

SENIOR RUGBY

RESULTS – 10 MAY 2014

1st XV: Old Collegians 46 v Onkaparinga 7

Tries: Gary Mann (2), Bernie Van Altena (2), Chris Bartlett (2), Will Sadler

Convs: Will Sadler (4) Pens: Will Sadler

Best Players: Liam McDonough, Will Sadler, Bernie Van Altena

The rain at Onkas was clearing as the first grade kicked off, but it left conditions greasy for the early stages of the game. Onkas and Old Colls went back and forth with possession in the first 10 minutes, with neither side able to break through or spend much consistent time in the opposition 22. Eventually Old Colls were awarded a penalty on the Onkas 22 and Sadler continued his impressive kicking to slot it through.

Old Colls switched on from the restart, running a penalty from their own half through a series of forward hit-ups and support play, working their way to the Onkas 22. Onkas conceded another penalty that was again taken quickly and shifted wide for the first try of the day to Van Altena in the corner.



We continued to maintain possession in the first half, but often let ourselves down and let Onkas back in with some poor decision making when taking the ball into tackles and unnecessarily attempts to offload the ball, rather than waiting for support to clean out. Pleasingly, when we did turn over the ball our defence was sound and able to contain the Onka's counter-attack. Eventually we settled things down and were to maintain possession, leading to tries scored by Mann and Bartlett and 22 to 0 half time lead.

Old Colls were reduced to 14 men with a yellow card early in the second half and took a little while to adjust after injuries required the backline to be reshuffled, but the team maintained their strong defensive performance and held off sustained attacking pressure from Onkas. When the full complement was restored Old Colls were able to develop their strong set piece, more than holding their own in the scrums and utilising quick line-outs and rolling mauls to good effect. The backs and forwards linked up well and additional tries were scored by Sadler, Bartlett, Mann.

We didn't have it all our own way however, with Onkas fighting back with 15 minutes to go and managing to cross our line after sustained phases in our 22. Ultimately though, Old Colls had the final say with a Van Altena scoring his second try close to full time, wrapping up a solid and improved performance from the team.

2nd XV: Old Collegians 31 v Onkaparinga 0

Tries: James Daley, Hugh Sheppard, Christian Newland, Jamie Foster, Stuart Robertson

Convs: Stuart Roberston (3)

Best Players: James Daley, Jamie Foster, Hugh Sheppard, Tim Wonders

This was a slightly disjointed foray, but a much better performance that last week's effort against University, and we produced a dominant eighty minutes. Our forwards demolished the Onkaparinga pack and our backs thrived on continuous possession. It was far from perfect but it's always good to win so firmly against a strong and physical team at their home ground. The 2nd XV are excelling; they mirrors the 1st XV performances with only the *tiniest* of gaps between the two squads. We got 99 problems but depth ain't one.



3rd XV: Old Collegians 36 v Onkaparinga 17

Tries: Rudy Timoteo, Lenny Eilers, Richard Czeglik, Simon Allport, Derek Lewis

Convs: Ben Suttell (4) Pen: Ben Suttell

Best Players: Simon Allport, Derek Lewis, Ben Suttell

After (an almost unheard-of) two consecutive losses this solid win was all about the guys finding structure, in both attack and particularly defence. The forwards won lots of good ball and the backs advanced it well for the forwards again to take control and score four of the five tries.

Boof had a cracker both around the field and with his boot. Chezza's experience and leadership on field was notable and we welcome him as Graham's assistant and forwards coach.



4th XV: Old Collegians 12 v Onkaparinga 27

Tries: Harley Simmonds, Stewart Douglas

Convs: Harley Simmonds

Best Players: Jeshua Graham, Jarrod Mapstone, Mark Siaoosi

A strong 4th grade met an equally strong Onkaparinga this week and were unlucky not to come away with the win. Facing the reigning premiers was always going to be a physical battle and this week was certainly no different. Our forwards matched their power for most of the match and our backline was able to run rings around them but a lack of possession and a slip in concentration in the second half allowed a few easy tries and let the game slip from our grasp. Big efforts from all the boys with special mention to Dan Humphrys and Jarrod Mapstone who had great first games for OC.



Women's XV: Old Collegians 19 v Onkaparinga 45

Tries: Anja Halstead, Daniella Nadia Di Girolamo, Nadia Di Girolamo

Convs: Sian Beavers (2)

Best Players: Difficult to pick stand-out players from a tough first hit-out, but... Vice Captain Nadia Di Girolamo (who stepped up with Lusya away and led from the front), Anja Halstead (a tough and gritty performance) and Mackenzie Sadler (solid performance at fly half)

Excellent first 15 mins, putting Onkas under real pressure and showing that the hard yards in training can pay big dividends at game time. Lack of fitness, fatigue and poor tackling resulted in Onkas running in several tries during the last ten minutes of the first half. The second half was a completely different story; we stuck to our game plan, made the tackles, mauled Onkas backward on numerous occasions and were determined at the ruck. Given the mixture of age, experience, players unavailable and sadly injuries on the day this was a very credible first outing of the season. It also shows there is a lot more that this team will be capable of as we get more game time. The second half team try proved how determined as a team we can be. Congratulations to our senior debutant Phoebe Linder-Patton, and Linda Shoettler for her first ever game of rugby! Tackle of the week goes to Sabrina Morrison proving that technique is everything when tackling, especially when your opponent is twice your size and running hard.

