



# Old Collegians Rugby Weekly News



31 July 2013

## SENIOR RUGBY

### NEXT MATCHES

#### SATURDAY 3 AUGUST

##### Tregenza Oval

3.20pm: 1<sup>st</sup> XV v Port Adelaide  
2.00pm: 2<sup>nd</sup> XV v Port Adelaide  
12.40pm: 4<sup>th</sup> XV v NEDs  
11.20am: U16s v NEDs  
10.10am: U14s XV v NEDs  
9.10am: U12s XV v Vikings  
8.10am: U7/8/10s XV v NEDs

##### Parkinson Reserve

10:10am: Women's XV v NEDs

#### SATURDAY 10 AUGUST

##### Riverside Oval

3.20pm: 1<sup>st</sup> XV v Port Adelaide  
2.00pm: 2<sup>nd</sup> XV v Port Adelaide

##### Dry Creek Reserve

12.40pm: 4<sup>th</sup> XV v NEDs  
12.40pm: Women's XV v NEDs  
11.20am: U16s v NEDs  
10.10am: U14s XV v NEDs  
9.10am: U12s XV v Barossa  
8.10am: U7/8/10s XV v NEDs

### Photos & Video

Photos and video of the matches regularly go up on our FaceBook page and youtube account (see links below), & on the website [here](#). Keep an eye out for them!

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#### 1<sup>st</sup> XV: Old Collegians 53 v Woodville 13

*Tries: Stewart Nutt, Wayne Power, Tim Wonders, Chris Bartlett (2), Mitch Oak, Chris Steel (Pen), Jacob Basson*    *Convs: Stu Robertson (5)*    *Pens: Stu Robertson*  
*Best Players: Luke Bailey, Mitch Oak, Hugh Sheppard*

A good win against quality opposition who crumbled in the face of our constant pressure and fast paced attack. Good discipline was shown by our boys in the face of relentless provocation. The lesson is that if we play our own game, we're a very serious contender.



#### 2<sup>nd</sup> XV: Old Collegians 67 v Woodville 0

*Tries: Wes Billett, Peter Cross (2), Liam McDonough (2), Mitch Sallis (3), David Nolan (2), Jon Collins*    *Conv: Mitch Sallis (8)*  
*Best Players: Jack Darby, Nick Howlett, Alex Murphy*

Yet another strong performance from all players, many of whom were playing up a grade due the club missing about 20 players this weekend. Our hard work against a heavy, physical team paid dividends, allowing us to implement our game plan and giving our backs free reign to prance over the tryline again and again.

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> XV: Old Collegians 10 v Adelaide University 27

*Tries: Derek Lewis, Blake Giarola*

*Best Players: Justin Elder, Ryan Nielsen, Rob Porteous*

A disappointing effort from a team who can (and generally do) play much better than this. The disjointed squad wouldn't have helped, but the truth of it is that we just didn't play well on the day. Onwards and upwards; it was a cursory reminder that we need to work for this.

#### 4<sup>th</sup> XV: Old Collegians 12 v Adelaide University 20

*Tries: Mark Siaoisi, Mark Johnson*    *Conv: Harley Simmonds*

*Best Players: Paul Cleary, Andrew MacGregor, Harley Simmonds*

From the outset Uni were pumped, running out for the kickoff ten minutes early. This translated into them having more energy at the breakdown early on, resulting in pressure that was converted into a penalty early in the match. A converted try to Uni was the only other score for the half, with the half time score 10 – 0. The second half was more of the same with Uni continuing to slow the ball down at the breakdown, creating pressure and resulting in penalty turnovers. OC managed several successful drives at the line culminating in a try to Mark Siaoisi, converted by Harley Simmonds. Another try to Uni (from an unfortunate penalty) took the score to 17 – 7, until a storming run from Mark Johnson brought OC back into the match. A late penalty sealed the victory for Uni. It was a tough match, providing us with a lot to work on in the lead up to finals.

## SUBSCRIPTION FEES

Senior Player: \$275  
Senior Concession: \$235

U12, U14, U16 & U18: \$175  
U7, U8, U9 & U10: \$155  
(Family discounts available)

Social Members: \$80

### Women's XV: Old Collegians 51 v Woodville 10

*Tries: Martine Mooij (4), Mackenzie Sadler (3), Nadia Di Girolamo, Sian Beavers*

*Best Players: Nadia Di Girolamo, Martine Mooij, Mackenzie Sadler*

A great romp under lights for the ladies' team! Our scrums were dominant, reliably winning all of our own ball, and countless against the head. Well done in particular to Anja Halstead and Kate Collings who both played their first game at second row, and were rock solid in the scrum, and also effective in open play. Plenty of pace and purposeful running from the backs finished the job that the forwards had started.

We have plenty yet to improve on, but it was a pretty good show nonetheless. The last try was a hum-dinger, with a succession of brutally efficient phases from backs and forwards alike, handing Nadia Di Girolamo all the options in the world with which to finish (and she wisely chose the option of 'right under the posts'). Special mention to the typically fine performance from Martine in her last game for OC before she returns to the Netherlands; she will be badly missed by the team (both on and off the pitch).



