

OLD COLLEGIANS RUGBY UNION CLUB

Tregenza Times

6th July 2017

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Round Eleven - July 8th Fixtures

Premier Grade

3.20pm Old Collegians vs Onkaparinga

Premier Reserve

2.00pm Old Collegians vs Onkaparinga

Women's - Bye

Under 18's—No games this week

Under 16's

12.40pm Old Collegians vs Onkaparinga

Under 14's—No games this week

Under 12's

11.40am Old Collegians vs Onkaparinga

Under 10's Reds

10.40am Old Collegians v Onkaparinga

Under 10's Blue

9.50am Old Collegians vs Woodville

Under 8's

9.00am Old Collegians vs Onkaparinga

Under 6 & 7's

9.00am Old Collegians vs Onkaparinga

Up Coming Event

This Saturday

Curry Night

The Heat is On !! OC Curry Night is Back for 2017

Saturday 8th July from 6.30 pm

Your chance once again (or for the first time) to strut your kitchen prowess and show us what you (and your curry) are made of !!

Try your luck – you could be the winner of the OC Curry Cup.

To enter the Competition - all you have to do is:

Make a Curry for 6-8 people (meat or vegetarian) using fresh ingredients (no jars or tinned curry bases).

The club will provide rice and accompaniments.

To register your entry – contact Sue Thewlis on 0431 566 116 or email to secretary@oldcolls.org.au

Note: An alternative meal will be available for non-curry eaters!!



Coopers Premier Grade Match Report

Old Collegians 64 v Port Adelaide 0

Tries: Jeshua Graham, Jack Campion, Fraser Murison (2), Liam McDonough, Andrew Burgess,

Chris Bartlett, Kyle Fleetwood-Pieper (3)

Conversions: Jim Hopkinson (7)

Best Players: Kyle Fleetwood-Pieper, Jack Campion, Paul Cleary

Old Colls dominated the first half, forcing Port Adelaide to play the majority of the game in their territory and stretching their defence by alternating the attack phases from one side to the other. This created space for the backs to outmanoeuvre their opposition with pressure down the wings and through changes of angles running in and off the centres. Our defence was well formed and reactive, with Cleary, Higgins and Bauve standing up well to Port in the rucks and in close and minimising their attempts to disrupt.

After some initial grunt work from the forwards saw Old Colls camped in the Port 22 for the first 10 minutes, Bartlett took the ball through the centres and linked up with Kyle on the wing for a pass / pass-back to loop the defenders and score in the corner. Two more tries followed a consistent pattern, as Jeshua and Campion secured the restarts and the backs progressed the ball back on foot into the Port red-zone to create the platforms for Murison to score a double.

When a Port penalty failed to find touch, McDonough seized the chance the push back up the wing with support from Hannam taking it up to 10 out. The forwards secured a resulting scrum then McDonough angled in from the blind wing to score and finish what he started, as a pop from Phillips opened a hole in the 5/8 channel. Old Colls scored 2 more tries just prior to the break, initially with Campion scoring after taking a quick tap from a penalty 5m from the Port try-line. Another penalty and Old Colls lineout win gave Frost a chance for a burst run up field, before he popped Kyle who was stopped 10m out, giving Burgess the opportunity to crash over and Hopkinson kicked another conversion for a 40 – Nil lead.

The momentum slowed in the first part of the second half as handling errors from Collegians gave Port several chances to clear and forced our attack to restart. Hopkinson and McDonough were well positioned to

deal with the clearances, and combined to run one back to the middle of the Port 22 where Darby sent it wide for Kyle on far wing for his first try. This wing was again the target after Campion managed a break for a 30m run into Port's territory, where Bartlett furthered the attack to near the posts and Kyle completed the score.

The Old Colls forwards kept their attacking shape and were using quick rucks to good effect to punch up past the 22, with Murison bowling over a defender whilst passing inside to Jeshua, who went over under the posts from 10m out. There was time for one more try when the pack took a scrum on the halfway and the backs cut-out wide quickly, giving Kyle one further chance to brush past his defending winger and run 50m for his hat-trick.









