



OLD COLLEGIANS RUGBY UNION CLUB

Tregenza Times

18th May 2017

Round Four—Results

Coopers Premier Grade—Old Collegians 31 v Souths 0
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Round Five Fixtures

Premier Grade

3.40pm Old Collegians v Port Adelaide

Premier Reserve

2.30pm Old Collegians vs Port Adelaide

Division 1

12.30pm Old Collegians v Woodville

Women's

1.10pm Brighton v Old Collegians
Parkinsons Oval 3

Under 18's

12.40pm Barossa v Old Collegians
Roseworthy Campus

Under 16's

11.30am Barossa v Old Collegians
Roseworthy Campus

Under 14's

10.30am Barossa v Old Collegians
Roseworthy Campus

Under 12's

9.30am Barossa v Old Collegians
Roseworthy Campus

Under 10's

Old Collegians **Red**
8.40am Barossa v Old Collegians
Roseworthy Campus

Old Collegians **Blue**

9.30am Old Collegians v Brighton Gold
Tregenza Oval

Under 8's

8.00am Barossa v Old Collegians
Roseworthy College

Under 6 & 7's

8.00am Barossa v Old Collegians
Roseworthy Campus

OLD COLLEGIANS 80TH YEAR

Coopers Premier Grade Match Report

Old Collegians 31 v Souths 0

Tries: Andrew Burgess, Chris Bartlett, Jim Hopkinson (2), Nick Litchfield
Conversions: Jim Hopkinson (3)
Best Players: Andrew Kennett, Peter Cross, Will Hannam

The first grade continued the trend of starting the game well and defensively had a much improved performance from the last couple of weeks. The set piece functioned smoothly as the forwards battled against a strong pack upfront, providing a solid platform for the backs who scored all 5 tries, whilst better communication in defence and marshalling from Cross helped to keep Souths scoreless.

Old Colls took possession into Souths territory early for a try to Burgess running straight up in the centres, and he featured again soon after with a line break into the 22 where he offloaded to Hopkinson who finished to build the lead to 12. A couple of handling errors put Old Colls on the back foot and allowed Souths to spend much of the rest of the half on attack, but lower tackling in general helped to check their momentum and they unsuccessfully resorted to long-range penalty kicks to try and get some return.

In the second half the strength of the squad of players comprising the 1s and 2s showed through as Teagle, Cleary, Litchfield and Whitehead each made important contributions from the bench to keep the pressure on. Old Colls were most dangerous when implementing the simple aspects of attack well to provide quick ball recycling, enabling them to switch the focus from across the field quickly whilst going forward, creating space for Litchfield to score next down the wing.

Old Colls resettled the attack and from a line out near half way sent the ball wide through the hands for Litchfield, Fleetwood-Pieper and Bartlett to get around the defenders and Bartlett dotted down the bonus point try. The forwards rumbled some effective possession up the field towards the end of the game where Mann made good break into the red zone, offloading to Hopkinson, again in support, who straightened and ran the last 20 to score the final 7 points.

OLD COLLEGIANS 80TH YEAR

1982 Cheer Squad



Can we recognise any of these ladies!

Very colourful bunch of Old Colls supporters!

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

Premier Reserve Grade Match Report

Old Collegians 50 vs Souths 17

Tries: Adam Whitehead (3), Karl Edgar (2), Derek Lewis, Nic Litchfield and Ned Morcom.
Conversions: Adam Whitehead 5 conversions
Best Players: Austin Teagle - an outstanding performance at No7, Nic Litchfield and Karl Edgar.

If the history of the last few years is anything to go by, matches against Souths follow a predictable trajectory. Start well. Souths close the gap. Scores close at first time. Then things can get interesting. If your guard is down Souths are masters at exploiting their opportunities. Wouldn't be the first time we looked up at the end of the match to see we have lost. On the other hand, perhaps depending on how many first graders get pulled or fitness or hard work, the pendulum can swing quickly in your favour. So what would it be in this Round 4 match?

Two minutes played and Souths Winger's pace blew away our defence to power over for a Try, duly converted. Wow - where did that come from! Time to regroup, settle down and use the ball. The rewards came from hard work with three Tries in twenty minutes - Karl Edgar (1) then Adam Whitehead (2). Adam took the kicking duties for the first time and converted one of the three. A nice 17 to 7 lead with five minutes to half time. But Ah, you know what's coming. Out of nowhere Souths, a man in the bin, conjure two Tries. Lucky they could not convert either. And here we are - half time and scores level at 17 a piece.

