

Tregenza Times

Old Collegians Rugby Union Club inc.



Round 5 – 16th May 2015

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Official Score:

Old Collegians 20 v Southern Suburbs 0

Scratch Match:

Old Collegians 48 v Southern Suburbs 15

Social Club – Save the Date

Saturday 23rd May

Bob Burgess Cup: Old Collegians v Brighton 3:20pm.

Official opening of the Balcony has been postponed – date to be confirmed. More exciting work to be done – watch this space for me details.

Wednesday 27th May

10 Lap Fun Run – All grades – members invited to join – help us raise money for a Big Screen and new audio visual equipment.

Grab a sponsor sheet or be a sponsor – this will be an action packed, fun filled evening!!
BBQ available

Saturday 13th June:

Super Hero Night – Come dressed as your favourite Superhero!! Hot meal available on the night

Saturday 4th July:

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Saturday 1st August:

Miss Collegians

Saturday 8th August:

Old Collegians Ball Celebrating 30 Year of Old Collegian's Juniors

Saturday 15th August:

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1st Grade Match Report

Old Collegians 10 v Southern Suburbs 26

Tries: Tim Pickerill, Chris Bartlett

Best Payers: Chris Bartlett, Peter Cross, Delano Leen

On what was a perfect day for running rugby, Old Collegians had the majority of possession but found it difficult to convert that into points. Southern Suburbs were strong up front and adept at keeping the pace of the rucks down to slow our possession and recycle. Most of the first half was spent in Southern Suburbs half, with the difference between the two teams being that each time Southern Suburbs got into Old Collegian's territory they came away with a score.

Even as our forward momentum was blunted, Leen, Pickerill and Bartlett did find space on the wings and made ground, but our dropped last passes or good covering defence from Southern Suburbs kept us from converting the hard work into a result. By contrast, three times Southern Suburbs were satisfied with drawing a penalty from 30m or so out and taking the points on offer, to be 9-0 up closing in on half time. Old Collegian's reduced the gap to 9-5 after getting a penalty, opting to kick for territory and driving it up in Southern Suburbs 22 from the resulting line out, before passing wide to the other side of the field for Pickerill to score in the corner.

Old Collegians took back the lead straight away from the second half kick off return, as Bartlett broke through and beat several defenders down the wing to score our second try. This was to be last score by Old Collegians as, whilst we still looked confident with ball in hand, our use of the time with the ball was often inefficient and we continued to struggle with the physicality of the rucks. Southern Suburbs were dangerous and well supported in their counter-attack, scoring two-second half tries, then camping in our 22 for the last 10 minutes and cleverly running down the clock before taking a final penalty goal.

2nd Grade Match Report

Old Collegians 35 v Southern Suburbs 24

The weather was again kind to Old Collegians as we arrived at Bailey Reserve to see a great pitch under even better skies. After a bye last week we were itching to get into some good rugby.

Frustratingly, we got ourselves into a total rut. For the majority of the game we were uncharacteristically ill-disciplined, lazy and upset by the officiating. We failed to impose our patterns onto a Southern Suburbs team that thrived on chaos and lack of structure. Lack of focus and missed tackles allowed Southern Suburbs to take the lead after our early try to an excellent solo effort by Ryan Nielson.

Despite playing at about 35% of our capabilities, we occasionally showed glimpses of our potential, and Southern Suburbs were made to look a bit ordinary but, only briefly. Mistakes flowed and frustrations reached boiling point.

At half time Southern Suburbs led 23-10.

The half-time break brought a few deep breaths and some quiet words from the coaching staff, and the players entered the second half with clearer minds and a new focus. However; frustrations became the focus of our game. As the game meandered towards full-time, all looked lost. With attitude and morale at rock bottom, there was nowhere to go except up. With ten minutes remaining we were still 13 points adrift, and desperately needing a

spark. The spark finally came in the form of a lovely yet simple pass from Wonders to Billets who was running straight and hard with purpose. Billets scored under the posts and suddenly we looked alive again. Players found their voice, discipline and determination to play good football. Suddenly passes found their targets, tackles were made and decisions were taken with confidence. A ten minute period of total contrast to the rest of the game yielded three tries. Good tries! Team tries that excited coaches and spectators alike. Tries that made everyone wonder where our talent had been all day and resulted in a welcome but unexpected win of 35-24. After a day like this there are often more negatives than positives, but focusing on negatives is pointless if you are trying to play positive rugby

This team has more than enough raw talent to be successful but needs to realise that talent will never replace hard work and desire. Souths gave us a valuable lesson in determination and physical commitment. The silver lining on a bleak display is that we are capable of pulling ourselves out of the mire, not an easy task for a group under extreme pressure. This is a rare quality for any team to possess and is extremely pleasing to see at this early stage of the season.