## JUNIOR RUGBY

### Under 16s: Old Collegians 27 v Burnside 34

*Tries: George Campbell, Luke Howes (2)*

*Convs: Charlie Pickford (3) Pens: Charlie Pickford (2)*

It was important for everyone to step up in this game due to the number of injuries and absences. Our forwards were awesome and directly responsible for the tight scoreline - 5 more minutes and the game was ours! Special mention must go to Callum and George Windley for their tireless efforts. Bring on NED'S for the next 3 games!

### Under 14s: Old Collegians 34 v Vikings 28

*Tries: Eamon Lambert (2), Rory Illman, Magnus Illman, George Pepper, Harrison Cole*

*Convs: George Hewitt (4)*

Possibly the most important game of the season for us in terms of us making the finals and having been well beaten by Vikings in the previous encounter, the boys knew they had a big task ahead of them and they certainly rose to the challenge. The first 15 minutes of the game saw us playing the best, most composed and disciplined rugby so far this season with the forwards playing a superb pick and drive game which was rewarded by a couple of good tries. A loss of composure and bit of "white line fever" on our part saw Vikings get back into the game and some of their danger players started to make an impact. We regrouped and refocused after half time and returned to a more structured game which paid off with us managing to keep the lead to the end, even though it got a little too close for comfort at one point. Eamon, Charlie and Rory were the ref's and spectators' picks for the day but as always it was a team effort with everyone playing their part. A special mention must go to Rory for what is probably one of the best pieces of defensive work seen at any level of rugby when he chased down the Vikings' super fast winger, tackled him and held him up over the line to prevent a certain try. Real example of commitment and a never give up attitude... well done Rory! Also a special thanks to those players who did not get much game time today for their understanding of the importance of the game and the win and their commitment to the team.

### Under 12s: Old Collegians 5 v Vikings 53

This match was not our best of the season. After a great game the week before, we were our own worst enemy, missing tackles & generally being dominated by a better team on the day.

### Under 8s: Old Collegians v Vikings

*Coaches' Award: Andre Smith for his improved defence, and his try-saving tackle*

This team is on fire! They played their best game of the year, and the Vikings are without doubt our toughest opponent, especially their great tacklers. Our kids were fantastic in defence and attack, particularly Ryan Barlow, Maxi Richards, Ethan Frew, Lucas Aguiar and James List. The great job from their coaches, Peter and Craig, is showing improvements week by week. It's a pleasure to work with this group of people.

### Under 7s: Old Collegians v Vikings

*Coaches' Award: Alia Hickman for running strongly with the ball and making a very valuable contribution in defence.*

A special mention to Will Hannan who joined our U7s. Will is the latest addition to our team and played his first game on Saturday. Welcome Will - you played with a lot of enthusiasm! This past week has been a highlight for us! Our U7's team played an outstanding game of rugby on Saturday, following what we believe has been our best training session this season. On Wednesday night we continued to focus on basic skills development and on the defence aspect of our game. We are very proud to say that we had 13 players in attendance on both occasions.



## SOCIAL EVENTS

### SUPPORTERS DAY!!

**Saturday 3 August**

Sponsors, Life Members and Volunteers are invited to join us on the balcony for drinks and nibbles during the 1st XV home-game as a thanks for their support.

**RSVP required by Thurs 1 Aug to [kim@oldcollegiansrugby.org.au](mailto:kim@oldcollegiansrugby.org.au)**

**PLUS: SUPER RUGBY FINAL** on the big screen at the club from 5pm

### BEER PONG CHAMPIONSHIP

**Saturday Night, 3 August**

All teams now full! But to add to the fun of the evening it will also be **Semi-Formal night**, so dress formal on top and rugby below!



### Social Diary

- 3 August: Supporters' Day
- 3 August: Beer Pong
- 10 August: Quiz Night
- 17 August: Miss College
- 17 August: Bledisloe
- 24 August: Bledisloe
- 31 August: End of Season Party
- 14 September: Argentinean Grill
- 14 September: Wallabies v Arg
- 4 October: Presentation Dinner

## QUIZ NIGHT

**Saturday, 10 August, 7:30pm**

\$15 per table, 8 major rounds plus bonus rounds

Major Prize will be a large basket full of goodies and wine

Maximum of 6 people per table. Bring your own table nibbles. NO BYO.

## TRAINING NIGHT DINNERS

There are hot meals every **Wednesday night** and **Thursday night** is \$10 steaks!

## CLUB NOTES

### SENIOR SELECTION

If you are available for selection but can't make training, or if you are not available for selection – you **MUST** call or SMS our Rugby Director, Danny McCartan on 0412 849 004 by **TUESDAY EACH WEEK. DO NOT JUST TELL YOUR COACH, MANAGER OR MATES.** This applies to all players from 4th grade to 1st grade.

### SENIOR SUBS

Players are reminded that full payment is required as soon as possible. Players will not be permitted to play finals in any grade unless they are fully paid. A list of unfinancial players will be published soon.

### WE WANT YOUR PHOTOS!

If you have photos of games or club life, we want them for the website and Facebook page! Email [paulhorne@internode.on.net](mailto:paulhorne@internode.on.net) and he'll link you to our Dropbox, and you can simply drop the photos in there to share them with us each week!

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