



Old Collegians Rugby Weekly News



11 September 2013

SA RUGBY AWARDS 2013

At tonight's Don Smith Medal Presentation we were delighted to be able bring home some silverware to Tregenza, and to have some of our wonderful people recognised.

Coopers Trophy for Champion Club

Bob Hogarth Trophy for Team with Most Tries

(Our 2nd XV with 137 tries, narrowly beating our 1st XV with 131!)

Gary Mann, Physio Direct Adelaide Black Falcons Best Team Player

Nadia Di Girolamo, Edna Reilly Memorial Trophy for Best & Fairest Women's Player

Geoff Holdich, SA Rugby Life Member



FINALS DRAW - WEEK TWO

ELMINATION FINALS: 14 SEPTEMBER

9:10am: Under 12s Grand Final - Brighton v Onkaparinga, Pitch 1

10:00am: 4th XV Elimination Final - Burnside v Onkaparinga, Pitch 2

10:10am: Under 14s Grand Final - Brighton v Burnside, Pitch 1

11:20am: Under 16's Grand Final - Onkaparinga v Brighton, Pitch 1

11:20am: Women's XV Elimination Final - Old Collegians v Southern Suburbs, Pitch 2

12:40pm: Colts Elimination Final - Onkaparinga v NEDs, Pitch 1

12:40pm: 3rd XV Elimination Final - Uni v Brighton, Pitch 2

2:00pm: 2nd XV Elimination Final - Brighton v Burnside, Pitch 1

3.20pm: 1st XV Elimination Final - Old Collegians v Port Adelaide, Pitch 1

SEMI FINALS RESULTS

1st XV: Old Collegians 16 v Brighton 20

Try: Chris Steel

Conversion: Stuart Robertson

Penalties: Stuart Robertson (3)

We opened hard and fast and had the game under control. Brighton struggled to contain our pace and running and we were unfortunate not to score more points in the first half. Unfortunate we failed to match

Brighton's lift in the second half, and their steady, disciplined relentlessness chipped away at our lead, eventually drawing ahead in the closing minutes. We have all the talent and the plans, but we need to play a full 80 minutes of rugby if we want a premiership. This week we meet Port Adelaide for the right to contest the Grand Final; they are no easy opposition and we will have to play well this week to progress.



2nd XV: Old Collegians 17 v Brighton 13

Tries: Alex Murphy, Mitch Sallis, David Nolan

Conv: Nat Linder-Patton

An extremely disrupted game that frustrated our players and prevented us from playing our usual style, but our sheer determination and discipline in the second half allowed us to claw back the momentum and initiative and stamp our game plan on the match. Great tries from the backline in the last 15 minutes swung the tide back our way. This match was a good lesson in coping with pressure. Grand Final 2013, here we come!

3rd XV: Old Collegians 27 v University 23

We scored two fast tries and then relaxed.

University fought back hard and nearly got there. We were down with 10 minutes to go, but clawed back the lead. We were lucky that Robin "Quade Cooper" Crawford had a bad day on the boot (as was the case for the kickers in nearly every team, nearly every grade this weekend).

Onwards and upwards, comrades.

Another team in the Grand Finals!

4th XV: Old Collegians 5 v Onkaparinga 22

Both teams played hard rugby, but Onkas managed to maintain possession for most of the match resulting in three first half tries (one converted). When OC had possession we could not capitalise on our opportunities.

Our solitary score came from excellent ruck work from Stewart Douglas and Sam Walwyn winning a penalty, taking a quick tap and spreading it wide for Mark Johnson to score a great try. In the second half we pressured Onkas but just could not break their line no matter what we threw at them. A solid effort but Onkaparinga controlled the game. Every

4th grade player should feel extremely proud of the effort they have put in this year, far surpassing any expectations.



Women's XV: Old Collegians 5 v Onkaparinga 45

Try: Jadeen Chisholm (on penalty)

It is a strange thing, but this game (or at least the first half) was the best outing the Women's XV have seen this year. The scorecard says we got pumped, but we didn't. The play was even, and the score was very close until half time when we inexplicably dozed off and, as with our last outing against Onkaparinga, small errors proved costly. Nonetheless, the improvement week to week has been massive and we just need to stay switched on for longer. Special mentions for the spectacular performance of Nadia Di Girolamo and a particularly courageous effort from Jadeen Chisholm. This Saturday we face Souths, and we must lift to see the job done.

Under 14's: Old Collegians 12 v Burnside 19

Tries: Charlie Dubois, Rory Illman

Conv: George Hewitt

A close game which could have gone either way. A disappointing finish for our lads, but it takes nothing away from what a great year they've had and how far they've become. Expect great things from the lads next year!

JUNIOR GALA DAY

Sunday 8 September saw a terrific end to the season for our Under 7s, 8s and 10s with a Gala day at Port Adelaide. It was great to see so many faces out there, with seniors, women and parents in support on the sidelines, blown away by our youngest Old Collegians. Enjoy these photos of the fun!



CLUB NOTES

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Clinics at Craigmore, Morphettville,
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PHOTOS & VIDEO

Photos of our matches regularly go up on our website, Facebook page and YouTube account, see links below.



SOCIAL EVENTS

ARGENTINEAN GRILL

THIS SATURDAY NIGHT!

~ **Australia v Argentina** ~ **Meat! Meat! Meat! Green sauce! Meat!** ~

~ **Raffles and Auctions** ~ **Sangria** ~ **Argentinean wines** ~

Club Rooms open at 6pm, collect your tickets and pay (if you haven't already) at the door between 6pm and 7pm. We have had around 100 RSVPs which will mean the club rooms are at capacity. Please pay this Thursday night if you can. If you haven't paid up by 7pm Saturday we may give away your spot to someone else. If you have not booked, it may be too late, but contact us and we can put you on the wait list in case of no-shows/cancellations.

Empanadas on the menu this year – they will be served from 7pm

Jugs of Sangria (white AND red) \$15 and bottles of Argentinian wine for \$30

2013 SA RUGBY GRAND FINAL LUNCH

Friday 20 Sept from 12:30pm

Tickets \$85 – contact sue@oldcollegiansrugby.org.au to book a seat on the OC table.

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER: BILL PULVER, CEO OF AUSTRALIAN RUGBY UNION!

JUNIOR PRESENTATION NIGHT

Wednesday, 18 September, 6pm at the Clubrooms

Come along and applaud our juniors, their award winners and the great season we've all enjoyed!

Free BBQ and Salads. The bar will be open as well as the canteen.

Family and friends very welcome.

GRAND FINAL NIGHT – Saturday, 21 Sept

Just in case anyone was unsure, the clubrooms WILL be open after senior Grand Finals on 21 Sept. There will be a free BBQ and we look forward to celebrating what has been a great year.

GRAND FINAL AFTER PARTY – Sunday, 22 Sept

As all players know, the tradition after GF night is to get yourself up to the club for the horrific experience that is Kangaroo Court. This year the clubrooms and bar will be open, BBQ going, music cranking and an "ANYTHING GOES" dress up. All senior grades are encouraged to come along and celebrate their "Silly Sunday" together.

SENIOR PRESENTATION DINNER

Friday, 4 October at 6:30pm

Feathers Hotel

Three course meal, \$55/person. You can book and pay over the bar now!

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