

OLD COLLEGIANS RUGBY UNION CLUB

Tregenza Times

17th August 2017

Round Fifteen—Results

Coopers Premier Grade—Old Collegians 65 v Port Adelaide 29 Premier Reserve Grade— Old Collegians 8 v Port Adelaide 19

Women's XV—Old Collegians 32 v Woodville 26

Under 18's - Old Collegians 40 v Barossa 27

Under 16's - Old Collegians 29 v Barossa 24

Under 14's –Bye

Under 12's - Old Collegians 36 v Vikings 0

Finals are here!—20th August @ Elizabeth

Congratulations to the Old Collegians RUFC U14s, U18's, Women's, Premier Reserve and Premier Grade Teams who advance into the Rugby Union SA 2017 Finals Series.

All OC Teams play on Sunday 20th August 2017 AT ELIZABETH RUGBY CLUB consequently the Old Collegians '*rent-a-crowd*' is required to be in attendance to support and cheer our teams into the next finals round. See you there, wearing the **Red** and **Blue**!!!



SATURDAY AUGUST 19 (QF) | SUNDAY AUGUST 20 (EF)

9:20 | U12 BRIGHTON V ONKAPARINGA (QF) | ELIZABETH V WOODVILLE (EF)

10:20 | U14 ONKAPARINGA V BURNSIDE (QF) | OLD COLLEGIANS V SOUTHERN SUBURBS (EF)

11:20 | U16 ONKAPARINGA V BRIGHTON (QF) | SOUTHERN SUBURBS V BURNSIDE (EF)

12:40 | U18 BAROSSA V BURNSIDE (QF) | OLD COLLEGIANS V BRIGHTON (EF)

11:20 | WOMEN SOUTHERN SUBURBS V BRIGHTON (QF) | BURNSIDE V OLD COLLEGIANS (EF)

12:40 | DIV 1 RESERVE WOODVILLE V BURNSIDE (QF) | ELIZABETH V ONKAPARINGA (EF)

2:00 | DIV 1 WOODVILLEV ELIZABETH (QF) | ELIZABETH V ONKAPARINGA (EF)

2:00 | DIV 1 WOODVILLEV ELIZABETH (QF) | BRIGHTON V ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY (EF)

2:00 | PREM RESERVE BURNSIDE V BRIGHTON (QF) | ONKAPARINGA V OLD COLLEGIANS (EF)

3:20 | PREMIER BURNSIDE V BRIGHTON (QF) | OLD COLLEGIANS V ONKAPARINGA (EF) LIVE STREAM











Join us for our 2017

Senior Presentation Dinner



Friday 8th September 2017
6.30pm for 7pm at Tregenza



Dinner & Presentations
Cocktail Attire

Book before August 26th for early bird tickets \$60pp last minute bookings \$65pp

Under 18's can purchase a combined Senior & Junior concession ticket for \$50

Purchase through Senior Ticketebo link

Bookings now open at http://www.ticketebo.com.au/oldcolls2017snrpresentation

Coopers Premier Grade Match Report

Old Collegians 65 v Port Adelaide 29

Tries: Nick Howlett, Paul Cleary, Will Hannam (2), Gary Mann, Liam McDonough, Chris Bartlett

(2), Kyle Fleetwood-Pieper (2), Penalty Try

Conversions: Jim Hopkinson (4)

The First Grade completed the regular season with a strong win against Port and will face Onkaparinga in the elimination final on Sunday. Old Colls maintained good discipline in the first 30 minutes to hold the majority of possession, constantly pushing Port back with efficient phase play to build a healthy lead, as the first 4 tries of the match came from opportunities created in Port's 22.

After a scrum in front of the posts, the backs went wide through the hands to Kyle who scored in the corner; Smedley kicked long to clear the ball from a turnover on half way, with Campion stealing the resulting line out and the forwards then rucked up and drove Hannam over for his first try. From a lineout outside the 22 the forwards kept a rolling maul going to 10m out before Howlett peeled off then pirouetted over the tryline.

