

SENIOR RUGBY

RESULTS, 27 July 2014

College Cup: Fraser Murison

Best Volunteer: Chester Armstrong

In addition to playing his own match, Chester also volunteers as a referee and touch judge for other matches, as well as helping out around the club. Thanks, Chester!

1st XV: Old Collegians 33 v Burnside 12

Tries: Gary Mann (2), Bernie Van Altena (2), Chris Bartlett (3)

Conversions: Rob Smedley, Rory Sheppard

Best Players: Fraser Murison, Chris Bartlett, Gary Mann

The first grade started the game confidently, with a couple of scrum tight heads and composure in the lineout, but fell into a recent habit of trying to do too much and score off each phase, rather than concentrating on maintaining possession and frustrating the opposition with a lack of ball. Burnside were strong up front and on several occasions were able to strip us of the ball in contact situations when our ball carriers were looking to offload, rather than driving forward with support. As a consequence we gave Burnside enough chances to keep their confidence up, but pleasingly our defence and work at the breakdown was effective, so the first 20 minutes was strongly contested but a stalemate. Eventually Matt Adams found a gap for a kick through into the Burnside 22 and, with a good chase, we had enough players to force a turnover from Burnside and earn a scrum feed 5m out. The forwards drove impressively and Burnside could not withstand the shunt, collapsing over their own try line and allowing Van Altena at 8 the opportunity to force it down. From the restart we took the chance to run it out of our 22, with Smedley, Van Altena, Mann and Riady combining well to make ground and put us back in Burnside's half. Burnside were on the back foot and conceded an offside penalty shortly thereafter. Old Colls kept the pressure on and kicked for touch to have a lineout 15m from the Burnside line. A simple but well-worked lineout drive again pushed Burnside back past their posts and Mann, in control at the back of the maul, was able to score. Unfortunately, we gave Burnside a sniff just before half time when some scrappy mid-field passing went to ground and was not cleaned up in time. Burnside toed it through from 60m out and regathered to score under the posts, pegging back our lead to 12 - 7 going into the break. Not dwelling on this, we started the second half positively, working down into the Burnside 22 and keeping the momentum going to shift the point of attack as the phases flowed, leading to Mann scoring his second try in the corner off the back of a rolling pack.

In the second half Burnside were defending stoutly in the main, but struggled to contain Basson's constant darting runs from 9 and the clever lines being run by Macklin and Darby in the centres. The possession that Burnside did have was also being stifled by heavy work in defence up front from Dawes, Collins, Perdana and Campion, the tireless threat of Murison pilfering their rucks, and the spectre of Bretag-Norris menacing every lineout.



Another foray into Burnside territory saw us controlling a ruck 20m out, with Smedley putting Macklin into a gap and creating space for an offload to Bartlett slipping into the line from fullback to score. A long restart from Burnside had us regathering the ball on our try line and under pressure. The Dave, unexpectedly on the field early in the game and by this time "fresh" from only having played about 120 minutes of rugby as an emergency reserve that day, showed that youth and enthusiasm are no match for age and treachery with a 30m chip from inside our 22 that had no business coming off, but nonetheless was caught near half way on the full by Bartlett chasing through, who took it all the way for what was a 90m team try. We went to sleep briefly after this and Burnside took advantage, turning over the ball from the kick off and throwing it wide to score in the far corner and stay within touch. Fortunately some fresh legs got us back on track and Josh Frost (in his first grade debut off the bench), Nutt, Sheppard, and Billet all contributed well to help close out the game. We were able to score 2 further tries, both from attacking platforms within the Burnside 22, with Van Altena grabbing his second off the back of a driving scrum, and Bartlett closing out the game with his third at the end of some crisp hands from Smedley and Mann.

