

OLD COLLEGIANS RUGBY UNION CLUB

Tregenza Times

27th July 2017

Round Twelve—Results

Coopers Premier Grade—Burnside 50 def Old Collegians 17

Premier Reserve Grade—Burnside 42 def Old Collegians 27

Women's XV—Burnside 27 def Old Collegians 10

Under 18's - Old Collegians 44 def Burnside 40

Under 16's - Burnside 33 def Old Collegians 21

Under 14's -Burnside 34 def Old Collegians 5

Under 12's - Woodville 41 def Old Collegians 5

Round Thirteen Fixtures—29th July

Premier Grade

3.50pm Old Collegians vs Brighton

Premier Reserve

2.30pm Old Collegians vs Brighton

Women's

1.00pm Old Collegians vs Brighton

Under 18's

11.40pm Old Collegians vs Brighton

Under 16's

10.20pm Old Collegians vs Brighton At Parkinson's 3

Under 14's

10.40am Old Collegians vs Adelaide Uni

Under 12's

9.40am Old Collegians vs Brighton

Under 10's Reds

8.50am Old Collegians vs Burnside

At Parkinson's 3

Under 10's Blue

8.50am Old Collegians vs Brighton Gold

Under 8's

8.00am Old Collegians vs Brighton

Under 6/7's

8.00am Old Collegians vs Brighton

Coming Events

Sat 29th Ladies Day Fundraiser

Sat 29th **Bob Burgess Cup**

August

Sat 5th Miss Collegians

Sun 6th Volunteers Thank you



OC Charity Day this Saturday!

Please promote this event to your family members, friends, and work colleagues.

An extremely worthy cause and very essential service to those women who have experienced Breast Cancer.

Come along enjoy the Rugby and some fine wines and food!!!

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Coopers Premier Grade Match Report

Old Collegians 17 v Burnside 50

Tries: Austin Teagle, Chris Bartlett

Conversions: Jim Hopkinson (2) **Penalties:** Jim Hopkinson

Best Players: Jim Hopkinson, Deane Phillips, Jeshua Graham

The first grade performed well in patches against Burnside and at times looked to be in charge, with some dynamic running in our mid-field and wings, but suffered for not being able to consistently hold our scrums and line-outs and not always fully committing to our ruck clean-out.

From the kick-off Old Collegians controlled the first 15 minutes of the game, during which our backs and forward pods built phases with ball in hand and varied the attack across the field to keep Burnside on the back foot in their territory. Whilst several chances went close to crossing over the tryline, Old Colls took an initial 3 points and looked confident to be able to increase the pressure, but some poor first up tackles and not always securing our own ruck too often let Burnside off and allowed them to get a roll on.

Old Colls did not help the cause with several injuries and 2 yellow cards for repeated infringements in the half, which restricted our ability to regain any momentum. By contrast, with the extra man and a set-piece that troubled ours, Burnside launched various attacks from within their territory, getting outside our line when we were not quick enough to cover, and enabling them to rack up 5 tries without reply for a 30 to 3 half time lead.

The second half began poorly when Old Colls let Burnside in for a soft try early on, but once Old Colls regained the full complement of players they consolidated and for a period gained the ascendancy. Darby and Hopkinson had troubled Burnside up the wing throughout the day, and soon after the restart Darby ran it out of our 22 to halfway, where after a couple of phases Jeshua broke through and Austin, supporting on an angle, kept the forward progress to score under the posts from 25m out.

When Old Colls kept ball in hand and emphasised phase-play it frustrated Burnside, who in turn were conceding more penalties, and we worked back into their 22 for an attacking scrum. Our pack held strong, allowing Deane and Smedley to combine and put Bartlett through a hole in the centres, with the forwards joining in to drive him over the line. There were still over 20 minutes left and even at 37 to 17 down Old Colls were pushing hard to get back in the game, but Burnside ground out the remaining time by kicking long to force play into Old Colls territory and swarming the rucks, ultimately scoring another 2 tries in the process.