The forwards disrupted a Port scrum 15m from their line then won the next ruck, with Litchfield's step creating a hole for Liam to hit on an angle cutting open to score under the posts. Port put their first try on the board after taking possession from the restart, gaining 2 quick penalties and breaching the defensive line 40m out as Old Colls realigned.

Old Colls had another line out on the Port 22 that was brought down then shifted to wide to Bartlett, who brushed his way over in the corner. The attack was on again as the half closed out until Port turned over and ran 95m, only to be brought down by Kyle just short of the line, but in the ensuing plays got another penalty and scored after taking a quick tap to make the score at the break 31-14.

In the second half Old Colls initially managed to regain some of the momentum, but soon had to adjust to play a man down following a yellow card, and couldn't close Port out entirely. Old Colls racked up 2 tries both from chances in close to the try line, with Mann first scoring after taking the ball off the back of the scrum, before Old Colls' next opportunity ended in a penalty try due to one-too many infringements by Port in the red-zone. Port kept in touch by forcing penalties at the ruck and taking the ball back quickly through their forwards, enabling them to trade the next 3 tries with Old Colls.

From the restart Kyle retrieved the kick and the backs utilised quick passing to the centre channel, where Bartlett once more broke through to get his second try from 40m out. After another Port try, Kyle found space to advance down his wing with Hopkinson and Riady continuing the run before being brought down in the 22, where Hannam spearheaded the supporting pack and scored his second.

Port scored their fifth try going wide off a scrum in Old Colls' half, but Old Colls finished out the game with tries in open play to Cleary and to Kyle.



Reserve Grade Match Report

Old Collegians 8 v Port Adelaide: 19

Tries: Luke Clifton(1)

Penalty Goal: Andy Kennett (1)

This, our last home and away match, was a day that Port Adelaide came to play. It would have been easy for them to go through the motions however they were unexpectedly energetic and enthusiastic. But more of that later. For the first time this season we started with a strong Forwards line-up from 1 to 8, with several excellent reserve options. Dan Higgins and Alexis Bauve were both back on deck. Our front row of Luke Clifton, Nic Howlett and Dan Higgins had a good look. Alexis was back into the second row with Justin Elder. Derek Lewis, Joshua Frost and Ryan Nielsen at No 8 rounding out the pack. Evergreen Robbie Porteous, along with Harry Warner, Mr Reliable James Sheekey, James Francis and Bailey Clemens providing a plethora of options. Things alas, unravelled somewhat when it came to the Backs. Karl Edgar was on a week out to rehab a shoulder, Scotty Fox tried valiantly to manage a groin problem but succumbed in the warm-up and could not start. Andrew Kennett battled with the flu. Thank goodness for Ben Viljeon and Doug Pratt, backing up from the U18's, and a rare, but very welcome, appearance by Cam Peck.

The men from Port haven't gotten any slimmer since we last meet but unlike our previous meeting they played their usual seemingly unstructured game plan with a power and aggression that was new. They were physical at the break down and played the whistle well. They played at pace, off-loading in the tackle very effectively and running off the hip. Defence was not easy. We did get the ball, Port were canny in their defence, closing down our mid field options, but also aware of the potential damage that winger Will Mcleay could cause, maintaining a disciplined line out wide.

We held our own pretty well for most of the first half but the defensive effort finally told and Port ran in two tries (both converted) in quick succession close to half time. With a penalty on the stroke of halftime, we decided to take the three points. Halftime score, then, Port 14 - Old Colls 3.

Port, again unrelenting, dominated the second half and although they only managed to score one further Try, we could not unpick their defence until the 27th minute of the half when Luke Clifton strolled across the line. Port were out on their feet by this time, but again they were cleverly managed the play, slowed the game down and we ran out of time to improve our score. Port running out 19 to 8 winners. Heaven help us if Port keep this group together and they get fit, because they showed us that they can be a real force in the competition.