2nd XV: Old Collegians 31 v Burnside 10

Tries: Rory Sheppard, Christian Newland, David Nolan (3)

Conversions: Mike Otty (3)

Best players: Jeshua Graham, David Nolan, Rory Sheppard



The 2nd XV were fired up for the clash with our arch rivals Burnside. Everything was going to plan until the third minute of the game, when we lost our discipline and our cool with the referee. The rest of the first half was easily our worst for the year. It was error strewn, ill disciplined and not in line with our game plans. Burnside's rush defence in midfield was creating pressure that we were failing to deal with. We allowed two soft tries in and remained scoreless in a half for the first time this year. The halftime break allowed some calming deep breaths and a few quiet words from some concerned coaches. The second half began in completely contrasting style to the first. OC were focused and accurate. Two quick tries had us back in front and Burnside were suddenly struggling to keep up. Our simple, yet proven game plan was again reaping rewards as it was applied with accurate aggression. We controlled possession and territory for the entire half (which was irritatingly cut 10 minutes short) to score a further 3 tries and end up 32-10 winners. The score was a fair reflection of the game which consisted of two highly contrasting halves. At the end of the day though the 2nds roll on after defeating a competitive Burnside outfit and a valuable lesson was learnt about mental strength and focus. Well done guys, a very impressive comeback.

3rd XV: Old Collegians 32 v Burnside 12

Tries: Jarrod Mapstone, Harley Simmonds, Richard Czeglik, Kabil Pradhan, Mick Hauser (2)

Conversions: Harley Simmonds

Best players: Benny Blackall, Mick Hauser, Harely Simmonds

The Burnside team was considerably older than the aggressive youngsters who confronted us last time; plenty of the friendly faces we usually see in the 4s. We too had seven of our 4th XV helping out the 3rd XV today. We start strongly and soon have Burnside defending desperately in their 22. The ball arrives at left wing for Mapstone to accelerate past his mark on his way to the line. We attack from the restart and again work Burnside into their 22 where Simmonds dances brilliantly through and around half a dozen would-be tacklers to drag his final tackler over the line as he scored. Several minutes later we are again giving Burnside grief in their 22, this time Chezza barges through to get over the line. Our clear superiority was most evidenced by Burnside rarely getting beyond 2 or 3 phases before we pilfered the ball. However a string of penalties negated that advantage and had us on the back foot.

When we stopped giving penalties, they needed phases, we got the ball and worked it within about 10 of their line. A solid defensive scrum allows Hauser to pick the ball from Burnside's scrum and stretch out to the line. The game plays out to half time with OC 20-0. We had noticed in the first half that Burnside's #10 was the standout player, his socks suggesting he might be a recent transfer. He certainly proved his worth in the second half, breaking our line twice to out-sprint our defenders on both occasions to score Burnside's two tries. Between these two unpleasant incidents, we had Burnside defending when Mapstone again accelerates through Burnside's line and offloads to Pradhan who ducks and weaves to the line leaving Burnside's defenders wondering. The second Burnside try brings the score to 27-12. A long period of play in Burnside's half has Burnside finding relief from our errors. We finally get it close and put together some error free phases, creating a hole for Hauser to dart and even up the second half scoring. The 32-12 bonus point win is satisfying and keeps us in with a slight chance of 2nd place.



4th XV: Old Collegians 20 v Burnside 0
(Forfeit by Burnside)

Women's XV: Old Collegians 61 v Burnside 17

Tries: Lusia Raikiwasa, Anja Halstead, Georgia Morris (2), d'Arcy Sadler (5), Nadia Di Girolamo
Conversions: Nadia Di Girolamo (2), Anja Halstead

To Burnside's credit they have improved a great deal since our last 108-0 drubbing of them. Despite missing six from our starting line-up we were able to put 15 on the paddock but Burnside only came with 12, and in the end that was a good thing because we had four injured off to a shoulder, a wrist, a hamstring and what we can only assume is some sort of concussion (because running off to get Formal makeup and hair done is clearly a brain injury). As a result, Burnside played the last 25 minutes with an overlap, while we had Playmaker d'Arcy Sadler and Marshall Zoe Woodstock off the field. It was great to see team actually lift and accelerate during that period, and actually extend the lead by another five unanswered tries.

They say the forwards decide who wins a game and backs decide by how much, and that was true today. The forwards definitely has the tougher role of the day, muscling up against Burnside's heavy and determined pack to keep winning ball for the OC backs who could be relied on to carve through defence and turn hat hard-won possession to lovely, lovely points. (to be fair, a couple of tidy tries were collected by Lusia and Anja in the forwards, too).

