

OLD COLLEGIANS RUGBY UNION CLUB

Tregenza Times

12th July 2018

July 6th-7th—Match Results

Coopers Premier Grade—Old Collegians 44 v Souths 17 Premier Reserve Grade—Old Collegians 33 v Souths 14

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July 14th—Competition Bye

Crippled Crows @ OC



Come and join us for a great afternoon's Entertainment on and off the pitch!

Old Collegians Rugby Union Football Club

Vision Statement:

To be South Australia's leading and most innovative Rugby Union Club, a strong community based club with a spirited culture.

Mission Statement:

To build a framework that delivers sustainable, long-term success on and off the pitch for Old Collegians Rugby Union Football Club by including, engaging, encouraging and supporting all Club members and supporters in every aspect of the Club

Values:

- Inclusivity
- Loyalty
- Honesty
- Accountability

Volunteers' Corner

We would like to take this opportunity to say



Jemma Cross

For your involvement and commitment to the Club And in particular your talents and expertise in creating our advertising flyers.









Coming Events at Old Collegians

Business Partners Afternoon—21st July

The Management Committee has invited our Business Partners to enjoy an afternoon of Rugby to say *Thank You* for their generous support this season. Drink and nibbles will be served from 3pm - 6.30pm

Crippled Crows—22nd July

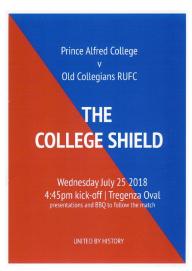
OC is hosting this round, one that is always very well attended.

- Kick off is at 12noon
- The Band is DJ & The Crabs
- Luncheon: a variety of Curries

Raffle prizes, full Bar facilities.

Come and join us for a great afternoon's entertainment, on and off the pitch!!!!





The College Shield—25th July—4.45pm

Come out and support our young players of the Club. Presentation and Barbeque to follow the match.

Friday Night Games—27th July

Old Collegians Under 14's and Under 16's are scheduled to play their Round 12 games against Burnside on Friday 27th July.
Under 14's kick off is 6.30pm and Under 16's 7.30pm.

Women's Rugby Reunion of the 1997 & 1998 Teams—28th July

In conjunction with Ladies Day we will be hosting a reunion of all OC women players since 1995 with a special acknowledgement of the 1997 and 1998 premiership sides. All past players are invited to attend.

Ladies Day - Supporting YWCA Encore Program—28th July

(Old Collegians vs Burnside)

From 3pm til late!

Complementary glass of Bubbles on arrival, Grazing Plates, prizes to be won, and great music to dance well into the night! See you there! Wear a touch of PINK!!

Tickets \$15—available at the Bar. The Pink Socks will be \$15 per pair and money can be paid to team coaches for juniors and team captains for seniors on the day, 28th July.

Players are encouraged to bring cash on the day.

The specially designed socks will be worn by players for all games played on Ladies Day and proceeds raised will support Breast Cancer Survivorship Programs in SA.

Coopers Premier Grade—Match Report

Old Collegians 44 v Souths 17

Tries: Clifton (1), Mann (2), Fleetwood-Piper(1), Bartlett (1), Curtin (1), Alo-Emile (1)

The first half was an arm wrestle from the very first kick. Both sides fought very hard for every inch of ground. A quick and early try by Old Collegians buoyed the spirits of the boys leading but Souths fought back with a try in response.

Unfortunately conversions were not common on both sides with strong winds making it particularly difficult to guide the ball straight and true over the cross bar. The game continued with a repeated struggle back and forth with very strong play from both sides but more often than not in Old Collegians favour. We finished the half in front, but well within reach from a comeback by Souths – half time score of 10-17, OC leading.

The 2nd half continued with the same spirited effort we all come out on this very chilly day to witness and be part of. Although still fighting hard Souths were visibly tired and shaken, the arm wrestle continued with some very hard fought contests and bodies on the line.

However, the lead shifted more to Old Collegian's favour as the half progressed. Souths only managed is

single additional try to Old Collegians further five. The final score ended with a well-deserved Old Collegians win for 44 to 17.







