



Old Collegians Round 2 – 2nd May 2015

1st Grade Match Report

Old Collegians 73 v Woodville 12

Tries: Gary Mann, Chris Bartlett (2), Jason Hyam, Paddy Macklin (2), Delano Leen (3), Will Sadler (2)

Conversions: Will Sadler (9)

Best Players: Chris Bartlett, Gary Mann, Paddy Macklin

Old Colls consistently face a strong physical opposition in Woodville and, though the final score line may not necessarily reflect that in this game, it was certainly the case as Woodville came out looking to dominate our pack up front and stifle the possession of our backs. The first 10 minutes saw an even competition as both sides contested hard in the rucks and tackles, until Woodville struck first, breaking through a tackle from 30m out and finishing with genuine pace. The rest of the first half; however, had the majority of traffic going in the other direction, as our forwards muscled up to create a stable platform for our backs to test Woodville out wide.

Delano Leen was hungry in support and finished off 2 tries in quick succession, firstly after Bartlett had run from half way down his wing and popped a pass inside to Leen to beat the last defender. From the restart Macklin weaved through the defence and linked up with Cross and he in turn found Delano who again dived over. Bartlett continually proved a handful for the Woodville back 3 and soon after once more evaded defenders down his wing and passed off his shoulder to Sadler who scored. Frustration was evident for Woodville and they conceded a yellow card for cynical play in their 22. A quick tap and a couple of phases in the forwards created enough momentum and space for Mann to barge his way over for the bonus point try.

Woodville changed tactics and kicked long off the restart with a quick chase to reapply the pressure. Old Colls remained calm and recycled the ball in the forwards for several phases to settle proceedings, until Perdana broke through on a hit up from the 22, and the Woodville defence was not able to react quickly enough before the ball was transferred wide to Chips who ran 70m to score. The forwards withstood the pressure on the restart to hold possession, and as they drove back to the halfway there was time for one more try as Leen fought his way over the line in the corner.

The second half was a chance for Old Colls to focus on skills and strength in implementing their game plan to build phases and maintain a disciplined attack. We spent the first 10 minutes predominantly in our own half, even though we had most of the ball, without a score to either side. Denly at half back and Smedley at 5/8 were dictating the terms of attack and after several creeping phases in the forwards they found space for Bartlett coming in off the wing, who linked up with Sadler out wide for the first try. From a scrum in our own 22 Smedley jauntily ran to just short of the gain line to suck in 2 defenders and created a hole that was seized on by Sadler coming through from full back. He made considerable ground on the burst and committed the last defender before Chips polished off the break out with a try.

The game opened up again for the final quarter and Leen took advantage of another wide ball to score his third try of the day. Macklin too showed his strength as Woodville went on the attack, when he ripped the ball off his opposing man and spun away to score from half way. Woodville maintained the fight, towards the end of the game clawing back a second try from 40m out with impressive pace and chased hard by Jason, but Old Colls had the final reply as Jason went over to score and complete a resounding win.

2nd Grade Match Report – Round 1

Old Collegians 33 v Burnside 28

The 2nd grade faced a big challenge against Burnside this week, and was looking forward to a big day against our old foes.

After absorbing some early pressure in the first 5 minutes we managed to secure some possession and get on the front foot. Once we got a bit of momentum there was no stopping us. An aggressive and hungry pack drove us forward continually and an extremely potent backline feasted on plenty of quick ball.

The first half proved bountiful as we ran in 4 tries and firmly planted our foot on Burnside's throat. At the break it was 26-0 and we were looking ominous. However, the break seemed to rob us of our focus and patience. Five minutes in, both sides receive a red card and we didn't react well to the new situation. Burnside; however, clicked into gear and started to build a fight-back. Three unanswered tries had us rattled and in need of a bit of clear thinking. We seemed unable to stem a torrent of penalties and our fitness is waning. Poor decisions were costing us as Burnside grew in confidence. A well constructed try gave us breathing space but Burnside continue to push hard, scoring again to pull within 5 in the dying minutes.

