourselves that invariably scores at least 5-6 tries a game against the rest of the competition. In the face of much larger opposition neither our forwards or backs took a backward step. But for a decision here or a lucky bounce there the game could have been very different. The second half was particularly rugged and we had to use all of our reserves...not to give everyone a run, players were just knocking themselves out on the opposition and had to be replaced. In the end we lost the game but gained an awful lot of experience which will stand us in good stead for the next time we meet. Final score: Onkaparinga 12, Old Collegians 0.</p>
U17	Coaches: Terry Richards & Jeremy Thewlis Manager: Geoff Lucas	<p>Old Colls 5 v Vikings 12 - A tough game for all concerned with 3 of the team playing state and 2 with injuries we knew we had a big challenge ahead. We were able to gain a new 2nd rower in DJ Castine who spent a fair time trying hard but was dazed by an after play tackle in the last 20 minutes. Jem Shimmield and Rory Shepperd although not largest on the field were a great demonstration of what sheer guts and talent can produce. Guy Barrett played well being for the first time in No 8 but the Vikings showed the Old Col's under 17 what team work and a will to win can do. Unfortunately Edward Ellis Flint took a hard tackle and was injured and probably miss 2 or 3 games. Hope he get back on his feet quickly. We need to get out on the practice field more and the rewards will be there. A hard fought game but the better team won on the day.</p>

DIRECT

INTERIORS

U15

Coaches: Dean Bradley, Ryan Nielson, James Bradley, Daniel Boughtwood
Managers: Doug Mein & Ben Rokobaro

22 May - On a bright sunny day in the Southern Vales OC U15 faced the first big test of the season so far – away to Onkas. In a first half played at pace OC's set the pattern with excellent ball movement and outstanding foot speed to lead 19 – 5 at half-time thanks to two tries to Alex, one to Kabil and two conversions by Fullback Will McCullough. The second half was tighter with both sides scoring two unconverted tries. This time Robbie Bell and Ed Lucas the scorers. The final result was a well deserved 29 - 15 win. Best Players Vince Donohoe, Robbie Bell and Alex.

29 May - After three excellent wins OC U15's faced Brighton Gold at Port Adelaide. Last season this side proved a tough challenge and a spirited contest was expected. We used the strong breeze well in the first half to apply real pressure and when in 12-5 at the half with tries from Kabil and Rowan, and one conversion from Will Mc. Brighton evened up shortly after the break and it was game on. Rocket man Kabil run in two more tries for his hat trick and although out scored in the second half 12 to 10 the result was an excellent 22 – 17 victory. Best players Alex, James Marshall, Vince, Andrew, Will Mc, Will S and Rowan.

5 June - A hard fought first half had the U15's 7-5 down against a hard working and determined Souths/Viking side. Souths/Vikings continued to dominate in the second half putting on three converted tries to one try. Then, in a quite remarkable burst on totally committed play OC's run in 4 tries, converting 3 of them, in the last few minutes of the game to run out 36-28 winners, leaving the home crowd gasping at the spectacle. Two tries a piece to Kabil and Will Sadler, singles to Rowan Mein and Robbie Bell. Rowan kicked three conversions. Best players Vince, Jason, James Marshall, Rowan Mein, Robbie Bell and Will Sadler.

19 June - On the first cold day of the season the U15's played Burnside at Parkinson. With a threatening sky above and a boggy pitch beneath a good tussle resulted in another solid win. In 12 – 7 at the half thanks to tries from Kabil (conversion by Rowan) and Robbie, the second half finished 17 all. Alex Rokobaro scored an excellent hat trick in the second half (one converted by RM). So, a close 29 – 24 win over our Eastside rivals. Best players Jack Champion, Will Sadler, Alex, Will Mc and Nick Walker.

26 June - At home to a formidable Brighton Black U15's shaped up as a good contest. And in a game played with short periods of intensity and long ones of pure grind OC's shut out Black with two tries (Will Mc and Ed Lucas) in the first half through better ball use. Although the Brighton boys gave their best they could not break down OC's defence and when Kabil scored on the end of a 30 m running break by centre Rowan Mein the game was ours, 17-0. Best players Alex, Jamie Foster, Ed Lucas, and a brave Chris Chattaway.

3 July - The winning run continues for the U15 with a romping 45 – 12 victory over Onkapinga at Tragenza. An early try and conversion from Full Back Will McCullough set the tone. First half tries also to Alex Rokobaro and a storming Robbie Bell sent Old Colls to the break 19 – 12 up. Jamie Foster scored the best (well most spectacular) diving try of the season so far for his first of the year. With two tries to Ro Mein and one more for Will Mc and conversions by Ro, Alex and Will Sadler, O.C's played a stunning 26 – 0 second half. Best players Will Mc and Ed Lucas.

24 July - All good things come to an end they say, and so it was when we clashed with Brighton Gold in this round. Coming off the break we were not sharp enough to truly challenge this well organised outfit. In a wet, greasy conditions at Brighton over use of the kicking game simply turned over the ball too many times. Down 12 – 5 at half time there was a chance. But the second half ended scoreless and with the first defeat of the season. A good try to Jamie Foster, with Andrew Bradley, Jack Champion and Tom Northcott as the standout performers.