With three losses from three so far, this was a game that we really needed to win. In some ways the first half was a period where the team got to know each other. It was the first game for Harry Warner (Hooker), George Campbell (Prop), Austin Teagle (Flanker) and Ned Morcom (Wing). Jed Campbell, back in after a break for concussion, played Outside Centre instead of his normal Flanker role. A first for him. It was the also first time Nic Litchfield played at Fly Half and Adam Whitehead at Fullback. Derek Lewis came into No 8 for his first start in the 2's for this year. Are you getting the picture!

It could have fallen apart but then it clicked, and boy did it click. Within a minute of the restart Derek was over the line. Six minutes later Karl took this second Try. Now, Adam found his kicking rhythm to convert. The Forwards were in control and delivering quality ball thanks to Lee Verrell, Justin Elder and especially Austin Teagle. Next it was Ned Morcom's turn to score. Then a truly wonderful play which came from wide on the left from inside our own half that had all supporters on their feet. Started by Ned Morcom it was a perfect example of something that was practiced at Thursday night training - committing the defender and passing. At full speed from Ned to Full Back Adam Whitehead to Nic Litchfield. So simple, so well executed, so exciting to watch. A great reward for Nic to top off a very striking debut at No10 to touch down under the posts. Nic's awareness and uncanny ability to ghost through Souths pretty very organised mid-field defence was a highlight. The awesome 20 minute run of Tries continued with Adam Whitehead scoring and converting to take the score line to an unassailable lead of 50 to 17.

The strength of our bench was a real factor in our success. Ian Britcher played a larger part in the match than he may have been planning when George took a knee to his calf and came off for a break at halftime. Ryan (BoBo) Nielsen and Liam McDonough both made valuable contributions. And finally, how lucky are we to have Ben Viljeon and Dougie Pratt from our U18's rotate on and finish the match with style and energy.

A great all round team performance.



Under 18's — Match Report

Old Collegians 24 VS Souths 19

Tries: Cole (1), Pratt (1), Sharkey (1), Young (1)

Conversions: Viljoen (2)

Sports commentators and coach's say the sign of a good team is when you play poorly and still get the win. We must be awesome as we could not have played poorer yet still bagged the points. We do have mitigating factors, we rocked up to Bailey Reserve with 15 healthy players, however 10 of these lads play in the forward pack which led to coach James reorganising our team at short notice (during the warm up). The result was an untried centre partnership of Alfie and Doug. Souths had their own player woes, they only had 12 available blokes and had to promote 2 U16's to make up the numbers. Sadly they were lacking a Hooker which led to uncontested scrums.

It was a pretty dull opening, Alfie and Dougie combined in their new roles a couple of times but without real menace. Wellsy saved the day, making a last ditch tackle in our 22. The breakthrough came after 18 minutes, a scrum halfway was picked up by their scrum half and a couple of jinks and he was under the post. Amazingly pressure from Ben and Jasper caused the kicker to push it right. A coaching switch between Dougie and Paddy led to Ben playing centre and gave us more threat. Kees was the first beneficiary, finishing from a scrum 5 metres out to dive over the line.



Souths 2nd came from a familiar source, the centres spreading the ball after "winning" the uncontested scrum. This led to the unexpected half-time score of 12 – 7 in Souths favour. Things turned sourer for our boys when their scrum half scored their 3rd in breaking away himself. The resulting conversion gave them a 12 point lead.

After wasting good ball in their territory our lads finally clicked and realised our best chance of the win is through our pack. Effective pods and battering ram rugby allowed Dougie to get our 2nd. Paddy broke away for our 3rd try, the resulting conversion from the touchline making the scores level and it seemed like a formality at this point. Paddy's pilfering then looked like resulting in the leading score, starting a quick break down their right. A last gasp, possible deliberate knock on saved the day for Souths (think Wallaby captain David Campese in the 1991 RWC final v England and you get the picture).

It was in the last minute that our persistence paid off. Our pack bulldozed their way over their try line, was the ball down only our player will know. Doesn't really matter, the referee stated we were held up resulting in a 5 metre scrum with the most enticing blind side. We knew it, they knew it, South's full back was even yelling we were going that way. Dougie took it blind from the scrum, Kees recycled it and all of our forward pack seemed to shove Harrison over the line. The referee was not convinced of the downing but luckily gave the score after consulting his linesman. The final whistle went straight after the conversion attempt giving us a scrappy 24-19 win.