Best today was Derek Lewis with a battling performance all match. Ben Viljeon was also amongst the best, as was Ryan Nielsen.



OLD COLLEGIANS 2017 JUNIOR PRESENTATION

DATE: SUNDAY

10 SEPT.

TIME: 12:30pm

Lunch will be served at 1pm



Adults \$28 (10-18 yrs) \$23 (4-9 yrs) \$18 Toddlers FREE

Spit Roast (two meat selection), multiple salads, bread rolls, condiments & dessert

Tickets must be purchased prior to Friday 1st Sept. (Catering purposes)

TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLINE AT: http://www.ticketebo.com.au/oldcollsjuniorpresentation2017

Marquee for sit down dining Junior Awards Presented Bouncy Castle

Contact: Corné Arnold: 0437 359 883

Under 18's Match Report

Old Collegians 40 v Barossa Rams 27

Tries: Brad (1), Tom (1), Alfie (1), Ollie (2), Michael (1)

Conversions: Ben (1), George (1)

Penalty Kicks: George (2)

Right lads this is it, regular season is over, finals are here. We came in 3rd place on the table, fair place for our efforts with Barossa and Burnside clearly justifying their top 2 position and the double chance in the finals meaning we have to win it the hard way. If we play to our potential our team have the ability to walk over all of the 3 remaining teams and win the flag.

However the unpredictable nature of our team means if we also play like we have done, as evident against Souths, we can lose out to anyone. Right enough negativity, I'm confident the awesome Old Coll's team is going to rock up and we'll be playing Grand Final Day.

Against a team that's beaten us twice this season we were treated to the awesome Old Coll's team on Saturday. Our 1st was initiated by Ben Hower after creating a turnover which lead to an attacking Old Coll's penalty. The quick tap, the ball went through the hands down the line and Tom, playing in the Flanker role was in a great position to open the scoring. Soon after Ollie, on return from injury, scored his 1st of 2 tries after breaking through their defensive line. It wasn't all 1 way traffic though, Barossa pulling one back soon after. Our lineout functioned well on Saturday, we won our own and frequently disrupted theirs and their scrumhalf was under pressure when they did win it. Our 3rd was started by a lineout win by the ever dependable Oscar, Brad broke through their line and, with only their fullback to beat, drew him in and unselfishly gave a beautiful pass to the supporting Alfie to notch. After lauding our lineout it's ironic they got their 2nd try from such a set piece after an effective driving maul, the referee asking confirmation of the downing from the linesman.

Right on the stroke of halftime our lead was extended in similar fashion to our opener. After taking a quick tap penalty the ball went down the line and this time Michael was on hand to get the plaudits. Halftime 22-10 to us.

Second half was a right ding dong affair with us extending the lead then Barossa getting a try back. Ollie got his 2nd for us after breaking through following a turnover by our forwards. They reduced the deficit with a try of their own. With about 10 minutes left the margin was only 5 points so when we got a kickable penalty on the 22 our captain Brad chose to kick the penalty to extend the lead above the converted try. Sadly they quickly got a try of their own, the missed conversion giving us a slight 3 point lead, fingernail biting time. Further indiscipline from The Rams gave George another kickable penalty, 6 point lead.

The win was sealed direct from the kick off, superb Old Coll's pressure gave us the turnover. We kept the ball in hand – Ollie to Sam, offload to Tom, pass to Brad under the posts and the conversion put the cap on a 13 point win. We have beaten all of our potential finals opponents, we can do this fellas, it's up to you!!!

you should have seen us coming.....



Under 18's are advised that you can purchase a combined Senior and Junior Presentation Ticket for the concession fee of \$50

Use the Senior Ticketebo link to purchase!

http://www.ticketebo.com au/oldcolls2017snrpresentation

Under 16's Match Report

Old Collegians 29 v Barossa Rams 24

Tries: Jake Elias (2), Henri Pardoe, Oscar Wynne-Jones, & George Hewitt

Conversions: George Hewitt (2)

On what turned out to be one of the best days of the winter weatherwise - the Old Collegians U16s left some of their best rugby of the year til the last game of the season.

