



OLD COLLEGIANS RUGBY UNION CLUB

Trogenza Times

9th August 2018

Round 13 Results

Coopers Premier Grade—Old Collegians 34 v Brighton 62

Premier Reserve Grade—Old Collegians 8 v Brighton 35

Premier Third Grade—Old Collegians 19 v Brighton 23

Open Women—Old Collegians 26 v Brighton 17

Under 18—Old Collegians 33 v Brighton 14

Under 16— Old Collegians 15 v Brighton 69

Under 14's — Old Collegians 88 v Woodville 7

Under 12's — Old Collegians 56 v Woodville 7

August 11th—Round 14— Fixtures

Coopers Premier Grade

3.20pm Old Collegians vs Woodville
Trogenza Oval

Premier Reserve Grade

2.0pm Old Collegians vs Woodville
Trogenza Oval

Premier Third Grade

12.40pm Old Collegians vs North Torrens
Trogenza Oval

Open Women's

5.00pm Old Collegians vs Woodville
Trogenza Oval

U18's

12.40am Old Collegians vs Barossa Rams
Lyndoch Oval

U16's

11.30am Old Collegians vs Barossa Rams
Lyndoch Oval

U14's

11.30pm Old Collegians vs Elizabeth
Trogenza Oval

U12'S

10.30am Old Collegians vs Elizabeth
Trogenza Oval

U10's

9.30am Old Collegians vs Elizabeth
Trogenza Oval

U8/U7/U6's

8.40am Old Collegians vs Elizabeth
Trogenza Oval

Please arrive early and stay late to support Old Colls both on and off the field. Plenty of help also needed with field set up in the morning, as well as BBQ and Canteen throughout the day. Please don't wait to be asked - step forward and lend a hand on another huge day at Trogenza.

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

We would like to take this opportunity to say



*To the U12's Wednesday
Night Meal Volunteers*

Tracey, Vesna, Jenny, Sean and Russell.



They did an amazing job!

You are all greatly appreciated by
Old Collegians Rugby Union Football Club

Events at Old Collegians

OC Quiz Night —Including a Silent Auction **September 1st—6.30pm for 7pm start**

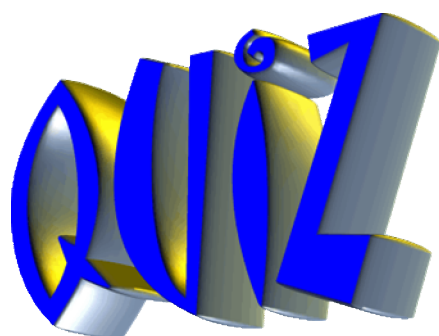
This will be our major fund-raiser for the Season.

We would like to see the **Scoreboard Thermometer** reach the half way mark of **\$15,000** following the Quiz Night.

Please start planning now! Tables of 8. Family friendly night, remember the young ones know all the current music questions!

There will be great prizes on offer along with fun entertainment from electric music duo **"Don't W8"**

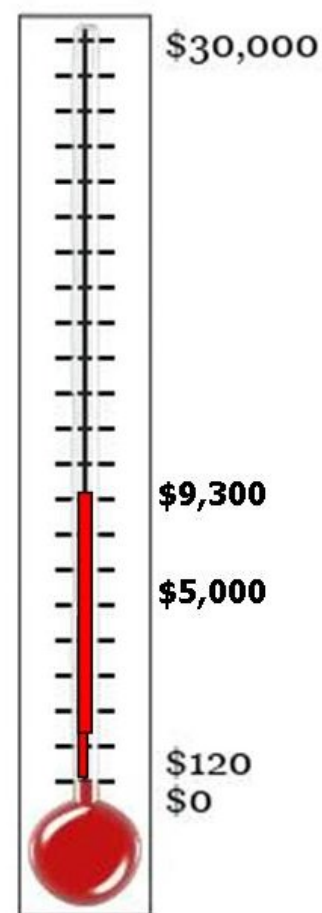
Tickets are \$10per head or \$80 a table. Available from the Bar. Only 150 seats available so book your table now!!!! Please don't leave it to the last minute and expect to find a spare table or seat!



