

SENIOR RUGBY

RESULTS, 17 MAY 2014

1st XV: Old Collegians 148 v Barossa Rams 6

Tries: Tim Dawes, Fraser Murison, George Bretag-Norris (2), Jack Darby, Mitch Sallis (3), Delano Leen (3), Liam McDonough (3), Chris Bartlett (3), Henry Nutt (2),

Blake "Dr Strangelove" Giarola, Andrew Kennett, Matt Adams

Conversions: Stuart Robertson (18), Henry Nutt (1)

Best Players: the whole team!

There were 7 changes to the starting 15 of the 1st XV squad that had comfortably beaten Onkaparinga last week, including a First Grade debut for Mark Darby and the first run-on appearances of the year for Jim Denley, Stuart Robertson, Mitch Sallis, Jack Darby and George Bretag-Norris.

The squad settled early and maintained a well-disciplined effort as a team in circumstances where, after Fraser Murison scored a try before the first minute had elapsed, it was always going to be difficult to work on building structured phase play and pressure before breaking through the opposition line. Pleasingly, the chances and possession that Barossa did have were calmly dispatched and, where it would have been easy to lapse in concentration and let them through, the only points against Old Colls came from two penalties conceded outside of our 22.

Old Colls controlled what set piece play there was in the first half and dominated the open field to be up 57 to 3 at half time. A further 91 further points came pretty evenly across the second half, with the players still able to break through centre field and find overlap opportunities on the wings even after clearing the reserve benches and voluntarily dropping to 14 men for the last 20 minutes and 13 for the last 10. Ultimately it showed the impressive depth of talent presently at the club which will be tested with the expected physicality of the upcoming games against Woodville and Port.

2nd XV: Old Collegians 34 v Elizabeth 10

Tries: Henry Nutt, Mike Otty, Matt Adams, James Foster, Blake Giarola, Stephen McCabe

Conversions: Tim Atkins, Henry Nutt

Best Players: Matt Adams, Josh Frost, Mike Otty

With 31 players unavailable across the grades this week, and only five players from last week's team starting, it was always going to be a tough day. We opened slightly tentatively and this allowed the bigger Elizabeth pack into the game. They disrupted the breakdown and made it difficult for us to play our usual high tempo game. But persistence and patience allowed some good individual skills to take the game away from a tiring opposition.

The 20 metre, try-scoring, rolling maul was an outstanding example of this skill and patience, and it brought some very broad grins to coaches and spectators alike.

By the final whistle we were deserved winners. Our discipline and clean out were below our usual lofty standards, but a bonus point win against a strong home team is an outstanding result. A big thank you to all the lads who stepped up to fill places. This was a good reminder for the selectors and players alike that no-one's position can be taken for granted, and that club spirit is riding high. Well done Lads!



3rd XV: Old Collegians 20 v Barossa Rams 0 (forfeit)

4th XV: Old Collegians 20 v Elizabeth 19

Tries: Ryan Nielsen, Mark Johnson, Will McLeay

Conversion: Harley Simmonds

Penalty: Harley Simmonds

Best Players: Sam Walwyn, Will Mcleay, Jarrad Mapstone (with a special mention to Jeshua Graham)

The 4th XV met Elizabeth away this week and as expected met an opposition that were very forward-oriented. OC weathered the early pressure and just as we were getting an advantage in the forwards an injury in the front row had the scrums become uncontested negating the pressure we were applying through our forwards.

Early scoreboard pressure was created through a penalty to fullback Harley Simmonds followed by an excellent try to Ryan "Booboo" Nielsen early in the first half, then a backline move, the likes of which 4th grade teams have never seen, was executed to perfection putting Will Mcleay into a huge gap resulting in a converted try.

The second half OC started well creating a try to Mark Johnson who powered his way down the sideline outpacing wingers everywhere, but OC started to become lax in their tackle pressure and allowed three tries to Elizabeth, ensuring the management had more grey hairs than they are willing to admit by the end of the match. Strong defence in the final stage kept OC ahead at the end.

Women's XV: Old Collegians 14 v Southern Suburbs 26

Tries: Mackenzie Sadler, Nadia Blake

Conversions: Sian Beavers (2)

This was a disappointing result for the women's team, but the positives were the very strong performances at the scrum and in the lineout, and the good standard of tackle, ruck and maul. There was one particularly pleasing maul constructed from a lineout which had the Coach was beaming happily on the sideline.