Reserve Grade Match Report

Old Collegians 27 v Burnside 42

Tries: Ben Viljoen (2), Nic Howlett (1), Peter Cross (1), Ned Morcom (1)

Conversions: Matt Sharples (1)

Glass half full or glass half empty? It's all a matter of perspective. Our front row of Howlett, Porteous and Timoteo may have had a glass half empty feel on the fitness front but most certainly half full when it came to experience. The welcome return of Wayne Power to the second row was a plus, as was having Ned Morcom back on the park to add some much need running flair. Also absolutely brilliant to have Ben Viljoen, Rory Ilman and Dougie Pratt from the U18 backup and make such terrific contributions, especially Ben who scored two Tries. That was a glass half full moment.

The final score of Burnside 42 - Old Colls 27 does look great, but look a bit closer and it was 6 Tries to 5 with Burnside's perfect Conversion rate the real difference. The story of the match was us fighting hard to make territory, less reward for effort than we deserved in some respects. On the other side ,Burnside seemingly able to make metres at will, running in some easy Tries. After a delayed start while we waited for a exciting U18 match to finish, we scored in the second minute when Ben Viljoen was on the end of quick ball to pick his way through the defence to the Try line. Burnside countered with two converted Tries. When Nic Howlett crossed the line with 29 minutes played, scores were 14 to 12 - glass half full. Then two converted Tries to Burnside within two minutes and scores at half-time were 28 to 12 - glass half empty.

As with the first half, we scored first. Again it was Ben Viljoen, and Burnside followed up with two converted Tries. We got some control late in the match and Peter Cross topped off a best on ground performance with a Try. Ned Morcom was next, finally scoring the Try that he had been threatening to produce all afternoon. That recovered some measure of scoreboard dignity to come from 42 - 17 to the final result of 42 - 27.

So we lost, not great of course, but taking a more strategic view win or lose neither could effect our hold on fourth spot on the ladder. And thus, at the end of this day our glass was either half full or half empty depending on how you look at it.

Best players were Peter Cross, who lead from the front all day, Bobo Nielsen who is playing some great rugby from No 8 and Ned Morcom who's pace caused Burnside no end of problems.

Thanks again to Ben, Rory and Doug who all made valuable contributions, not to mention significantly lowering the teams average age!



Under 18's Match Report

Old Collegians 44 vs Burnside 40

Tries: Sharkey (2), Viljoen (1), Illman M (2), Illman R (1), Richards (1), Malcolm (1)

Conversions: Hewitt (2)

Wha-hey the real Old Coll's U18's rocked up!!! Whilst there's been no shortage of graft, sweat, blood and knocks this year we have not showed the cutting edge, classy style that we have become accustomed to when following these blokes. On Saturday we did, against our old 'mates' Burnside, and to make it even sweeter it was on their home turf, Parkinson Oval.

To be fair it was a high scoring, scrappy game that could have gone either way. We certainly were the more skilful side and deserved the win but some daft preventable errors by us, kept letting them back in the game. We opened the scoring, Paddy chucking them a dummy and got the scoring underway. Maggie was the beneficiary for our 2nd, finishing down the left after a cracking run. It is good to have our regular centres back following injuries, allowing our blokes to play in their regular spots as a few forwards have had to play centre. Brad is a tremendous prop and having Dougie playing his usual flanker role / no. 8 adds speed and aggression to the backline.

After Burnside pulled one back they looked like they were in trouble with us in possession, pretty much under the posts. Surely we must score, we can't not. But not only did we not extend the lead they got a turnover, and to add insult to injury their clearing kick bounced perfectly for their chaser and he raced home from deep. Soon after Kees led our forwards in gaining a turnover in midfield and Rory finished after a stunning move.

After another Burnside converted try, Jack Richards, in only his 2nd U18 start, finished superbly on the right touchline despite loads of Burnside pressure. This try came right at the half and left us trailing only 21-20 which made the halftime team talk a bit easier for the coaching pair and gave our boys confidence and belief.

Second half followed the pattern of the 1st. We would go in front with Paddy's 2nd try, they would reply and convert. We scored through Maggie, they did likewise and regained the lead. Alfie will never be known as a regular try scorer, he's usually good for 1 a season. His 1 for season 2017 came on Saturday, with him getting possession just outside our 22. A couple of shimmies let him break the line and race untouched to notch. This made amends for his shocking drop from a high kick off in the 1st half.

They then regained possession (I won't say how Dougie, but perhaps our flankers need high-ball catching practice). Eventually they got a 5 metre line-out. Our coaches could see they were going short, everyone watching could see they were going short. They'd gone short from the line- out all game. They threw to

the front of the line-out, won possession and took an undeserved, 1 point lead with about 5 minutes to go.

