



OLD COLLEGIANS RUGBY UNION CLUB

Tregenza Times

25th May 2017

Round Five—Results

Coopers Premier Grade—Old Collegians 47 vs Port Adelaide 27
Premier Reserve Grade—Old Collegians 48 vs Port Adelaide 5
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Under 16's - Old Collegians 7 vs Barossa Rams 36
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Under 12's - Old Collegians 7 vs Barossa Rams 12

Round Six Fixtures

Premier Grade

3.20pm Onkaparinga vs Old Collegians

Premier Reserve

2.00pm Onkaparinga vs Old Collegians

Division 1

3.20pm Elizabeth vs Old Collegians

Women's—Bye

Under 18's

12.40pm Onkaparinga vs Old Collegians

Under 16's

11.30am Onkaparinga vs Old Collegians

Under 14's

10.30am Onkaparinga vs Old Collegians

Under 12's

9.30am Onkaparinga vs Old Collegians

Under 10's

8.50am Onkaparinga vs Old Collegians

Under 8's

8.50am Onkaparinga vs Old Collegians

Under 6 & 7's

8.50am Onkaparinga vs Old Collegians

Message from Newsletter Editor

All Team Manager's are asked to provide their Match review to either :

secretary@oldcolls.com.au—**Senior Teams**
Or juniorregistrar@oldcolls.com—**Junior Teams**

By 7pm on Monday evening.

Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

Chrisse Nightingale
Newsletter Editor

OLD COLLEGIANS 80TH YEAR

Coopers Premier Grade Match Report

Old Colls 47 vs Port Adelaide 27

Tries: Kyle Fleetwood-Pieper (3), Jim Hopkinson, Lee Verrall, Jack Campion, Peter Cross
Conversions: Jim Hopkinson (5), Rob Smedley
Best Players: Austin Teagle, Paul Cleary, Gary Mann

The First Grade put forward an improved performance against Port Adelaide and in doing so completed the first round having won 3 of 5 games. Old Colls controlled the set piece well and when the on field communication was clear we also dominated open play, but for patches this dropped off which manifested in reduced basic catch / pass skills, enabling easy turnovers for Port to keep in touch.

Port Adelaide gained an early lead with a penalty, but Old Colls pushed hard off the re-start, soon driving into the Port 22 where Hopkinson came in close to score off a ruck just out from the line. Port kept the ball for the next 10 minutes, gradually chipping away at territory in an extended drive of close ruck work that eventually netted them a try and a 1 point lead. Old Colls hit back swiftly with 2 tries, running a penalty from near half way and going wide where McDonough broke through to 20m out before finding Cross who scored. Cleary secured the kick-off and Verrall broke the line to put Port on the back foot, then Fleetwood-Pieper kept up the momentum running up the wing for his first try.

In the second half Old Colls played with 14 men for the first 10 minutes and did well to keep Port from scoring during this time. Once the full complement was restored and Old Colls had possession the forwards put some drives together, with Teagle and Hannam making gains and Verrall scoring the bonus point try. Port's defence started to open up and Fleetwood-Pieper scored 2 quick tries, running in off Smedley from the re-start and then again following a strong run from Blackall that drew in several defenders, creating space up to be exploited up the wing.

In the final 20 minutes Old Colls took the pressure off as concentration lapsed and tackles began to fall away. Port Adelaide took advantage and ran in 3 tries in relatively soft circumstances, though McDonough was able to make some ground up running decisively from a quick tap, where ball through the hands shifted to Campion who straightened up and ran the last 30m to score.

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1982 Cheer Squad



We have been able to name a couple of these lovely young ladies!

Jill Campion (Jack's mum) is the third from the left and the shorter dark haired one, further back is **Leonie McDaniel**.

Unfortunately there were no names with the photograph in the archive!

Premier Reserve Grade Match Report

Old Collegians 48 vs Port Adelaide 5

Tries: Will McLeay (2), Matty Sharples (1), Nic Litchfield (1), Ned Morcom (1), Jack Darby (1), Adam Whitehead (1) and Ned Campbell (1)

Conversions: Adam Whitehead (4)

For the first time this season we were spoilt for choice in the Forwards, although sad that it was, in some ways, at the expense of the third grade. It was great to have Lenny Eilers, Jack Nicholson, Robbie Porteous and Stephen Connelly all available, fit and feisty, along with Justin Elder and Ryan Nielsen who have been regulars in the two's this year. James Sheekey made his first appearance for the year. And great to have Scotty Fox at outside centre.