A lift in effort kept them at bay until the final whistle and we were winners 33-28.

A magnificent first half showed just how well we play. A poor second half showed how easy it is to fall short.

All in all, a victory over our biggest rival is sweet indeed, and the glimpse of our full potential is very heartening.

3rd Grade Match Report

Old Collegians 28 v Woodville 17

It was a Saturday when pride in Rugby took over, to arrive at an away venue and see red & blue everywhere was just outstanding. After watching numerous junior games from 7's to 16's plus the women's team it was the 3rd Grade turn to contribute to this wonderful Rugby day. Thursday night was very hard for us with each phone call the team numbers kept diminishing and at last count some 20 players not available for injury or other reasons. At one stage we were down to 13 starters - a tough call. Ian Walker worked his usual magic and on the day we had 2 reserves, a fantastic response by all.

The game panned out to plan with Woodville having very large forwards who tried to intimidate our lighter pack but with speed & fitness on our side we managed to run the ball at every opportunity. Once again Chester controlled the back line to perfection with his outstanding distribution kicking and tackling. The contribution of Blake, McClay, Chester and mystery ½ back had to be seen to be believed with all 4 scoring tries. One being a great team effort with Allport handling twice in the movement. A special mention to the front row combinations of Britcher, Porteous, Eilers and of course David who outplayed the larger Woodville forwards in every scrum, a credit to skill and desire. The final score of 28-17 to Old Collegians was outstanding in the circumstances. Well Played All!

A reminder that <u>all</u> players <u>must</u> 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

Social Club - Save the Date

Saturday 9th May: Super Rugby – Come back to the club to watch the Force v Waratahs at 5:00pm and the

Hurricanes v Sharks at 7:00pm

Evening Meals are available at the Club.

The Club is open every Saturday Night throughout the season

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!! PLEASE REFER TO EMAIL THAT WAS SENT OUT FOR MORE INFORMATION AND

SPONSORSHIP FORMS

Date to be confirmed Quiz Night

Saturday 27th June Theme Night

MORE INFORMATION AND DETAILS TO FOLLOW

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!

Women's Match Report

Old Collegians 47 v Woodville 5

Tries: D'Arcy Sadler (3), McKenzie Sadler (2), Bec Jones (1), Georgia Morris (1)

Best Players: Kristy Hume, Bec Jones, and Katie Reynolds.

In a game which had special meaning for the team after last year's finals rounds, in its second outing for the season, another spirited and determined victory was earned by a big team effort. This was particularly so in circumstances where we were missing a number of players and only had 12 on the field, and in circumstances where full 35 minute halves were played with no subs.

The beginning of the game was tight and saw aggressive offence by Woodville until the 13th minute when we scored our first try followed by 3 others in quick succession. On field discipline was much better with far fewer penalties being conceded – with the fine example of the captain Luisa "I promise I won't get a card this time" Raikiwasa who again put in big runs breaking the advantage line and setting up other players. This was a game that also shifted, after being well up the team found itself under a lot of pressure at the end of the first half and was able to go the break with Woodville still not scoring even after rugged attacks by them with our team defending the try line. The first half also saw one of our new women Bec Jones score her first try under the post with the usual accuracy of Sian Beaves converting it. Sian also put in a cracker in her first game as scrum half instead of her normal position at full back.

The second half was a pretty rugged affair with the physical aggression increasing. Nat "I love the contact" Vemoa as our number 4 was relentless. The half was messier with some momentum being lost as a result of an injury to a Woodville player who had to be carried off by stretcher. Eventually Woodville scored its only try.

A big effort was put in this second half by the front row and in particular Kristy Hume – a warm day with no subs meant it was not an easy day for the props. Callum Moran and Rob Smedley helped with water and the kicking tee which was used by Sian Beaves on 7 occasions with 6 conversions. Another great effort.

After two wins we have scored 96 points with only 12 against.