Congratulations on a miraculous comeback lads! Next time let's open the game playing to our full potential and save the coach from a heart attack.

MATCH REPORT ROUND 3 **Old Collegians 54 v Elizabeth 0**

A perfect day welcomed our team to Gleneagles reserve. A pitch in perfect condition and clear, dry weather meant we had few excuses for not turning out some fine running rugby.

Our only hurdle was a physically imposing Elizabeth team that had given us a tough time in the pre-season cup. While big and powerful, we were confident our superior fitness and skills would prevail.

The game began in predictable fashion. We were on the front foot early making a positive attack but a turnover gifted Elizabeth possession and the chance to impress their game plan on us. It was predictable, but nonetheless effective. They controlled possession for an extremely long period, playing a tight forward orientated game with plenty of picking and driving. The forward tussle was immense, and the bigger Elizabeth team tested our mettle with continued brute force for nearly 25 minutes. The 2nds were superbly patient and disciplined throughout this period though, giving up few yards and fewer penalties. The frustration was starting to show in the Elizabeth pack, and when we finally got our hands on the ball we moved the ball wide smoothly to feed our rapid wings who raced in a try from long range. This had an immediate effect on our opposition, who dropped their guard and allowed our backs another opportunity to attack with pace and width. This second stunning attack produced another try for Old Collegians and at the halftime break we were two scores clear. Elizabeth were suddenly in trouble despite having a huge possession and territory advantage. Heads clearly dropped and the outstanding defensive work of the Old Collegians pack had broken them.

The second half became a display of attacking flair by the entire 2nds team. Players ran onto the passes with pace and confidence. The correct options were taken without exception and every scoring opportunity was seized. Hard work and commitment in the first half was paying healthy dividends in the second half. Spectators were given a tremendous show as tries were run in from all over the park while when Elizabeth had the ball our defensive efforts complimented our attacking prowess.

By the full-time whistle it was a resounding win, 54-0.

Whilst our attacking was brilliant, it was the effort to keep a powerful side scoreless, despite Elizabeth having plenty of the ball, that brought a broad grin to the coach's face. This kind of effort is a solid platform to build a successful season from.

3rd Grade

Old Collegians 7 v Barossa Rams 31

Women's Match Report

Old Collegians 5 v Southern Suburbs 17

Try: Bec Jones

Best Players: Everyone

In the team's first loss of the season, the score line does not do justice to a massive effort by the team that was from the 20th minute playing with only 13 players after injuries to Kate Reynolds and Mackenzie Sadler.

The South forward pack was big and mobile and put our tight 5 under pressure for most of the day and deprived our top back line of quick ball. A quick try within the first 10 minutes to Southern Suburbs put us under pressure notwithstanding a huge defensive effort by the team which left us going to the half time break 5 – 0. We were able to equalise with a try to Bec Jones not long after the resumption and held the score to 5 all until Southern Suburbs scored a further two tries and a conversion towards the end of the game when our understrength team was overwhelmed by 4 subs from Southern Suburbs.

The team displayed huge character and spirit in continuing to tackle and chase Southern Suburbs until the end of the game with inspiring work by Beaves, Jones, Morris and the captain Lusia Raikiwase who made big runs and put in big hits.

As coach David Linder-Patton remarked, a year ago the team would have gone down by a huge margin but not any more.