We definitely needed a fresh bench because, my, my, there were some big units running around in the Port Adelaide Reserves. If you let your mind wander it may not have been all that unreasonable to think that, in some westerly regions of town, a B-Double might be seen as a viable alternative to a shopping cart. There must be a slight tremor amongst those heading into their Coles or Woolies when they hear the beep, beep, beep. Better up the pace else it will be slim pickings when the beeping stops.

Big, but friendly, our lads must have thought, as they spent the first 10 minutes trying to hug them around the shoulders. Wouldn't say that the feeling was reciprocated when Port ploughed to the line in the first few minutes to post the first Try. With Port holding most of the possession it was fortunate that they couldn't extend their lead. Finally, the penny drop followed by the body height and we were able to stabilise the situation and get some of the ball ourselves.

The tide turned. Better tackling, better communications, better at the breakdown. Our first score came at the 14 minute mark with a Try to Scrum Half Matty Sharples. With Port down a player after one to many creative tackles, there followed Tries to Jack Darby, Nic Litchfield and Will McLeay. Adam Whitehead converted one and so we ended the first half with a very solid 22 to 5 lead.

Bobo, Jack Nicolson and Robert Porteous were injected at half time. Jed Campbell, Stephen Connelly and our new big unit (big for us at least) Kiel Gardoll joined the fray soon after. Ned Morcom was next to score a Try, duly Converted by Adam. Then it was Jed Campbell's turn, followed by Adam Whitehead and a second for Will. Adam found his range and Converted three to make it four on the day. We held Port scoreless in the second half to run out 48 to 5 victors.

Ned Morcom made a terrific debt. Ned has a strong background in Touch Football and it showed in his pace, incisive running lines and sure ball handling culminating in a best on ground performance. Derek Lewis at No 8 gave another strong showing along with the rapidly improving Josh Frost. Also great work from Scotty Fox, Will McLeay and Matt Sharples. Finally, those tireless stalwarts mentioned at the top of this report set the platform and the tone for this impressive win.



Under 18's — Match Report

Barossa Rams U18's 45 vs Old Collegians U18's 19

Tries: Nick Wells (2), Brad Killick (1)
Conversions: Ben Viljoen (2)

Sometimes you grudgingly have to give the credit to the opposition. Your team is not always going to play 100%, due to either injury, missing players or simply not in the correct frame of mind. This happened last week at Souths and Souths were unable to take advantage. We tried it again Saturday at Barossa but had to watch Barossa rack up 7 tries to our 3. Perhaps they had more motivation, many of their lads were losers in the U16 Grand Final to our boys last year. Perhaps it was simply due to physicality with them having both size and weight advantage all across the park.

We were hanging on from the get-go with our half-back Dougie making a try-saving tackle from a Barossa line-break. We clearly had not settled as we went through a period of questionable decision making and running when the wiser choice would have been a big clearing boot for territory. It seemed predictable when they opened the scoring, their huge centre profiteering from a scrum. Barossa then had 2 more unanswered tries to race into a quick big lead. Finally the Old Coll's that we know turned up. We started battling more, gained more territory and had our hands on the ball more. Eventually this pressure showed on the scoreboard as we were deep in Barossa territory from a superb grubber kick down the right touchline. Rams hands in the ruck lead to our penalty. No point in taking 3 when your losing heavily so the ball was span through the hands, Wellsy was the final recipient and was helped over the try line with the pack pushing him over.

Both Wellsy's and our 2nd came soon after with Brad turning over the ball and Wellsy being on hand to win a footrace for the line. These scores jolted Barossa into action and they managed 1 more try before half-time which meant an uphill but achievable 2nd half with the deficit being 26-12.



I can't offer an explanation for the 2nd half but it was grim. We conceded another 4 tries. We lost Paddy to the sin bin for an allegedly high tackle and we appeared to be on the receiving end of many dodgy decisions (although this was a feature of the 1st half too). Sadly we also had a couple of big knocks to Dougie and Michael, get well soon lads. I do feel that they looked fitter and more organised than our blokes. What happens on the training ground can be reflected on the pitch, please try and get yourselves to training lads to work on fitness and team drills.