Points to remember! Come prepared!

- Devise your Table Name !
- Save your \$2 coins for Heads and Tails.
- Review the days News Headlines

To make the evening a great success, we will need **donations for prizes** for the winning tables and for the Silent Auction.



Presentation Events

The Senior Presentation Night will be held in the Old Collegians Club Rooms on Friday September 14th, 2018. 6pm—1am

Tickets are available through Ticketebo:

<http://www.ticketebo.com.au/oldcolls2018snrpresentation>

Early bird \$60 per head, if booked before September 1st 2018. All sales after that date will be charged at \$65.

The famous Smorgasbord Dinner will be served, discounted drinks at the bar, DJ Pat will be in attendance and of course Senior Players will be acknowledged for their performances through the season.

Come dressed in your best!!!!!!!

And the **Junior Presentation Afternoon** will be held at Old Collegians on Sunday 16th September, 2018 @ 12.30pm

Tickets: Adults: \$30*

10-18 year olds—\$25*

4-9 year olds—\$20*

Under 3—Free

* Plus booking fee

Book now at:

[Hhttp://www.ticketebo.com.au/oldcollsjuniorpresentation2018](http://www.ticketebo.com.au/oldcollsjuniorpresentation2018)



Join us for our 2018

Senior Presentation Dinner



Friday 14th September 2018

6.30pm – 1.00am

at Tregenza

Presentations & Smorgasbord Dinner

DJ Pat—Dancing

Dress Code—Jacket & Tie –Cocktail Dresses

Book before September 1st for early bird tickets

\$60pp—last minute bookings \$65pp



Bookings now open at

<http://www.ticketebo.com.au/oldcolls2018snrpresentation>

Coopers Premier Grade Match Report

Old Collegians 34 - Brighton 62

Tries: Tim Dawes, Luke Clifton, Alex Eames, Jake Busby, Kyle Fleetwood-Pieper, Jack Curtin
Conversions: Tim Atkins (2)
Best Players: Luke Clifton, Jeshua Graham, Jake Busby

The First Grade contested most of this game well, using dominant scrums and line-outs to set the foundation for some great phase play and team tries, with strong defence in close. Brighton were, as ever, dangerous on the counter-attack and exploited their new found speed when given the chance in general play.

In a hectic first half Old Colls were on the board first after Howlett recovered the ball in the Brighton 22, allowing the backs to spin it wide and Eames scored in the corner. When play resumed Old Colls recommenced the advance but Brighton kicked through a loose ball in midfield and won the race to recover and got their first. Old Colls attacked again but were turned over in the Brighton half, with Brighton regathering for their second try against the run of play, then their third followed when they found some space out wide.

Graham's chase disrupted the restart, allowing Old Colls to rumble rucks up near the Brighton line where Busby put Clifton into a hole to crash over. Continued pressure saw Old Colls awarded a penalty that allowed a kick to line out in good position, as the forwards brought it down and Dawes touched it down at the back of the drive to even the score at 17 all. In the last plays Brighton took a similar tack, also kicking for touch and driving their forwards over from a line out.

The second half charge stumbled with Old Colls putting the kick off out on the full, and Brighton scored down the wing from the resulting scrum. Brighton restarted long but Old Colls kept hold and Curtin spun his way out past the first defenders, then Bartlett progressed up-field and found Fleetwood-Pieper who finished up the wing from half-way. Old Colls continued to work phase play into several good positions, but were not able to increase the tally from penalty chances. Unfortunately, Brighton dominated the next period, chalking up 3 converted tries with elusive running from our errors in open play.

Eventually Old Colls resettled and pushed up into the Brighton 22, keeping the ball in hand in close until the backs were able to create an overlap and Curtin went over in the corner. Old Colls kept the momentum going and were moving up on halfway when Brighton intercepted a wide pass and cut through for a try under the posts. Brighton put in long kick-off but Old Colls retained the ball and drove phases up-field where Busby stepped the last defender and scored from 30 out for the sixth try. As time was running out, Old Colls returned the kick but were turned over in midfield and Brighton responded quickly to run back their final try.