Under 16's Match Report

Old Collegians 83 v Vikings 0

It was a beautiful sunny day to start the junior rounds of the rugby season. The Vikings had performed well at the Gala day and with some of their top players not available for the Gala day due for return, the team didn't take their preparations lightly. Many thanks to Nigel and Robbie as well as the warm up guru "Flexi Stewy", for directing the boys to start the game in top gear. Vikings came hard at the team with excellent attacking and clearly their players are very talented. However with such a powerful OC backline and motivated cohesive forwards the pressure was too much and slick running from every angle produced a steady stream of tries. Congrats to Ben as Captain with 2 tries and 8 conversions, Rory (3), Magnus (1), Brad(1), Kees (2), Marcel (1), Patrick (his first for OC), Doug (1), Nick (1 conversion). A special mention has to go to Adam Thompson for a fantastic full game at hooker, with some excellent tackling and ball carrying- a tough gig for anyone. Thank you to Campbell for playing for the opposition for the last part of the game and bad luck for Kees, twisted ankle, but also to Matt Green is out for the season with a major knee ligament injury. The most impressive part was the close support play that allowed such excellent running rugby.

Under 14's Match Report

Old Collegians 12 v Vikings 50

This was the first encounter for the current generation of the Old Collegian's U14's squad in the full game format rather than that of the previous 3 Gala Days. The game started out as a fitting opener with the western suburbs Vikings showing some formidable rugby. The Vikings had a rather heavy front row yet the lighter Old Collegians were able to win the scrum on their feeds.

There was some great pressure play from the boys in their first game together with some fierce tackling and determined pushing forward against some greater odds. Several players took some knocks that left them out for the remainder of the game. This year's squad has a few first time players to Old Collegians and a couple to rugby itself. The game against the Vikings has shown some new talent within the squad which can be developed over the coming season. The Viking's held the Old Collegian's score to 2 tries. A try each to Edwin and Seaton and a masterful conversion of Edwin's try by George.

Under 10's Match Report

Old Collegians v Woodville

Coaches/Managers awards: Lucas Aguir and Allistar Tanner.

The first proper game for the season was always going to be an exciting one for the U10's. With a mix of second season U10's, first timers and new players to the club we were keen to test ourselves.

Some great rugby was played on the day, no doubt, due to the keenness of the players and the fact that almost all had played every gala day!

The team worked very well together and some excellent tries were made, fantastic tackling of some larger players was also noted.

Coach Craig Barlow was heard to say the team played their best game of the season to date!!

Under 8's Match Report

After 3 weeks of Gala Days, the U8's group were eager to take the pitch for a "points" game. With 17 players, we were pleased to able field two teams - Blue and Red (who would have thought?) - who each played a half against Woodville and Ports. With the early start and plentiful space, we even managed to pit the Blue and Red teams against one another for a third game.

Overall the coaches were pleased with the efforts of all our players over each of the games. It should be said upfront that we are far less interested in winning every game (though winning is always nicer option of the two) than we are the kids executing the basic elements of good rugby such as tackling, structure at the breakdown and passing. With the Gala Days providing an abundance of game time for our players, it is pleasing that so early in the season the U8's are progressing with the basics being practiced at training.

Woodville continue to turn out a disciplined U8 rugby team who always provide stiff competition and Saturday was no exception. Ports were a little less a force, fielding a small side. Our second year players such as Tyson, Ivan, Salvatore and Jackson stepped up when need in their respective teams. Our first year players including Joseph, Eddie and Noah among many others had great games. The net result is that we ran in more tries than our opponents and more importantly, showed some glimpses of good rugby.

The group has much work to do in the areas of tackling and structure (staying in our lines, positioning) and rucking - which will continue to be the focus at training. We look forward to a tough game against Souths at home this coming weekend.

