

OLD COLLEGIANS RUGBY UNION CLUB

Tregenza Times

3rd August 2017

Round Thirteen—Results

Coopers Premier Grade—Brighton 24 def Old Collegians 19

Premier Reserve Grade—Brighton 37 def Old Collegians 10

Women's XV—Brighton def Old Collegians

Under 18's - Old Collegians 66 def Brighton 26

Under 16's - Brighton 57 def Old Collegians 12

Under 14's -Old Collegians 20 def Ade Uni 0-Ade Uni forfeit- scratch match played

Under 12's - Brighton 42 def Old Collegians 17

Round Fourteen Fixtures—5th August

Premier Grade

3.20pm Souths vs Old Collegians

Premier Reserve

2.00pm Souths vs Old Collegians

Women's

12.40 Souths vs Old Collegians

Senior's matches at Bailey Reserve

Under 18's

1.30pm Old Collegians vs Souths

At Tregenza

Under 16's

12.20pm Old Collegians vs Souths

At Tregenza

Under 14's

11.20am Old Collegians vs Souths

At Tregenza

Under 12's

10.20am Old Collegians vs Souths

At Tregenza

Under 10's Reds

8.40am Old Collegians vs Vikings

At Tregenza

Under 10's Blue

9.30am Old Collegians vs Souths

At Tregenza

Under 8's

8.00am Old Collegians vs Souths

At Tregenza

Under 6/7's

8.00am Old Collegians vs Souths

At Tregenza

Coming Events

August

Sat 5th Miss Collegians 7pm
Sun 6th Volunteers Thank you

Sept

Fri 8th Senior Presentation
Sun 10th Junior Presentation



Miss Collegians 2017

ARE YOU MAN ENOUGH?



MISS COLLEGIANS 2017

Saturday 5th August, 7pm @ Tregenza

Player Auction begins at 7pm Pageant starting at 7:30pm Sharp

Shaved tanned and sexy, don't miss the night of nights!





Ladies Charity Day

A HUGE thanks to everyone who came along and enjoyed the Ladies Day event on Saturday. The club, and many of our players, were looking pretty in pink to raise funds for YWCA Encore After Breast Cancer Program. It was great to see so many club supporters and players enjoying a fun day of action packed rugby, delicious food and wine and the establishment of the Ladies Day Dance Floor later in the afternoon which I'm sure is to become an age-old tradition!

The raffle and silent auction were a huge success and a big thanks goes out to Caitlin Barlow for her fantastic work in selling raffle tickets to everyone at the club on the day! We would also like to thank Kip Wilckens Jeweller, Mercedes Benz Adelaide, Flight Training Adelaide, Serafina Boutique, Wine Wise Consulting, Electra House, Xpresso on Flinders and Karen Taylor for donating outstanding prizes.

Thanks also to Josh and Kate from Rymill Wines for providing all of our guests with a lush glass of sparkling on arrival and Simon Whillas from South Australian Oysters in Coffin Bay and Stew Frew from Oyster Brokers Australia for their super generous oyster donation! The oysters were flying off the trays at record speeds! Thanks also to Glenn from Wine Wise Consulting and Tom from Leabrook Estate Wines for sampling a range of amazing wines from some of SA's premier boutique wineries. And thanks also to Sugarless Delights for providing delicious treats and Jill Allen for her beautiful hand painted 'Lady in Pink' bookmarks.

Thanks to everyone who chipped in to help make Ladies Day a huge success! Thanks to everyone's generous support we have raised **\$2600 for Encore** – enough to fund almost an entire 8 week program for 15 women!

YWCA Encore does not receive any government funding and relies 100% on fundraising and donations to continue to provide this important service for women in SA so this donation means a lot. If you would like to find out more about the Encore program please visit

www.ywca.com.au/programs/encore









Coopers Premier Grade Match Report

Old Collegians 19 v Brighton 24

Tries: Riady Perdana, Will Hannam, Will Sadler

Conversions: Jim Hopkinson (2)

Best Players: Nick Litchfield, Deane Phillips, Paul Cleary

Whilst the first grade lost to Brighton, the points difference came down to only 1 try between them, and there were considerable positives to be taken from the experience in the team's ability to reset and persevere under pressure.