Premier Reserve Grade—Match Report

Old Collegians 33 v Souths 14

Tries: Karl Edgar (2), Jack Darby (1), Jon Mokomoko (1), Rudi Timoteo (1)

Conversions: James Hopkinson (3), Ben Viljoen (1)

Penalty Goals: Nil

We live in an age, they say, where many of our jobs will be soon be done by Artificial Intelligence - AI to you and me. It's all to easy to imagine that a machine could churn out a plausibly accurate match report of a match between Old Colls and Souths reserve grade. Here why. Just feed in the reports from the past few years matches and push the button. The secret is that every match follows the same distinct pattern - here's what you get...

We know from experience that Souths are a dangerous crew. Fast starting, deconstructed patterns of play, speed all creating a certain uncertainty. We know what we need to do to counter all this. Knowing and doing are two different things though. Souths jumped away with two early converted tries thanks to quick wide ball and that speedy Winger. We know what's coming - step right - but need to learn anew at every encounter how to set the defensive structure before we finally stem the flow. With halftime approaching and some semblance of order now imposing itself, Karl Edgar scores a try which Jimmy Hopkinson converts. Still in it with the score 7 - 14 at halftime.

Fitness, structure, belief are now our watchwords and it only takes a few minutes before Jon Mokomoko adds 5 points and Jimmy the 2. Scores are now level at 14 all. A missed Penalty 15 minutes into the half was the signal to put the hammer down. Tries to Jack Darby, Rudi Timoteo and finally Karl (again), together with a further three conversions and we had accumulated 26 points to none in the second half for a comfortable 33 - 14 win...

But what the AI can never know is the craziness pre-kickoff was we shuffled the tight 5 to manage last minute injuries, just-in-time (or not) arrivals and a mysterious hole that kept appearing somewhere in the second row and flanks. Not for the first time we threw Irish into loose head where he got a serious pummelling as Souths ploughed us into the deck several times. Poor Irish had had more than enough and although Dan Higgins suffered a flair up of a calf injury he gritted his teeth to come off the bench and played a massive role for the team. When resources were bolstered by the arrival of Rudi Timoteo and then David Alo-Emile we were able to contain the Souths forwards and set a platform for the dominance to come.

You really have to admire the courage of Oisin Heaney (Irish) and Dan Higgins for playing under extreme duress. It would be all to easy for us to capitulate and go uncontested - but so heartening that we don't see that as an option. Jimmy Hopkinson had his work cut out at fullback and did a great job to marshal the backs and final quell Souths runners until he took a knee to the head and, for the first time this year, we saw the Blue Card. Jimmy was well supported on either wing by the fast improving Heysen Spenser and Thibault (le marteau) Legrand. In fact if Thibault had put le Marteau down he could easily had two tries to his name.

Amongst the best were Danny Higgins, Jimmy Hopkinson and the every excellent Matt Sharples. Thanks to all the forwards. It was a really though day. And thanks to the backs for taking advantage of that platform.

Oh, and another thing that the AI could not have predicated was the excellent discipline of Souths, which made for a great game to watch.



Open Women's—Match Report

Old Collegians 5 v Southern Suburbs 34

Tries: Millicent Bennett (1)

Conversions: None

We started the game missing some key players, this resulted in a number of players playing out of position, which clearly impacted our game as a whole. We knew it was going to be a tough and hard game, everyone was going to need to dig in deep and play with true grit and determination to defend off one of the strongest attacking teams. Our defence was solid and we managed to hold their attack for a period of time, this made it difficult for them to break through and score.

We finished the first half down 5 to 15, with very few opportunities to score as Souths controlled most of the possession. During the first half of the game the Southern Suburb's scrum over powered us, But in the second half we made a few changes to our scrum which allowed us to finish off the second half with a fight.

Some stand out players in defence were Barbara, Amanda and Lee.

Nadia showcased an excellent display of attacking rugby and managed to break through on numerous occasions but unfortunately didn't have the necessary support. Unfortunately the game slipped away from us during the second half as injuries took its toll on our team and a number of players sadly had to leave the field but it was wonderful to see everyone giving their all to the very end.

We look forward to playing against Souths in a couple of weeks again, with our full squad of amazing Old Collegians girls.

All though it wasn't the result we would have hoped for, our team's determination and commitment was amazing. Enjoy the rest with the Competition BYE this weekend.