Under 7's Match Report

Old Collegians (Blue and Red) 4 vs Woodville 3

Tries: Will Tanner, Daniel Boulden, Jack Taylor, Joe Lohse

Player of the week: Joe Lohse

Strong player awards: Quillien Bleakley, Toby Wilson, Will Tanner

Result: Old Colls (Blue and Red) def Woodville 4-3

The under 7's kicked off the 2015 season with huge numbers; over 23 kids coming along for the first season game at Woodville following three successful gala days.

The teams elected to play a round-robin of 3 teams including Woodville to ensure all the kids got some decent pitch time.

Strong play from some of the more experienced kids showing good hands and some tricky footwork.

Great work from some of the new kids learning the game for the first time and the start of some promising play from a number of players.

This lead the combined Old Collegian's Blue and Red team/s to defeat the Woodville team, though no surprise, given we had 23 fresh players!

Best player of the day was Joe Lohse who played a strong attacking offensive game.

Great play from others including Will Tanner and Quillien Bleakley who were first to volunteer to make up the numbers for Woodville with Will scoring 2 of their 3 tries! Great sharing of the ball and defensive play from Toby Wilson. Two tries from Daniel Boulden (incredible side step) and one each from Jack Taylor and Joe Lohse came to a total of 4 tries for Old Collegians.

Great to see the 23 kids (all aged between 5-6 years old) learning to play as a team and improving in skills, all while having a great time out on the pitch.

Match Draw – Round 3 - 9th May 2015

Day	<u>Date</u>	<u>Grade</u>	Opposition	Location	Start Time
Saturday	9 th May	U7's	Sth Suburbs	Tregenza	8:00am
Saturday	9 th May	U8's	Sth Suburbs	Tregenza	8:00am
Saturday	9 th May	U10's	Sth Suburbs	Tregenza (FULL PITCH)	9:10am
Saturday	9 th May	U12's	Burnside	Tregenza	10.10am
Saturday	9 th May	U14's	Sth Suburbs	Tregenza	11:20am
Saturday	9 th May	U16's	Sth Suburbs	Tregenza	12:40pm
Saturday	9 th May	U18's	Burnside	Riverside Oval	12.40pm
Saturday	9 th May	Womens	Onkaparinga	Tregenza	3:20pm
Saturday	9 th May	3 rd Grade	Port Adelaide	Riverside Oval	2:00pm
Saturday	9 th May	Reserve Grade	BYE	ВҮЕ	BYE
Saturday	9 th May	Premier Grade	Port Adelaide	Riverside Oval	3:20pm

30 Years Of Juniors Ball

Dear Old Collegians Community,

As a valued member of our club we require your feedback!!

2015 sees the 30 year anniversary of junior rugby at Old Collegians Rugby Union Club.

To help celebrate this momentous occasion the club would love to host a "Celebrating 30 years of Junior Rugby Ball".

In order for this event to be a success for our club we need to ensure we have enough people interested in attending and able to support the night. The proposed date for the ball is **Saturday 8th August 2015** and will include live entertainment, a 3 course meal, drinks and a great opportunity to get glammed up.

This event is not limited to club members and we encourage you to invite friends and family to join the festivities!!

Can you please respond to the email you received by next Sunday 10/5/15 if you anticipate attending along with numbers of friends and family who would be interested attending.

Look forward to your response

Thank you
Sarah Monfries
Fundraising and Social Committee
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The Lions Club of Glenside

Glenside Lions Club recently donated a Defibrillator to the Old Collegian's Rugby Club. We are very grateful for this donation and hope that this is a piece of equipment we will never have to use.

Glenside Lions Club will be holding and art show. This show has been running for 23 years and is highly regarded within the Art Community. This year they are raising money for Legacy and they rely heavily on the local community to come and visit and hopefully purchase a painting. In the past around 400 paintings have been exhibited and they are hoping to do the same this year – if not better.

Clearly there is no obligation but we would like your assistance in supporting us, Glenside Lions, by spreading the word to your community about our upcoming Art Show.

Opening night is on Wednesday the 19th May and details are below on the flyer. Please also find the Facebook link below.

A preview of 30 paintings or so will be held at Burnside Village from the 7th to the 9th of May.

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