Brighton put three tries on the board in the first half for a 19-0 lead, with each of these coming from them forcing mistakes from Old Colls, and Brighton's traditionally strong counter-attacking style confining us to play a lot of the game in our territory. Old Colls had a reasonable amount of possession to work with, but looked overextended at times and struggled to get beyond three phases of running attack before our ball would be turned over from a low percentage offload, or dropped or stripped out in contact. Brighton took advantage of the extra space available as Old Colls were realigning into defence, scoring two of their three tries on the fly down the wing from near halfway, and the third when a defensive mix-up from Old Colls fielding a kick-through into our 22 popped the ball straight into the hands of the Brighton chaser.

The second half was a very different proposition as Old Colls held the ball for the first 10 minutes and constantly pressured the Brighton 22. After a penalty allowed Old Colls to reset with a lineout, the pressure continued with Old Colls swapping phase attack from one side of the field to the other until the defenders ran out and Mann passed to Perdana who scored from 5m out on the wing.

Old Colls kept a similar structure going for the next 25 minutes, patiently holding onto possession with well supported phase play, content to make 5-10m from every few cycles of the ruck as the attack was steered by Phillips and Litchfield. This culminated in several further trips into the Brighton red zone, where eventually Will Hannam was driven over the line by his pack following multiple darts at the line in close.

Another chance came after several defensive penalties led to an Old Colls a scrum in the middle of the Brighton 22, duly secured by the forwards and Will Sadler crashed back inside from the centres on an angled run for a try, with the conversion by Hopkinson tying the score. With less than 5 minutes to go Brighton put restart long and it was secured by Old Colls, but the clearing kick was charged down and Brighton regained it on our line.

Despite some hectic defence they ultimately got through for a fourth try, then put the ball into touch from the kick-off as the time ran out.



Reserve Grade Match Report

Old Collegians 10 v Brighton 37

Tries: Luke Clifton (1)
Conversions: Andrew Kennett (1)
Penalty Goals: Andrew Kennett (1)

If you don't like clichés then now would be a good time to stop reading. We should have known that we couldn't take these guys lightly and would have to step up if we weren't to suffer the same fate as our previous meetings this year. They must have felt the same because they turned up to play. Statistics can be misleading, but the difference in weight was telling in the final analysis.

Pretty good pack this week we thought - a nice balance of youth and experience. Luke Clifton, Harry Warner and Nic Howlett in the front row, Locks Joel Pepper and Ryan Nielsen, breakaways Jed Campbell and Josh Frost, with the indomitable Sandy Taylor at No 8. But in hindsight we could feel the pressure from the get-go. A penalty after 12 minutes put us 3 points ahead thanks to Andy Kennett's boot. But Brighton hit back strongly and scored two Tries (not converted). Finally, reward for effort when Luke Clifton crossed the Try line and Andy Kennett converted.

In this game of two halves, the first ended even - 10 all at half-time. Good vibes at the half-time huddle. "Nil all', "Play the plan", "Fix the small things", "Communicate" and the like; then off we go.

The cracks were there though. The most telling in the bigger picture was the physicality of the Brighton forwards at the breakdown. We could not get them to over commit resources in defence (they didn't need to) and so could not create the options for the backline to exploit. With Ned Morcom at outside centre we certainly had the running power to make the most of any opportunity that may have opened up, but, frankly, very few did. Credit to Brighton's defence who were able to fence us in without too much trouble, given their Forward's general dominance. In our case, you can't play without the ball, or in Brighton's case you can play with it, as five second half Tries attest. It didn't matter how much we tried to suck it up, dig deep or play for pride we didn't have the winning edge this week.

Great to see Noah Saddler, Will Mcleay and Cam Peck playing. Also great to have Josh Frost back on deck.

Special thanks to the walking wounded James Sheekey and Gilles Bonnett. Amongst the best players were Matt Sharples, Luke Clifton and Jed Campbell, with a nice cameo from Will Mcleay in the first half.



