

GRAND FINAL RESULTS

Congratulations to our
2013 BACK-TO-BACK PREMIERS!
~ **Second XV & Third XV** ~



A fantastic end to what has been a wonderful season at Old Collegians!

JV CASE CUP - DIVISION 2, 3rd XV GRAND FINAL Old Collegians 24 v Brighton 3

Tries: Ryan Nielsen, Ben Suttell, Austin Wakeham
Convs: James Hopkinson (3) Pen: James Hopkinson

We should start by thanking Brighton for their good work last week in knocking Uni out of the Grand Final! However, while Uni can give us a run for our money, Brighton are an older and heavier squad who struggled against our youth and fitness, particularly in the warmth of Saturday's midday sun. They looked dangerous and scores were fairly close for the first 20 minutes, but from that point we ran away with the game, with plenty of try scoring opportunities (of which we mostly made good use), and Brighton never looked likely, despite a brave contest till the end. Kudos to the whole OC team, and particularly to the 4th XV boys who stepped up to the plate and proved themselves more than good enough. Another premiership for our Thirsty Thirds, and a great testament to their management and coaching team, given how many players revolve through this squad each week and how few of these finalists played in the GF last year.



**JOHN PARRY CUP - PREMIER RESERVE GRADE, 2nd XV GRAND FINAL
Old Collegians 24 v Brighton 18**

Tries: Jame Bradley, Tom Nutt, Fraser Murison

Convs: Mitch Sallis, Nat Linder-Patton

At full strength despite recent hiccups we opened the game superbly. Brighton could not stop our relentless physical aggression and our polished skills. We quickly found ourselves two tries ahead, and like a good ol' Collegians team... we relaxed. This allowed Brighton to reassert themselves on the game, claw back possession and score two tries. Despite being dominant for most of that half, we went into the half time break only one point ahead. The second half opened much the same way as the first half and we quickly scored two more outstanding tries. A spate of injuries threw our plans into chaos and Brighton fought back hard and were within a single try from victory with only 10 minutes to go. Self-belief, hard work and discipline saw us home through and intense final few minutes, much to the relief of the OC crowd. A deserved premiership to our outstanding 2nds, who gave away only one match this year (in the first week). Like the Thirds, this is a team with a constantly revolving membership, which poses enormous coaching challenges. Again, a testament to Stew, James and Dougy to see another year of style, success and commitment from a squad that has only two of the same starting players as the 2012 premiers.



**KENNETH MILNE CUP - PREMIER GRADE, 1st XV GRAND FINAL
Old Collegians 19 v Brighton 22**

Tries: James Daley, Chris Bartlett, Mitch Oak

Convs: Will Sadler

We started strong and confident and had a try on the scoreboard within a few minutes of kick off. Despite looking dominant in most aspects of the game in the first 15 minutes, we then let ourselves down with a large number of unforced errors that relieved the pressure from Brighton, allowed them to suffocate our game and had them scoring then next 19 points without answer from us. As the game crawled to a close, most of the OC crowd had abandoned hope and we had a player shown a yellow card, so naturally we chose that moment to stage our come back. Assisted by fresh reserves and a more consistent application of our game plan, we put two tries over the line in the last 10 minutes of the game, and converted both from wide out off the able boot of Will Sadler. We had the momentum and Brighton looked rattled. The score was at 19 all, and the fans watched with their hearts their mouths. The score remained tied for the last excruciating minutes of the game, with possession being swapped back and forth and both teams seeming determined to win the game without going to extra time. Unfortunately, we gave away a penalty within range of the goals in the dying seconds, and lost the Grand Final to the kick. Heart breaking to be so close, and little comfort for the lads to know that it was theirs for the taking had their run not come too late.



Congratulations to Will Sadler for winning the trophy for Best on Ground in the 1st XV GF, a rare honour for a player of the team that comes second, but awarded to Will by unanimous vote after a truly amazing game.



SENIOR PRESENTATION DINNER!

Friday, 4 October at 6:30pm, Feathers Hotel

Three course meal, \$55/person.

The Club Bar will be open this Thursday and Saturday night – pop in, book and buy your ticket.

TICKETS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR.

JUNIOR AWARDS 2013

Junior Presentation Night this year was amazing. We don't think there has ever been quite as many people in the clubrooms! It was a great way to finish our year, and to recognise the hard work and talent of our youngsters, their coaches and managers. Thanks again to all of them, and congratulations to our award winners!