Photo's by AJWalwyn

Under 18's—Match Report

Old Collegians 55 v Souths 7

Tries: Max (2), George (2), Ned (1), Jack (1), Seaton (1), Fraser (1), Tane (1)

Conversions: George (5)

On a chilly day we travelled down the dreaded South Road to face, what has been recently, a team that somehow have had the edge over us with 3 wins out of the last 4. Perhaps then it was fortunate that this fixture was scheduled when the South Australia U18's were enjoying warmer climes on The Gold Coast. They had 4 state players unavailable, we had the same quantity but as we have a large squad we could compensate whereas their small squad left them kicking off 11 v our 15. Even when they introduced their under 16's they still only managed 13 v 15. However as they old saying goes you can only beat what's put in front of you, and boy did we beat them.

Only a couple of minutes in they failed to find touch from a clearing kick, the ball went through the backs hands and Jack opened the scoring in the corner. Shortly afterwards following a great run by Harry the ball ended up on the ground when Seaton hoofed the ball soccer style and charged after it, he then soccered it again over the try line and flung himself on top for our 2nd. We didn't have to wait too long for the 3rd when George raced down the wing and touched down pretty much unopposed. Ned got the accolades for the 4th try, touching down under the posts following sustained Old Coll's pressure.

Souths then showed attacking intent of their own, Jasper making a try saving tackle on wide. Soon after they were awarded a penalty in a good position. They took it short, went down the line and pulled one back, the conversion going over from an acute angle. This score woke our lads up and soon after Oscar made a good line break and Fraser was on hand to get our 5th try and take us into halftime with a comfortable 29 points to 7 lead.

The 2nd half was all inevitable one way traffic – Max got the 6th try after a penalty was taken quickly, George missed out all of our centres with a looping wide pass and Max had the simple run in. Max then turned provider after a great show and go, he made a superb line break and Tane was in support to receive the final ball to score.

Despite all of the scores and ease of victory my personal favourite play in the game did not lead to a try. Basically following a restart we received the ball deep in our 22. Our forwards took possession and our pack rumbled through the heart of Souths pack picking and going, recycle, pick go, recycle pick go. We marched them deep into their 22, but there was no score this time. Shortly afterwards George got his 2nd and our 8th, showing Max that he can also do the old show and go to break the line but he managed to finish himself. The 9th and final try was champagne rugby team style although Bubbles made a line break, flipped off an off load and Max notched under the posts. In the coming weeks we will clearly face bigger challenges, having 5 regular season games left starting 21st July with another "home" game at Burnside's Parkinson Oval to face Onkas.

Enjoy your bye week fellas, (although we still expect you to make training) come back refreshed and eager ready for the business end of the season.

Oooooooooooooohhhhhhhhhhhhh me lads, you should have seen us coming......



Under 16's—Match Report

Old Collegians 12 v Souths 27

A Friday night game for U14s brought us to Bailey Reserve for an earlier 10.30am kick-off. Spirits were high having Tane Pardoe and Willem Pienaar added to the forwards line, yet again, to bring some great experience whilst they are enjoying school holidays from Queensland. They are a great asset and slotted in easily with all the boys as if they've never been away. We hoped for a fiery start as with our last game here but we didn't quite get it right leaking a couple of tries before fully waking up.

Make no mistake this Souths team are no average side, being second in the ladder, and have similar talent across the team. Even though we lost our 14th player to run with just 13 (after losing Christian Wills to a hamstring strain) we believe that we edged them in every area and showed some great recycling and more than matched them in this second quarter. We were rewarded with a hard fought try from LeFatu to bring us into half time very much in the game at 12-5 down. Great to see the boys stay fit and healthy (no ambulances today thankfully) although it was a close run thing with Joeli taking a hard hit and a dump leaving him severely winded but his fighting spirit would not lay him down. That deserved a red card and the referee and opposing coach all agreed (it must be noted that bad decisions are made by all players, this was one of them, but the lad, to his credit, shook coaches hands with regret, I am sure apologised to Joeli and even braver went to the MAN MOUNTAIN - Kini, Joeli's father - to apologise). Discipline is key.

The second half started similarly to the first, leaking a couple of tries when our game of catch up was lengthened further. Joeli had bounced back and although our back line wasn't quite firing to their true potential he was giving a man of the match performance. Great spirit and no question of his determination. Again, we competed with low numbers and kept battling hard winning scrum after scrum, winning more than our fair share of lineout and having a rucking good time. Souths were not going to be given this game and we played with great heart throughout. We were chasing the game but we didn't stop and our appetite for contact was shown by all including a returning Clayton (injury) and our battling scrum half, Luke . One man that definitely didn't stop was Willem. An extra tight shirt was sprayed on the avoid him having to drag three players across the line. With nothing to grab onto and a firm launch pad with a reverse fend he accelerated across the line to end the second half on a high.

