



OLD COLLEGIANS RUGBY UNION CLUB

Tregenza Times

11th May 2017

Round Three—Results

Coopers Premier Grade—Old Collegians 13 vs Brighton 35

Premier Reserve Grade—Old Collegians –17 vs Brighton 39

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Round Four Fixtures

Premier Grade

3.20pm Southern Suburbs v Old Collegians
Bailey Reserve

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2.00pm Southern Suburbs c Old Collegians
Bailey Reserve

Division 1

3.20pm Adelaide University v Old Collegians
At Waite

Womens—Full Bye Round

Under 18's

12.40pm Southern Suburbs v Old Collegians
Bailey Reserve

Under 16's

11.20am Southern Suburbs v Old Collegians
Bailey Reserve

Under 14's

11.20am Adelaide University v Old Collegians
At Waite

Under 12's

10.20am Adelaide University c Old Collegians
At Waite

Under 10's

Old Collegians Blue— Bye

9.30am Adelaide University v Old Collegians
Red
At Waite

Under 8's

8.40am Adelaide University v Old Collegians
At Waite

Under 6/7

8.40am Adelaide University v Old Collegians
At Waite

OLD COLLEGIANS 80TH YEAR

1967 Premiers 50th Celebration!

OLD COLLEGIANS R.F.C.

"A" GRADE—PREMIERS 1967



R Essery (Secretary) H Brimlow (President) R Kenn, R Ryan, P Williams, R Forbes (Capt) A Jebb, A Wilson, B Rogers, D Quodling, R O'Keefe (Team Manager) H Rogers (Vice President) S Williams, M Hobmen, Manrie Smith., P Allen, M Smith Smith (Ball Boy) R Burgess, R O'Keefe, R Durnham (Mascot) R Hancock, D Barrow, Smith (Ball Boy)

Do you remember the 1967 Premiership clash against Elizabeth – where OC won; well, Phil Williams, full back in the OC team does, scoring a superb penalty kick from over the far touch line to win 19-18. He is back in Adelaide this weekend to celebrate the 50 years anniversary of that Premiership win.

He will join us at Souths and then head on back to a very different clubroom at Tregenza to catch up with a few old mates. Come back to the Club (after our games at Southern Suburbs) to have a drink and reminisce over the past 50 years !!!

If you were part of that team or know someone who was, let them know, and come along and enjoy the banter about "the good old days".



Coopers Premier Grade Match Report

Old Collegians 13 vs Brighton 36

Tries: Gary Mann, Chris Bartlett
Penalties: Jim Hopkinson
Best Players: Rob Smedley, Will Hannam, Chris Bartlett

The game started in promising fashion with Old Colls holding the early possession and scoring the first points with a penalty. Following this initial success the first grade fell into the trap of playing too predictably and were not able to exploit the opportunities that developed on the field, particularly where Brighton were not committing many to rucks and were able to spread their defensive line wide to smother the attack. Brighton as ever were strong in support in the open plays and drove into our 22, where they took advantage of a loose ball popping out of a scrum close to our line to nab their first try. Subsequently they were able to build their score with 3 penalties and another try in the first half, before Old Colls got one try back as Mann went over after running from 8 off the back of a steady scrum.

The second half held more of the same, where Old Colls had several opportunities and good passages of play to build phases, but suffered for a lack of direction and at times were their own worst enemies when various chances ended with basic dropped passes or intercepts thrown. Conversely, Brighton were able to capitalise on their counter-attack and ran in 2 more soft tries when our tackling began to fall off and let them break the advantage line. In the last 10 minutes Old Colls looked better and varied their attack from side to side to open enough space for Bartlett to break through and run 30m up the wing for the final try, but more consistency is needed throughout the whole game to enable us to keep the pressure on the opposition sides.

Premier Reserve Grade Match Report

Old Collegians 17 vs Brighton 39

Tries: Jack Darby, Adam Whitehead
Conversions: Adam Beardon (2)
Penalty Goal: Adam Beardon

The Reserves faced a formidable Brighton side sporting several faces regularly seen in the first grade not so long ago, and a long bench of fresh reserves. We were on the back foot from early on conceding a penal to go 3 behind after ten minutes. Although we worked hard and showed some positive signs, Brighton continued to make inroads and extended their lead to 15 after 20 minutes with two tries, one converted, one not. Some relief right on half time when we were able to kick a penalty (Adam Bearden) and save a first half clean sheet with the score at 3 - 15.

