

## "OLD COLLEGIANS RUGBY NEWS"

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APOLOGY COLUMN Jill Forbes' phone number should have been 31-7242. The other phone number (94-1844) is Bob Forbes'.

See if you can pick this week's mistakes and correctly guess what will appear in the Apology Column Feature next issue.

PROGRESSIVE DINNER 20TH JUNE

Last chance to ring Jill Forbes at 31-7242 for an enjoyable evening.

DRAMA "George and Margaret", a three-act English Comedy is being planned to be presented by members of the Club late in April next year. It was regrettable to postpone the production, but many and varied circumstances prevailed.

CAR TRIAL This is it! Our Annual Car Trial will be held on SUNDAY, 28TH JUNE. Make a note in your diary now, and start planning whose car you can borrow that weekend. Cost will be minimal at approx. \$1-50 per head (which will include steak & grog.)

ANNUAL BALL - AT THE BURNSIDE TOWN HALL - SAT. 25TH JULY \*\*\*\*\*

By now you all should have received a circular emanating from the residence of Quodling, Esq., urging you to attend the Silver Jubilee Ball next month. The Club this year hasn't made much money on social functions due to some peculiar reasons, and you are urged strongly to fill out the reply slip and return it promptly. If we can't get the required number soon enough, the Ball will just have to be called off, which doesn't help much in building a club-house, does it?

Please do your bit, please come, and please return the booking slip.

This year, we have a tremendous line-up of entertainment for you. Many people are working hard right now to ensure complete success.

SOUTHERN STATES CARNIVAL

Billets are required for at least six bobs from August 8th - 16th. Contact B. Levy.

MAILING LIST In an effort to regain sanity in the mailing list, the whole thing will have to be brought up to date. If any person is feeling guilty about being on same, would he please advise, and if anyone reading this who isn't on the list please forward his name and address *toute-de-suite*. Merci. Also address changes, please.

RESULTS

can normally be heard on Saturday night radio at about 6pm. on 5 AN.



FROM THE TOUCHLINE: by J. Diack.

Last week's First XV match provided a most disappointing result. Whereas we were expecting a good showing from what looked like a pretty good team (the term is now used loosely), we watched a match which never rose to any great standard but one which gradually deteriorated in standard.

Well, Collegians won the first scrum, then lost a number in succession before settling down to some average rugby and established a narrow superiority against mediocre opposition - scoring two quick tries, the first from a back-line rush which started when a North Adelaide pass went astray and Collegians seized a good opportunity. The other was scored when Collegians shoved the pack over the line to gain the points. Play during the rest of the first half was even, with neither team gaining any real advantage. We badly missed Forbes in the lineouts, despite valiant efforts by Guerin and Turner, and we appeared to lack that little extra strength needed to win more than 50% of the scrums. Still, we tried hard enough and the pack gets full credit for this. I must also mention the fine touch kicking by Peter Allen when taking penalties. Our backs looked good when they had the run of the ball, but I find it necessary to say that the downfall of many of our movements was caused by the ball being hugged by the centres. To me, it appeared that we had too many players trying to be wingers.

The early part of the second half saw moments when Collegians were on top and moments when North also looked good. These periods resulted from brilliant individual efforts but failed to be sustained because of poor backing up by both teams. Then North scored a try and converted it, which took their score to within a point of ours. It was after this that Collegians were really made to look like a second grade team. Our defence went to pieces and to my mind the team had difficulty in organising themselves. North scored two more tries, one of which was converted. The game was practically over and although in the dying moments of the match Collegians scored a third try and converted it the North Adelaide team had sewn up the result, 13 - 11.

Scorers for Collegians were Davidson, Maxwell and Burgess; and best players were Bainbridge, Davidson, Wright, Allen and Turner.

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#### SECONDS BEAT ONKAPARINGA 31 - 3.

A very good, clean game of rugby played in the best of spirit. Good to watch (after the first 15 minutes which was very scrumbly) and a pleasant change to see the ball moved around so much. After O.C. settled down and stopped giving away penalties close to their own line, we gradually gained the ascendancy and tries were scored as the result of good work by both forwards and backs. It was good to see the ball go out to the wing and come back in again with the forwards quickly forming a line with Edwards in the thick of everything. Great captaincy by Ian Edwards was a feature - plenty of talking and the whole team carrying out his orders with a minimum of fuss.