Alas too little too late and I wished we had another 10 minutes to play. We went 27-12 down but it looked, and should have been, much closer. With 8 players out we have amassed quite a squad when they all return from

holidays and injury. This group continues to grow and although we may be at the lower end of the table no team will take us lightly. Let's all make the most of this season and still believe in ourselves and keep targeting the

finals. It may seem hard but we seem to like to make it hard.

Now onto the next game after the break - Onkas at home. A game we can and must win!!!



Please make note: Round 12

Old Colls Under 16's will play Burnside on *Friday 27th July* at Tregenza Oval. Kick Off 7.30pm

Under 14's—Match Report

Old Collegians 43 v Southern Suburbs/Port Adelaide 10

Tries: Jayden Hazzard (4) & Charles Macfadyen (3)

Conversions: Carl Arnold (4)

On Friday night we travelled to Riverside Oval in Port Adelaide to play our Round 10 game against a combination Southern Suburbs & Port Adelaide U14's team. It was extremely cold but luckily the rain stayed away for the full duration of the game and the pitch was in excellent condition. A special welcome to Ben Wyatt who played in his first game for the Old Collegians U14's this season.

It was not one of our team's most enjoyable games thus far, as there was a fair bit of undisciplined play throughout the game. This resulted in one of the Souths/ Port Adelaide players being sidelined with a yellow card. We find that in these types of games our players get distracted from what they've originally set out to do. It was evident from the sideline that our players were getting frustrated. We also sadly saw Jack Norris sidelined with an injury and we wish him a speedy recovery. Thank you to the wonderful U14's parent support when Jack needed assistance.

Although the score line reflects a fairly convincing win, it felt like a much closer game – with us not dominating in all aspects. The combined Souths/ Port Adelaide team had some big and strong boys in their squad and they offered a fair bit of opposition in the tighter aspects of the game. We'll need to step-up and be very committed at training in the coming weeks, if we'd like to do well against some of the stronger teams in the competition during the latter part of the season and as we progress towards finals.

Well done to Jayden Hazzard and Charlie Macfadyen who ran in all 7 of our team's tries. When we managed to secure good ball and spread it out wide we were unstoppable with our exceptional pace.

We wish *Tino Kanonge and Carl Arnold* well as they will be heading to Melbourne, Victoria on the weekend to represent the South Australian U14's State team.

We hope you all enjoy the rest week as we have a Competition BYE this coming weekend and we look forward to see you all at training on Monday night 16th July, when training resumes as per normal.



Old Collegians U14's

Please make note: Round 12

Old Colls Under 14's will play Burnside on **Friday 27th July** at Tregenza Oval.

Kick Off 6.30pm

Under 12's—Match Report

Old Collegians 38 v Southern Suburbs 27

Tries: Archie King, Ben Norris, Salvy Costanzo, Max Richards, Alistair Tanner & Lucas Aguiar

Conversions: Ivan Arnold (4)

The Old Collegians U12's travelled to Bailey Reserve on Saturday morning to take on a strong and competitive Southern Suburbs U12's team. We had a full team with no players rostered-off this week, as a number of our U12's were unavailable for selection, due to the school holidays. It was a pretty cold and wet day, but that didn't stop us from making a solid start, with Archie King scoring our first try under the posts followed not to long after by Ben Norris - beautifully breaking through the opposition forward pack and finishing it off with a strong run down the side of the field, both tries successfully converted by Ivan Arnold.

Unfortunately Southern Suburbs came back hard and out played us in the later part of the first half, finishing up 17-14 half time. This was the first time this season that we were down at the half time mark. Our coaches huddled the team together at the break and we spoke about what needed to be done for us to start controlling the possession again and to use our opportunities. When we played with structure we looked dangerous but we allowed Southern Suburbs at various stages in the game "to do all the playing", with us having to patiently compete and wait for the turnover. Southern Suburbs have a couple of big and strong U12's and they managed to run the ball up strong and distribute it well, whilst setting up several phases. Souths scored 3 tries in the first half with one successful conversion.