However, the team needs to play with more intent if it is to even approach its potential. More aggression in all areas of the game would be a vast improvement. Added to this, even excellent basic skills will not take you very far if you are not looking, thinking, talking and striving. Robots don't win rugby matches.

A final word of sympathy for the forwards; the poor ball-handling (by both teams) meant for about 30 scrums in 60 minutes of rugby and two very resentful forward packs by the final whistle.



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U16s: Old Collegians 64 v Burnside B o

Tries: George Campbell (2), Rhys Frew, Seb Thompson, James Francis (2), Oliver Horne, Rory Illman, Charles Pickford (2) *Conversions: Charles Pickford (7)*

We had a short trip up the hill to play Burnside 2 this week. With no other OC team playing there, it was a little strange. The boys were keen to have a big game against a weaker opposition and we asked them to work on their structure not just the score board. This worked for most of the game, although there were still a few with white line fever. A great effort from the boys again. We would like to welcome a new first game player, Kyle Fleetwood-Pieper. He had a great debut with the team. Good efforts. By Seb Thompson, Jimmy Francis and George Campbell, and the super boot of Charlie Pickford was on target. We have a bye next week. So the training track will be hard this week, so let's all get out there and work on our game!

U14s: Old Collegians 10 v NEDs/Barossa Rams 10

Tries: James Du Preez, Brad Killick

This match was built up by "Green and Gold" as one of the matches of the round; if you were a neutral then you may agree! Both teams were applauded by their efforts and to NEDs/Barossa it was perhaps their best result of the season, whilst to Old Colls, it was a game hampered by missed opportunities and misfortune.

Old Colls had its share of walking wounded going into the game, including Magnus Illman being deemed unfit to play and Colin Tilson sustaining a hand injury in warm up. It was always going to be an epic forwards battle and did not disappoint. Old Colls were put firmly on the defensive on many occasions by a well drilled and organised opposition.



Tackling was ferocious in the forwards especially by Tom Copson, Alfie Malcolm, Edwin Dodd and Brad Killick, and driving runs by Kees Young, Flynn Rogers and Harrison Cole created a number of unexploited opportunities. At half time Old Colls were 5-0 up with a try scored by James Du Preez in arguably his best game so far. With half time changes, a well worked team effort through a lineout won by Oscar Armstrong and the following maul gave Brad Killick the opportunity to score our second try.

Then through some strong counter-attacking NEDs/Barossa scored two unconverted tries to level the game. The tough bruising encounter left NEDs/Barossa feeling triumphant and Old Colls somewhat disappointed by this top of the table clash!

U12s: Old Collegians 10 v NEDs/Barossa Rams 24

Tries: Tana Pardoe, Brady Carlson-Stewart

The game was a little chaotic at times as the speed of the game caused our players to lose structure at times and numerous handling errors really hurt us. On a positive note we won most of scrums and it was unfortunate that we went to uncontested scrums as NEDs were unable to effectively scrum in the second half. The result was 24 - 10 down in what was another very physical game. Injuries to a number of players early on caused a few headaches for the coaches. Standout performances from Henri Pardoe and Brady Carlson-Stewart must be mentioned. Henri just kept running the ball up through their forwards. A great hooker's game! Brady tackled really well and drove the ball forward. He capped off a really good game with his first try. We have a scratch match against University next week and I suspect there will be some heavy duty tackling training on Monday; that was the only part of our game that needs improvement.

Please meet our leadership group! They are the group who have put their hand up to be captain this year. They are having 2 games each but are expected to be responsible and show leadership at training too. They are all doing an excellent job!



U10s: Old Collegians v NEDs/Barossa Rams

Coach's Trophy: Harry Rogers

The U10s faced the cream of three previous junior clubs now amalgamated into NEDs-Barossa. This was to occur on the full length pitch for only their second time.

The team again did not disappoint with some awesome tackling and great support. The opportunity was taken to introduce some more advanced skills such as Wellington's clearing kick. Feedback from the home team was very favourable.

Well done everyone. Looking forward to next week's challenge!

U8s: Old Collegians v NEDs/Barossa Rams

Coach's Trophy: Torrence Egglestone

The U8s had a great day out against the combined NEDs/Rams team on Saturday. The opposition was short on players and without a coach to take the field with their team. True to the OC spirit a few of our team members put on opposition jerseys without fuss and the OC super coach, Juan Aguiar, stepped up to fill the coaching breach to make a game of it.

Despite providing them with the resources, NEDs/Rams were no match for the rampaging OC U8s. Following on from last week, the tackling, the team work, the endeavour and the skills were all on display from each and every team member.