31 July - It was back to back Brighton (this time Blacks) and back to back losses. This was a close game, and though under pressure the first half score line of 7 all left the game wide open. Not a lot different in the second half – a try scored by each. Sadly Ro Mein could not convert from out wide and the game finished 12 – 14 in favour of the Blacks. No disgrace here, with the pack standing up manfully to the much larger Brighton forwards and plenty of endeavour shown by all 22 players. Tries to Alex (con Will Mc) and Kabil. Top performances by Tom Northcott, Nick Walker and Ed Lucas.

7 August - Back to winning ways! Old Colls U15's demolished Burnside at Tragenza with a powerful 36 – 10 display. With Burnside short on numbers and the teams reduced to 13 a side our Eastside rivals had no answer to our ball movement and fast running back line. Two tries to Alex, singles to Ed Lucas, Will Mc, Will S and Kabil. Two conversions by Will Mc and one from Jack Maclin.

14 August - Great to get out of the mud and play Souths/Vikings at the lovely, grassy Gleneagles Park. In what turned out to be a scrappy game we established our dominance in the first half with 5 tries to 1. Kicking was tricky into a stiff breeze and conversions proved elusive. Second half honours were even with a converted try each, though in fairness we dominated the game and should have been able to reflect this on the score board. The final score was OC's 27 – Souths 14. Best on the day were Philip Gold and Jamie Foster.



SCRUMBAG



Tim Austin is now living and playing in Melbourne. He writes: "Send my regards to the club. Tell them that Melbourne has its own Harry Clarks, Hamish Crannas, Denzils, Rayzor Butlers and the same regular guys who always hit the change rooms for a rubdown come the harder stuff (at training). It's hilarious how there are these sort

of people all over the country - every club has them (thank God). The clubman who is good to everyone - Harry Clark. Tony "Chunky" Burgess - the smartarse. The guy never short of a smart comment and knows a lot of club songs - Hamish Cranna. Harry - the guy who registers everyone - this guy is a cross between Mick Finn and Richard Waddicor. Women's coach - 'Purps' - an Irishman who loves the drinking as much as his girls! I went to Geelong recently to play a game, and in the change rooms was non other - Andy Finn. She is the trainer for the Geelong Rams! Seems Old Colls and Geelong have a history with Muzza being the trainer there some years ago. That's trippy! PS. Scored a try under the posts and we won the game 30-12!!"

Battered Head of the Month Award, goes to First Grade halfback, Ben "Boofy" Suttell. Ross, with his very broken nose, rates an honourable mention – but we don't have a photo of him!

Congratulations to James Bradley and Natarsha Regler on their recent engagement!!



Farewell, again, to Ben Hamer, who has headed back to the UK for another rugby season up north. Best of luck, Benny.

Chris & Ann Eldridge wrote to us to tell us: "Just wanted to let you and the club that Ann and I had child #3 over the weekend. A baby boy called Findlay James Eldridge (Finn). For the passionate rugby fans out there they'll make the link on the name with Findlay Calder (the former Scottish and British Lions captain). Works for me because he's one of my all-time rugby forward heroes (anyone over 30 will understand!!). Ann thinks it was a nice name, but doesn't understand what she's just let me get away with!!"

The Rugby Ball was held in July 2004 at the Observatory Function Centre on Hackney Road. The Observatory Function Centre is the club's new major sponsor for 2004 and they put on a great night for all who attended. The food was great and the alcohol just kept flowing. There is some suggestion that the First Grade table drank more than even Kristian Livolsi (owner and manager of the Observatory and an ex Collegians prop) could have imagined. More beer than a Prop can imagine? Jeez. Shown below are photos of the demure and ladylike Frocs and their First Grade counterparts. For the record, the First Grade won the boat-race but there is some suggestion of cheating! It would be fair to say that too much Robbie Williams was played by the DJ but it kept the crowd (and by that we mean Czezza) happy. Thanks to the Observatory for the great venue. Those who missed out will have an opportunity to enjoy the Observatory's hospitality soon, we're holding the Presentation Dinner there on 24th September.



CLUB NOTES

PHYSIOTHERAPY FOR MEMBERS

All members of Old Collegians are urged if they have any physiotherapy needs to consult with our sponsor Physio Direct as a matter of preference. **Physio Direct offers special rates to ALL Old Collegian members** with particularly attractive rates for 1st and 2nd grade players.

Physio Direct has six clinics in Adelaide, at Morphettville, Edwardstown, Wayville, Prospect, Salisbury and Gawler. Physio Direct provides treatment for all sports and work injury as well as general physiotherapy and rehabilitation for muscle and joint injuries, headaches, neck and back pains. They use manipulative physiotherapy, Swiss balls, Pilates, aquatic physiotherapy, Feldenkrais and gym rehabilitation.



Call 8373 1324 to arrange an appointment to a clinic near you.

PRESENTATION DINNER

Friday 24th September 2004, from 7pm
Observatory Function Centre
\$50/person includes a three course meal

TICKETS OVER THE BAR
NO TICKETS SOLD AFTER GRAND FINAL NIGHT



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