We started the second half very well and added another 2 quick converted tries by Salvy Costanzo and Max Richards, leaving Souths scoreless during this time. But just as we thought we had the ascendancy they came back fighting and ran in another 2 unconverted tries themselves. We knew the game could go either way with both teams giving it their all. Alistair Tanner and Lucas Aguiar finished the day for us strongly with both of them crossing the line for our final tries. Again another solid team performance with 6 different try scorers, but a much closer and competitive game than what we've seen in recent weeks. Final score: OC 38 versus Souths 27.

We've given our team a rest this week as we have a Competition BYE this weekend. We look forward to seeing you all back at training Monday next week, 16^{th} July as we prepare for our home game against Onkaparinga RUFC.



Under 10's—Match Report

Old Collegians v Southern Suburbs

This was a one sided game for Old Collegians. Our opponents were a very young team, with one or two stronger and more experience players leading the play. The game was mostly played in our opponents half.

Once again Old Colls carried out some of our classic tackles, the strength and determination not to give up the ball in tight play was great and in fact going into rucks and mauls robbing the ball off our opponents was wonderful to see, some great ball pickups and hard strong running, proving that a small team can win on the day.

Our rucking is improving, it was nice to see our forwards going in over the ball during ruck play, but we still need to be quicker supporting the ball carrier and offcourse running straight with the ball rather than across the pitch.

Great to seeing some of our younger and smaller players going into tackles, slowing our opponents down and then our pack bringing them down, great team work.

This was a fantastic game for us coaches to watch, we still have some work to do and we think we will get it right by the end of the season.

This was overall a fantastic game! I am sure also very pleasing for the Mums and Dads on the side line.

Ps. Dads and Mums please continue to get your young players at the field of play by **8am** on game day and by **6pm** on training nights.



Under 8's—Match Report

As usual there were plenty of Under 8s, allowing Old Collegians to give four players to Souths to help them make up the numbers to field a team. Thanks to those good sports who volunteered to play for Souths! Old Collegians got off to a great start in attack, running in several early unanswered tries. Our defence was solid too and it's great to see our tackling improving every week as we build confidence and develop stronger technique. Our structure, particularly at the ruck, continues to develop as the players remember that the job of the first two players to the breakdown is to set up and protect the ball, allowing us to get it away cleanly. Our passing and support also continue to improve and we're seeing more passes, well timed and hitting their mark. What started as a slightly one-sided affair tightened up as Souths came back strongly in the second half to set up a good, strong (and close!) finish.

Overall a fantastic effort by all our Under 8s with a great team performance and many fantastic individual efforts. Special mentions to Patrick and Oliver for their tackling, Alice Page who scored six tries (four of which were for Souths!) and Caleb whose tireless effort throughout the game, particularly with his tackling, saw him awarded Player of the Match.



Caleb—Player of the Match



Save the Dates — OC 2018 Calendar

14th		Competition Bye		
21st	3.20pm	Old Collegians vs Onkaparinga	Tregenza Oval	
21st	5.00pm	Old Collegians W vs Onkaparinga W	Tregenza Oval	
22nd	12noon	Crippled Crows	Tregenza Oval	
25th	4.45pm	The College Cup	Tregenza Oval	
27th	6.30pm	Under 14's vs Burnside	Tregenza Oval	
27th	7.30pm	Under 16's vs Burnside	Tregenza Oval	
28th	3.20pm	Old Collegians vs Burnside	Tregenza Oval	
28th	5.00pm	Old Collegians W vs Burnside W	Tregenza Oval	
	3.00pm	Ladies Day & Women's Rugby Reunion 1997 & 1998 Teams		
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4th	2.00pm	Brighton W vs Old Collegians W	Brighton Oval
4th	6.00pm	Brighton vs Old Collegians	Brighton Oval
11th	12.40pm	Old Collegians W vs Woodville W	Tregenza Oval
11th	3.20pm	Old Collegians vs Woodville	Tregenza Oval
18th	5.00pm	Old Collegians vs Souths Suburbs W	Tregenza Oval
18th	3.20pm	Old Collegians vs Souths Suburbs	Tregenza Oval

Sept		
1st	Quiz Night	Club Rooms

8th Grand Finals

14th Senior Presentation Night OC Club Rooms

16th Junior Presentation Afternoon OC Club Rooms

22nd NRC Game Adelaide

29th FASA 7's

Oct 6th Elizabeth 7's

Nov

Dec Christmas Celebration







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