Under 18's Match Report

Old Collegians 66 vs Brighton 26

Tries – Killick (2), Young (1), Alfie (1), Viljoen (3), Clifton (3)

Conversions - Viljoen (8)



There's an old saying in sport that you can only beat what's in front of you. A 66-26 win would seem to be a good marker for our upcoming $3^{rd}/4^{th}$ place final in a few weeks against the same opposition. However as they only had 12-14 players on the pitch at any one time they will have gone away with some positives that they can push us further next time. Once again shortages in the backs lead to Brad, our captain and loose-head prop being forced into the number 13 outside centre role.

As for the game Brighton's poor numbers meant uncontested scrums which always reduces the quality and enjoyment of the game. Brad opened the scoring, finishing on the left from the ball going down the line. Alfie added to his 1 try for 2017 last

week when, after driving through a ruck, picking up the ball and pegging it untouched to notch. Despite being outnumbered they took advantage of an attacking scrum in our 22 to pull 1 back. Our 3rd was Michael's 1st after the ball went down the line again.

Not to be outdone Ben V got his 1st after good work from Tom acting as the scrum-half when Paddy was tied up at the bottom of a ruck. Ben quickly doubled his personal tally after great work by Dougie. Somehow the depleted Brighton side managed to stretch our full strength mob, scoring 2 more tries before half-time, the 2nd one right under the posts on the half time whistle. This half-time score of 38-19 meant the points were secure but we wanted to get in their heads for the finals.

Brad was the scorer of our 6th after fantastic work from the inspirational Kees when he forced a turnover. He followed this up by another turnover when holding up the ball carrier giving us an attacking scrum, intelligent play Kees. Despite reduced numbers it wasn't all Old Coll's, Michael being forced into a try saving tackle. Dougie's great tackle following a Brighton scrum enabled Ben to notch his personal hat-trick of tries and the teams 7th. Both Tom and Oscar looked like they were going to score when chasing a great Paddy grubber kick but the bounce went Brighton's way allowing a Brighton lad to make a try-saving tackle of his own.

Kees capped off a fantastic personal performance scoring our 8th from a scrum awarded to us after superb tackling from George. Michael got the 10th and last score and in the process got his hat-trick after running from deep with Oscar in support. Anyone reading this closely would realise I've missed a try, Michael got 3, the team got 10 but I have no recollection of Michael's 2nd try. Mind I have no recollection of the 4th Brighton try neither but a final score of 66-26 is convincing. However conceding 4 tries, against a depleted team, highlights that our defence will have to be tighter in the finals, especially if we come up against the top 2 sides Burnside or Barossa.

Once again it is noticeable how our lads have gelled as a team. Whilst I've singled out certain fellas, without major contributions from Ben H, Tyler, Harrison, Sam, Oscar WJ, Awin, Jack and Alex we'd be in strife. Also credit goes to Rob and James, the 2 blokes who give their time to train and mentor you lads. We train, play, win or lose as a team.

Ooooooooooohhhhhhhhhhhhhhh me lads!!!

Under 16's

Congratulations to all the Old Collegians players:

Henri Pardoe, Lochie Edwards, Tane Pardoe, Noah Rebuli Willem Pienaar

listed in the U15 Junior Gold Training Squad.



Under 14's Match Report

Old Collegians 20 v Adelaide Uni 0 (Adelaide Uni Forfeit)

This week Old Colls U14s played Adelaide Uni at home. Unfortunately this week was a scratch match due to Uni being short of players and forfeiting the game. We agreed to share our players to make a game with 12 each per side. However it was great to see our players volunteer to play in the opposition's jersey in the true spirit of the game. The final score was 45 - 38 in favour of Old Colls.

With all of our players "cycling through" to play for the other team it was a good opportunity to try some different combinations in the forwards and backs. Our defence was still not the strongest we've seen which allowed Uni to stay in touch on the scoreboard. We were on the scoreboard early however Uni were quick to respond with two tries, including one by our own Slade Hollway.

Jayden Hazzard scored four tries for Old Colls with Ben Wyatt, Connor Ryan and Willem Pienaar each getting one try, with Morris converting five from seven.

With finals just around the corner we are in a good position on the ladder and with some good attendance at training we will give the top teams a run in the finals.