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SENIOR SELECTION

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JUNIOR RUGBY

STATE REPRESENTATIVES

Congratulations to the following Young Collegians who've been selected to represent South Australia in the World Sport Rugby Carnival in the Gold Coast (6 - 12 July). See www.world-sport.com.au/rugby.php for more details!

U13s: Edwin Dodd, James Du Preez, George Hewitt, Max Monfries

U14s: Tom Copson, Brad Killick, Alfie Malcolm, Matt Green, Magnus Illman, Michael Clifton, Oscar Armstrong, Nick Barry

U15s: Oliver Horne, Rory Illman, Douglas Pratt, Ben Viljoen, Awin Matthews

U16s: George Campbell, Joel Pepper, Sebastian Thompson, Bernard De Villiers

RESULTS – COLLEGE SHIELD

Old Collegians 10 v Prince Alfred College 15

On 7 May we hosted the inaugural "College Shield" between our Under 16s and the 1st XV of Prince Alfred College (of which we were the "old collegians" when we were founded). Both teams were physical and skilled, and it was a great game to watch. We'd like to thank all the players for putting in a great effort, and we're particularly proud of our own lads' winning performance. Thanks also to the OC supporters who came out to watch the club's future play. We look forward to the annual fixture, and hope it reconnects us with PAC.

RESULTS – 10 MAY 2014

Under 16s: Old Collegians 0 v Onkaparinga 26

Tries: Rory Illman, Charles Pickford (2)

This week we travelled down south to Onkaparinga who have been the bench mark of the competition for the last few years. We were a little short on number this week due to a long injury list (including our captain) which saw us have only 16 players for this game. Not ideal, but the boys were ready for the contest. In the first half our effort was great, especially our defensive line which held up numerous Onka's attacks and saw the score 5-0 at half time. The boys had the belief they could still win the game in the second half and started well but after a couple of missed tackles Onkas broke our defences for two tries. The boys were very tired after their outstanding effort in the first half. They kept their heads held high and never gave up. We finished the game with 13 fit players, and our first loss. Our discipline and commitment was fantastic this week. There was a great leadership effort from our Captain George Campbell, playing his first game of the year. Congratulations also to Oliver Horne, Ben Hower, Seb Thompson & Jimmy Francis on fine performances.

Under 14s: Old Collegians 50 v Onkaparinga 5

Tries: Harrison Cole, James Du Preez (2), Seaton Sigfried, Matthew Green, Magnus Illman (5),

Max Monfries, Kees Young

Cons: George Hewitt (6)

In the depths of the deep South of Morphett Vale the Collegians congregated in the misty fog of Onkas for a mighty dual. Full strength bar the Jazz Captain, the boys were in for a shock with a first score to Onkas after some strong scrummaging and lineout play as expected. However with some sterling efforts from James Gomersall, Flynn Rogers, James Rees and finished with a superlative try by Kees Young the tide was starting to turn. Fitness proved an important factor and the dangerous centre pairing of Onkas were nullified by the gritty marking of the Matty/Magnus centres. Great performance from Jack Richards and Magnus Duckett, taking the ball forward all the time. Tries came flowing in the second half as the boys in black and red buckled with the constant pressure with sublime tackling from Michael "Hitman" Clifton and returning with interest to score two tries from way back, galloping like a Melbourne cup winner. Brad Killick never gave up as he surged down the middle and then danced to the corner flag to score almost a wingers try. Also great tries from James du Preez and George "Bullseye" Hewitt. Colin Tilsson and James G shared hooking duties performing brilliantly, with touches of brilliance from Marcel, Max, Campbell and Seaton as they threaten on the wings to flood with tries. Of course none of this is possible without the hard work of Edwin, Oscar, Harry and Alfie the engine room of the victory. Barossa beckons....

Under 12s: Old Collegians 12 v Onkaparinga 35

Tries: Lefatu Egglestone, Linkan Williamson

Conv: Lochie Edwards

We had a fantastic start which is notable because we are usually slow starters. We went in low at the rucks and played good rugby. The size difference between the forward packs eventually showed and Onkas scored first. Our backs played well to set up our first try under the posts. We had plenty of injuries in a physical game. The Williamson trio all finished the day with ice on a lower back, a nose and a hand. The highlight of the day was Max Linton's run at full pace over 30 metres to spoil a try half a metre before the Onkas try line. Well done Max, your team mates were thrilled at your effort and the crowd rose as one to applaud a great example of what happens when you never give up in this game. At half time the coaches reinforced the simple stuff and players took it on board because we played really well in that half. Forwards and backs combined well to play some good rugby and we scored first in that half. Our goal was to win the second half and we were in front for 90% of the time. However Onkas kept coming and we drew the second half. We learnt a lot about how well we can play and where we need to tune up our game.