Once again our kicking for goal let us down, particularly in the first half - in the second half, Schwartzner did a lot better and was a little unlucky to miss three rather difficult ones by a foot or so from wide out. All our tries were good ones and we could have scored a few more if the chaps had kept their eyes on the ball instead of the man.

Onkaparinga, although outclassed, tackled very well and it was good to see some of their smaller men tackling our much heavier fellows. I do not know who picked the best players named in the paper, but I do not envy whoever it was. I would like to have named at least ten - Andrew Davidson did a good job at half and has great potential. Our backs passed well and, when necessary, kicked well into the 'box'. Another one who took my eye was Szuster - good second rower this boy and is quite fearless. Manson and Franks were there when needed and special mention should be made of Suttell's three tries - not bad for the half back from the fourths! Keep up that sort of team-work and you're certs to be in the finals. Great game to watch, and, I should imagine, to have played in. Scorers: Suttell (3), Moulinie, Hancock, Farrah, Gibson, Schwartzner - tries. Schwartzner - two goals and one penalty goal.

B.H.

OLD COLLEGIANS III (13) defeated NORTH ADELAIDE II (9).

The best feature of this game was the excellent spirit in which it was played by both sides - an impression which referee Ken Grayling confirmed after the match.

Apart from this, it was a curious game in which periods of dominance by each side in turn were punctuated by longish spells of scrambling and aimless kicking.

North Adelaide went off at a good pace which lasted for perhaps two minutes. Then Collegians started the best phase of the game. For about 25 minutes they looked very good. They gained most of the possession; Dick Martin, receiving good service from Merrick Goodwin, was darting off the mark, making valuable ground and passing well; the centres were generally following this pattern and - what do you think? - some of them were actually seeing something of the ball. (ists XV, please note). A few minutes of this and Toby McCarthy finished an excellent movement by galloping round behind the posts to give Nicholls an easy conversion. (5 - 0). Shortly, lineout possession on our left wing was transferred smartly to Martin, Graham and Hume who scored with McCarthy to spare outside him. (8 - 0).

On we went in this mood until a sudden change came over our game 10 minutes before ½-time. The North Adelaide centres were finding it profitable to kick high and deep where Paul Bayley, though always plucky, was uncertain both in handling and kicking. Situations resulted in which our centres were so rattled that they started wild 'soccer' kicking in desperation - more often than not losing both ground and next use of the ball. Not surprisingly, Noths scored a good try near the posts (8 - 3) and this was followed by a penalty after a lineout infringement (8 - 6) just before half-time.

Although C.C. restarted with plenty of vigour, the early cohesion was never quite regained and the game as a whole became rather ragged. Martin and Hume fell away a bit from their admirable first half form and became a little selfish. We were not now winning so much possession.

Nicholls almost scored after a couple of fighting runs, but a Norths attack was allowed to go too far before being checked and then rapidly redeveloped and penetrated a feeble defence to score far out (8 - 9). The last score of the game and the decisive one, came when in some scrambling mid-field play, Tim Dutton picked in the loose and drove right through the opposition to score under the posts. The captain showed his appreciation by converting to make it 13 - 9.

In writing up the seconds, I have several times commented on the need for forwards to listen to their instructions. In the thirds, too, the ball was thrown or knocked back in the lineout on many occasions when instructions to take were full and clear. Do forwards realise that once they have been told to 'take', the outsides are quite probably in the wrong places to deal with a 'backed' ball?

Nicholls played like a Trojan and led his side well. Backler, not quite back to his best form, nevertheless made his weight and experience felt, especially in the lineout. Martin, although falling away a little in the second half, is a greatly improved player this year. Goodwin and McCarthy played well and Hume deserves a word for a useful contribution in an unfamiliar position.

V.G.

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FOURTHS DEFEATED UNIVERSITY 19 - 9

We need a scribe to report the fourths matches, please.  
Honorary, of course!

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OUR THREE INTREPID STATE REPRESENTATIVES

Last Tuesday night, three of our Club members left with the State team for Sydney. On arriving at the City of Syn, we were met by an Army bus and taken to North Head Army Barracks where we were comfortably looked after.



SYDNEY TRIP (Cont.)

The following day we played Army Firsts and had quite a convincing win (28 - 9). Allan DesFontaines unfortunately twisted his knee and was taken from the field. Bob Forbes received a heavy blow on the head but continued playing. The Army, when obviously beaten, turned to the first and turned on some displays which would have done credit to the retired J. Famechon.

