

## SENIOR RUGBY

### RESULTS – 26 APRIL 2014



#### 2014 ANZAC CUP

##### 1<sup>st</sup> XV: Old Collegians 30 v Brighton 19

*Tries: Chris Bartlett (2), Will Sadler*

*Conus: Will Sadler (3) Pen: Will Sadler (3)*

*Best Players: Gary Mann, Will Sadler and the whole forwards' pack*

OC started well on the back of a strong pre-season competition, withstanding early pressure from Brighton to post the first points with a penalty. We let ourselves down with poor handling for the following 20 minutes of the first half, gifting Brighton with possession on several occasions, which they ultimately converted into two tries. OC's set piece, however, developed into the decisive factor of the day, particularly our scrum.

We dominated the Brighton pack even when a yellow card reduced us to seven forwards shortly before the break. OC rallied and crossed for a late try just on half time to take a 13 to 12 lead. We continued to frustrate Brighton in the second half, building the phase count and stifling Brighton's ability to respond with our scrum and hard work at the breakdown which saw Brighton frustrated and penalised far more than they were used to. We added two more tries in the second half to secure a hard earned victory. Whilst both teams each scored three tries, once OC settled into the game we controlled the majority of proceedings in a pleasingly confident response to the disappointment of last year's grand final loss.



##### 2<sup>nd</sup> XV: Old Collegians 36 v Brighton 0

*Tries: Sandy Taylor, Rory Sheppard, James Denley, James Foster (2), Stuart Robertson*

*Conus: Stuart Robertson (3)*

*Best Players: George Bretag-Norris, Peter Cross, Mitch Oak, Tim Wonders*

All in all, this was a pretty impressive game. OC's performance was polished from the kick off and we held Brighton out early. We were exceptionally strong and dominated across all positions. Special nods to the relentless aggression and momentum from The Pack, to which Brighton had no reply.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> XV: Old Collegians 15 v Brighton 16**

*Tries: Henry Nutt, Chester Armstrong*

*Conv: Vinnie Laurendi Pen: Vinnie Laurendi*

*Best Players: Ryan Nielsen, Henry Nutt, Mike Otty*

This was a sickening close game. The good news, and the bad news, is that we were the agents of our own failure; we lost our structure, need to learn to play Ref and can't throw 50/50 ball in our defensive half. To be fair, we had a lot of players out of position, thus positional play was inelegant. We will, and must, improve.



### **4<sup>th</sup> XV: Old Collegians 21 v Brighton 11**

*Tries: Jeshua Graham, Jack Nicholson, Jarrod Mapstone*

*Convs: Harley Simmonds (3)*

*Best Players: Stewart Douglas, Jeshua Graham, Jack Nicholson*

The first round battle against Brighton was always going to be a tough match and this week proved no different. Our strength in the forwards sucked the opposition players in creating gaps in their backline that we were able to exploit with many linebreaks throughout the first half culminating with an excellent runaway try to Jeshua Graham. Regular infringements at the ruck allowed Brighton to be within a point at halftime through two converted penalties. The second half continued the strong performance for OC and two more converted tries in the second half including a powerful run for Jack Nicholson gave OC a comfortable win. A fantastic win for the boys first up and even though there are things we need to improve on it was strong performance from every single player on the park.

## **AFTER THIS WEEK, UNFINANCIAL PLAYERS WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR SELECTION**

**Senior Player: \$295 Concession Player: \$255**

### **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.

## **JUNIOR RUGBY**

### **RESULTS – 26 APRIL 2014**

#### **Under 16s: Old Collegians 15 v Brighton 7**

*Tries: Ciaran Whittaker, Oliver Horne, Rory Illman*

After a slow start with their structure our boys fought hard to get it back in the game, scoring a try just before half time. Another try was scored just after the break and gave us some belief to tough out the win. This was a good result first up, but we still have room for improvement in our discipline, set play and running the ball. Let's all get to training and work on this. Great effort by the new players to the club: Dougie Pratt, Ben Viljoen, Joel Pepper, & Ciaran Whittaker who scored his first try for OC, and also from Ben Hower for a great first game in the Under 16's.