Premier Reserve Grade Match Report

Old Collegians 36 v Port Adelaide 12

Tries: Scotty Fox (1), Joel Pepper (1), Ryan Nielsen (1), Nic Litchfield (2) and Karl Edgar (1)

Conversions: Adam Whitehead (3)

Not unusual, but last minute unavailability's had us scrambling to finalise the starting 15 as 2:00pm approached at Riverside. Captain Alexis Bauve moved up to the 1's to cover Austin Teagle, so the irrepressible Sandy Taylor started. Robert Porteous, fresh off the plane and fresh off the English beer was catapulted into Hooker. Very grateful to see Jed Campbell's smiling face, though Jed may not have felt exactly the same when he found himself starting on the wing! Adam Whitehead moved to Full Back, and we were good to go. The bench now thinned out to the ever reliable James Sheeky, Ryan "Booboo" Nielsen and Paull Francis, so a huge sigh of relief when Rob Smedley rocked up and volunteered his services.

The first half was a bit of an arm wrestle. Neither side able to assert themselves. The relative pack weight of at least 3 to 1 in favour of Port made for hard work for our lads. Kudos to young Bailey Clements at tight head for showing a lot of courage standing against a guy at least four times his size, before succumbing to a shoulder injury just on halftime and then returning to the field when the same happened to James Sheekey late in the match. Lessons learnt from previous weeks about tackling height kicked in early and help nullify the larger Port bodies. Port were first to score after 15 minutes play followed shortly after by Old Colls when Scotty Fox scored a try. More scoring opportunities were created but we could not capitalise and the first half ended at 5 all.

Structures good, opportunities created, Port players clearly slowing signs of fatigue, it took around 8 minutes for us to open the flood gates. Tries to Joel Pepper, Booboo, Nic Litchfield (2) and Karl Edgar and Adam Whitehead's three conversions powered us to a comprehensive 36 to 12 win. The second half was not without its fun moments Matty Sharples took a nasty knock on the head from a friendly knee or boot or both - no prizes for guess who's. Champing at the bit to return to the fray, his perfect answer to Danny's question 'how many finger am I holding up?' - 'four and a thumb!'

Karl Edgar, back from his League obligations, turning in a strong 70 minute performance. Nic Howlett delivered his best work in loose play so far this year and Booboo was dynamic at No 8 off the back of the scrum. All backed up with solid contributions from all players.



Womens XV Match Report

Old Collegians 26 v Woodville 15

The women played at Gleneagles against Woodville This was our first game against Woodville this season as they had forfeited against us in the first round). We were keen for our first win of the season, having had some recent nail-biting close losses.

Given injuries, sickness and absences we were struggling for numbers but we managed to get together enough players with (starring) cameo performances by Tayler Savage and Imogen Hume. You guys are welcome to come back and play anytime!!!

Overall the girls played an excellent team game with the forwards scrumming well, providing an excellent platform and good support and our backs supported each other and ran tries through gaps in the Woodville back line. Disappointingly, uncontested scrums were called by the referee early in the second half which negated our advantage there. Some losses in focus meant we let three Woodville tries in.

Well done to Linae Davis on her first ever try. Other try scorers were Keely O'Connell and Tayler Savage. Tara Naige kicked three conversions.

A special mention goes to Phoebe Linder-Patton who played out of her skin, tackling anything that moved!



Under 18's — Match Report

Old Collegians 7 v Barossa Rams 38

Tries: Brad Killick, **Conversion:** Ben Viljoen

What a stunning day to play rugby, sunny, no wind or rain and the pitch in good condition. Due to injury we are still short of numbers so big thanks to George Hewitt, Jack Richards and Edwin Dodd for helping out from the U16's. We also welcome Fady Hana to the Old Coll's family after his debut in last week's win over Souths. We rocked up to Lyndoch to play a powerful Barossa Rams unit with the aim of avenging our loss up there



earlier this season.

Usually the final score in rugby is a good indicator on how the game was played out, a high score means one team was totally outplayed. So anyone who wasn't at this game would look at the score-line and think we'd been thumped. Nothing could be further from the truth, we matched them in large parts, so much so that after the game their coach actually said to me that they were happy with the win and thought that the score was harsh on our blokes.