The final score on this topsy-turvy game was by Ben Viljoen after legging it and tip-toeing down the right touchline to score over the whitewash. The coach's message was secure the ball, no drops, and when we managed that we saw out time to seal a fantastic 4 point win. All of our Old Coll's lads can be proud of their effort.

There was no individual star, it was a superb team win that sets us up for the run-in.



Oooooohhhhhhhhhh me lads, you should have seen us coming.....

Under 14's Match Report



Under 12's Match Report

With blue skies and warm(ish) conditions we were set for a good morning of rugby. We started off playing some great rugby running the ball and some good strong play by the forwards.

Unfortunately for us Woodville have a very strong, big side this year and they also played some great running rugby. By the half time whistle we had only managed to run in one try to their four. Through the second half we certainly started playing stronger rugby with some great support play by the backline.

Again Woodville matched our play and the final whistle had the score at 41-5. Although not our strongest season, we are seeing some very good individual play and team play. Just not able to convert into points.



Congratulations:

to the following Old Collegians players who made it into the initial U12's State Squad:

Max Gordon,

Jett Behrens,

Tinotenda Kanonge and Griffin Barker.

Under 10's Match Report

Old Collegians Red v Woodville

A great game of junior rugby which was hard work for the 10 x OC players who turned up (8 of our regular team members wasn't available on the day), Woodville loaned us 3 players to start the game. We played a very attacking game finding ourselves down in their 22m many times, alias if they picked any loose ball there #10 could and did run in a try.

It was hard work for our team, to their credit they all played their part with some outstanding tackles by some of the smallest players, with our rucks and malls still a work in progress.

Our front row worked well as a strong unit, Mia Aguiar as half back as always was everywhere and her pick and go plays confused the opposition many times, Salvatore Costanzo gained lots of metres from his strong running play, some of which created tries for our backs. Jenson Grudnoff (one of the smallest players on the pitch) continued with his strong tackling – it had to be seen to be believed, it was great tackle after tackle. Good leadership from Tyson Hazzard in the centres allowed our backs some good running play. Many thanks to Matthew Spark and William Tanner (OC U10's Blue) who came on in the second half following their game against Brighton, earlier in the day. It was hard work, but a great game! Well done to Woodville.

We now look forward to our next game against Burnside on Saturday morning at Parkinson Oval and look forward to seeing some strong attendance at training again following the school holidays.

Old Collegians Blue v Brighton Black

Certainly not our best game this season! We arrived as the only Old Collegians team at Brighton Oval on Saturday morning in beautiful playing conditions with the remainder of our club split between Woodville, at Gleneagles Reserve and Burnside up at Parkinson Oval. We started the game without a single reserve as 6 of our regular players weren't available. A special thank you to our parent group who always let us know if and when their young player is not available on the day.

We had a good team warm-up but somehow looked like we were still on holiday following the competition BYE and let Brighton run in several tries before we decided to wake up and get ourselves back in the game with Ivan Arnold scoring our first try. We let ourselves down with some poor tackling, creating holes for Brighton to easily break through our defence. Our solid defence and good first time tackles have been a part of our game which we've prided ourselves on in recent weeks.

We had a couple of players playing out of position with some of our regular team members not available on the day. Oliver Collins played in the fly half position for the first time and did an excellent job, he also crossed the line for our 2nd try. We were trailing 2 tries to 4 when we decided to lift our game and started to apply some pressure on Brighton, but unfortunately lost the ball as we were about to score our 3rd try. Following the half time break and coach's talk we stepped up our game and played a much better 2nd half.

Both teams competed fiercely for the ball and for a big part of the 2nd half neither team managed to score. Unfortunately we allowed Brighton to score a couple more tries towards the end of the game as tiredness set in. This coming weekend we'll be playing against Brighton Gold – this time at our home ground, Tregenza Oval!

We look forward to seeing all our U10's back from the holidays and at training as we've got a lot to work on!



Under 8's Match Report

We started off slowly this week and allowed Woodville to dictate the game, at least in the first half. We turned over the ball near our tryline twice and Woodville capitalized on our errors. We also did not play as a team and did not compete at the breakdown.

Things started improving after a good half-time talk and we came back into the game, outscoring Woodville in that half.

