

TREGENZA TIMES

Old Collegians Rugby Football Club Inc.



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6 September 2005

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Presentation Dinner

Saturday, 1st October 2005

Tickets available NOW!
\$35.00 /ticket – Three Course Meal

Saturday 24th September

- * BBQ *
- * AFL Grand Final on the big screen *
- * Bar will be open *

SCRATCH MATCH AGAINST MELBOURNE RFC

Saturday 10th September

GRAND FINAL - Under 14s - Old Collegians v Onkaparinga, 9.40am
PRELIMINARY FINAL – 4th Grade – Old Collegians v Southern Suburbs, 9.30am
PRELIMINARY FINAL – Women – Old Collegians v Port Adelaide, 11.00am

Saturday 17th September – Grand Finals

4th Grade – Elizabeth v [Old Collegians/Onkaparinga] 9.30am
Women – Southern Suburbs v [Old Collegians/Port Adelaide], 11.00am
3rd Grade – Roseworthy v [Burnside/Brighton], 12.30pm
2nd Grade – University v [Elizabeth/Brighton], 2.00pm
1st Grade – Old Collegians v [Brighton/Port Adelaide] 3.30pm

SCRUMBAG

Congratulations to Stewart Frew on the birth of his second son, Ethan Stewart Frew, in the early hours of Father's Day! Mum, Dad and baby are all doing well. We just love hearing that Collegians are busily breeding more junior rugby players!

Our UNDER 14s succeeded in their Semi-Final against Souths on Sunday 4th, galloping into the Grand Final. Unfortunately, the players were let down by someone on the sideline. Old Collegians was penalised three times for the conduct of a supporter and marched back a total of 30m. The sideline and touch-judge believed a punch had been thrown by a Souths player. The Ref had seen the incident himself and judged it to be lawful ripping of the ball. The Souths player had knocked the ball on anyway and an OC scrum was awarded. The Souths player was asked by the Ref to be careful of his ripping style. Before the scrum packed down abuse from the OC sideline led to our players being sent back 10m. There was a lot of dissent from the sideline to which the Ref took no offence, however unacceptable abuse from one person in particular drew the penalty. Being too busy haranguing the Ref to consider his own conduct, the abuse continued and caused OCs to be walked back again and then again. Referees are volunteers who do their best and we have great difficulty in securing enough referees in SA. Even if the Ref is clearly in error, abuse/questioning will never alter the decision and can set the Ref against our team. An abusive player/supporter prejudices his own team, embarrasses his club and discourages people from taking up refereeing. It is foolish conduct and is unbecoming of an Old Collegian regardless of the circumstances. Our thanks and congratulations go to the 14 year old players who had better discipline, sense and manners than one of their adult supporters. In the Grand Finals, let's show that Old Collegians are not merely good sportsmen, but also good sports.

Our Sponsors Day on 27 August was a great success. We were joined by a number of our sponsors, life members and other supporters for drinks on the balcony while watching our 1st and 2nd Grades defeat Woodville, and then for dinner afterwards. A huge thank-you goes to Candice Daniel for organising everything so beautifully. It was a great opportunity to thank our sponsors and supporters, without whom we would be unable to provide the facilities necessary to keep our players on the pitch. In addition to a number of "anonymous benefactors" we would particularly like to acknowledge the support of the following organisations/people:



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Our Victorious First Grade (photo taken after the game against Burnside)

1st Grade: Old Collegians 23 v Brighton 16 - A fantastic performance from our First Grade in the Semi Final against Brighton saw them come from behind and score three tries to Brighton's one try and three penalties. We moved the ball out wide and handling was excellent despite the dreadful conditions which were expected to favour Brighton's style of play. Great performances all round secured this win, putting us straight into the Grand Final on 17th September against the winner of Port v Brighton this weekend.

Tries: H Winter, J Grimes, J Suttell, *Conv:* J Aguiar, *Pen:* J Aguiar (2)

4th Grade: Old Collegians 5 v Elizabeth 13 - This game was a disappointing performance from Old Collegians 4th Grade who looked so dominant in the minor round. Fortunately, they have a second chance at making it to the Grand Final and will play Southern Suburbs in the Elimination Final on 10th September at 9.30am. Old Collegians try was scored by J Hopkins.

Women: Southern Suburbs 12 v Old Collegians 0 - Like our Fourth Grade, our women lost the semi final in a performance well beneath their potential. The very wet conditions lead to a high number of handling errors, particularly on a number of occasions when the Frocs could have scored. Fortunately, also like the Fourth Grade, they have a second chance at making it to the Grand Final and will play Port Adelaide in the Elimination Final on 10th September at 11.00am.

Under 11s: Old Collegians 0 v Southern Suburbs 42 - It was always going to be a big ask against the bigger Souths team that has not lost a game for three years. The boys approached their task carefully but knowing if things went right they could do it. They played what was to be one of their best games of the year. We won about 65% of the ball from all set plays. We wanted to keep the ball away from their fast runners and it almost came off, but the powerful Souths backline rushed our smaller backline players and the turnover rate was just too great. As the score line mounted, the boys did not give up and tried variations on their game plan. It was a great effort by all boys and they tried their hardest, but it was not to be. "Next year" they said at the end, unbeaten in their minds and showing to be true Old Collegians.

Under 14s: Old Collegians 22 v Southern Suburbs 0 - Through the mud, through the blood to the finals (again)...and this is our year. In very heavy going the Old Collegians Under 14s ground out a physically gruelling but convincing win against a much improved Southern Suburbs. The first half was simply slogged out in ankle deep mud between each teams 22 metre lines with very little give or take by both sides. Eventually from the back of the lineout and about 40 metres out Harley plucked the ball from the air, saw a chink of daylight between a couple of Souths players and ran straight as an arrow to score our first try. The second half saw Souths begin to falter as Harley ran in a couple of additional tries, followed by Tom Sullivan once again showing soccer skills to kick and dribble the ball some 40 metres to score under the posts. The final score was 22 – 0; a reasonable reflection on the strengths of both teams. Everyone played extremely well. We now putting play the Grand Final on 10th September against Onkaparinga.

U16s: Old Collegians 12 v Onkaparinga 19 – Our best team display for the season was not quite enough to over come Onkas in this pulsating semi-final match. We headed into the game as clear under dogs, but for all that Onkas scored 2 tries (and 1 conv) to zip in the first half it was obvious from the boys work rate and commitment that we were in the game. For the first time this year the Forwards demonstrated the cohesion at the breakdown that we all suspected was there. The result was a well executed yo-yo and Kabil crossing in the corner. Onkas, though, broke through for a third try and the pressure was back on. It could have easily been "heads down" time but not so for this enthusiastic, gritty team! From a scrum well inside Onkas 22 a searing run from Robbie Bell released Kabil on the left wing from the half way line to run through the remaining defence and score under the posts. Jack Macklin converted and it was game on at 12 – 19 with 5 minutes to go. Alas it was not to be. There's not disgrace in loosing to a good team if you play to your best and this excellent group of our young men most certainly did that today. Congratulations to all the team and to coaches Ryan 'Boo-Boo' Nielsen and John Bell for a successful and very entertaining season.