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Season	2018	▼
Grade	Coopers Premier Grade	▼
POSITION		PTS
1	 Burnside RUFC	58
2	 Onkaparinga RUFC	52
3	 Brighton RUFC	45
4	 Old Collegians RFC	39
5	 Souths Suburbs RUFC	18
6	 Woodville RUFC	4

Reserve Grade Match Report

Old Collegians 8 v Brighton 35

Tries: Jon Mokokoko (1)
Conversions: Nil
Penalty Goals: Jimmy Hopkinson (1)

Well, at least it wasn't raining. In the fading light, under scudding sky's, against a menacing wind, we came up against an eager, pacy Brighton outfit in this late kick off match. Recent bolstering of Brighton senior ranks no doubt opened up new selection options for them down the grades and we came up against a far more coherently structured team than our previous two meetings. We actually did pretty well in the first period and held a slender 8 to 6 lead at halftime thanks to a penalty by Jimmy Hopkinson and a Jon Mokokoko try.

Then, in fairly short order we lost the whole front row to injuries and while our slender bench held up incredibly well, Brighton started to find holes and scored at regular intervals in the second half piling on 5 tries (2 conversions), leaving us pointless and asking plenty of questions.

At the end of the day, though we may rue some bad luck and feel a little challenged as a team, there were still some terrific individual performances. Front rowers Paul Cleary, Mark Darby and Riardy Perdana were all very solid (until felled). Jimmy Francis, back from a few weeks vacationing in warmer climes, played well. Jack Darby play very strongly as usual, until he succumbed to a match ending injury late in the game. Jon Mokokoko, taking over at scrum half from Matty Sharples (missing due to injury), worked hard all game and scored our only try.

But it was Karl Edgar's huge performance at inside centre that stood out for its pure energy.



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Season	2018	▼
Grade	Premier Reserve Grade	▼
POSITION		PTS
1	 Onkaparinga RUFC	55
2	 Burnside RUFC	53
3	 Old Collegians RFC	35
4	 Souths Suburbs RUFC	30
5	 Brighton RUFC	27
6	 Woodville RUFC	3

Third Grade Match Report

Old Collegians 19 v Brighton 23

Perfect rugby weather greeted our 3rd grade squad for their line up against Brighton. Both sides looked eager and ready to prove themselves on the field with much needed points on the line.

Brighton started with a strong attack and coupled with our weak defence lead Brighton managing two score two try's without anything in response from our boys. With the help of successful penalty shot at goal put Brighton in a comfortable but not insurmountable lead.

The second half saw Old Collegians pick up their game with a much stronger attack in an attempt to regain control of the game. Both side fought very hard with tensions running high resulting in some strong words between during breaks in play. With an additional try and penalty from Brighton and two try's from OC saw us within a whisker of the lead.

As the clock ticked on, the tempo and urgency grew with some spectacular Old Collegians runs we came so close to grasping the lead but unfortunately, Brighton proved too strong in keeping us at bay putting the game just out of our reach.








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Season 2018

Grade Premier Third Grade

POSITION PTS

1		Burnside RUFC	48
2		Onkaparinga RUFC	36
3		Old Collegians RFC	31
4		Brighton RUFC	20
5		North Torrens RUFC	0

Women's Match Report

Old Collegians 26 v Brighton 17

Tries: Tayler Savage, Shona Robertson, Barbara Low & Rebekah Jones
Conversions: Sian Beavers (2) & Tayler Savage (1)









The Old Collegians ladies team played away against Brighton on Saturday in pretty cold and windy conditions, but that didn't hold us back from what we set out to do. It is extremely pleasing to see the marked improvement in skills, fitness and ability of our complete playing group each week. We have come so far as a team and the prospect of going to new highs is a reality if we keep training hard and giving our absolute best each week.