Having lost to the strong RAMS team twice already this season the Old Colls U16s took to the field determined to finish the season with a victory - and they didn't disappoint!!!!!

Jake Elias opened the scoring, having gotten on the end of a back line move and showed his scintillating pace and excellent footwork to give Old Collegians the lead. Henri Pardoe was next to score after a typical 'Pardoe' bullocking run from just outside the RAMS 22' powering over the line despite two RAMS tacklers attempting to stop him. George Hewitt converted. Old Collegians didn't have the run of play throughout the half though and did struggle to stop the RAMs hard running centre who on two occasions broke through two tackles to score from long distance.

lapse in concentration by the home side RAMS got themselves back into the game with a converted try from a driving maul at a line out. Player of the game Jake Elias replied immediately with his second try of the game after linking with his backline to score in the corner. RAMS did have the last say to close the gap on the scoreboard to 29 vs 24 but Old Collegians responded well to the challenge laid down by the coaching staff and held on to finish the season not only with a victory but also a good all round performance by all players.

Congratulations to Ed Dodd, George Hewitt, Jack Richards and Oscar Wynne-Jones who get the chance to prolong their season as part of the U18s squad who compete in an Elimination Final on Sunday, 20th August 2017 against Brighton.









Under 12's Match Report

Old Collegians 36 v Vikings 0

Tries: Jake Branson, Max Gordon, Lucas Aguiar, Noah Robertson, Ryan Barlow & Max Richards Wellington Grace, Sam Lindow & Ivan Arnold

We could not have asked for a better outcome for our final game of the season.

We arrived at Tregenza on a lovely sunny morning with lots of very eager faces. Vikings were a couple of players short, and we loaned them 3 players, as per usual our instructions were to play as hard as you would playing for Old Colls.

From the first whistle we played, I think, we played our best rugby of the season. We saw some great individual play but also some excellent team play. By half time we were 2 tries ahead.

In the second half we managed to run in 4 more tries to finish with a score of 36-0.

It was not so much the score but the spirit in which we finished a very tough season. We were very proud of our team, always displaying true sportsmanship and doing *Rugby Union* proud.

Well done to all our players and parents for ending the season on a fantastic high. Congratulations to Ryan Barlow, Jake Branson & Max Gordon who get the chance to prolong their season as part of the U14s squad who compete in an Elimination Final on Sunday, 20th August 2017 against Southern Suburbs. We look forward to see you all come out in red and blue on the weekend and support all the Old Collegians teams that have qualified for finals.

We look forward to see you all at our Junior Presentation Lunch on Sunday the 10th September



Under 10's Match Reports

Old Collegians *RED* v Old Collegians *BLUE* – The Season Finale - "The Old Colls U10's Club Clash"

OC U10's BLUE:

Tries: Tadhg Brophy, Will Tanner (2), Jack Davies, Charlie Waltham & Jack Bell

Conversions: Ivan Arnold & Will Tanner

A special thank you to **James Wade from the Blue team**, who played for the Red team on the day.

OC U10's RED:

Tries: Salvy Costanzo (2) & Jackson Denley

Conversions: Finlay Macfadyen

It felt a bit unreal on Saturday morning when the OC U10's turned up for our last season game of 2017! We almost had a full complement of U10's on the day, which was incredible as this has been the largest group of Old Collegians U10's to come through the Club (as far a I know) and the 1st time that we've fielded 2 completely separate teams of 18 players each. A special thank you to all involved, as we've truly had a memorable season!

The Blue team started strong and got some points on the board early, following which the Red team came back hard and put up a strong contest in the forwards. We saw passages of beautiful individual and team play with every player contributing to their team's performance. The side-line was packed with parent and club supporters coming out to see the much anticipated game.