Everyone watching was probably expecting another big Barossa win after they opened the scoring on their 2nd attack early in the game, the missed conversion putting Rams 5 up. However our lads came roaring back, some great counter-rucking from our forwards turned the ball over our way leading to a penalty under the posts. We were rewarded for our ambition in turning down the easy 3, spinning the ball down the line for our skipper, outside-centre (usually tight head prop) Brad Killick to hammer his way home. The successful conversion put us 7-5 up.

Sadly for our boys Rams scored 2 more tries before half-time, the 1st in their usual fashion of going blind from a scrum. The other they countered after a bad clearing Old Coll's kick, were the recipient of a stream of penalties and finally barged over after taking one short. Despite the half-time deficit of 17-7 our coach was chuffed with our performance. Our forwards had battled hard and took it to them, our backs had been inventive and Rams knew they were in a game.

Somehow the 2nd half had them scoring 3 unanswered tries, converting 2. They did edge possession (don't want to be labelled a whiner but a string of penalties certainly helped them get momentum). They were ruthless (or lucky), if they got a sniff it seemed to be reflected on the scoreboard. We shone at times, Brad taking crash ball "Mine" he ordered, popped to a marauding Tyler to drag their pack along only to be eventually thwarted with a Ram's deliberate knock on. We also could have notched after some wonderful passing from our backs but Awin was tackled last ditch.

Right lads, we still have finals qualification in our own hands and on our day we can / will be a match for any mob. One fact is attendance to training has been poor, despite mitigating factors for some, only 7 blokes rocked up last Thursday. Please bust a gut to get there, the training field is where fitness and game

play situations are worked on.



Under 16's - Match Report

Old Collegians 22 vs Barossa Rams 30

Tries - Ed Dodd, Jack Richards, Lefatu Egglestone, Max Monfries

Conversions - George Hewitt

A beautiful winters sunny morning beckoned the travelling Old Colls U16s team to Lyndoch Oval to attempt their defeat at the hands of the Rams earlier in the season. With player numbers still at a bare minimum Old Colls did take to the field with a full team and a bench of one!!!!! Rams started the better of the two teams and after 15 minutes or so of tight rugby Rams were first on the score sheet.

No sooner had Rams scored then Old Colls put together a few phases of well structured rugby that saw the forwards work hard at the breakdown to secure clean ball for their backline allowing Lefatu to find himself in space outwide. A strong run saw him break through a couple of tackles and sprint to touch down for an unconverted try. Both sides were equally matched for the rest of the first half but a couple of missed tackles towards the end of the first half allowed Rams to pull ahead going into the break two tries to one up.

The second half started much were the first one ended with both teams living off the other teams errors. Rams gained the ascendency by scoring first and then kicked a penalty to give themselves a commanding lead. Old Colls soon bounced back with tries from Jack Richards and Max Monfries outwide. Before Rams pegged another try back.

Old Colls moved up a gear knowing that a win was vital to keep their final dreams alive and it wasn't long before Ed Dodd crashed over to bring the scores to 25 - 22 - "Game On".

Alas it was not to be as Rams pushed down field and applied pressure in the left corner and after a few strongly contested rucks the Rams winger crashed over in the corner to finish the game.



Under 14's - Match Report

Old Collegians 52 v Barossa 0

Tries: Jordan Short (3), Connor Ryan (2), Jayden Hazzard (2) & Ben Wyatt (1)

Conversions: Morris Clementson (6)

This week the Old Colls U14s travelled to Lyndoch Oval and came up against a much stronger Barossa side than our last game against them. With some players still under injury clouds and winter flu the whole team had to dig deep and remain composed to take the win 52 - 0. We were up 24 - 0 at half time.

Starting with only 14 players meant that OC had to start dominant and retain possession. Within 5 minutes we were on the scoreboard with a brute strength truck up the middle by Connor Ryan (Nr. 3). Our backline weren't going to be shown up by the forwards and also showed some real flare with tries to Jordan Short (Nr. 12) and Jayden Hazzard (Nr. 13).

Overall OC was dominant in the scrums with several wins against the feed, though our scrum will be challenged against the stronger packs in the competition. Our continued focus at training on supporting ball runners and competing at the breakdown will give us the best chance of winning enough ball possession to convert this into points.