There were some nice tries scored by Bailey (2), Jimmy (2) and one for Romeo.

Cooper, Manuel and Bailey led the charge for tackling once more and we played more as a team.

This week the *Achievement Awards* went to **Callum Reeks** and **Tristran Kidd** for some strong running, However, the *Coaches Award* went to **Zack Czeglik** for working hard in defense and attack.

Thanks to all our volunteers, coaches and of course the parents.





Under 6/7's Match Report

Despite the early morning start for the U6/7; we were again fortunate with the weather. Although cool it was bright and sunny. Woodville provided an *almost* matched number of players to allow two concurrent matches (for Old Collegians Red team and Blue team) ...not quite; but once again **Noah** put up his hand to play for Woodville. It was lovely to have Noah recognised for his willingness to help them out – he was given an achievement award by Woodville! Well done Noah!

Both matches were an impressive and pleasing standard. Across the board it is great to see the basic skills are noticeably improving – catching, passing and getting back on-side. Woodville provided two very high standard teams and the matches were tight. We snuck home in one match and the other was a fast paced, high scoring draw. It is pleasing that at this stage of the season there are many players who displaying wonderful improvement and understanding of the game. There is also some great teamwork being shown...but mainly everyone is having a lot of fun.

For Nate's team (Red) there was some amazing running in defensive and for attack. There were no substitutes and the match fast and furious. We traded tries with Woodville and everyone should be proud of their effort. There were some excellent tries; Jack Wilson showed his pace and evasive skills in scoring 5 tries! It was also great the passing and support play the team has developed. Myles once again display a great step to score an exciting try. Equally impressive were some endless efforts in defence; **Anna** and **Asher** both earnt their achievement awards for tireless and continual running and try-saving tags.

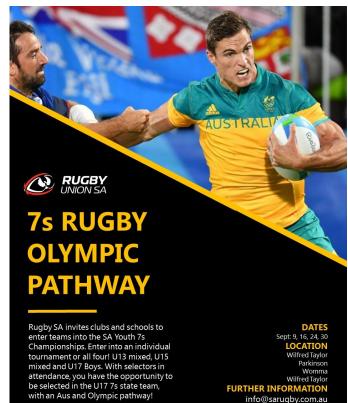
For Becca's team (Blue), there were several players who stood out in their effort. **Lois** scored tries again and showed a determination in defence (she was awarded the achievement award for this effort). There were some really good tries and it is evident that there is a great development of team work. James showed he knows how to score and how difficult he is to stop with a bunch of tries.

With only three rounds to go, plus the final Gala Day, the coaching staff's brilliant game plans are coming together, and we are seeing some smooth transitions between attacking and defensive plays, and players who are playing much more like a team, with the results of these improvements obvious to all on the sidelines.



Rugby Union SA News





RUGBY UNION SA **U15 JUNIOR GOLD TRIALS**

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NATIONAL PROGRAM WITH TOUR TO SYDNEY AND A **HOME GAME**

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DATE 30 JULY 2017 TIME 10:00

WOODVILLE RUGBY CLUB VENUE

ELIGIBLE PLAYERS BORN IN 2002 AND 2003 TOUR 8-12 September HOME FIXTURE 23 September



Rugby Union SA invites all clubs to enter teams into the 2017 Youth Gala Day. Grades are U10, U8 and U6/7.

All players will receive a medal, certificate and rebels lanyard.

DATES Aug 27 LOCATION Waite Oval **FURTHER INFORMATION** info@sarugby.com.au

Miss Collegians 2017





Save these Dates

July

Sat 29th

Ladies Day Fundraiser - YWCA's Encore Program

(Survivorship program for women who have survived Breast Cancer)

Sat 29th Bob Burgess Cup

August

Sat 5th Miss Collegians 2017—7pm—11pm
Sun 6th Volunteers Thank You Afternoon 2-5pm

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

November

Sun 5th *Melbourne Cup Luncheon*

Contact: Barry Hickman 0403 600 908

December Christmas Party

Ladies Day Socks

As a fundraiser we will be wearing/selling special pink and blue socks with the slogan "cancer get rucked" for the weekend. Each team has been allocated 20 pairs with a few spares for supporters.

Please remember to bring your \$15 for the socks if you want them!

Any supporters/players that miss out but would like a pair please register your name and if we have enough we will run a second order.



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