

Tregenza Times

Old Collegians Rugby Union Club inc.



Round 3 – 9th May 2015

Under 16's Match Report

Old Collegians v Southern Suburbs

Southern suburbs fielded a formidable team with a big squad to test Old Collegian's resolve in this the second game of the season. With a depleted squad as a result of injuries, a number of players had to play out of position. Of these special mention must go to Campbell and Arwin, who volunteered to play second row, despite their concerns that any facial rearrangement or swollen ears might render them ostracised by the dancing, pretty boy Backs! Campbell "it wasn't me guv" spent 8.5 mins lounging on the sideline as he contemplated the confusing issue of offside. However with referees making a point of cleaning up offside, you MUST have stable footing, enter "The Gate" and look up, drive upwards entering the ruck. Again, this week we gave away far too many penalties and need to address this to be successful in tight games. I don't want to hurl anyone onto a pedestal as everyone had a fine performance with Adam moving away from the front row and enjoying the freedom from neck pain at flanker. Patrick had another great game at scrum half with some great tackling close to the gain line. Body position and protecting the ruck needs further work as the opposition rolled very effectively over the try line three times. We were caught not able to stem the tide under our posts and more communication from everyone is required to stop this.

The game was very tight - nearly to half time, as points were traded to keep scores level. Then dominance in the scrum, fine tackling and confident back movement led to a brace of tries to take us comfortably ahead to the half time whistle. Well done Ben for great conversion kicking as well as number of tries. Notable moments include watching our powerful front row (do you remember Pontypool?) dominating, life on line Captain Ollie (when told to use his head did so and put in the way of a boot) had to come off and Nick (disclaimer he is my son) for try saving tackle. Tries flowed in the second half once we learnt to catch the ball from kick off and running rugby ensued. Nearly there boys but discipline at breakdown, good running angles and complete commitment for support and you will only get better. Brad top scorer with three this week, Harry 1, Ben 2, Arwin 1(from lock), Magnus (1). Brad is now being moved to winger as a result.

Under 14's Match Report

Old Collegians 29 v Souths 29

Unfortunately I missed the first 30 minutes of the game this Saturday however upon my arrival it was fantastic to see that Old Collegians were up 10 points against South's. From the outset of the second half the South's side appeared to have lifted their game matching the play of the Old Collegian's boys. Both sides were evenly matched, yet even with some excellent defense from the backs and some great gains from the forwards; South's managed to even the score in the closing minutes of the game. George Hewitt and Seaton Siegfried made tries each and a try each to Lefatu Egglestone and Hugh Heidenrick in only his second game of rugby. George Hewitt was able to converted two of the tries albeit was extremely close with two other attempts hitting the post twice from quite difficult angles.

Next week the boys will have an opportunity to utilise the knowledge gained from Saturday's game to take to South's this coming Saturday as it has been programmed for a back to back games.

Under 12's Match Report

Old Collegians v Burnside

The game was tightly contested, the teams more closely matched than the final score would indicate. The first half was characterised by an inability to win the loose rucks and scrums. This in turn meant that the back line was not fully utilised. There were some notable pieces of individual play; however, this was not enough to overcome the stronger and better organised Burnside forwards. Additionally much of the success of Burnside could be attributed to the charges of the forwards. They were held somewhat in check by lots of very good tackling by Old Collegians. The second half was more successful in terms of team play. We won the first four loose rucks, evened up the score and won (almost) all the scrums in the second half. Alecia Pienaal also scored with one of her now characteristic 50 meter runs through the pack and down the pitch. There is little doubt that with a unified forward pack and greater use of our back line, Old Collegians will find success.

Under 10's Match Report

Old Collegians v Southern Suburbs

Well the U10's had their first full pitch game for the season against Southern Suburbs and safe to say they were very excited!! It was a good test of our teamwork skills and fitness so early in the season. Thanks to some great prep work at training we were able to hold our own and control the game, our winning streak continues! There were too many standout performances to mention all by name, but the second year U10's are really starting to play well. Congratulations to all players for giving it their all, the management team are very proud! With some further teamwork training I am confident that it will be another great season for them. Russel Gordon did a standout job of subbing on the day, as we endeavour to give fair play time to all given the large numbers on the team. Only one Trophy was present on the day and went to Mitchell Pratt for his consistent and great teamwork play on the day which is crucial when playing a full pitch.