U 16's Match Report

Old Collegians 45 v Southern Suburbs 5

Tries: Magnus Illman 4, Ben Viljoen 1, Nick Barry 1, Doug Pratt 1

Conversions: Ben Viljoen 5

With the return match coming so soon the crowd were expecting a great running game again and so it was. Unfortunately, for Southern Suburbs they had a significant injury toll and so we had to play uncontested scrums with some of their U14's players kindly filling in. Old Collegians started well with 2 well worked tries but then proceeded to go to sleep having a try scored in return as the swing defence failed to move across quickly enough. Strong rucking by Southern Suburbs and some giveaway penalties meant although posting up well we were losing unnecessary possession again. However; yet another blazing run by Magnus with excellent support play once more allowed Old Collegians to stretch their lead. A further excellent try by Doug showed the power of this attack. Our defence and tackling have gone to a new level with excellent man to man marking from Michael Clifton, Ollie and Awin as well as our ball hungry wings, Patrick, Jasper, Campbell and Marcel. James Rees launched himself several times into the opposition and only one dark moment ensued with Brad "I didn't mean it" spending time in the naughty chair vacated only the week before by Campbell. Much concern was made over Harrison's recurrent groin injury and much advice given. A good performance by everyone and we look forward to our home game with Brighton.

U 14's Match Report

Old Collegians 36 v Southern Suburbs 14

There was a tot of expectation to this game. Having recently played Southern Suburbs at Tregenza last weekend and losing there was an underlying expectation to even the score.

Southern Suburbs won the toss and had decided to take the first kick. This happened to work to the advantage of the Old Collegians with a great steal by Tane Pardoe. The following phases enabled Seaton to complete a fantastic run finishing in a try. George Hewitt converted the try. What a great start to the game.

This try must have stirred Southern Suburbs as they put a lot of pressure on the Old Collegians, keeping the play in the Southern Suburbs forward zone. There was a strong defensive line maintained by the Old Collegians; however, this was broken and Southern Suburbs were able to equalise the score.

There was some fantastic work by the forwards to test the fortitude of the Southern Suburbs defence enabling Tane push forward with the pack and score the next try. This was unfortunately not converted. There was some excellent play that enabled Seaton to land another try that was converted. The score happened to be 19 to 14 in the favour of Old Collegians.

The half time briefing had given the Old Collegians boys the inspiration to work even harder in the second half to show that they had the strength to take whatever South's could throw at them.

There was some great work in the forward line with a couple of very enjoyable mauls gaining some precious territory. The conclusion of this great work was to enable Eddy to push forward and score a try. George completed with another conversion.

The remainder of the second half continued again with some enjoyable phases of play that included some additional mauls again gaining ground.

The boys were feeling confident and whenever the Southern Suburbs players broke free to run with the ball the backs made sure that that was not going to result in Southern Suburbs reaching the try line as they were stopped in their tracks. Jack Richards made a magnificent tackle that stopped a Southern Suburbs player preventing what would have been a sure run to the Southern Suburbs try line. After a short stop in play enabling Jack to get back onto his feet he was able to continue defending against Southern Suburbs attack again tackling down the their players.

Southern Suburbs continued to fight on however once Old Collegians gained possession of the ball the they were again showing their skill and fitness with some great phases of play enabling Seaton to make a couple of strong runs to the try line. The contribution from the whole team was such that for the whole second half of the game, the Old Collegians were able to prevent Southern Suburbs advancing their score.

The team showed a marked improvement from last Saturday's game. Well done to all.



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U 12's Match Report

Official Score: Old Collegians 20 v Southern Suburbs – Due to a shortfall of Southern Suburbs Players

Scratch Match: Old Collegians 48 v Southern Suburbs 15

By agreement a scratch match ensued with Old Collegians donating 7 or 8 players to Southern Suburbs. The donated players from Old Collegians were rotated at half time. This made for an entertaining and interesting game that followed.

We had two new players in the squad today, Jock Dunn and Clayton Dawson. Both had plenty of game time and both looked like they were enjoying the experience. The first half was evenly matched - the score at half time being 12 to 10 Old Collegians way. Tries were scored by, Alecia and Dakota for Old Collegians. Dakota was also seen to make a scything tackle on Carl who was himself performing a deft curly run towards the try line. Jayden and Carl scored for Southern Suburbs in this half. Clayton Dawson was seen spinning out of the forward ruck and weaving past the Old Collegians trying to stop him. It was during the first half that Angus Porter was injured and came off.

The second half was less evenly matched with (the newly configured) Old Collegian side scoring 6 tries to South's 1. Alecia had some tremendous runs to score 3 tries. Jayden scored 2 and Meg scored 1. This uneven score was due in part to the Collegian players getting up a good head of steam before anybody could tackle them. On the back line I watched Ethan Hickman perform a great dodge and run past a group of opposition players.

