

# **OLD COLLEGIANS RUGBY UNION CLUB**

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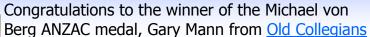
# **Round One—Results**

Coopers Premier Grade—Old Collegians defeated Onkaparinga 19-17 Premier Reserve Grade—Old Collegians defeated Onkaparinga 0-20

(Scratch Match OC 29 - Onkas 22)

Division 1—Elizabeth vs Old Collegians 20-0
Womens—Old Collegians defeated Woodville 20-0

(Scratch Match OC 56 - Woodville 10)











OLD COLLEGIANS 80TH YEAR

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### **Old Collegians Shorts and Socks**

We now have Old Collegians socks & shorts available for sale in all sizes at the Club on Wednesday & Thursday training nights and on home game days.

We also stock a small selection of mouth guards.

Please ask at the Canteen.

### **Coopers Premier Grade Match Report**

#### Coopers Premier Grade—Old Collegians defeated Onkaparinga 19-17

**Tries:** Gary Mann, Will Sadler

**Penalties:** Will Sadler

Best Players: Will Hannam, Will Sadler,

Gary Mann

In a rematch of the 2016 Anzac opening round and 2016 grand final, Old Colls this time hosted Onkaparinga and, as with the previous encounters, it was a close fought match that came down to the final plays.



The first grade had several new players and combinations of players to work through, which meant much of the open play lacked final execution but showed promise of what will come as the season progresses. Pleasingly the team was able to demonstrate a strong set-piece with both our scrum and line out restricting Onkaparinga's running starts, accompanied by an aggressive defence which gave up little ground and forced Onkas to often revert to a long kicking game to clear.

Old Colls applied pressure in the first half to push into Onka's territory and took an early penalty opportunity to open the scoring. Both teams had opportunities with possession in the 20 minutes that followed but neither was able to convert into points until Onkaparinga kicked a penalty of their own to level the score. The restart was well chased and Old Colls ended up having a line out on the Onka's 22, with our forwards demonstrating good patience to set a rolling maul and hold it together for the full drive over the line where Mann scored the try.

The early parts of the second half showed much better structure as Old Colls launched an attack from a scrum on halfway, running well and quickly clearing rucks to shift the attacking phases from side to side. Verrall eventually broke through and was pulled down just before the try-line, but good support play allowed Will Sadler to score a try from the next ruck. Old Colls continued the strong running form with Cross straightening up the attack and Leen, Mann and McDonough all punching through the line at various instances, to put Old Colls back in penalty range to extend the lead to 16 to 3. Much like the grand final last year, Onkas had the majority of possession in the balance of the second half and were able to whittle down the lead with 2 tries and a penalty to reduce the lead to 2, but as the game came down to the wire they missed a last penalty and Old Colls came away with the win.



### **Premier Reserve Grade Match Report**

#### Premier Reserve Grade—Old Collegians vs Onkaparinga 0-20

(Scratch Match OC 29 - Onkas 22)

**Tries:** 4 Adam Whitehead, 1 Nic Litchfield;

**Conversions:** 1 Tom Rouse

Best Players: Adam Whitehead, Karl Edgar and Alexis Bauve

Not the way we would have preferred to start the season but a last minute lack of Forward resources left us with no option but to start the match with an uncontested scrum. With the result no longer in doubt (4 tries to nil forfeit) all we could do was play. Quite a new look to the Reserves line up this year with Stephen Connelly and Jed Campbell operating in the (disrupted) forwards and new starters Nic Litchfield and Adam Whitehead on the wings. Josh Frost moved to the forwards for this match. A move he seemed to enjoy if his constant involvement in the game was anything to go by. Old Colls started very brightly



when Nic Litchfield scored a try in the sixth minute, that followed four minutes later when Adam Whitehead scored the first of four tries. Then it was Onka's turn. They scored two tires in quick secession, one converted, to take the lead 12 - 10. Time for long striding Adam Whitehead to streak 50 metres down the right wing to cross for his second try to take us to half time leading 15 - 12.

Onka's started the second half with a try after eleven minutes to regain the lead. Then followed two more tires for the unstoppable Adam Whitehead of the back of some well structured play to give us what seemed to be a comfortable 27 - 17 lead with 10 minutes to play.

The second scored with Player/Coach Sandy Taylor. Onka's had been very difficult to stop in the red zone and so it was when they scored a try in the 28th minute. The last 10 minutes was a scrap as Onka's pressed hard for the bragging rights. Errors on both sides but Old Colls mustered a strong last stanza, forced a knock on and cleared to the line to leave the final scoreboard tally at 27 - 22.

The guys played well, with sustained periods of well structured organisation and expansive flair at times lead by Jack Darby and Karl Edgar. Our ability to quell the Onka's forward weight was also very pleasing. Pretty even performance across the field.

Special mention to Justin Elder who was doubtful before the match but played terrifically well from the second row. Alexis Bauve, also second row, had a great game and was full of energy.

Great to see Karl Edgar and looking forward to see much more of him this season. Nic Litchfield played really well and if his face was anything to go by at the end of the game was more heavily involved than a winger on debut might have wanted. Stephen Connelly also impressed.



### **Womens XV**

#### Womens—Old Collegians defeated Woodville 20-0

(Scratch Match OC 56 - Woodville 10)

#### Best Player - Sophia Costello

Saturday morning dawned a great day for a home game of Rugby.