Looking forward to the rest of the season and it was great that the majority of the team could stay behind and cheer on the U12's and get the club spirit happening!



Social Membership

Please support your club by becoming a social or playing member

Social membership is only \$85.

There is a \$50 cash club draw every Wednesday and Thursday night and to take part you simply have to be a member and be at the club on these nights.

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Please don't just be a visitor, become a member!

A reminder that **all** players **must** be registered before they can be considered eligible for team selection in all ages and teams. Please contact Simone if you have any questions: seniorregistrar@oldcolls.org.au

Under 8's Match Report

Old Collegians v Southern Suburbs

The OC U8's fronted Souths on the weekend - a very different Souths to the drilled, aggressive team that we faced off against a number of times last season, a team that became renown for the "lawnmower" play (I never quite worked out what it was). This Souths team turned up with 5 players. Showing good spirit and sportsmanship, a number of our players volunteered to put on the opposition jersey and played hard and made a game of it which was pleasing to see.

The U8's continued their good form of recent weeks by trying to control the rucks by disciplined cleaning out and retaining possession, running the ball and tackling hard which culminated in some excellent team tries. Whilst it was impossible to nominate a best player given everyone contributed we'd like to single William, Sasha, Eddie and Tyson for their commitment to cleaning out the opposing team at the breakdowns as well as Finlay for his awareness around the packs, entering the contest from the correct side each time.

That nemesis of even the most accomplished rugby teams, tackling, remains work in progress for the U8's. Our players are too often trying to strip the ball from the opposition hands rather than making the tackle and bringing the support players into game. That said, there is no shortage of players committing themselves each week to trying to make tackles and often against larger players. Salvatore, Mawson and Tyson were notable for their tackling aggression with Tyson showing his improved understanding of the rules when a number of times after making the tackle he jumped to his feet to play the ball.

We ran the ball well at times and Joey, Jack and Jackson provided some superb efforts running hard at the opposition lines. There were a number of try scorers on the day but congratulations to Sasha who ran in her first try.

Under 7's Match Report

Old Collegians v Southern Suburbs

Twenty four kids turned up this week for the U7's second match of the season against Southern Suburbs at home. We played thirds again due to the huge numbers of the Old Collegians U7 side. Strong play and improvements from Jemima Collins as she got some great runs in and shared the ball making her a worthy player of the week. Dan Bouldne and Alex Punshon both showed strong offensive play with some nifty side steps and big runs. Dan volunteered to play for Southern Suburbs to make up the numbers for the other side helping them out with some excellent defensive play. Jack Taylor showed promise with two tries and multiple runs.

Good to see the kids loving playing the game even when they are playing each other in a side scratch match. All kids are doing a great job and learning the game including sharing the ball around and listening to their coaches.

Match Draw – Round 4 - 16th 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	Sth Suburbs	Bailey Reserve	9:10am
Saturday	16 th May	U8's	Sth Suburbs	Bailey Reserve	9:10am
Saturday	16 th May	U10's	Sth Suburbs	Bailey Reserve	9:10am
Saturday	16 th May	U12's	Sth Suburbs	Bailey Reserve	10.10am
Saturday	16 th May	U14's	Sth Suburbs	Bailey Reserve	11:20am
Saturday	16 th May	U16's	Sth Suburbs	Bailey Reserve	12:40pm
Saturday	16 th May	U18's	BYE	BYE	BYE
Saturday	16 th May	Womens	Sth Suburbs	Bailey Reserve 2	11:20am
Saturday	16 th May	3 rd Grade	Barossa Rams	Lyndoch Oval	2:00pm
Saturday	16 th May	Reserve Grade	Sth Suburbs	Bailey Reserve	2:00pm
Saturday	16 th May	Premier Grade	Sth Suburbs	Bailey Reserve	3:20pm

Social Club – Save the Date

Saturday 23rd May Official Opening of our Revamped Balcony. Come and join us for drinks and nibbles. Free entry to invited Guests and Financial Social Member.

Bob Burgess cup against Brighton

Wednesday 27th May 10 Lap Fun Run – Join the Fun – 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!!
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Date to be confirmed Quiz Night

Saturday 27th June Theme Night