Ohhhhhh me lads, you should have seen us coming (just)



Under 16's - Match Report

Old Collegians 26 v Souths 22

No report received

Under 14's

Old Collegians 64 v Adelaide University 0

Tries: Jayden Hazzard (4), Willem Pienaar (2), Clayton Dawson, Morris Clementson, Connor Ryan, Carl Arnold

Conversions: Carl Arnold (4), Morris Clementson (2), Ryan Barlow (1)

Strong win this week with final score of 64-0 with 10 tries and 7 conversions. Great improvement in the level of intensity and confidence shown by all players. Notable stand outs in the forwards were Noah Rebuli (Nr.5), Connor Ryan (Nr.3) and Clayton Dawson (Nr.8) who were all best on field.

Notable backline players were Jayden Hazzard (Nr.12) with 4 tries, Carl Arnold (Nr.9) showed great initiative and reading the play looking for attacking opportunities with a great kick and collect to score in the corner! Morris Clementson had some great line breaks and now needs to share the ball to the speed (Meg and Siobhan) out wide.

Excellent defence with all players showing excellent one-on-one tackles around the waist, using the shoulder and taking the legs. Tom Mocatta (Nr.11) showed great commitment in defence with two one-on-one tackles.

Focus at training still on running with the ball with correct posture and ball retention in attack. In the scrum we need to focus on lower body height in the front row, and improve ball retention in rucks by securing the ball at the back.

Well done to our U12's players Ryan Barlow and Max Grodon for stepping up to our bench again and playing a big part in our success.

Overall a great improvement over the three games played this season.



Under 12's - Match Report

Old Collegians 40 v Adelaide Uni 5

Tries: Jake Branson, Archie King, Ryan Barlow (2), Max Richards (2)

Conversions: Ryan Barlow (5)

After a week of some good training and the realisation that we can be beaten the U12's definitely came out this Saturday with a great attitude and mindset of playing as a team.

From the whistle we played much better team rugby, although we did find ourselves down 5-0 after 10 min. With a few position changes the forwards stepped it up a gear and were able to give our backline much more ball. With some fantastic running and support play by everybody we soon moved ahead and the final whistle saw the score line at 40-5 in our favour.

Some really promising play by the entire team. Still lots of work to do, but with the right mindset this team is looking good.

Coaches looking forward to some good training sessions this week and then our next encounter against Barossa.



Under 10's- Match Report

Old Collegians Red vs Adelaide Uni

Weekly Award Winners—OC Red: Alex Punshon and Saxon Talbot-Price

Tries: Saxon Talbot-Price (2), Jack Bell (2), Jenson Grudnoff

On Saturday morning 13th May, the Old Collegians Under 10's Red Team took on Adelaide University at Waite Oval. The OC Blue Team had a BYE and will be back in action this coming weekend against Brighton Gold at Tregenza Oval with the Red Team heading up north to Roseworthy Campus for a game against Barossa.

The OC Under 10 Red team won the match against Adelaide Uni fairly comfortably by 5 tries to 1 in what seemed at times a closer game. Adelaide Uni kept competing for every ball and had a couple of strong players who made us work for every try. This was by far our best game this season in many respects. We had a very good team warm-up prior to our game and we did what our coaches asked at training. We played beautifully as a team and we managed to maintain our structure and use the width of the field. We also saw an improvement in our tackling which has been identified as a key focus area for the Under 10's group to work on over the coming weeks.

We saw Kate Mocatta have another great game and running the ball up strongly, so did Saxon Talbot-Price (he was everywhere on the field and always ready to support his team mates) and Jack Bell with a beautiful offload to Jenson, which saw him dart off and cross the white line for the last try of the game. There are two many individual highlights to mention but it was the "team play" that impressed all the spectators on the side line. This is a great foundation to build on; lets keep working hard at training!

As special thankyou to Alex Punshon who was happy to play a half for Adelaide Uni as full back (he made some fantastic tackles on his own team mates!) as well as to Mia Aguiar (from the Blue team) who also helped out the Uni Blacks as full back during the second half of the game. We had a couple of Under 10's Red players not available on Saturday morning and we saw a couple of our Blue team come out at short notice to support the Red Team.

Well done to you all!



Under 8's Match Report

Old Collegians v Adelaide University

Our Under 8's team were welcomed by the Adelaide University team at Waite Oval on another beautiful warm Saturday morning.

Right off the whistle the players showed a determined edge about them. Bailey took the ball up and Manuel demonstrated his speed off the mark for a lovely try in the left hand corner and repeated the feat later in the game. There was some great defence—a cracking tackle by Cooper, followed by one from Bailey and Jimmy pushed Uni into touch. There was continued defensive pressure on the Uni line and Callum scored a nice try from a turn over.