Though everyone had a super game, special mentions go to Lucas Aguiar, Andre Smith, Tyson Hazzard, Max Richards who all ran hard throughout the game and put in some spectacular tries. Ivan Arnold and Salvatore Contanzo were relentless while Lana Holloway and William Deakin stepped up with some super tackling with Samuel Lindow, Daniel Howes and Ailia Hickman providing valuable support.

Though everyone played their role, the player of the week went to Torrence Egglestone who in his first season in rugby found his courage this week to commit to hard tackling, chasing and doing the team things we ask of everyone. Well done Torrence and the U8s!

U7s: Old Collegians v NEDs/Barossa Rams

Best Player: Alexandra (Sash) Humble

Coaches' Trophy: Ed List

With the NEDs/Barossa team only being able to field five, our team volunteered four of our number to make a match of it. Well done to Sash Humble, Noah Wilson, Marcus Pickard and Alex Punshon for running both halves with NEDs/Barossa.

This week saw all our players play both halves with no reserves and didn't they love it?! The running was free flowing and we had doubling back a plenty, but all players listened well and got back on side when told to. Both sides put up great defence which made it hard for anyone to break the line.

Only a handful of tries were scored but everyone had a good run with the ball. Well done to all of our U7s players for another great day's rugby!



THIS WEEK AT OLD COLLEGIANS

SCHOOLS RUGBY AT TREGENZA

5.00pm, Wednesday 21 May: U18s, PAC v SPSC

5.00pm, Thurs 22 May: U16s, PAC v Brothers

The 2014 SASRU draw and the results from Rounds 1 and 2 are now available on the Schools Rugby webpage: www.sarugby.com.au/programs/schools/. This year, the competition includes U14s, U16s and U18s, with teams from Christian Brothers College, Pembroke School, Prince Alfred College, Rostrevor College, Sacred Heart College and St Peter's College.

THIS SATURDAY'S MATCHES

Saturday 24 May

@ Gleneagles Reserve

3.20pm: 1st XV v Woodville

2.00pm: 2nd XV v Woodville

12:40pm: Women's XV v Woodville

U16s – Bye

@ Waite Oval

12:40pm: 3rd XV v University

11:20am: 4th XV v University

10.10am: U14s v University

9.10am: U12s v University

8.00am: U7/8/10s v University

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!

CLUB NOTES

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN RUGBY UNION

SA Rugby held its AGM last week. You can read the 2013 annual report [here](#). At the AGM, SA Rugby welcomed its new Chairman, Steve Ludlam. Steve is the Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director of the Australian Submarine Corporation. He has been a Board appointed Director of SA Rugby since 2012 and has been involved in all facets of Rugby since playing as a schoolboy. At the same time, we farewellled Wally Bell from the role; Wally has been Chairman for seven years (2007 to 2014). Wally has been a Board Director since 2005 and has been heavily involved with rugby through various committees and the Rugby 7s Adelaide. He has made an outstanding contribution to rugby over the years and will be missed.



GREEN AND GOLD RUGBY

Each week the Green and Gold website will feature an article on current standings, results and match reviews along with coach and player interviews.

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

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

Last week was the Week of the Volunteer. HUGE THANKS to all of our hard working and dedicated volunteers who make our game and our club great - coaches, managers, strappers, referees, administrators, general helpers and everyone in between! If there's a rugby volunteer you think the world of, nominate them for the ARU Volunteer of the Year award! [Click here!](#) Under 12 OC player **Brady Carlson-Stewart** was announced as one of SA Rugby's Volunteers of the Month for April. Brady has been a fantastic assistance to SA Rugby Staff during the Bartercard Cup. Each round Brady made himself available as a ballboy and covered long hours on the sideline to ensure the games flowed well. In Round 1 at Dry Creek he worked his socks off to cover two fields and retrieve numerous balls from roofs, carparks and gardens. At nearly \$100.00 for a match ball, Brady ensured none were lost. Brady would call the office each Friday to make himself available and organised lifts from his parents to ensure he was there on time. He even ran with a water bottle to ensure the Touch Judges remained hydrated. Showing maturity well beyond his years, Brady is a fantastic young man who displays a strong passion for the game of Rugby Union both on and off the field. What a great kid!

UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS



CLASSIC 80s FOOD AND NIBBLES PROVIDED PLUS BAR OPEN. PRIZES AND RAFFLES ON THE NIGHT

12 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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