The following Saturday the team played Sydney on the S.C.G. The first 20 minutes and the last 20 minutes was all South Australia but in between the strong, fast Sydney pack excelled and stacked up the points. It was still quite a reasonable result though, with the State team losing 16-6. A goal-kicker in the team was sadly missed and could really have reversed the result.

Anyway, a good time was had by all and everyone returned in one piece.

T.S. Sydney Reporter.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,

Ian Edwards (Letters, last issue), like so many others who have tried to hit the nail on the head, has completely missed the point.

Our problems are not unique and are even obvious to me, an equally junior member of the Club.

The fault lies not in the players failing to train but in players failing to achieve anything at training. The first promises that must be accepted are that players require (a) knowledge of their position and the basic format of playing this position.

(b) the requisite skills to cope with this position

(c) the physical and mental fitness necessary to carry out these skills.

Development of these factors to the utmost of the Club's ability is a must before we can achieve the teamwork and club spirit so markedly lacking at this stage. The problem therefore lies not with the player but with his administrators and advisers. How then, is the problem overcome? Simply by instruction.

For years Collegians have missed the boat with their coaching policy - fortunately the coaches have always been able to overcome this with a certain degree of success, by setting the example of their skill and fitness for players to follow. But what of the new fellow who is denied contact with the A - Grade coach? He can only follow what he sees at lower grade standards - and will never realise his full potential. At present B - Grade players are allowed to warm up with senior players (big deal!!!) but are then banished to run around in a snarling muttering pack. They cannot hope to achieve the excellence required without proper coaching. So, constructive suggestions:

1. Let us all try as hard as is possible to achieve the services of a 'professional' coach. To waste talent like Bob F. in requiring him to captain, coach, cajole, select and play is a luxury we cannot afford. We need a coach who can teach us all and hopefully revise (for the knowledgeable) our basic rugby skills - aren't they bloody terrible now? This is possible if all a coach is required to do is coach.

2. A definite period should be set aside each night for the development of skills.

3. The Club should be divided into a Senior and Junior list.

4. The Junior list should have the majority of skills coaching. Any player will continue to play and train if he is achieving improvement in his personal skills. He will be happy, although not content, to remain in his rightful position until his skills make him good for the next available promotion.

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LETTERS (Cont.)

5. The Senior list should not be allowed to forget basic skills, but more emphasis should be placed on correct positional play. e.g. last week's match versus North Adelaide was bombed by skilfull players not playing their position.

6. Tactics can be ignored until all are able to play basic football without conscious effort.

7. The First side is the window through which the public sees the Club. It should never be a reward for best attendances at training or a proving ground for new players (comes from Sydney, you know...) It should always be the fifteen best players available to the Club. Good replacements will always be available under the outlined scheme.

Having cured the Club of its playing ailments, let me now direct the healing finger (or thumb) at the supporters (and best player selectors.) Rugby is a team game in which success depends on every player winning his immediate position. Having achieved his little victory in set play, the player is then free to run to his allocated place in the secondary system of play for the opportunity once again to do his thing.

Whilst achieving these abjectives, he must also do his utmost to support his team mates in their attempts at position winning. If he makes a mistake then he should be so ashamed that he makes an immediate attempt to cover the Sabger to which he has exposed his team.

Recognition should only be given for excellent performance of these allotted tasks. e.g. Bob Burgess has rarely been beaten in set play, certainly never this year. His twinkling toes have set the scene for the scoring of most of our points. But how often is he given the plaudits ?

The plaudits are reserved for the person who ignores the rest of the team to make a magnificent personal run. Forwards lurk in the backline (whilst their mates are slogging in a maul) for the opportunity of a scintillating, side-stopping, snatching of the score to send the spectators into spontaneous but spurious applause. Backs carry the ball next to their fiery hearts, fending off furious, fanatical, flurries of faint-hearted tackles - twinkling their illustrious way into a crumpled heap (having ignored the undefended team-mate outside who would have kicked the ball, anyway) and lose possession to the opposition. There they lie mortally wounded until a touch of the magic towel brings them back to their dancing feet - smiling grimly in recognition of the bravos.

Is this rugby ? A great, big, fat NO!!!!

The winning of a match should be adequate reward for skill with perhaps the outstanding exponent of positional play being named.

But let's not continue with this present farcical situation in which players who handle the ball where they can be seen, but neglect their true duties, are given praise. It doesn't matter how many times a player handles the ball unless he does something for the benefit of the whole team every time.

sgnd. MICHAEL GUERIN

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CONTRIBUTORS are requested to keep any letters or articles to a reasonable length and to the point in future, please.  
Ed.