### **Under 14s: Old Collegians 74 v Brighton 0**

*Tries: Edwin Dodd, Harrison Cole (2), James Gomersall, James Du Preez (4), Magnus Illman, Michael Clifton, Bradley Killick, Kees Young*

*Convs: George Hewitt (7)*

The score says it all. After an initial strong offensive by Brighton and then stalemate for the first 10 minutes, OC progressively started to dominate in a game that became very one-sided. Our free running forward play continuously breaking through the Brighton forward pack sealed the game early on. In all, ten tries were scored by forwards and two from backs, with George Hewitt kicking seven conversions. More might have been scored had it not been for strong defensive play by Brighton's scrum half and fly half duo, which to some extent hampered the flow of the ball through the back line. This was a team result earned by everyone and a great start to the season! We are pleased to welcome the following players and wish them well in the season ahead: Seaton Siegfried, Campbell Robertson, Michael Clifton, James Du Preez, Brad Killick, Alfie Malcolm, Kees Young. Welcome also to our new players from who've graduated up from U12s: Edwin Dodd, Max Monfries, Marcel Dajean, Colin Tilson and Jack Richards. And of course welcome back to our inspirational U14s captain Tom Copson, to Vice Captains George Hewitt and Magnus Illman, and to senior players, Oscar Armstrong, Nick Barry, Harrison Cole, James Gommersal, Matt Green, Magnus Duckett and Jasper Carter. Thank you also to George Pepper for his support to both players and coaches throughout.

### **Under 12s: Old Collegians 20 v Brighton 0 (forfeit)**

The Brighton U12s had to forfeit, so we loaned them two players and they called on three U14s to make up 15. The score of the scratch match was 22 - 17 in Brighton's favour, largely due to the very impressive U14 backs. Our scrum dominated so much so that Captain Luke Howes decided to have non-contested scrums in the second half. Tries were scored by Henri Pardoe and Darcy Rogers, with assists from many players. A good hit out against an old foe and a great start to a promising season. Well done to the coaches for all the good pre season work that they have put in!

### **Under 10s: Old Collegians v Brighton**

*Tries: Jayden Hazzard, Slade Hollway, James List, Harry Rogers*

What a spectacular opening game for season 2014! All players supported each other, clearing out, passing and taking advantage of opportunities that presented themselves. The skills that have been developed during training were all on show for the many spectators to observe and cheer on. Congratulations to the team for a well executed game. The trophy this week went to Meg Richards for showing great commitment to tackling and team play.

### **Under 8s: Old Collegians v Brighton**

*Coach's Award: Lucas Aguiar whose tackling, work-rate & overall play was exceptional*

The 2014 season has officially kicked-off and we couldn't have asked for a better start from our U8s team. The highlight of the game was the significant number of "team tries" scored, for this early in the season. We fielded eleven players, which included three second-year U8s, André Smith, Max Richards and Lucas Aguiar, who all clearly showed the value of second-year playing experience. A special welcome to our three new players to OC: Noah Wilson, Salvatore Costanzo and Torence Egglestone. Our very enthusiastic U8s team also played a scratch-match following our game against Brighton. A special thank you to Andrew Howes for refereeing. We're looking forward to our first home game this coming weekend!

### **Under 7s: Old Collegians v Brighton**

What a start to the U7s 2014 season, with a complement of twelve players and everyone turning up ready and rearing to go. It was great to see all players have a run with the ball throughout the two full games we played. Out of our twelve players, six were running on for their very first game of rugby. A special mention must go to two of our first time players, Jack Bell and Will Tanner who received this week's Best on Ground Trophy and Coach's Trophy, respectively. Well done and well played to all our U7s!