The highlight for our coaching and management group has been the development of every player. It has been fantastic to see the skills development and growth of each of our U10's. In addition to that, we thoroughly enjoyed to see the improvement in our ability to play together as a team. We focussed a lot of our effort on coaching the kids to better understand the game of rugby union and to "treasure the ball"... We ended off the day huddled together as team mates and friends – as we jointly sung the Club Song!

Thank you to all the U10's parents, siblings and players that volunteered during the season in a number of different roles, we could not have done it without your help and support. A special mention to Carl Arnold for refereeing the game and Morris Clementson and Katie Sharkey for running the line.

Thank you for the wonderful response to join us at Adelaide Uni, Waite Oval, Fullarton Road on

Sunday 27th August for the End of Season JPP Gala Day. This will be our U10's last opportunity to play rugby together for 2017! The Gala Day Draw will be circulated soon. Please remember that we'll continue to train on Wed. 16th & 23rd August.

Thank you to all those that have already bought their *Junior Presentation Lunch ticke*ts (Sunday: 10th Sept.), we'd love to see all our U10's and their families attend on the day, as we celebrate the excellent season we have had.



Under 8's Match Report

Old Collegians v Barossa

The Old Collegians U8s started the regular season's final round against the Barossa Rams with enthusiasm and an (almost) full complement. We started with 11 players, missing regulars Callum Reeks and Zack Czeglik. Barossa were undermanned, so OC contributed 3 players – resulting in every player maximising game time! What followed was an evenly matched game, with all players contributing in a great display of rugby played in good spirits. Jimmy Ryan, Angus Sidwell and Manuel Docampo volunteered for the Rams in the first half, all picking up valuable possessions – with Jimmy Ryan scoring for the Rams twice. Over 15 tries were scored across both teams, and all players shared possession in one of the season's best displays of unselfish team play. The first half saw excellent attacking play by both teams, with strong running by Romeo Thomas and Tristan Kidd. Some strong work in the breakdown by James Hicks resulted in key turnovers, and subsequent phases saw tries to Cooper Ryan, Tom Spark and Romeo Thomas. Cooper Ryan was highly effective as a last line of defence as usual against some impressive Rams running.

The second half saw James Hicks, Tom Spark and Oscar Angove playing for the Rams. Tristan Kidd had a strong defensive game, placing some textbook tackles, whilst Angus Sidwell dove right in the middle of the breakdown ripping the ball and driving forward. Rhys McCarthy ran straight with lovely stepping to score in the second half, along with Jimmy Ryan back in the OC jersey scoring several times from fluid runs forward.

Achievement Awards this round were awarded to Tom Spark for solid contribution, Romeo Thomas for all-round play in both defence and offense, and James Hicks for strong presence in the breakdown and good attacking. The Coach's Award for Round 15 was a joint award to both Oscar Angove and Angus Sidwell — both making a difference in the breakdowns and defensive play. Both players have committed to their training this season and played (almost) every game, improving their skills and being dependable team players. Well done to all recipients!

And lastly, on behalf of Des Angove, Paul Sidwell and Andrew Hicks a thank you to all the OC U8s families –

parents and players. We've had an enjoyable and successful season, with all players developing well, improving their rugby and having fun in the process.

We look forward to see you all at our **Junior Presentation Lunch** on **Sunday 10th September**.





Under 6/7's Match Report

The under 7s were in the fortunate position of being able to field two full teams for our final regular match of the season. One team played at home against Barossa while the other headed out to Waite to play against Uni.

Old Collegians v University

With only one sub available, it was great to see everyone get plenty of game time (and everyone leave the pitch completely exhausted!).

Old Collegians were first to score with a great running try from James in which he seemed to dodge every Uni player, some of them maybe even twice! Uni were quick to respond with a try of their own and the rest of the game followed a similar pattern with both teams coming back strong at each restart.

It was great to see Old Colls showing off many of the skills they have learnt and build on this year, in both attack and defence. One of the most positive aspects of our game, and something we've been working on all year, was our support play. We saw plenty of players drawing opposition before passing off to team mates who were in a better position to move forward. Our players are getting much better and passing on the run which will stand them in good stead for next year.