Overall, I thought the sharing of players and the game play in general were an excellent example of good sportsmanship and rugby at its best.

U 10's Match Report

What a great morning of rugby.

18 players arrived for our second game against Southern Suburbs this season. A fantastic team effort with some incredible tackling; great recovery of the loose ball and some blinding running. Most importantly today, awesome team play and support. We are really starting to gel as an awesome pack of players.

Player of the match was awarded to James List with another stand out performance.

The tackling trophy went to Max Gordon for some much improved tackling .

Olin's Watters was awarded most improved performance with some great runs and understanding of the game in only his first few games.

Well done u10's. See you all at practise.

U 8's Match Report

For the second time in 2 weeks we played Southern Suburbs. They managed to field 7 players to our 16, so 3 of our team kindly offered to play for them in each half. Playing 10 a side caused some challenges on a small pitch with a fair amount of loitering going on. To the repeated calls of "spread out, you're not at a picnic" from our passionate coach on the field, Old Collegians U8s eventually began to find some shape in attack and defence.

There were some excellent runs from all the team, and Mawson, Salvi and Tyson impressed once again with their tackling. We are still too often trying to strip the opposition of the ball so we can run in and score. Yes, this works against a small opponent, but it will not work as the players move up throughout the grades and the opposition increase in size. On Wednesdays we practice, and are getting the hang of tackling and then getting to our feet to play the ball. The coaches will keep working on getting the players to transfer these skills to the game situation, as we are too often taking the easy option rather than making the tackle.

Our clean out is improving, with most of the team unselfishly committing to doing this very important part of the game to free their ball up for their team mates. Salvi, Eddie, William, Sasha and Joey impressed in this regard once again. The coaches will continue to work on this in training- "first 2 clean out" is the mantra to remember. It was another successful day on the scoreboard, and the coaches will continue to keep encouraging the Old Collegians U8 to work as a team.

U 8's Match Report

A strong turnout of 23 kids turned up for the back to back Southern Suburbs game this week at Clarence Park. Southern Suburbs had a full side which was great to see and conditions on the pitch were perfect.

A lot of work to get the kids heading in the right direction, though this is improving with each week. This certainly helps the skills of the older players who trained last year stand out even more and provides a good example for the little one's though some of them are advancing into tags that resemble tackles pretty closely!

Trophy for player of the week went to Jack George who showed some great play, scoring a try in the first round against Southern Suburbs and getting a few good long runs in, Azalie, Alex and Angus showed great form with a few runs and even some passing to team mates – something the coaches are just starting to get the kids to get their heads around.

Certificates of encouragement to Zack Czeglik, Toby Wilson, Rhyce McCarthy and Oscar Angove who showed their skill and improvement in understanding of the game and in particular listening to their coaches.

Despite listening being on the top of the coaches' list for improvement - each week we continue to be pleased with the behaviour of the kids towards their team mates and their opposing team. We have a great group of parents this year who are fantastic at setting a good example for the kids by cheering as loudly for the opposing side as they do for our Old Collegians side.

Tries from Joe Lohse, Jack George, Hamish Kerr Grant, Will Tanner, James Hicks and two from Daniel Boulden resulted in a win overall against Southern Suburbs ('round-robin' in thirds again this week due to our numbers).

Match Draw – Round 6 - 23rd May 2015

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Opposition</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Start Time</u>
Saturday	16 th May	U7's	Brighton	Tregenza Oval	8:10am
Saturday	16 th May	U8's	Brighton	Tregenza Oval	8:10am
Saturday	16 th May	U10's	Brighton	Tregenza Oval	8:10am
Saturday	16 th May	U12's	Brighton	Tregenza Oval	9.10am
Saturday	16 th May	U14's	Brighton	Tregenza Oval	10:10am
Saturday	16 th May	U16's	Brighton	Tregenza Oval	11:20pm
Saturday	16 th May	U18's	Brighton	Tregenza Oval	12:40pm
Saturday	16 th May	Womens	BYE	BYE	BYE
Saturday	16 th May	3 rd Grade	Brighton	Parkinson Oval 3	12:40pm
Saturday	16 th May	Reserve Grade	Brighton	Tregenza Oval	2:00pm
Saturday	16 th May	Premier Grade	Brighton	Tregenza Oval	3:20pm

Burgess Cup

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