There was an old man in a trunk,  
Who enquired of his wife, "Am I drunk ?"  
She replied with regret,  
"I'm afraid so, my pet."  
And he answered, "That's just what I thunk."

No hidden meanings or references, just thought I'd better fill up the space, that's all.



# TEAM SHEETS

For those responsible, it is imperative that completed team sheets are handed to B. Levy or M. Goodwin the night after the match, if we do not want to lose any premiership points.

## COMPETITION LADDERS

### DIVISION I

	W	L	D	F	A	PT.
Elizabeth	9	1	-	206	62	18
Woodville	8	2	-	172	108	16
Glenelg	6	4	-	123	69	12
University	5	4	-	160	101	10
Old Collegians	5	4	-	125	90	10 ←
North Adelaide	4	6	-	89	149	8
West Torrens	2	8	-	89	189	4
Black Forest	-	10	-	67	263	-

### DIVISION II

	W	L	D	F	A	PT.
Port Adelaide	9	-	1	197	33	19
South. Suburbs	9	-	1	178	57	19
Elizabeth	6	3	-	133	50	12
Burnside	5	5	-	144	164	10
Old Collegians	4	6	-	137	139	8 ←
Glenelg	2	7	-	67	134	4
Onkaparinga	2	8	-	52	173	4
RAAF	1	9	-	48	206	2

## FIXTURES FOR NEXT WEEKEND

- 1sts XV play ELIZABETH at Womna Park (stripped by 2.30 pm.)  
 2nds XV play R.A.A.F. at Parkinson Oval (stripped by 2.30 pm.)  
 3rds XV play ELIZABETH at Womna Park (stripped by 1 pm.)  
 4ths XV play PORT ADELAIDE III at Parkinson Oval (stripped by 1 pm.)

The winning teams on Saturday will play in the semi-finals for the following cups at Bailey Reserve on Monday (same selections).

- 1sts XV A.F. Neilson Memorial Cup (stripped by 2.30 pm.)  
 2nds XV J.R. Davey Cup (stripped by 2.30 pm.)  
 3rds XV M. Davies Cup (stripped by 1 pm.)  
 4ths XV C.E. Runge Cup (stripped by 1 pm.)

## SELECTIONS

### 1STS XV

Wright ✓  
 Burgess ✓  
 Guerin ✓  
 Forbes (c) ✓  
 Turner ✓  
 Desfontaines Allen ✓  
 Farrow ✓  
 Maxwell ✓  
 Bainbridge ✓  
 Miller ✓  
 Stade (vc) ✓  
 Stewart ✓  
 Jackson ✓  
 C. Davidson ✓  
 Harrison ✓

### 2NDS XV

Manson ✓  
 McQueen ✓  
 Wilson ✓  
 Szuster ✓  
 Allen (c) ✓  
 Jack ✓  
 Wilby ✓  
 Franks ✓  
 A. Davidson ✓  
 Evans (vc) ✓  
 Farrah ✓  
 Graham ✓  
 Geno ✓  
 C. Sweeting ✓  
 Schwartz ✓  
 Reserves  
 Hurley ✓  
 Hume ✓  
 Hancock ✓

### 3RDS XV

Nichols (c) ✓  
 Ric. Dutton ✓  
 Pearson ✓  
 Backler ✓  
 Cameron ✓  
 T. Dutton ✓  
 Bennett ✓  
 Loughie ✓  
 Goodwin (vc) ✓  
 Martin ✓  
 Caspar ✓  
 N. Smith ✓  
 McCarthy ✓  
 Trengrove ✓  
 Rob Dutton ✓  
 Clarke ✓  
 Langridge ✓  
 R. Williams ✓  
 (OUT OF) ✓

### 4THS XV

Gill (vc) ✓  
 P. Burke ✓  
 P. Young ✓  
 Leslie ✓  
 Shepherd ✓  
 Cooper ✓  
 Robinson ✓  
 B. Sweeting ✓  
 Suttell (vc) ✓  
 Ridgeway ✓  
 Bayley ✓  
 Mooney ✓  
 J. Burke ✓  
 Simms ✓  
 Coulson ✓  
 Chatfield ✓  
 Messner ✓  
 Myers ✓  
 Rees ✓  
 (OUT OF) ✓

Players not available must contact Morry Bell (37-2860 or 67-2231)

D. O'Connor not available / Injured T Stade B Smith