The highlight for the 2nd term was watching Ed Dodd, ball in hand, head down, drive forward with flailing rams in his wake. Brad did manage a 3rd Old Coll's try but to be honest we were never in the game and the travelling party were happy when the referee blew the final whistle.

With the game being played at Roseworthy due to Barossa's 40th anniversary celebrations the Malcolm's even missed out on our traditional post-Rams trip to the excellent Lyndoch Bakery to cap off a pretty miserable day.

Under 16's - Match Report

Old Collegians 7 vs Barossa Rams 36

No report received

Under 14's

Old Collegians 86 vs Barossa 0

Very strong performance this week with a final score of 86-0 with 14 tries and 8 conversions. A great show of skills on the field demonstrating a further improvement with great ball handling skills in both the forwards and the backs. This follows some good drills practiced at training the week before with Michael McCrea taking the team run last Wednesday.

Notable standout performances in the forwards were Connor Ryan (Nr. 3), Clayton Dawson (Nr. 8) and Tyson Congdon (Nr. 1) who had some great runs and are showing a lot of improvement. All of the backs played very well this weekend and are starting to show good cohesion. Best on ground, Siobhan Monaghan (Nr.14) had some great runs up the wing and scored a beautiful try. Tom Mocatta (Nr. 11) also had a lot of time running with the ball. A consistent strong game from our playmakers in the backline kept the scoreboard ticking over with Jayden Hazzard (Nr 12) scoring 5 tries, Carl Arnold (Nr. 9) with one try and six conversion and Morris Clementson (Nr. 10) with two tries and two conversions.

Our focus this week in training will be aimed at further improvements in the following areas, scrum (correct body position), rucking (clearing the jackal/poacher and creating our own turn overs) , clearing from the base of the scrum/ruck (quick ball) and fast hands in the backline (making full use of our wings).

Well done to the team and congratulations on another great improvement in the overall performance. It is really pleasing to see the translation from practise to game time. We now face tough opponents in our next two games and it will be a stern test of how much we have improved.

Thanks again to our U12s for supporting us off the bench with Jake Branson and Ryan Barlow contributing a lot to the team.

Under 12's - Match Report

Old Collegians 7 vs Barossa 12

After a week of injuries, illnesses and players being away we managed to, just, field 15 players. A lot of our players had to play out of position, some for the first time.

Bearing this in mind I think we played a pretty good game. Final score being 12-7 against us. All a good learning curve I recon and a nice day out in the Barossa region.

This coming Saturday will see us take on Onkaparinga RUFC at Wilfred Taylor Reserve. Kick-off at: 09:30am.

Club Merchandise On-Line

The complete Old Collegians/O'Neills Leisurewear range, including training jerseys can be ordered on-line via the O'Neills online merchandise store. O'Neills have advised that the "**personalised gear bags**" in both sizes, Burren Kitbag 22" and 28" includes Player Name, Club name & Crest can now be purchased on-line, along with the new, very smart style Swiss Jacket, as provided for the Colts NZ tour.

Order your new Old Collegians Merchandise now to be ready for the new Season

O'Neills—Old Collegians RUFC Online Merchandise Store Link: <https://www.oneills.com/shop-by-team/rugby/rugby-union/old-collegians-rugby-club.html>

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For all Old Collegians members when ordering online, it is imperative that you use the Club Specific Postage Coupon Code (**OCON17**) at checkout which will remove all postage costs.

Socks & shorts available for sale in all sizes at the Club on Wednesday & Thursday training nights and on home game days.



Under 10's- Match Report

Old Collegians vs Barossa

No Report Submitted



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Under 8's Match Report

Old Collegians vs Barossa

It was a chilly start to the day at Roseworthy but nine Old Collegians hardy players (with parents in tow) came along for the Barossa Rams 40th Birthday celebration. Unfortunately, the Rams only had three Under 8 players.