Woodville arrived with only 9 players and so a forfeit ensured the team would carry the day on points. An agreement was reached that we would play 11 players to their 9 so both teams could have a game.

The first half saw players testing themselves by taking the ball up in short attacking runs which put the under strength Woodville side under pressure. The first points were scored and the Old Colls girls got off to good start. It wasn't long before Woodville replied with a



break away run by one of their wingers and scores were level. With this the Old Colls girls rallied and got back into their stride. Good rucking and clean ball fed to the backs resulted in the score climbing again before the half time break.



After the break players settled into their task of do the basics right and using the over laps provided by the lack of opposition players. Woodville achieved one more break through try before the end of the game but a determined team effort and scores free flowing saw Collegians run out winners by 51 points.

Well done to all players, but especially to those girls who had their first game on Saturday.





## **Colts NZ Tour**

**Day Two** Full day for all - a big training run for the squad to get the journey out of their legs and a bigger food shopping trip for the support staff!!!!!! Our Vice President Rob Costanzo prepared a superb lunch before the squad headed off to Christchurch City for a look around. The day was rounded off watching Super XV games on the television, whilst other squad members took on the world with a marathon game of 'risk'.......



**Day Three** - our first game of the tour vs St Andrews College and we acquitted ourselves really well against a quality team. (Result SAC 36—OC14) We dominated for much of the game but a few breakaway tries out wide was the difference come the end of game.

The evening saw us head to AMI Park, the home of Crusaders, to watch an excellent high scoring game against The Stormers from South Africa.

Today we're heading to Queenstown for a couple of days of 'high altitude' training before heading to Dunedin on Wednesday.



#### Day 4

Saw the 35 Tourists, 3 minibuses, 2 trailers and 4 litres of tomato sauce make the six and a half hour trip to the adventure capital of the world aka Queenstown. The scenery en route was breath taking. After settling in to their accommodation the squad had a good feed prior to a team meeting to reflect and provide feedback on yesterday's game. Post dinner activities for some meant a trip into the city, whilst others chose to chill in the lounge or their bedrooms. Tomorrow the tour takes to the Shotover River with an afternoon of white water rafting preceded by a training session in the morning.

## **U13 State Training Squad**

The following Old Collegians players have made the training squad:

- Jake Branson
- Ryan Barlow
- Morris Clementson
- Jayden Hazzard
- Carl Arnold
- Slade Hollway

We can also acknowledge Stephen and Rob from Old Collegians for their State coaching and managing roles:

State U13 Head Coach: Stephen Goddard

State U13 Team Manager: Rob Costanzo



### **Round one - Junior Teams**

U6/U7	29 Apr 17 8:40AM	Burnside	v	Old Collegians	Parkinson Oval 1
U/8	29 Apr 17 8:40AM	Burnside	v	Old Collegians	Parkinson Oval 1
U/10	29 Apr 17 9:30AM	Burnside	v	Old Collegians Blue	Parkinson Oval 1
U/10	29 Apr 17 9:30AM	Brighton	v	Old Collegians Red	Parkinson Oval 2
U/12	29 Apr 17 10:20AM	Burnside	V	Old Collegians	Parkinson Oval 1
U/14	29 Apr 17 11:20AM	Burnside	v	Old Collegians	Parkinson Oval 1
U/16	29 Apr 17 12:20PM	Burnside	٧	Old Collegians	Parkinson Oval 1

### **Save these Dates**

**April** 

Sat 29th Burnside vs Old Collegians @ Burnside—Premier & Premier Reserve Grades

Sat 29th Old Collegians vs Barossa—Parkinson's Oval 3 Sat 29th

Junior Season commences, all games at Burnside

Women's—Southern Suburbs vs Old Collegians—Parkinson's Oval 2 29th

OC Colts return from New Zealand Sun 30th

May

Sat 6th Old Collegians vs Brighton @ Tregenza (most teams) Sat 6th

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

First OC U18's game for season

Sat 13th Women's Nationals

Women's—Woodville vs Old Collegians—Parkinson's Oval 3 Sat 20th

Sat 27th Women's—Southern Suburbs vs Old Collegians—AA Bailey Reserve 2

June

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

Sat 10th Competition Bye

Women's—Woodville vs Old Collegians—Gleneagles Reserve Sat 17th

Sat 24th Women's—Old Collegians vs Southern Suburbs—Tregenza Oval

July

Sat 1st Women's- Old Collegians vs Burnside

Women's-Woodville vs Old Collegians-Gleneagles Reserve Sat 8th

July 15th Competition Bye "Christmas In July" July 15th

Sat 29th Women's—Burnside vs Old Collegians—Parkinson's Oval 2

**August** 

Sat 5th Women's—Old Collegians vs Woodville AA Bailey Reserve 2

Sat 12th Women's Southern Suburbs vs Old Collegians—Parkinson's Oval 2

Round 1 Finals Sat 19th Sun 20th Round 1 Finals Sat 26th Round 2 Finals Sun 27th JPP Gala Day

September

Sat 2nd **Grand Finals** 

**TBA** Senior Presentation Night **TBA** Junior Presentation Day

October

**November** Sun 5th

Melbourne Cup Luncheon

**December Christmas Party** 







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