Brighton scored off the restart with a Try (not converted) - not what we wanted really. Then finally some reward for effort when Jack Darby capitalised on a period of good possession to score a Try. Adam Bearden converted.

For all Brighton's dominance to this point, including a period when were down to 14 men after Joel Pepper was yellowed card on the back of a series of team indiscretions, scores at 10 - 20 didn't look so bad. Brighton then, as they did all afternoon, regrouped, made the most of their forward power and quick recycling to wear us down and scored a few minutes later. Undaunted, during the following ten minutes, we played our best Rugby. We won one scrum against the head, got the ball moving quicker, created some sustained pressure that had Brighton going backwards. All collimating with a Try to Adam Whitehead which Adam Bearden converted. Hope springs eternal and it seemed for a few fleeting moments that we might have turned the tide. It was not to be as the fatigue of a physical game took it's toll. Brighton scored two more converted Tries to close out the match and win 17 - 39.

Special thanks to Jack Nicolson for reserving. That may not have been exactly the way Jack had planned his afternoon, but his presence was much needed and greatly appreciated. Thanks also to Ian Britcher for some late relief for Robbie. Together with the rest of our reserves, they came off the back of a full 80 minutes of a hard third grade match.

It was also great to have Luke Clifton, Joel Pepper and James Francis back. Together with Robert Porteous they absorbed a lot of punishment in the forward, and had their victories as well. First start in the 2's for our second Frenchman Gilles Bonnet. He'll be better for the run.

Ties to Jack Darby and Adam Whitehead. A Penalty Goal and two excellent Conversions to Adam Bearden.

Womens XV — Match Report

Old Collegians 0 v Burnside 13

The women's team put on a valiant display in the face of sickness, multiple injuries and disruption. Two tries and a penalty to Burnside resulted in a 0-13 score line. However, the forwards supported well and Kristie Hume led the way with some damaging hit-ups. The backs also supported each other well under pressure. Our defensive pressure resulted in Burnside making errors on three (otherwise) definite tries.

A tough day at the office but very promising signs for the team so early in the season.

Under 18's — Match Report

Old Collegians 63 v Burnside 5

Tries: Killick (1), Viljoen (1), Wells (2), M. Illman (2), Clifton (2), R. Illman (1), Matthews (1), Carter (1)

Conversions: Viljoen (4)

It would be understandable if our boys were a bit rugby weary following a 10 day enjoyable and relatively successful New Zealand tour (1 comfortable win, 2 close losses) to good local opposition. The tourists have had a hectic tour, been white water rafting, watched 2 Super Rugby games, attended Queenstown ANZAC day Dawn Service to list a few. So perhaps the ideal opposition to visit Tregenza for our league opener was a depleted 13 man Brighton side.

From the start it seemed to be a case of how many tries and points we would get. Our pack had the mobility and ball retention to dominate, even creating a few turnovers from breakdowns. We used the 2 extra men to spin the ball at leisure through the hands. The fact that 10 of our 11 tries were scored by backs are testament to that (the 1 forward to notch was Brad, in scoring the teams 4th after taking an amazing 1 handed catch, ignoring the pleas of the overlapping backs to put his head down and get over the white line himself. The referee added to Brighton's woes in sending a player to the sin-bin for illegal lifting and dropping Ben in the lead up to the score. Just after their lad returned the referee evened things up sending Douglas to the lonely chair for 10 minutes.

Following another couple of Old Coll's tries caused by attractive running / spinning rugby Brighton notched themselves. Recycling it through their forwards following pressure in our own 22. This made the halftime score 38-5 and gave coach's Rob and Braddles the chance to give our boys a bit of a bollocking for tackling too high when trying to strip the ball. Second half Brighton strengthened their numbers by adding a couple of U16's, however this addition could not stem the tide.

Jasper drew great praise from our coaching pair in the lead up to our 8th stripping the Brighton ball carrier and offloading allowing Ben V. to be the recipient to race outside for his score. I didn't see our 9th but our 10th was enjoyable. Brighton were in our 22 and looking threatening when we got the turnover. A huge hoof downfield from Ben had them on their heels, Ben was joined in the chase with Awin and lead to Jasper notching following some stylish offloads.