Three Old Collegians players were asked to volunteer and despite some initial reluctance, suddenly there were three more Rams players - that looked somewhat familiar. With almost half a pitch and only six a side, it was a wide, open game. **Callum, Jimmy** and **Zack** fitted in well with the Roseworthy players and both Callum and Jimmy scored for them. However, determined defence and strong attack saw tries in the first half come the way of Bailey (2), Manuel (1) and Tristan (2) showing an impressive turn of pace and Cooper (1). Bailey in particular tackled his borrowed Old Colls pals with determination and limiting their scoring opportunities. After some coaching prompts he also started spreading the ball about which opened up the game for other players. There were a couple of nice scores from the Rams players too, as they showed some pace with the ball in hand.

For the second half, the borrowed Rams jerseys were swapped and **James, Manuel** and **Bailey** joined the Rams, long range efforts from Tristan and Jimmy allowed the scoreboard to tick over and the extra space meant that Jimmy finished the half with another three tries and Tristan with another two. However, it did not go all the way of the blue and red as the one of the Rams players scored and James scored a couple and Bailey added another try to his tally for the day.

Without the volunteering from our players, the players wouldn't have had such a good run out and as such the coaches felt that all volunteers deserved an achievement award for displaying the behaviours we would hope to have from our rugby players. Quite frankly, everyone played well and showed each other what they can do with a few more passes out of the tackle and a little bit of room. There were some tired players at the end so it was also a good fitness session too.

The Coaches award this week was *shared* between **Bailey Aldridge** and **James Hicks**. Bailey showed great defence and attack but also listened to our head coach and did some nice passing to his fellow players, keeping the ball alive. James continued to show his propensity for support play and was never very far from the action and supported the try scorers, with also a couple of well-taken tries of his own.

Well done to all the players and a big thanks to the parents too.



Under 7's Match Report

Old Collegians 12 vs Barossa 9

A tough game at the historic Roseworthy Campus this week complete with an early morning wake up call. Always great to see another team have a full team to play and certainly another great turnout from the U7 parents.

A tight game against Barossa saw the Rams leading in the first 15 minutes but by half time we had come from behind and the remainder of the game was mainly Old Colls tries. As usual it was a well spread contribution for tries and the most surprising thing was the order and the passing. Rather than panicky last minute passes (there is always a few) there were some well placed setups which shows that last week's techniques are becoming a staple of play for some of the kids and also that the Coaches strategies to get the kids to share the ball work. A narrower pitch help direct the kids forward which meant we didn't see as many sideways runs.

First try of the season for Lois and Sid both with quick moves and some from our regulars Noah, Harry, Oliver and Jack all contributing but our defensive play was the standout this week. Consistent chasing down was the game and even a few heavy handed tags showed the enthusiasm of the kids. Epic defence in the second half from Anna meant no one from Barossa got to the try line. Awards to Lois, Billy, Fergus, James and Oliver for stepping up their play, great chasing and taking risks.

A number of parents commented how well formed the game was this week which is usually not the case this early in the season - however we think it is largely to a great mix and cross section of ages but also some consistent coaching which focuses only on 3-4 activities and skills for the kids per session. This gives them time to master the basics before putting too many other rules and techniques in place. Having said that these next few weeks we will be introducing the concept of line outs and scrums, it will be interesting to see how much content the kids can handle.

All in all a great game from a great side and well supported by the parents. Thanks to all who made the trip and the coaches and volunteers for all your ongoing effort.



Save these Dates

May

Sat 27

Old Collegians away @ Onkaparinga
Div 1 Old Collegians @ Elizabeth

June

Sat 3rd

Old Collegians vs Burnside @ Tregenza

Sat 10th

Competition Bye

Sat 17th

Old Collegians away at Brighton

Sat 24th

Old Collegians vs Souths @ Tregenza

July

Sat 15th

Competition Bye

Sun 16th

Crippled Crows at Tregenza

August

Sat 19th

Round 1 Finals

Sun 20th

Round 1 Finals

Sat 26th

Round 2 Finals

Sun 27th

JPP Gala Day

September

Sat 2nd

Grand Finals

Fri 15th

Senior Presentation Night

Sun 17th

Junior Presentation Day

October

November

Sun 5th

Melbourne Cup Luncheon

December

Christmas Party



Volunteer Corner

Many thanks to our small but regular team who help out on a weekly basis, Wednesday and Thursday nights, as well as home games.

Last Saturday's Barbeque Volunteers were

*Rob Costanzo
Sue Thewlis
Jane Wright
Corné Arnold*

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