Best on ground this week was our *Californian Connection* Jordan Short (Nr. 12) who left the opposition in his dust with a hat trick of tries and Tom Mocatta (Nr. 14) who stepped up to dominate in defence with textbook tackling and was instrumental in winning the ball at several breakdowns. Great commitment Tom!



Best of luck to our state representative players who are away this week, meaning that our next game is in two weeks time, plenty of time for us to rebuild the numbers and get ready for some tough games in the back half of the season.

Under 12's - Match Report

Old Collegians 15 v Barossa 7

It was a beautiful Saturday morning to travel back to the Barossa to take on the Rams in what was a close contest last time we met. We started well with some good team structure before the Rams scored a try against the run of play. The remaining first half was an evenly balanced contest

with us down 7 - 0 at the halftime break.

Coach Craig would like to think that he said some inspirational words at half time to motivate the team, as it was clearly our best half of the season and we continued our form of performing better in the second half. It was great to see our backs make some good yards when given the opportunity and our forwards playing tough when defending our line. We decisively won the second half 3 tries to nil and the game 15 -7. Our coaches were overall pleased with how we played as a team. We are now looking for consistency for the remaining games of the season with some tough challenges ahead.

We wish Jake Branson and Ryan Barlow the best of luck as they travel to the Gold Coast with the South Australian State U13's.



Under 10's - Match Reports

Old Collegians Blue v Barossa

Weekly Award Winners – OC Blue: Jack Davies, Ivan Arnold and Noah Wilson

Old Collegians helping out the opposition on the day: Charlie Waltham *(full game),* Fergus Keighran *(full game),* Matthew Spark, Ivan Arnold, Charlie Kinniburgh, Jack Bell, Mia Aguiar & Noah Wilson

Saturday saw us heading up north to take on the Barossa Rams in beautiful conditions and surroundings! The team was well focussed during the warm-up and took to the field under the captaincy of Jack Taylor. Barossa couldn't field a full team and asked for our support prior to the start as they are in the building phase with their junior player program and have several "new to rugby" players. We agreed that if the Old Colls Blue team, which was at full strength on the day and with strong numbers in reserves were too dominant early on that we would try and balance the teams a bit better, to make a game out of it for all.



We started very strong, running in try after try almost straight from the kick-off with beautiful structure and the ball being passed through the hands. Four to five tries later and we asked several of our Old Collegians U10's if they'd be happy to help out the Barossa team. As a coaching group it is amazing in these situations to see how positively our U10's responds and without hesitation they agreed to help out the opposition.

We would like to thank all our U10's who played for Barossa on the day and a special mention to Charlie Waltham & Fergus Keighran who played a full game for Barossa. Half time (as we traditionally do) we asked them to swap back into their Old Colls jerseys but both of them asked if they could please help out Barossa for the remainder of the game. We not only helped strengthen the Barossa team on the day but also took their least experienced players into our team and helped them learn what it is to play forward and with good structure. The Barossa coach and parents thanked us after for all our support and the great rugby experience!

Thank you to all our parents for your commitment to get the kids to training and games every week. It is very pleasing to see how our team is constantly improving and the quality of rugby they are starting to play. We look forward to our next game against Woodville on the weekend!

Old Collegians Red v Burnside

Weekly Award Winners – OC Red: Salvatore Costanzo, Saxon Talbot-Price and Tyson Hazzard

The Old Collegians U10s played against Burnside at Womma Reserve, Elizabeth on Saturday morning. It was a great team effort and the game was played in the "true spirit of rugby". We saw lots of good tackling, great running play, lovely passing and strong support play. The Old Collegians front row was outstanding! They were lead by Salvatore Costanzo and well supported by William Deakin and Isaac Russell-Jarvie.

Saxon Talbot-Price continues to impress and was just every were both in attack and defence. The move of Torence Egglestone to the backline playing alongside Tyson Hazzard proved to be inspirational. We still need to improve our rucking skills by getting over the ball and not become stationary (this remains a work in progress).

Overall a great game by our red team, having played good competitive rugby without any reserves this week. Well done to you all! Congratulations to our weekly award winners: Salvatore Costanzo, Saxon Talbot-Price and Tyson Hazzard for a great game and giving Torence a try while being well over the try line.

This weekend we'll be taking on Onkaparinga at Tregenza Oval!