This leads to our 11th and my personal highlight of the day (pictured). Brighton tried their own bomb, it was a cracking up and under with a good Brighton chase. Michael was under it, made a quality catch, did a 180 to spin out of the impending tackle and basically galloped back at them and dove over their whitewash to seal the scoring.

Ohhhhhhh me lads, you should have seen us coming



Under 16's - Match Report

Old Collegians 36 vs Brighton 31

The U/16's came out to play Brighton at Parkinson Oval undermanned due to us playing uncontested scrums. (Hope the Music fair in Mt Gambier went well Tane and Henry!). Brighton looked to be a far bigger team than us and we knew we had to move them around as much as possible early.

OC got off to a good start with an early try after persistent pressure on the back line and fantastic ball security from our forwards, and just before half time we were up 20-5.

Then Brighton regained momentum and took advantage of our lacklustre line speed in defence which created time and space for the Tigers. They took advantage of this and clawed their way back into the match, and one stage taking the lead. Some tactical kicking from George helped give us the territory we required to continue to attack in their half, and we managed to get our noses back in front with 20 minutes to play.

With 15 minutes to go, Killian was yellow carded for a high tackle and we had to see out the rest of the match with 13 players. Which we did courageously, the final score being 36-31. Congratulations under 16!

Under 14's

Old Collegians 41 vs Brighton 7

Tries: Jayden Hazzard (3), Carl Arnold (2), Morris Clementson & Siobhan Monaghan

Conversions: Carl Arnold (3)

What a contrast to our first game of the season. The OC U/14's took the field against Brighton on Saturday with sheer determination. It was a true team display from start to finish. We not only played well as a team but kept our structure beautifully in both the forwards and the backs. We kept the opposition guessing and defending all day as we created exciting play, utilising every player in the team as we spread the ball across the width of the field.

It is also very exciting to see that our new team members have settled in so well. It is remarkable to see their rugby knowledge and contribution to the game incrementally increasing from week to week. Well done coaches!

We wish Jack Norris a speedy recovery following his injury on the weekend as well as to Slade Hollway who is recovering from a collar-bone injury.

We are very proud of our team's performance and celebrated the excellent result with them.

This coming Saturday will see us take on the Uni Blacks at Adelaide University, Waite on Fullarton road. Kick-off at: 11:20am.



Under 12's - Match Report

Old Collegians 0 vs Brighton 54

Well the U12's have had their first match loss in a long time, and it was to a strong Brighton side. Brighton started well with some early tries, we were missing our prop Tino who could have helped Jake and Max Gordon match up to a large Brighton front row.

Jake had some runs but couldn't break through Brighton's well played defence. Although we lost to a superior playing side the team didn't make it easy with some great tackles, with Max Richards and Lucas Aguiar standing out.

Several of our players suffered injuries while giving it their all, and I am sure the side will reflect and improve in the next few weeks. Defeated 54 nil but not broken, the U12's are realising how much of a target they are following a premiersip win.

Bring on the next match!!

OLD COLLEGIANS 80TH YEAR



Back row - Peter Christie, Mark Slape, Jim Close, George "Hux" Huxtable, Keith Dobson, Colin Runge, Don Philps (Capt.), Ian Hunter.

Middle row - Norman Sorrell, Doug Abbott, Gordon Abbott, Ken Thomas, Frank Fleming

Sitting - Jack Hastwell, Monte Bennett Rear - Max von Sanden (trainer)

Cup for fairest and best player presented by Mick Schlasnk Esq. won by M. Slape.

Cup for most improved player presented by G. Abbott Esq. won by G.H. Huxtable.

Club finished second in Premiership competition. Beaten in Final of Consolation Cup Contest by Army A.

20th August 2002: Len Perkins suggests that Don Philps should be Don "Phelps"

Under 10's- Match Report

Weekly Award Winners – OC Blue: Louis Clementson, Will Tanner & Sasha Humble

Weekly Award Winners – OC Red: Salvy Costanzo, Jenson Grudnoff & Thomas King

On Saturday 6th May the Old Collegians U10's took on Brighton Black at Parkinson Oval and Brighton Gold at Tregenza Oval. The OC Blue team was lead by Coach John Kinniburgh and the Red team by Coach Colin Macfadyen, with Coach Matt Bell interstate on business.