Jimmy pretty much scored a try from the re-start and Angus did some good defensive work, shepherding Uni into touch. There were plenty of mauls this week as our Red and Blues repeated held up University in the tackle and more often than not were able to rip the ball away from the tackle area.

Jimmy scored another nice try and there was a good run from Tom with what we thought was a great hand-off, but the referee found differently and ruled it high. Callum had a good run and Bailey did some nice passing to Tom for another run. James got his hands on the ball, went for a run and beat three or four before being brought down, but slipped a nice pop-up passed to Callum who put himself in a great position in support for another good try (his second). Jimmy scored another couple of tries, using his speed and bulk to great effect. Rhys did a nice tackle and pass and Manuel scored his second try.

We still need to work on cleaning out in a ruck situation as we still have a tendency to hang back and watch, but there was great defence shown and it is clear that if we work on getting the ball to pretty much any member of the team with a little space, any of them can make significant in-roads into the opposition territory.

This week's award winners were **Alex Smitham**, who really got into the thick of the action this week, with a much improved defensive display, **Zack Czeglik** with some nice defence with a bit of running too.

This week though the **Coach's Award** went to **Jimmy Ryan**, for some great tackling and some well taken tries (5).



Under 7's Match Report

Old Collegians Blue v Adelaide Uni Blacks

Fantastic game by the team. Fast paced with impressive defensive work. Special mention to Noah for his tagging efforts.

During the first half some players found themselves offside too much. This was addressed at half time by the coach and the players responded well.

Oliver and James collectively scored 5 out of the 7 tries with Alice and Myles scoring one try each. Each try was a 30m + run which was great to see.



Old Collegians Red vs The Adelaide Uni Blacks

Awards:

James McDonald, Zander Czeglik, Jasper Chamney

A fast paced chasing game that looked a lot like competitive rugby. Both teams covered a lot of ground in this game and The Blacks led from the beginning however Old Cols came answered every try with their own in a battle to stay up.

Strong effort from all the kids this week with Jasper getting his hands on the ball the first time and scoring a try. Patrick Sos, Harry Menz and Jack Wilson scored 3-4 tries each with excellent passing and setups from the wider team and Connor scored his first try too.

The kids are progressing well in both their enjoyment but also skills with some of the basics being quickly learnt and the focus moving to structure of the game.

Fundamental skills like passing, chasing for the tag/tackle, staying on side, listening to coach and a combination of some of the more experienced kids with some of the youngsters have lifted the standard of the game.



Rugby Union SA News

Congratulations:

Five players from Old Collegians have made the U13's State Squad: **Jayden Hazzard, Morris Clementson, Carl Arnold, Ryan Barlow & Jake Branson**. Congratulations also to: Stephen Goddard (Head Coach) & Rob Costanzo (Team Manager) from Old Collegians.



The poster features the Rugby Union SA logo at the top left, which consists of a stylized white bird or eagle within a red and white circular emblem. To the right of the logo, the text 'RUGBY UNION SA' is written in a bold, white, sans-serif font. Below this, the title 'U13 STATE SQUAD TALENT IDENTIFICATION TOUR TO GOLD COAST 2017' is centered in a smaller white font. The background is a dark blue with a subtle pattern of white and light blue shapes. The names of the players are listed in three columns in a white, sans-serif font. At the bottom, there is a section for 'Non Travelling Reserves (to be called into squad if needed)' with two names listed.

Doudle, Caelan	Barlow, Ryan	Clementson, Morris
Dally-Watkins, Jayden	Westren-Schapel, Axel	Bouwer, Rick
Arnold, Carl	Kruger, Steffan	Thomas, Ben
Cozzitorto, Adam	Wyatt, Ben	Nagel, Alanis
Peters, Khoen	Haratsaris, Dionysios	Rahui, Taj
Hosking, Tom	Afungia, Sifa	Irra, Daniel
Carroll, Edward	Branson, Jake	Hazzard, Jayden
Nunu, Selwyn	Doherty, Marcus	
Moroney, Nicolas	Non Travelling Reserves (to be called into squad if needed)	
	Madden, Toby	

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.

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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 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

Sat 24th

Ladies Day Fundraiser - YWCA's Encore Program
(Survivorship program for women who have survived Breast Cancer)



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.

We are always seeking volunteers to assist.

Your team manager will contact you seeking your assistance. If everyone pitches in when asked you will probably only have to do it once or twice during the season.

Please do not leave it up to the same few, do not be shy! Any little bit you can do will be really appreciated.





OLD COLLEGIANS RUGBY UNION CLUB

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