## THIS WEEK AT OLD COLLEGIANS



### JUNIORS WELCOME NIGHT PLATTER & PIZZA EVENING

7.30pm, Wednesday 30 April

(Training from 6.00pm till 7.30pm)



Parents & Families, join us for a welcome to the 2014 Rugby Season! A chance for the parents to meet the Committee Members, Coaches, Team Managers and each other.

~ **Platters & Pizza supplied** ~

~ **Beer, Wine & Soft Drinks available from the Bar** ~

Old playing jerseys and other merchandise available for purchase.

### THIS WEEK'S MATCHES

#### Saturday 3 May, Tregenza Oval

3.20pm: 1st XV v Southern Suburbs

2.00pm: 2nd XV v Adelaide Uni

12:40pm: 3rd XV v Southern Suburbs

12:40pm: Women's XV v Southern Suburbs (at Parkinson Oval)

11.20am: U16s v Southern Suburbs

10.10am: U14s v Southern Suburbs

9.10am: U12s v Southern Suburbs

8.00am: U7/8/10s v Southern Suburbs

(4th XV Bye)

### FIRST HOME GAME!

Dust off your best club-colours and join us for our first home game for 2014!

~ Toast to the new pitch before the 1st XV match ~

~ Calcuttas for 1st XV scoreline and first OC 1st XV player to score ~

~ OC Merchandise Stall open from 2pm to 4pm ~

Sign up as a 2014 social member (\$80) and as a special offer you also get a free OC hat/scarf or an old playing jersey.



~ Liam Óg, traditional Irish band ~

~ Games for the kids, including a Shamrock Piñata ~

~ Prizes for best dressed ~

~ Lots of Guinness t-shirts and caps to give away ~

~ Guinness stew and potatoes ~

~ Guinness and whiskey specials ~

# OC PLAYERS TRUST

The OC Players Trust was established in 2012 and is a separate fund which is independently raised and administered. The Trust exists to support players, coaches & administrators who wish to remain in (and/or relocate to) Adelaide for personal, study, business or career reasons and who commit to contributing to the success of Old Collegians. The Trust can provide financial grants, for example scholarships to assist with formal study, career development, skills training and/or extramural study, or such other assistance as deemed appropriate by the Trustees. Email [kim@oldcollegiansrugby.org.au](mailto:kim@oldcollegiansrugby.org.au) for a grant application form or for more information.

## UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS



**FRIDAY, 16 MAY**

**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](mailto:kim@oldcollegiansrugby.org.au)

### MERCHANDISE

Most of our 2014 merchandise has arrived or is due this week and will be ready for collection very soon. If you have seen our fabulous hoodies, tracksuits, polos etc wandering the sideline (as shown here on our charming models, clutching the ANZAC Cup) and you are filled with jealousy – it's not too late! We have some extra stock and if there is enough interest we will also put another order through, for delivery by the end of June.



### ADVANCED NOTICE:

**31 May: Home game v Port/Vikings, 80s Night**  
**16 June: Home Game v Onkas, Wallabies v France,  
French Night**

**VOLCANO Rugby 7's**  
**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> Nov, Vansittart Park, Mount Gambier**  
Watch teams from South Australia and Victoria take part in  
Rugby 7's Action for Men, Women and Juniors  
Prize Pool and Registrations to be released shortly  
Keep up to date at [www.sarugby.com.au](http://www.sarugby.com.au)

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

# CLUB NOTES

## CLUB CAPTAIN

Congratulations to our 2014 Senior Club Captain, Peter Cross!  
Pete did a great job in 2013 and we're thrilled to have him back in the role this year.

## 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!

## DRAW

The 2014 Draw has been released and we have worked out a balance of games at Tregenza for our lower grades, juniors and women's teams. We will be releasing an OC Calendar later this week.



## GREEN AND GOLD RUGBY

In 2014 SA Premier Grade previews and reviews will featured on the Green and Gold Rugby website. Each week the Green and Gold website will feature an article on current standings, results and match reviews along with coach and player interviews.

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