The OC U10 Blue team lost the match by 7 tries to 5 in a closely contested game, which we allowed to slip away towards the end. Brighton Black was playing with good structure and their team passed the ball through the hands, which allowed their fast backs to get into space. They scored a couple of run-away but good team tries, which reminded our team that we need to be on top of our first time tackles if we want to be competitive for the full duration of the game. Brighton succeeded with 5 conversions from their 7 tries and we succeeded with 3 conversions from our 5 tries. Brighton retained their backline structure a lot better than us. A special mention goes to Mathew Spark for scoring his first try (the smile on his face was priceless), Ivan Arnold for crossing the white line twice, Charlie Waltham with a try as well as Louis Clementson scoring too. Louis played with tremendous determination! Sasha Humble also lead very well from the front and kept the order and structure for us in the scrum.

We tend to cling onto the ball too much and better judgment how and when to offload will be a key point of emphasis at training over the coming weeks. Tackling (wrapping our arms around the player, hitting with the shoulder, whilst putting our head in a safe spot) will be another focus area. Clean out at the breakdown for the full duration of the game is another aspect of the game we will be focussing on. We should recognise how well Brighton moved the ball though the hands to the players that are in space, this created many opportunities for them from which they scored.

A special thank you to Coach Juan Aguiar who refereed the Blue team's game for us at Parkinson and Mark Pickard who refereed the Red team's game for us at Tregenza.

The Red team had a hard day at the office, with Salvy crossing the white line once. Brighton Gold was on top of their game scoring 6 tries and 1 conversion. The game feedback was similar to the Blue team, with the same areas identified to work on at training. Salvy Costanzo, Jenson Grudnoff and Thomas King were rewarded with certificates for exceptional play.

A special mention goes to Kate Mocatta who made numerous tackles and played very well for a second week in a row.

The OC Blue team has a BYE this weekend and the OC Red team will be playing against Adelaide Uni at Waite on Fullarton road, kick-off at: 09:30am.



Under 8's Match Report

Old Collegians v Brighton

Our Under 8's team welcomed Brighton to Tregenza Oval on a lovely morning. Both sides were busy early on and Manuel got back into try-scoring mode on his first run-out this year with a nice run on the left hand side. Brighton weren't shy in scoring and followed suit with their own tries. In contrast to last week's game we were seemingly reluctant at the breakdown and this is where Brighton capitalised (a lot) during the match.

There was no shortage of effort in defence and some nice runs were made by our players but we were sometimes isolated at the breakdown and when not isolated, we did not successfully set the ball up for our players or did not have our players to ruck over the top.

There were some good players on the Brighton side who showed a lot of pace and we missed a few tackles and we were not as able to compete for the ball quite as much as we would like due to Brighton's superior breakdown work.

That said, Jimmy and Tom added to our try tally but we conceded quite a few tries. There was some great evidence of good tackle technique, but we must also ensure that we bring the opposition to the ground more consistently too.

I think it can be regarded as a good learning experience this week and there are things to work on at training before playing Adelaide University at their ground, Waite on Saturday (8:40 am kick-off).

This week's award winners were **Manuel** who had a good all-round display with some great tackling and a lovely try, **Cooper** with untiring defence and great technique in the tackle, but the **Coach's Award** went to **Tristan** for some great tackling this week and for getting in the thick of things.



Under 7's Match Report

Old Collegians v Brighton

If the future of a sporting club can be judged by the numbers and culture within its junior ranks, the future of Old Collegians Rugby Club is extremely bright indeed! This week's Under 7s hit-out, our second match for the season, was against Brighton. We had 22 very enthusiastic players pull on the red and blue, fielding two teams with enough spare players to loan a couple to Brighton. This allowed us to run two separate matches side by side. A special mention for great sportsmanship goes to Lois and Alice who volunteered to help Brighton make up two teams.

It was a high scoring affair right from the kick off, with Old Colls putting points on the board first, only for Brighton to answer back with a try of their own almost immediately. This continued for most of the match with both teams coming back strongly from each defensive effort.

It was fantastic to see all the hard work the players are putting in at training coming to fruition. Not only did we consolidate the skills we displayed against Burnside last week, but continued to build on those foundations.

There were many great signs of improvement, but one particularly impressive development was our passing and communication. For the first time, we saw many players using their teammates' support by handing off passes beyond the two passes required to begin each play. Many of these passes were made on the run, this show "a great level of skill" this early in the season. Even more impressive was the fact that most of these passes were hitting their mark with great hands despite the chilly early morning conditions!