Maxine & Ian Walker Trophy, Coach's Award Under 16s: Sebastian Thompson
 Trish Abbott Trophy for Best Girl, Under 7s and 8s: Alexandra Humble
 John & Judy Brady Trophy for Most Improved: Colin Tilson
 John & Judy Brady Trophy for Best Junior Clubman: Rhys Frew
 Joyce Spry Scholarship: Luke Howes
 Howard Clay Scholarship : Nickolas Litchfield
 Jack Steel Trophy for Commitment to Rugby: Carl Arnold
 Luke Callaghan Trophy, Junior Club Captain: Charlie Pickford & Rhys
 FrewPlayers' Player, Under 7s: Lana Hollway
 Players' Player, Under 8s: James List
 Players' Player, Under 10s: Ethan Hickman
 Players' Player, Under 12s: Edwin Dodd
 Players' Player, Under 14s: Ollie Horne
 Players' Player, Under 16s: Luke Howes
 Achievement Trophy, Under 7s: Daniel Howes
 Achievement Trophy, Under 8s: Ethan Frew
 Achievement Trophy, Under 10s: Slade Hollway
 Achievement Trophy, Under 12s: Max Linton
 Achievement Trophy, Under 14s: Ben Hower
 Achievement Trophy, Under 16s: Isaac Hayes



Trophy for Best Tagger, Under 7s: Ivan Arnold
 Alex Rokobaro Trophy for Best Tackler, Under 8s: Ryan Barlow
 Rod Hauser Trophy for Best Tackler, Under 10s: Carl Arnold
 Bob Burgess Trophy for Best Tackler, Under 12s: Abigail Howes
 Denis Hayden Trophy for Best Tackler, Under 14s: Charlie Dubois
 Michael Raymond Trophy for Best Tackler, Under 16s: James Francis
 Coach's Award Under 7s: Jackson Denley
 Coach's Award Under 8s: Sam Brady
 Meryl & Hugh Kerr-Grant Trophy, Coach's Award Under 10s: Harry List
 Peter "Doc" Douglas Trophy, Coach's Award Under 12s: Edwin Dodd
 Julie & David Turner Trophy, Coach's Award Under 14s: Rory Illman

One other award was presented on the night: the **Alan Spry Memorial Trophy for Portraying the True Spirit of Rugby** was presented to our Director of Junior Rugby, **Stewart Frew**. It would normally be awarded at Senior Presentation Night, but we wanted to present it in front of the people Stew has worked so hard for all year. There can be no doubt that Stewart portrays the "true spirit of rugby". That spirit can be hard to define, but it is something like a blend of mateship, contribution, fairness, encouragement and plain old fun. We are very lucky at OCs; so many of our people glow with "rugby spirit", but Stewart takes it to the next level. Not only is he filled with his own spirit of rugby, but his enthusiasm and love of the game spills out and infects everyone around him. A rugby Johnny Appleseed, he plants the love of rugby wherever he goes in the hearts of the people he meets. The wonderful vibe in the Juniors this year has delighted everyone and has made us a much stronger club, and is due in no small part to Stew's simple, contagious "sprit of rugby".
 The force is strong in this one. We thank and congratulate him.

Another highlight of the evening was the excellent young Slade Hollway reciting *Invictus* for the crowd, and he repeated his performance on Saturday night after Senior Grand Finals. It was a particularly moving poem for the 1st XV who were smarting "under the bludgeonings of chance" after their heartbreaking loss to Brighton.

If you missed Slade's show, watch it [here](#).

CLUB NOTES

ELIZABETH SEVENS

The 2013 Elizabeth Rugby Sevens Tournament will take place on **Saturday 19 October** at Elizabeth RUFC, Womma Reserve, Elizabeth West. In its 56th year, the Elizabeth Sevens is the longest running Rugby Sevens tournament in the southern hemisphere. This year is set to be bigger and better than ever before! The tournament is open to Under 18, Over 35, Open Men and Open Women's teams. Let us know ASAP if you're interested in playing so we can submit teams **THIS FRIDAY**.

OZTAG @ TREGENZA

Yes, the rumours are true! The Glenunga Oztag Comp is moving to Tregenza this Spring/Summer so start sorting out your teams! Oztag expects to have comps on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

PHOTOS & VIDEO

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



SOCIAL EVENTS



In what has become a fine tradition at OC's, dust off your Lederhosen and come to the club on

SATURDAY 12 OCTOBER

to soak up some sun and enjoy all things German.

As always there will be....

Beer! German dinner! Pretzels! Beer! OC Steins!
German music! Non German Music! Drink Specials!
Gingerbread! Rugby on the big screen! Beer!

There will be competitions throughout the day (strongarm and eating competitions) and prizes for best dressed girl & guy.

PLUS, JERSEY PRESENTATIONS FOR OUR GRAND FINALISTS!

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