



Old Collegians Round 1 Newsletter 2015

Junior Gala Days

There was a fabulous turn out from the Juniors for this weeks Gala Day at Elizabeth.

Thank you to everyone involved in this event, players and supporters alike. We had a tremendously successful day, fielding two U17 and U8 teams and 1 team for the U10's, U12's, U14's and U16's.

This Saturday (April 25th) the Gala Day will be held at Burnside and we are looking forward to your continued support to be able to field the same number of teams.

Well done and thank you to everyone who attended.

GALA DAY THIS WEEKEND AT BURNSIDE – MORE INFORMATION REGARDING GAME TIMES TO FOLLOW

ANZAC Day Matches – Sunday 26th April

ANZAC Day matches will be held at Tregenza Oval at the following times:

Senior Matches:

10:10am	3 rd Grade – Scratch Match vs. Burnside 4 th Grade
11:20am	Women's Team vs. Burnside
12.40pm	U18s vs. Burnside
2.00pm	2 nd Grade vs. Burnside
3.45pm	1 st Grade vs. Burnside

WE ENCOURAGE ALL PLAYERS AND SUPPORTERS TO COME AND ENJOY THE DAY

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

1st Grade Match Report

Old Collegians 31 v Onkaparinga 27

Tries: Gary Mann (2), Chris Bartlett (3)
Conversions: Mitch Sallis (3)
Best Players: Riady Perdana, Wayne Power, James Denley

The first grade came out of the first fixture of the regular season with a bonus point victory that showed enough glimpses of the premiership winning form of 2014 to provide confidence that the potential of the team remains strong, whilst highlighting that there remains a lot of work left to do. Very wet conditions, new players and new combinations meant that the team took a while to get into its stride, with Onkaparinga having the majority of possession for the first 20 minutes.

Onkaparinga took their opportunities early and scored 2 penalties and a converted try to be 13 to nil up before Old Collegians struck back. A clean take of a return kick-off by Gary Mann gave us momentum and Onkaparinga, on the back foot, conceded a penalty. Maintaining the pressure, we took the lineout and a well-orchestrated driving maul took the forwards 20m before Mann was able to take it off the back and score. Old Collegians kept the pressure and controlled the rest of the first half, as the forwards gave Onkaparinga little respite. Campion smothered their attempts to kick the ball back into our half. The tackling was strong across the field and as Denley smoothly linked the pack with the backs, we earned 2 further converted tries to Mann and Chris Bartlett to take a 19 to 13 lead into the break.

The second half remained wet and dampened the Old Collegian's running game but our set piece held strong and our ruck recycling was executed well in the fickle conditions. Two more tries to Bartlett were the result and with 10 minutes to go Old Collegians had a seemingly comfortable 31 to 13 lead. However, in the last 10 minutes Onkaparinga increased the aggression and drove Old Collegians back into the defensive 22. Onkaparinga's sustained pressure saw a penalty try awarded against some desperate try-line defence, and they came again in short succession to score a final try in the last play, but Old Collegians had done enough mid-game to take the win.

Social Membership Drive

Please support your club by becoming a social or playing member

Last week's lucky winner was;

Wednesday night: (member was not at the club therefore the draw was carried forward)

Thursday night: David Linder-Patton (claimed \$100)



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!

2nd Grade Match Report

Old Collegians 27 v Onkaparinga 0

A strong performance from an experienced player group dominated Onkaparinga in a 27 - 0 win. Our ability to play to the game plan kept the pressure on throughout, giving Onkaparinga precious little ball or opportunity when they did get it.

Wes Billett had an outstanding match, dominating from the 'get-go' with a fantastic running try from half way in the third minute and finished with two tries on the day. Andrew Kennett made the most of his first outing at scrum half from looking early on like a sort of No12/9 hybrid but settled into the role as the match developed. Combining well with Jack Darby at No 10 he kicked two conversions and a penalty goal in the difficult wet conditions that persisted for the whole match. New recruit George Eddell had a great game at outside centre, justly rewarded with a try in the 13th minute of the second half. A special mention to Will McLeay who played the full 3rd grade match and backed up to play the whole of this one, scoring a try in the 15th minute. Great job Will!

Votes:

3 - Andrew Kennett
2 - Jack Darby
1 - Wes Billett

Tries:

2 - Wes Billett
1 - Will McLeay
1 - George Eddell

Adrew Kennet 2 conversions, 1 penalty goal.

3rd Grade Match Report

Old Collegians 19 v Onkaparinga 5

It was with some trepidation that we took the field at Tregenza last Saturday, after only one and a half training sessions. With what can only be described as a tri out squad, with many players playing out of position, or having received a quick lesson in their new or untried area. We decided on Thursday to keep our game plan very simple and put the ball in front of the forward pack by kicking to position as often as possible and certainly not run the ball in our own half.

The Team Captained by Justin Elder, lead decisively and embraced the game plan to the letter. Chester Armstrong (best player) who had never played fly half, kicked the ball to perfection and his distribution of the running ball was outstanding.

The straight line defence lead by Harry Roech (new player) was superb, the 8-9 combination and control by Patrick Walsh (Paddy) and Harley Simmons was like watching seasons veterans perform. The front Row contribution of Paprzycki, Eilers, Bradley, Philips and the evergreen Porteous (who took a tight head at his first scrum) was a joy to behold, like viewing a 'Jill Allan' Painting.

The line out work was precise and efficient and topped off when Justin scored a try from the "Alcohol ball" (round the front). A similar try was denied last time. Tom Armstrong (new player) scored on debut but we will have to discuss the one-handed ball carry whilst sky punching with the other. A great try and reward for quick thinking by Paddy enabled us to have a convincing victory of 19-5.

A very enjoyable game and fantastic effort by the Team to commence the season.

Junior Meet and Greet – Wednesday 29th April

Next Wednesday evening (29th April) after training we are inviting Junior parents and players to gather for a “meet and greet” at the club.

We would appreciate it if parents would please provide a savoury platter to share, and pizzas will be available for sale for Junior players at \$1 a slice.

Come and meet other parents and be welcomed by the club President, John Denley. Club coaches, managers, trainers and all of the other people that help to make the club function will be introduced.

We look forward to seeing you then.



Highlights



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