We took to the field on Saturday and played another well structured game, with good supportive play and aggressive straight running lines as well as spreading the ball out wide when we've sucked the defence in. There are too many individual highlights to mention as it was another great team display and each and every player's contribution is what separated us from Brighton on the day. We ended the first half up 12 – 5, allowing Brighton to cross the line only once for an unconverted try through some solid defence. During the second half we ran in 2 more converted tries, but also allowed Brighton who came back hard to score another 12 points. A special mention to our kickers Sian Beavers and Tayler Savage, their ability to be successful with our kicking is another competitive strength of our team and helped sealed the victory.

It is great to see the increased confidence of our ladies team each week and the quality of the rugby we play has been noted by our supporter base.

We'd like to thank each and everyone who has come out to support us this season and we look forward to your continued support over the coming weeks as the 2018 South Australian rugby finals series is fast approaching.

We look forward to our next game against Woodville at home, Tregenza Oval on Saturday.

Season	2018	▼
Grade	Open Women	▼
POSITION		PTS
1	 Southern Suburbs Womens RUFC	56
2	 Brighton Womens RUFC	56
3	 Old Collegians Womens RFC	55
4	 Burnside Womens RUFC	41
5	 Woodville Womens RFC	27
6	 Elizabeth Women's RC	22
7	 Onkaparinga Womens RUFC	10
8	 Barossa Rams Women RFC	2



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Under 18's Match Report

Old Collegians 33 v Brighton 14

Tries: Brad (1), Kees (1), Ruan (2), Jack (1)
Conversions : George (4)



Last week's 33 – 0 thumping over Burnside mathematically guaranteed finals rugby for our lads, Saturday's 33-14 victory over Brighton guaranteed us a top two position and the "double chance" to make the Grand Final. The minor premiership is still technically on ice but as we lead the ladder by 10 points, we only need 1 point from 2 games against Souths and Barossa and that accolade will be sewn up. It's fair to say we are in a strong position but we must not get complacent, keep attending training, listen to your coach, the business end of the season is looming.

We rocked up to Brighton Oval with the luxury of a full squad and realised that, being close to the ocean, there was a bit of a gale straight down the pitch. After winning the toss Brighton chose to play 1st half with the wind, this meant we had to adapt our approach, ball in hand was the way to go, no clearing kicks as the wind would just affect the ball. Despite this breeze we pretty much dominated possession early doors and it was no surprise when we opened the scoring through Ruan. George received the ball in a good position, threw his trademark double step to bamboozle 2 defenders and passed to Ruan, running a great line, who beat 1 defender and scored. The combination of George and Ruan in 10 / 12 is developing nicely, watching them link up you'd think they played together for years.

Our 2nd try was another team try we are accustomed to. Jack made a great line-break, the ball was quickly recycled and went through the hands with Brighton scrambling. The ruck formed and when the ball became available Brad was sniffing around to dive over the whitewash. Brighton then pulled one back against the run of play, we were running from deep (remember the strong wind, no point kicking) and their full-back intercepted an errant pass to score. Our 3rd try was started and finished by Jack, initially he made an awesome last ditch tackle on our own try line when an equaliser seemed inevitable to get a turnover. We charged at them, a couple of huge clear-outs, the ball went through the hands and Jack finished what he started 90 metres away. Half-time Brighton 7 – Old Coll's 19.

Second half we made all the running, once again our line-outs and scrums give us such an attacking platform. We actually could / should have scored more, a few blokes seemed to get white line fever a couple of times. Kees, another regular scoring forward got our 4th try, after yet another good rucking platform Kees dove over 1 metre out. It was the prolific Ruan who got his 2nd try and our 5th, however as I was helping stretcher Harrison from the field I completely missed the event. A big shout out to the Brighton officials who not only helped stretcher Harrison from the field, they also helped to attend to him in their clubrooms. Cheers folks, it really does demonstrate the true code of rugby. With Alfie and Tom also picking up big knocks we hope you all look after yourselves, recuperate well as there's bigger fish (i.e. the finals) to fry.