Another positive area of our game was in defence. Rather than waiting for the ball to reach us, many players were coming up off the line very quickly and putting pressure on the ball carrier, taking time and space and keeping them in their half for as long as possible.

Awards this week went to:

Lois for leading by example in defence and coming up off the line very quickly in defence; **Oliver** for some great running with the ball, including a try;

Talei for some great running throughout the game and being everywhere she needed to be; **Asha** for some amazing running of the ball, including two tries which saw her run almost the length of the field.

Old Collegians v Barossa

The 13 strong side at Tregenza was able to top p the Barossa team leaving only 3 subs on the sideline meaning they also got solid pitch time to cement in skills learnt over the course of this season. The players have been starting to make their own choices on the pitch without necessarily coach direction including in particular passing to other players rather than always run the ball themselves.

Barossa matched every old cols try putting up a competitive game delivering an evenly balanced result. Consistent with other games seven of the 13 strong side scored a try. Notably Jack Wilson scored 6 tries and Patrick Sos scoring 4 (one try, where he scooped up the ball from the kick-off, in his own dead-ball zone, and ran and weaved the length of the field to score a try, untouched.)

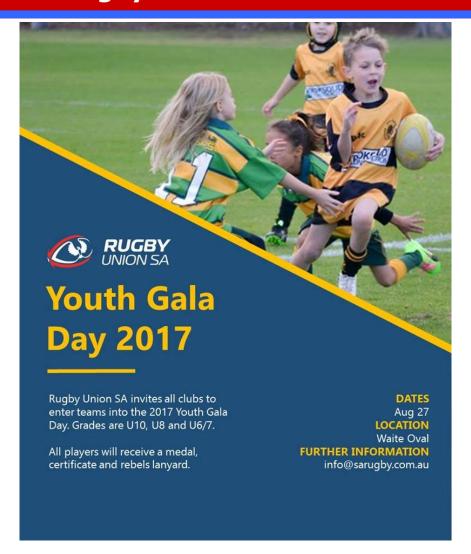


A number of the older players have been strong in their defence so much so that their tagging is turning into tackles which is a strong indication at end of season many of the kids are ready to move up to tackling next year in under 8's.

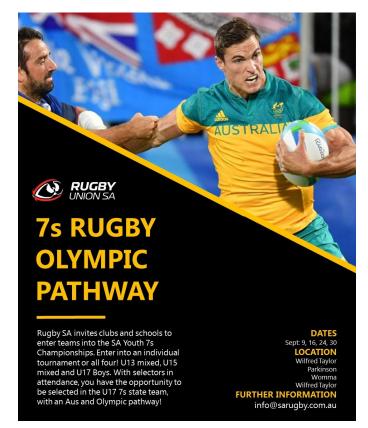
Awards this week to:
Jasper Chamney for his perseverance;
Campbell Cowe for his strong return to
the game after a long recovery;

Sid Denley for his passing; **Jack Wilson** for his 6 tries; and **Archie** for his persistent defence and incredible stamina.

Rugby Union SA Events







Volunteer Corner



Once again we extend our sincere thanks to *EVERYONE* who had assisted the Club throughout the season, in any capacity large or small, Juniors, Seniors, Canteen, BBQ, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday meals, Social/Fundraising Events, and administration (Committee).

Your efforts are appreciated!

Our thanks to these budding young Chefs from the

U18's & U14's

who kept the Barbeque & Canteen functioning in style last Saturday.





Save these Dates

August

Sat 19th Round 1 Qualifying Finals

Sun 20th Round 1 Elimination Finals—All OC Teams @ Elizabeth

Sat 26th Round 2 Finals Sun 27th JPP Gala Day

September

Sat 2nd Grand Finals

Fri 8th **Senior Presentation**Sun 10th **Junior Presentation Day**

November

Sun 5th *Melbourne Cup Luncheon*

Contact: Barry Hickman 0403 600 908

December

Wed 6th Annual General Meeting Sun10th Christmas Celebrations











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