Under 10s: Old Collegians v Onkaparinga

Team Trophy: Ethan Hickman

The first game for the U10s on a full length pitch. Wow! The opportunity to play on the full length field generated a lot of excitement amongst the players. This provided the added benefit of having the goal post now to aim for and the change to make the conversion after a try. All the players deserve credit for they showed great maturity considering that this was their first game on a full length field. They maintained the structure that had been demonstrated in the previous 2 games with the added support of some excellent tackling, superb passing and maintaining ball possession. Another great team effort.

Under 8s: Old Collegians v Onkaparinga

Coach's Award: Noah Wilson

A superb display of rugby from the U8s on Saturday against Onkas. The team executed the things that we have focussed on at training, in particular what we do at the breakdown and sticking our tackles. A number of dashing tries were scored by Lucas Aguiar and Andre Smith (Jackson Denley's side line run was so close to being the try of the day but for a toe on the touch line) after the team had secured the ball in general. Fearless tackling by Noah Wilson, Andre, Lucas and Tyson Hazzard, amongst others, helped keep the pressure on Onkas during the game and served to limit their scoring. Overall an encouraging team effort with all the players deserving praise. Whilst we will keep teaching the attacking structures, training over the next few weeks will see some focus on defence.

Under 7s: Old Collegians v Onkaparinga

Best on Ground: Mawson Mos

Coach's Trophy: Alex Punshon

With another great turnout from our under 7's we took to the field ready to take on Onkas on their home turf. Good listening and quick passing had us with a reply to Onkas first score of the day. Throughout the game we had good runs in attack and our best day so far in defence. Scoring was backwards and forwards but a fumble from Onkas in the second half resulted in Colls recovering the ball and running in a try that put us in front which we held to the end.

THIS WEEK AT OLD COLLEGIANS

FRIDAY NIGHT



**Calling all OC mums, wives,
girlfriends, daughters &
the Women's XV!**

Join us for a ladies-only evening at OC

**FLOWING CHAMPAGNE
& YUMMY REFRESHMENTS**

The evening will also feature stalls from friends of the club including Intimo, Tupperware, jewellery, stationery and more **Belly dancers, free psychic readings, and a free glass of champagne on arrival**

Friends and family very welcome.

For catering purposes, please RSVP to Kim by
Wednesday 14 May on kim@oldcollegiansrugby.org.au

No schools rugby at Tregenza this week

THIS SATURDAY'S MATCHES

Saturday 17 May, Womma Reserve – note time and venue changes!

3.20pm: 1st XV v Barossa
2.00pm: 2nd XV v Onkaparinga
12:40pm: 4th XV v Onkaparinga
11.10am: U14s v Barossa/NEDs
10.10am: U12s v Barossa/NEDs
9.10am: U7/8/10s v Barossa/NEDs

10.10am: U16s v Burnside 2 at Parkinson
12:40pm: Women's XV v Souths at Dry Creek
3rd XV – forfeit by Barossa

SATURDAY NIGHT

Bar open as usual, and showing the Super Rugby.



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**Don't forget: the Clubroom Bar is open on Wednesday and
Thursday nights, and every Thursday is \$10 steak night!**

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CLUB NOTES

TREGENZA

Thanks to OC's proactive Jemma Taylor, Councillor Anne Monceaux and the staff of Burnside Council, Tregenza Oval is now equipped with a dog-poop-bag dispenser. Hopefully from now dog-walkers will do the right thing a bit more often and leave our field cleaner! Council have also trimmed back the trees around the western field-light so that we are bit better lit, and they are in the middle of upgrading the playground. On top of that, Mark Pickard (one of our favourite benefactors!) is about to in the middle of the roof repair our wind-torn roof now that the insurance claim has been approved, and is in process to get the northern night tower back up. Exhausted just thinking about it all? Us too!



SA Rugby has released its 2013 annual report:

www.sarugby.com.au/news/2013-sa-rugby-annual-report-released/



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www.greenandgoldrugby.com/category/rugby/club-rugby-rugby/south-australian-rugby/

UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS



Saturday 31 May

(after home game v Port/Vikings)

- 16 June:** Home Game v Onkas
Wallabies v France, **French Night**
- 28 June:** Home Game v Brighton
Bob Burgess Memorial
Curry Cook Off
- 12 July:** Quiz Night
- 26 July:** Home Game v Burnside
Burger & Beer-Pong Bonanza & Super Rugby SFs
- Sunday 27 July:** Golden Oldies Rugby at Tregenza
- 23 August:** Home Game v Onkas, **Supporters Day**, Bledisloe Cup

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