Jasper was unlucky not to increase the lead, making a great line-break, however the final score came for the home-side. After George made a clattering tackle (he really is hard....for a back), they recycled quickly and their full-back (who else) made a line-break from his own 22 and galloped home under the posts. In reality the 2nd half was a bit of an anti-climax, we'd done to all the hard work in the 1st half and we were happy when the final whistle was blown.

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

Season	2018	▼
Grade	Under 18	▼
POSITION		PTS
1	 Old Collegians Junior RFC	48
2	 Onkaparinga Junior RUFC	38
3	 Brighton Junior RUFC	38
4	 Burnside Junior RUFC	32
5	 Souths Suburbs Junior RUFC	26
6	 Barossa Rams JRUFC	26

Under 16's Match Report

Old Collegians 15 v Brighton 69

Rugby is about many things and it transcends team colours that are worn on the pitch. This season our U16s have welcomed into their fold 3 players from University of Adelaide - Bertie, Joeli & Lachlan. Since the second they have stepped out on the pitch they have been welcomed, as players, as Old Collegians as mates! Dedicated to the team, training and their performance out on the pitch. They have given it their all this season and as just rewards they were all part of the U16s State Team that went over to Melbourne recently. Saturday was special - not because of the result but because of the moment when University of Adelaide, who were playing prior to us, formed a tunnel to applaud our players out on to the pitch. Sheer class and THIS what rugby is all about! Respect, teamwork, mateship and enjoyment.

We started the game with 15 with some spirited passages of play showing again that recycling the ball is one of our assets. Henry gave a captain's performance putting his body on the line throughout. Tom held his width on the wing and Clayton excelled once a gain by showing his class in the backs causing problems for Brighton in attack and defence. Our talismanic forward - Christian - keen to return early from injury - sadly had a hamstring injury take him to the bench - and that was the last of his rampaging runs that always prove devastating for the opposition along with his cover tackles. Great spirit to come out to play but sadly, as we thought, too soon. We slipped to a couple of early scores but were still in the hunt up until this stage but Brighton started to turn the screw. Clayton, early on, was putting his claim on a man of the match performance until sadly he suffered a game ending injury when tackled from behind out of the blind spot and fell awkwardly to force his early retirement. With our impressive centre pairing of Joeli and LeFatu out for this game 13 players was going to be an uphill battle. It was great to see Nathaniel return on the wing and you cannot question his commitment in the tackle. We have a number of great tacklers in our side and the jury is out, pound for pound, who takes the title out of Nathaniel, Luke and Lachlan - who can tell. Jack Russell spirit in all of them. Some of the smaller players out of the team but some of the biggest hearts. Lachlan showed confident persistence to get over to score followed by a sniping score from Luke when gravity was just on his side.

We went down to 12 players whilst Nathaniel was assessed and he was determined to return for his mates on the pitch - all was well and he saw out the game making tackles on the biggest players he could find. There was just a lot of pitch to cover and this is when every missed tackle was punished with a score. Along with a well created opportunity by Ben Wagner to touch down we got our spirits up and once again proved that even with low numbers we can better any side. After dipping in spirits we again finished strong - never giving up and standing firm next to our teammates.

Every win is not a victory and certainly every defeat is not a loss!



Under 14's Match Report

Old Collegians 88 v Woodville 7

Tries: Callum Moran (1), Noah Robertson (1), Ryan Barlow (1), Carl Arnold (2), Charles Macfadyen (4) & Jayden Hazzard (5)

Conversions: Carl Arnold (9)

The U14's welcomed the return of Siobhan Monaghan who played her first match after a previous long term injury. It was great to see her back in action and with some further training and game time we are confident she will soon return to previous form. Well done Siobhan! Also the U14's would like to welcome Eddie Wilson as part of our U14's squad. A very windy day for a rugby match against Woodville made it hard to succeed with conversions but Carl Arnold managed it very well, sometimes we even needed some help to hold the match ball on the kicking tee! A credit to Carl for 9 successful conversions.

