



Old Collegians Round 2 Newsletter 2015

Junior Gala Days

For the final pre-season Gala Day at Burnside once again we demonstrated that the Juniors were in great shape in what is going to be a cracking season ahead. As a club we have fully backed the Gala Days and for that we should be proud.

Thank you to all of those involved and who supported these successful days. Throughout the Gala Days we have proven our strength and depth in being able to produce on each of these days. Two U7s and U8 teams and 1 team for U10s, U12s, U14s and U16s.

At the time of writing the Junior draw is not out but we look forward to playing our first games of the season next Saturday.

Thank you again to everyone that made the Gala Days possible, for the support of the parents, and of course, the players who did a terrific job over the three days!

Reminder – Play by the Rules!

All coaches and managers involved in interacting with children under the age of 18 years need to have completed the online Australian Sports Commission's "Play by the Rules" course **BEFORE** the start of the Junior Season (Next Saturday).

Completed certificates need to be sent by email or by hand to Jane Richards (jane.richards@gmail.com) or Corne Arnold (juniorregistrar@oldcolls.org.au).

The course can be accessed through the link on the Old Colls website under Child Safety or www.playbytherules.net.au/interactive-scenarios/free-online-training

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

Women's Match Report

Old Collegians 49 v Burnside 7

Tries: Mackenzie Saddler (3), D'Arcy Saddler (2) and Luisa Raikiwasa (2)

Conversions: Sian Beavers (7)

Best Players: D'Arcy Saddler, Mackenzie Saddler and Kate Reynolds

In the first game of the season the team put in a spirited, convincing and powerful win marred by a very high penalty count against us, Kim Evans breaking her nose and one yellow card shortly before full time..

In the first half we dominated play with a powerful scrummaging performance with our pack overwhelming the opposition with good ball getting to our backs with long running tries scored by D'Arcy and McKenzie Saddler. Not to be outdone our forwards were in it as well with two powerful tries scored by our captain Luisa Raikiwasa whose off season fitness training was self evident. Sian Beavers was in fine form converting all the tries with 100 per cent accuracy. In the second half the game was messier with some of the advantage shifting to Burnside and them scoring a late converted try.

Junior Meet and Greet – Wednesday 6th May



Next Wednesday evening (6th May) 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.



Social Club – Save the Date

Saturday 23rd May

Official Opening of the Balcony

Wednesday 27th May

Junior 'Fun run'

Date to be confirmed

Quiz Night

Saturday 8th August

Old Collegian's Ball – 30 years of Junior players at Old Collegians

Saturday 27th June

Theme Night

MORE INFORMATION AND DETAILS TO FOLLOW

1st Grade Match Report

Old Collegians 28 v Burnside 12

Tries: Gary Mann, Chris Bartlett, George Eddell
Conversions: Will Sadler (4)
Best Players: Paddy Macklin, Gary Mann, the tight 5 (Dawes, Nutt, Perdana, Power and Campion)

This grand final rematch was hard fought for the full 80 minutes, with both sides looking to establish themselves as the form team of the competition. Old Collegians were keen to regain their edge over Burnside, against whom we were unbeaten in 2014, but to whom we lost the pre-season Barter Card cup final earlier this year. Burnside were undeniably strong in their scrum but our pack remained competitive in the set piece and ultimately the combination of our forwards' aggression at the ruck, unyielding defence across the field and versatility of our backs enabled us to make more of our opportunities. This was the basis for a solid 4 try to 2 win.

Each team tested the other early with play ranging back and forth across the field for the first 20 minutes without a score. Eventually Old Collegians pushed into the Burnside 22, taking territory and probing the defence over several phases of hit-ups and rucking, before Smedley sucked in 2 defenders on the gain line and slipped a short pass to Bartlett who was not going to be stopped from 15m out. In reply Burnside played conservatively, stifling Old Collegians of possession and making minor ground gains before being sent back 50m to try again after a turnover from Macklin allowed Mann and McDonough to link up on the wing and run it out, stopped only by some desperate defence at the other end of the field. On the back of their scrum Burnside were able to get back into our 22 and after 10 minutes of battering our line they finally forced their way over to score. Shortly after the restart Burnside cleared long but did not find touch and were punished as some smooth open field support play put Old Collegians back on the attack, with Mann and Sadler each making metres, finding George Eddell who was able to deftly step the last 15m to the line.