Under 12's Match Report

Old Collegians 17 v Brighton 42

Facing probably the strongest team in the U12 conference we knew we had a big task ahead of us. After a great moral boosting talk from Coach Craig Barlow the team ran out fired up. Brighton had an incredibly strong forward pack which meant we were playing defensive rugby most of the game.

Our team never dropped their heads and with a couple of great running tries from Lucas Aguiar and Max Richards by half time we were down 5 tries to 3.

In the second half we played some of the best rugby we've played all season and managed to concede only one try. Unfortunately even with our great team play we couldn't cross their line. The final score coming in at 42-17.

Our coaches were very proud of the way our U12's played. Never losing faith and playing with the "true spirit of rugby" till the final whistle.

Under 10's Match Report

Old Collegians BLUE v Brighton Gold

Weekly Award Winners – OC Blue: Jack Davies, Noah Wilson, Oliver Collins, Matthew Spark **Tries:** Jackson Denley (2), Noah Wilson, Charlie Waltham & Jack Davies

Conversions: Ivan Arnold (2), Charlie Waltham, Jackson Denley

On Saturday morning the Old Collegians U10's Blue team took on Brighton Gold at Tregenza Oval. We had a great week in terms of attendance and commitment at training and it was clearly reflected in our game. There were individual pockets of excellence but what impressed our coaches and spectators most were the fantastic team effort from all our U10's. We had our full squad available except for Fergus Keighran (who

still came out on Saturday morning to support the team. We

really appreciate it.)

The game was a display of competitive rugby from start to finish and ended up in a draw which was a good reflection of both teams' effort and ability. We saw a marked improvement in our tackling efforts. Congratulations to our weekly award winners!

Thank you to all our parent volunteers and a special mention to Sandi Taylor who refereed our U10's game for us!

We look forward to our game against Southern Suburbs on Saturday at Tregenza.





Old Collegians RED v Burnside

This was a very tight game as both teams played an open style of rugby. We still need to work on our rucking as we are not going through and over the ball and still often find ourselves stationary on top of the ball. The back line was well lead by Tyson Hazzard, passing the ball down the line and creating the opportunities for the 2 opening tries.

The front row of Will Deakin, Salvatore Costanzo and Declan Keaien played as a very strong unit, the Burnside front row were almost twice the size, but had hardly any power. Mia Aguiar was on form again, just everywhere making the ball available for the backline.

Saxon Talbot-Price made some try saving tackle and Finlay Macfadyen showed some turn of speed not seen before (great play). Nicholas Robertson was asked to play in the front row as a second row forward and then in the back line; in all position Nick played very well. Welcome back to Jack Stowers after a rest from an injury.

Overall a great game with one or two lucky breaks going Burnsides way. Our team can be very proud of their performance.

We are playing against Vikings on the weekend at Tregenza Oval.

Under 8's 29/7/2017



Under 6/7's Match Report

Old Collegians v Brighton

A tight game against an always competitive Brighton RUFC at home on Saturday. A strong start to the game from Brighton resulted in them getting ahead by two tries before Old Colls responded matching each try before taking over in the second half.

A number of parents have commented how the expectations of the coaching team have lifted throughout the season and in most cases the kids have responded. We now have 27 registered kids and the 3 coaches Nate, Gorson and Bec have done a great job corralling them but also directing them to core fundamentals of the game and the progress and results on the scoreboard have been obvious to all.

Awards to Sid, Archie, Alice and Billy for aggressive offensive and strong defensive play and showing a good understanding of the game.

Tries to Oliver, Asha, Harry, Patrick and James with superb defensive across the entire field.



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



Bookings now open at

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

Our Amazing Volunteers



Once again a huge thank you to everyone who assisted last Saturday , especially to the young brigade who did a fantastic job in the Canteen and on the BBQ

Also big shout out to **Justin Elder and Jamie Punson** who helped with the packing up following Saturdays games.













Save these Dates

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



OLD COLLEGIANS RUGBY UNION CLUB

Melbourne Cup Luncheon

It's back in 2017



Sunday 5th November 12noon—4pm in the OC Clubrooms

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