Woodville started the game from the kick-off with two players short, we offered some reserves but it seemed like they wanted to test their side. In the second half after two Woodville players went off injured in quick succession our Hanno de Klerk, Wellington Grace and Keagan Wallace kindly crossed over and gave them a boost. Well done!

The starting fifteen front row combo was changed from our usual format to Hanno de Klerk (1), Nick Vrodos (2) and Jake Branson (3) and the forward pack did well in the scrums, with a view towards finals and potential on field position changes. Max Gordon showed his emerging versatility by playing right flanker. We had some excellent runs at the posts, Noah Robertson at Fullback got over the line along with Ryan Barlow at Scrum Half and Callum Moran at Right Lock all scoring tries. In between his amazing conversions Carl Arnold managed two tries himself. Jayden Hazzard was back to his usual form with five tries and helped the rest of the team although some big length runs brought him off for a break. Charlie Macfadyen had a great day with 4 tries and his performance saw him awarded Best On Ground, well done! Callum Moran had a fantastic day and the Coaches feel his rugby is coming along in leaps and bounds and was the Most Improved player! It was a good win, which we needed for the points average which will be applied for our extra BYE round, and brought our team morale up from the recent Burnside loss.

Players should look forward to the home ground advantage for the remaining two rounds and on behalf of all well done team!



Under 12's Match Report

Old Collegians 56 v Woodville 7

Tries: Lachlan Bell, Ben Lotz, Archie King (2), Ivan Arnold, Jackson Denley, Jack Robinson, Finlay Macfadyen, Jack Bell & Alistair Tanner

Conversions: Ivan Arnold (3) from 5 attempts

We had another week of excellent attendance at training in the U12's and great player availability leading into the game on Saturday morning, which set us up well as we head west to play against the Woodville Wasps for the 1st time this year. Woodville had strong numbers in the U12's and it is pleasing to see their continued growth in their juniors each season. Their hospitality on the day was also outstanding and each and every Old Collegian felt welcome at Gleneagles Reserve. It was lovely when the opposition noted that we looked well coached, structured and organised during our team warm-up. A special mention to Ben Norris and Jett Behrens for coming out to support the team.

We took to the field with vigour and looked switched on from the get go and opened the score board early with a beautiful forwards try by Lachie Bell, followed by Ben Lotz, only in his second game for Old Colls, running hard and straight in the centres. The majority of play was in the opposition's half as we kept Woodville under constant pressure. This allowed Archie King to score the first of 2 beautiful tries, his 2nd was a highlight for our coaching group as it highlighted our strong team support play with straight running and good inter passing. Ivan Arnold scored our final try in the first half as he lunged over the line following continued pressure and attacking play on the opposition's try line. Woodville had several strong and big boys in their team but from what we've heard they are still fairly new to the game and will certainly grow and develop their rugby skills in the years to come. We ended the first half up 24 – 0.

Jackson Denley opened the score board for us in the second half with Jack Robinson and Finlay Macfadyen also running in 2 further tries in addition to Archie's 2nd. Another team highlight was seeing Jack Bell back in action for the U12's and also running in a beautiful try as the ball travelled through the hands in the backline. Alistair Tanner finished off our day crossing the line for our team's 10th try.

It was overall a great team effort, with good support play, showing that we've grown a lot as a team. Our challenge will be to maintain our composure and structure in a far tighter and faster game, when we are strongly challenged for possession.

We look forward to our next game on Saturday morning against Elizabeth RUFC at home, Tregenza Oval. Please note the slightly later start, we kick-off at: 10:30am.



Under 10's Match Report

Old Collegians v Woodville

This was a far better game than last week; we controlled the rucks getting the ball out to the backs that ran in a few tries.

This game was played in very windy conditions which meant we needed to keep the ball in hand and run and we did that, very pleasing to see good running and supportive rugby.

There was some very interesting passing during the game, akin to basketball, so a little more training is required on this point. When tackled we need to go down and feed the ball back via our rucking forwards to our quick backs.

Great game, our coaches see lots of improvements each week, both in individual players and the whole team.