Burnside attacked early in the second half but were quickly repelled back to half way. Old Colls capitalised on a break and strong carry by Perdana, who made yards before offloading to Bartlett down the wing and who in turn found Smedley inside to finish off with a try. The battle up front continued and both sides found opportunities in counter-attack. Burnside seized on a dropped pass midfield to run 60m against the flow of play and reduce the gap to 9. Notwithstanding this lapse, Old Collegians were able to get the game back under control with well set but adaptive defence, and the frustration of Burnside wore through as they conceded 2 yellow cards in the last 15 minutes. The final say developed from a penalty on half way, where Smedley broke through with Macklin and Mann in tow, and Mann put the win beyond doubt with the final converted try.

Social Membership

Please support your club by becoming a social or playing member

Last week's lucky winner's were:

Wednesday night: Sue Whitford

Thursday night: Morris Clementson.

*All those whose names drawn and are not present will receive either a Drink or Meal Voucher.
Special thanks also to all the volunteers who assisted setting up and running the club on Sunday.*

MEMBERSHIP JACKPOT DRAW ON WEDNESDAY WORTH \$150.00

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.

If you require more information contact;

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



U18 Match Report

Old Collegians 29 v Burnside 17

Our first game of the season, played at home in front of a large Anzac Sunday crowd, could have been a bit daunting for the lads but they played with a great deal of calmness and authority. Burnside took one look at our back line-up and immediately decided to kick at every opportunity. In the first ten minutes we defended very well and broke well when in possession. Our first try arose from a skillful bit of work from Sebastian Richardson who brilliantly kept the ball in play and then passed the ball inside to a supporting player who slipped it to Charlie Pickford, who then crashed over the Burnside line. Not long after the restart Charlie Pickford went down in the middle of the park clutching his knee. After Doc Wonders examination he was carried off the pitch and taken to hospital. This spurred the lads on and they applied more attacking pressure. After a flowing move, which saw the lads pass the ball from wing to wing, Nick Litchfield saw a gap five metres out and sliced through to score a very good try. Kaleb Joppich took over the goal kicking duties and converted beautifully. The score was now 12-0. Just before half time our super sub Rory Illman finished off another flowing move at great pace. Another conversion from Kaleb had the half time score at 19-0. The first ten minutes of the second half saw good defence from both sides until Harry Warner picked up from a ruck five metres out and crashed over the line for a great try. Conversion missed leaving the score 24-0. At this point of the game we decided to give the bench subs a run. Of the seven subs on the bench, we had already used 4 and we put on the last 3 from the bench to ensure everyone in the squad got some game time. Burnside saw their opportunity and applied the pressure scoring three good tries and converting one of them. The score was now 24-17. We still had five minutes to play and the Burnside tails were up. Super coaches Suttell and Killick then played a master stroke and put on three of our original players thus stopping Burnside in their tracks. With two minutes to go our scrum half, Scott Gear, sold a brilliant dummy on the halfway line and skipped through the gap to race for the deciding try. The final score 29-17. I think the lads enjoyed the generous applause from the home crowd. After a break of 3 years Old Collegian's U18's are back and we have the makings of a very competitive squad of players. Well done to the whole squad and a great TEAM effort.

Draw for Friday 1/5 and Saturday 2/5

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Opposition</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Start Time</u>
Friday	1 st May	U18's	Brighton	Wilfred Taylor Reserve	7:00pm
Saturday	2 nd May	U7's 1&2	Woodville	Gleneagles Reserve	8:00am
Saturday	2 nd May	U8's 1&2	Woodville & Port	Gleneagles Reserve	8:00am
Saturday	2 nd May	U10's	Woodville	Gleneagles Reserve	8:00am
Saturday	2 nd May	U12's	BYE	BYE	BYE
Saturday	2 nd May	U14's	Vickings	Gleneagles Reserve	9:10am
Saturday	2 nd May	U16's	Vickings	Gleneagles Reserve	10:10am
Saturday	2 nd May	Womens	Woodville	Gleneagles Reserve	11:20am
Saturday	2 nd May	3 rd Grade	Woodville	Gleneagles Reserve	12:40pm
Saturday	2 nd May	2 nd Grade	Elizabeth	Gleneagles Reserve	2:00pm
Saturday	2 nd May	3 rd Grade	Woodville	Gleneagles Reserve	3:20pm