A special mention to Oliver, who ran rings around Brighton's defence, crossing for a massive five tries! Other try scorers included Jack, Harry, Noah, Patrick, Sid, Joshua and Billy. Of course, none of these tries would have been possible without great support from the players around them.

Several players received certificates in recognition of their outstanding efforts including: Rory McDonald for a great effort in his first 'proper' match (Great job Rory!); Jack Wilson who scored an impressive three tries; Joshua Edwards who scored a try in his first match!; Talei Corpus for a great game, especially in defence; Patrick Sos for an excellent effort in being everywhere he needed to be, including crossing for a great try in the second half; Will Page for a great all round performance; and Ewan Moran for an outstanding effort including a great try saving tag. Well done to all!

We've had an excellent start to the season with great commitment from all players and their families at both training and matches.

We look forward to building on this as the season progresses and the kids build on their own skills and learn to play together as a team.



Rugby Union SA News

Development Officer

An exciting new role has been created at Rugby Union South Australia. This newly designed role will be focusing on developing the Women's game by providing education, training and development programs, based at each club who host a The successful applicant will be responsible for running a series of female development programs, utilising the success of female engagement through various in school development programs. The role is currently a short term (grant dependant), full time role; however, we are in the process of exploring opportunities to make the role long term.

Key Areas of Responsibility

- Set up clear lines of communications with all key stakeholders at current Women's Clubs
- Work with and foster a relationship with the University of Adelaide key personnel
- Plan a comprehensive Female engagement program
- Run individual programs at each of the current Women's Clubs
- Increase player numbers at each of the current Women's Clubs
- Assist in the implementation of the Rugby Union SA's club development strategy to improve the capacity of junior and senior rugby clubs
- Assist clubs with their retention strategy
- Complete reporting on programs to meet funding and acquittal requirements.
- Assist in the organisation of coach education programs.
- Periodically attend specific school sports expos.

Knowledge, Skills & Expertise

Essential

- Knowledge of Rugby Union
- Coaching qualification
- Working with children clearance / Police Clearance / DCSI
- Good communication skills both verbal and written

Desirable

- Experience / knowledge of working / volunteering in sport



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UNION SA**

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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.

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

Save these Dates

May

Sat 13th
Sat 20th
Sat 27th

Women's Nationals

Women's—Woodville vs Old Collegians—Parkinson's Oval 3
Women's—Southern Suburbs vs Old Collegians—AA Bailey Reserve 2

June

Sat 3rd
Sat 10th
Sat 17th
Sat 24th

Women's—Burnside vs Old Collegians—Parkinson's Oval 3

Competition Bye

Women's—Woodville vs Old Collegians—Gleneagles Reserve
Women's—Old Collegians vs Southern Suburbs—**Tregenza Oval**

July

Sat 1st
Sat 8th
July 15th
Sat 29th

Women's— Old Collegians vs Burnside

Women's—Woodville vs Old Collegians—Gleneagles Reserve

Competition Bye

Women's—Burnside vs Old Collegians—Parkinson's Oval 2



August

Sat 5th
Sat 12th
Sat 19th
Sun 20th
Sat 26th
Sun 27th

Women's—Old Collegians vs Woodville AA Bailey Reserve 2

Women's Southern Suburbs vs Old Collegians—Parkinson's Oval 2

Round 1 Finals

Round 1 Finals

Round 2 Finals

JPP Gala Day

September

Sat 2nd
Fri 15th
Sun 17th

Grand Finals

Senior Presentation Night

Junior Presentation Day

October

November

Sun 5th

Melbourne Cup Luncheon

December

Christmas Party





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OLD COLLEGIANS 80TH YEAR

National Volunteer Week

May 8—14th 2017



**GIVE HAPPY
LIVE HAPPY**



Cheerio!

Our thoughts and best wishes to

Kim Pienaar

our U14 team manager and women's player.

Kim suffered a broken ankle during the game on Saturday and is now recovering after surgery.

We wish her a speedy recovery.



Volunteer Corner

Many thanks to our small but regular team who help out on a weekly basis – whatever the need is; with particular thanks to 2 new U14 parents.

Jo Rebuli and Derryn Norris

who took up volunteer duties not only for their allocated time slot, but filled in at other times when volunteers were needed.

They were introduced to our roster system on a very busy day !!



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