Great performances from all the girls, and a special mention to Nadia Di Girolamo who ably swapped through a number of positions as needed, and to the great performances from newbies Kate Donnelly and Prodigal Ginger Georgia Morris.



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SENIOR SELECTION

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JUNIOR RUGBY

RESULTS – 27 July 2014

U16s: Old Collegians 19 v Burnside 25

Tries: Rory Illman, Charlie Pickford, George Campbell

Conversions: Charlie Pickford (2)

After a four week break with no rugby through byes, state trips and holidays, it was good to have a game against our old foe Burnside. We would like to congratulate our state reps on great performances whilst away on the Gold Coast while the rest of our players had to contend with the unruly weather we have had over the last month which made for not many training nights. This was not ideal in the middle of the year, but we pushed through with low numbers; 4-5 at training makes it hard to keep the enthusiasm going. Then it was game time; we started really slow and Burnside took control of the game early and sustained this for majority of the first half, scoring 3 tries. We scored just before the half ended. We needed to find our team structure and team-play from the weeks before if we were going to get back into the game. Early in the second half our structure came back for a passage of play which we scored but we still looked very rusty out there with a lot of mistakes and no continuity between the boys. We scored again to get back into the game, 3 points down with 15 minutes to go - the game was there to win. We missed a penalty to tie the game and from there Burnside finished the better and we lost 25-19. We all need to regroup after this loss and get to training, to get our team game back on track to fight out the rest of the season.

Note: The Referee took to Facebook this week to announce that this match was possibly the best game he has had the pleasure of refereeing in any grade. Well played, lads!

U14s: Old Collegians 32 v Burnside 17

At home but not at home, as the mist cleared off the Parkinson Oval we anticipated a close encounter with the top two teams battling for supremacy and No 1 spot on the table. Injuries had depleted the team of some key players so an altered midfield was deployed utilising Flynn as outside centre. The game started with a flourish but neither side initially gained the dominance in the forwards with rucking and counter-rucking from both teams. The usual structure was lacking from OC but set pieces were good with the heavy conditions making clean ball difficult to control. However a break through run by James Du Preez kicked off the home team on the points board. However lack lustre tackling and failure to commit early with numbers allowed Burnside to hit back with a try almost immediately. Further scores came to Nick Barry following close support but again Burnside were allowed to breeze past light tackles to match the OC effort. Increasing pressure and following an initial practice try by Campbell (always secure the try over the white line) and then a real try OC went into the break in the lead but with scores close. Following a stern team talk from the Captain OC started to look to gain the advantage line through close support and playing to their strengths. A fantastic maul which went nearly half the pitch driven by James Rees amongst others created the try opportunity for Brad to go over. Momentum was building and an excellent split of the backs after repeated break downs resulted in Kees going over near the corner. Yet again however Burnside were allowed back into the game after some casual covering. The game was sealed with a Clifton try to finish with a good result and move on to next week for the return match against Barossa/ NEDS.



U12s: Old Collegians 12 v Burnside 24

We had a late start at Tregenza to what turned out to be an epic battle between College and Burnside this week. The coaches knew the game would be fought out in the packs. The standout performance was from Nick Brady. He plugged away for the whole game. Well done Nick. The other loose forwards were also influential. Special mention should be made about Kylan Williamson, Declan Bell and Luke Robertson. They kept at the task set for them by the coaches. Our scrum was sublime.

The game will be remembered as a great example of skilful and disciplined play by the whole team. We made numerous raids in the last ten minutes which would have secured a fitting draw. It was very tense for the supporters from both clubs. The other standout memory will be Luke Robertson's tackle just short of their try line. It was a monumental tackle. Some great tackling from Ralph Marks should also be noted.

All in all it was a great team effort. Burnside were shaken by a tight, effective group of players who kept trying until the last moment. Our tries came from great build-ups. We were unlucky when we came up short two times late in the second half.

We are on track to see Burnside in the finals. All spectators would agree that on the form we had this week we are on track for another epic battle against our traditional rivals. Once again we should thank Craig and Charles for all of their hard work with our team. The team played attractive team rugby and stuck to the instructions from the coaches.