Under 8's Match Report

Old Collegians v Barossa

This week we played the Barossa Rams away from home on a beautiful sunny morning. The Rams did not have a full team of players so we lent them three different players for each half. Thanks to Zack, James and Angus, Jimmy, Cooper and Oscar for volunteering. This made it 7 on our side and 8 on theirs.

It was a good first half and quite a few tries were scored, by a combination of determined defence and commitment to pass as much as possible. A lot of players were involved in quite a few of the tries. Bailey had a good all-round game with determined tackling and 2 tries. Manuel got involved in all aspects too and provided good support running. James and Callum were industrious with their running and Cooper continued in his fearless tackling. Jimmy got on the end of some passes and scored 3 tries in the first half and one in the second.

The third team try, scored by Tom on the left hand side, epitomised good support play with the ball going through many hands.

There was some nice running, defence and support play from the other members of the team with Oscar trying hard to get hold of the ball and Angus providing some good support, ripping and defence. The Rams rallied around in the second half and scored a few nice tries of their own, providing some good competition.

The *Achievement Awards* this week went to **Angus Sidwell**, **Oscar Angove** and **Tom Spark** for his good running and well-taken 4 tries. However, the *Coaches Award* went to **Cooper Ryan** for his excellent defence.

Well done to all our players and thanks to all our volunteers, coaches and of course the parents.



Some of the Junior families made the most of the trip to the Barossa last weekend.

Under 7's Match Report

Old Collegians vs Barossa

This week's round at Lyndoch against Barossa saw another strong Old Collegian turn out, with 22 Under 7 players running out in the red and blue. Our newest "Official" Under 7 this week was **Rory McDonald**, who had turned 7 during the week, transitioning from the Rookie list to the Senior list!

We spilt our players into two teams, each team playing a full half against Barossa, and a scratch match against each other.

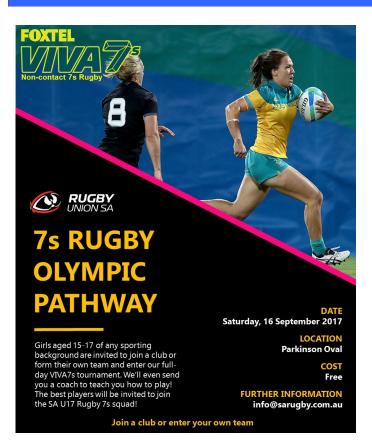
Our game plans are really beginning to take hold, with our attacking play flowing nicely into pop passing and skilful off-loads when confronted by a defender; this opened up the defender's line, and we scored 4 tries from this improvement in play alone.

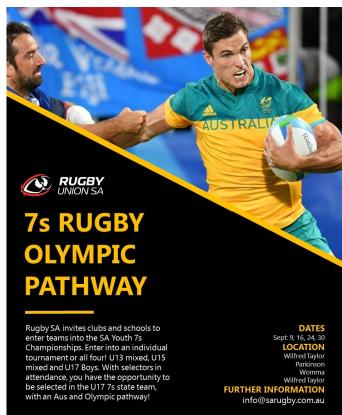
Defensively, our players have learned what it means to hold the line, and slide over to cover gaps in the line. This was demonstrated incredibly well this week when, after 3 Barossa tries in the same corner within 4 minutes, we did not let them through again on that side for the rest of the game, and they only scored one more try for the rest of the game.

Awards this week went to: **Sid Denley** (sliding defence, running up the middle, 1 try); **Edward Dally-Watkins** (first game of the season, had a go at everything, great solid defence); **Asha Raikiwasa** (fast in defence and chasing, straight ball running, 1 try); and **Rory McDonald** (first "Senior" game, Captain of Team 1).



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July

Sat 8th Sponsors Day and Curry Night

Sat 15th Competition Bye

Sun 16th Crippled Crows at Tregenza

Sat 22nd Movie Night

Sat 29th Ladies Day Fundraiser - YWCA's Encore Program

(Survivorship program for women who have survived Breast Cancer)

Sat 29th Bob Burgess Cup

August

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



Volunteers Corner



This week we wish to acknowledge all our Volunteers who all spend countless hours making this club function on the field each week for both Senior and Junior teams.

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