U10s: Old Collegians v Burnside

Best Tackler: Noah Robertson

Coaches' Award: Angus Porter

Playing on a full length pitch at home against Burnside, this game would have to be the U10s equivalent to the Eastern Suburbs Cup played between our 1st XV's. The coach had the players withdraw into the club changing rooms for a final game briefing and then they all run onto the field through a column of encouraging junior players and parents. From the first till last whistle it was a fantastic game to watch. All players put in a 100% effort providing support at the breakdown and some awesome tackling. There was some clever play with the ball being stolen on several occasions, one of these was to end in a try. Old Colls identified the key Burnside players and ensured that they were not able to play their own style of game. Burnside were not able to make any of their planned tactics bear any result as the Old Colls were always playing the ball and regaining possession. Well done to all for playing such an enjoyable and I hope satisfying game. A special thank you to those players who crossed the bench and put on the Burnside jersey to make the game possible.

U8s: Old Collegians v Burnside

Coaches' Trophy: Tyndelle Bleakley, who has lifted her endeavor and willingness to get involved which has in turn helped her grow in confidence. Keep it going, Tyndelle!

The OC U8s were under much pressure to run over Burnside this weekend given it was the team stalwart, Salvatore Constanzo's 7th birthday on match day. Sensing that Salvie's Dad, Rob, had a bag full of goodies to give out after the game, the team responded in the only way they know how. Solid rugby played by all with the old guard of 8 year olds leading the way, ably supported by the first year players and our U7 team members pushed Burnside and took the honours on the day. Whilst at times frustrating for the coaches given missed tackles and sometimes lack of discipline at the breakdown, the team continues to show improvement each week and enjoy their rugby which is pleasing overall. A mention for the second week running for Jackson Denley who continues to show off in front of the crowd with his blistering sideline try scoring runs. (You can even see a video, [here!](#))

U7s: Old Collegians v Burnside

Best Player: Alex Punshon

Coaches' Trophy: Will Tanner

A new team was met on Saturday morning with Burnside fielding an U7s team for the first time this year. With a team of 16 U7s we came ready to play. Our parents and supporters were treated to another week of good attacking rugby and some dogged defence with a few long chasing runs from our defenders. This week also showed the depth of our juniors with an U5s match being run by David Humble and Andrew Howes. The OC Joeys had a great run with Samuel Howes and Rhys McCarthy demonstrating they are ready for their transitions to the U7s side over the next month.

Just a reminder – we love photos.

If you're snapping away on the sideline, please share them with us!

THIS WEEK AT OLD COLLEGIANS

THIS SATURDAY GAMES!

Saturday 2 August 2014

Lyndoch Oval

3.20pm: 2nd XV v Barossa
2:00pm: 3rd XV v Elizabeth
12:40pm: 4th XV v Elizabeth
11.20am: U14s v Barossa/NEDs
10:10am: U12s v Barossa/NEDs
9.10am: U7/8/10s v Barossa/NEDs

U16s – forfeit by Burnside

1st XV – forfeit by Barossa

Women's XV - bye

BAROSSA BUS TRIP?! RSVP NOW!

We will book a bus to the Barossa ONLY if there is enough interest. At this stage we anticipate leaving Tregenza at about 10am and leaving Lyndoch at 6pm. There may be a minor fee; it will depend on numbers. If you're keen – let us know **ASAP** by [email](#).

SATURDAY NIGHT

Why not hang around with our mates in the Barossa on Saturday night?

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CLUB NOTES



Thanks to Jack and the Clam (otherwise known as the younger Messrs Campion and Allport) for organising the Great Beer Pong Tournament 2014, and also to all of the 'athletes' who took part. We'd name the victors and cover them in glory but they chose a despicable team-name, so they'll have to go anonymous in this august publication. Hint: they're not pictured here.

Big, big thanks also to Tom Moon, Ben Suttell and all their helpers for the awesome burgers.



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/



The Aussie Schoolgirls Team is on its way to China for the Youth Olympics this week, and played an exhibition game last weekend at the halftime of Waratahs v Brumbies Semi-final. HUGE congratulations and much love to OC's Mackenzie Sadler (top left).



We admit it. This is clearly the point at which our merchandising has gone mad. We had a couple of OC dog hoodies made for a bit of a laugh, and they've proved popular. So here is our **one-time-only offer**. If you'd like to drape your rugby mutt in club colours, just [email](mailto:info@ocrugby.com) us within the next week or so and let us know roughly how big he/she is and we'll order some more. They are about \$25 each and come in just about every size of dog.

CHANGES TO JUNIOR FINALS STRUCTURE, & PERTH SPIRIT v WESTERN SYDNEY RAMS

Adelaide will host the **Perth Spirit v Western Sydney Rams NRC fixture** on the 6 September 2014. The first weekend of finals will be held at Thebarton Oval for all junior and senior games. It has been proposed that all attendees and players over the age of 12 pay \$5.00 entry to make the NRC fixture possible, rather than paying \$15 entry for the NRC fixture as a stand-alone game at a different venue.

Junior Finals in 2014 will take a slightly different structure than previous years; teams that finish 1st to 4th in U12s, 14s and 16s will follow the senior finals format. This means three weeks of finals:

Week 1: 1st v 2nd, and 3rd v 4th

Week 2: Loser of [1st v 2nd] v Winner of [3rd v 4th]

Week 3: Grand Final - Winner of [1st v 2nd] v Week 2 Winner

This means that the U12s, 14s and 16s Grand Finals will feature on the traditional senior Grand Final Day. Teams that finish 5th to 7th in U12s, 14s and 16s will also get a finals experience. The 5th placed team will go directly through to the Plate Final on the middle weekend, with the 6th and 7th teams playing off in Week 1 of the Finals to qualify for the Plate Final.

VOLUNTEERS FOR NRC MATCH

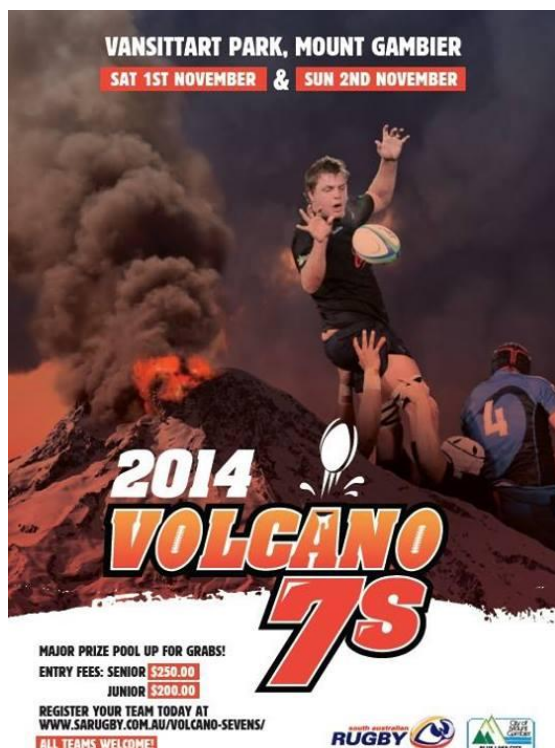
SA Rugby are looking for great rugby volunteers who can help to ensure the event is viewed nationally as a credit to South Australia and our rugby community. SA Rugby have numerous vacancies for volunteers to support the event on Friday 5 (evening), Saturday 6 and Sunday 7 September. You don't have to be available for all three days). Help is needed with vehicle and pedestrian entry/exit, catering/cash handling duties, general logistic and match requirements, bar duties etc. If you are interested in being involved as a volunteer, please email operations@sarugby.com.au detailing your name and address, contact details and which type of role you are interested in.

DON SMITH AWARDS

Junior grades and lower grades will feature at the Don Smith Awards night this year. More information to be released by SA Rugby soon!

UNDER 12s, STATE REP TRIALS

U12s open trials will commence on completion of the State 13/14/15/16 program. More information will be released in due course. Adelaide plays host to the U12s Championships this year, October long weekend.



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