We look forward to see you all at training and to our next game, against Elizabeth RUFC at home, Tregenza oval on Saturday morning with a slightly later kick-off time: **09:30am.**



Under 8's Match Report

A strong turn out as always in one of the final games for the season vs Woodville at their home ground. Splitting the team into two consistent playing teams has produced some interesting results with the kids clearly taking on roles that will lead to specific skills and therefore positions as they move up in grade/age year group.

The first side that took the pitch held the Woodville Wasps with strong defensive and some incredible passing that saw Old Cols take the lead in the first half. Our passing has improved in leaps and bounds and rucking is becoming more consistent. Second half saw a more challenging circumstances with Woodville taking the lead, despite several tries from us.

Overall a really solid game that was thrilling for the parents and a first glimpse of some serious team dynamics at play – and the importance of conditioning. It has been hard for the kids to learn to play a full 30-40minutes of rugby so they tend to tire in the second after kids have played a scratch before the real match. This week we were lucky to have the pitch for longer and all kids would have clocked 40 minutes of rugby time.

Progress since the first game has been incredible and the parents and kids have continued to show their We encourage all parents to reinforce behaviours at training on Wednesday to ensure all players put their best in as they push into the last few Tries from Alice Page and Harry Menz who along with James McDonald received awards for the week (below) who was relentless in his tackling no matter what size the opponent. Some other fantastic play from PJ, Oli (despite a few injuries), Isabelle, Zack and Noah and Hamza.

All the kids have increased their skills and showed progress so it is getting harder and harder to point to just a couple of strong players.



Under 6/7's Match Report

Another great turn out by the under 7's, which again meant that we could simultaneously play two games. The players worked hard to get back on side and the defence was strong. Players looked for the gaps and were quick to fill them. They also worked hard to support with players ready to follow up if the first tag was not successful. In the second half we were focussed and worked hard to get back in defence, and we held out tries for longer periods. There was good chasing by the whole team, particularly Ellis, Archie, Jobe, Otto, Struen and William Taylor, which pushed the opposition back stopping them from making the gain line.

We also looked at running in support when attacking and setting up a quick restart. We saw great running rugby especially from Rory, Ewan, Ellis, Talei, Struen, Zander, Scarlet and William Taylor. We ran with our attacking player and started to look for the support and pass the ball around; some great passing from Patrick. The tries came thick and fast with everyone scoring at least one try.

This was a fantastic day of rugby for the under 7's with each player really enjoying their rugby. The coaches were very proud of their efforts!

Our try scorers this week were: THE WHOLE TEAM!!
William Taylor (5), Rory McDonald (3), Archie Kinniburgh (2), Jobe Wilson (2), Struan Cowe (2), Ellis Twigge (2), Otto Knoll (1), Zander Czegliik (1), Talei Corpus (1), Ewan Moran (1), Hamish Clark (1), Scarlett Nielsen (1), Patrick Reeve (1), William Page (1), Sienna Ellis (1)

Our player awards this week went to: Jobe Wilson, Patrick Reeve, Ewan Moran, Rory McDonald and William Taylor.



Congratulations! OC Baby News!

Congratulations to Rob and Zoe on the birth of

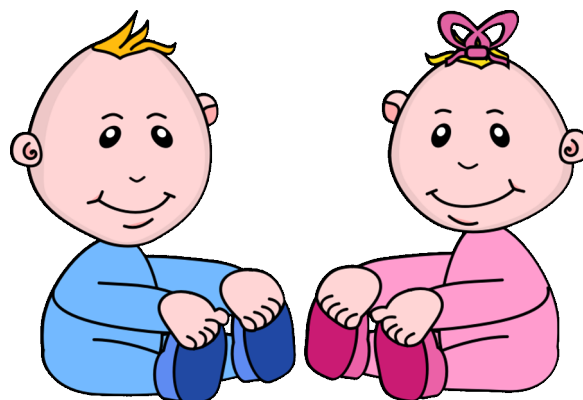
Louis Jack Smedley

Born on 30th July at the Women's' and Children's' Hospital
Weighing in at 8lb 3oz

From all at Old Collegians we wish them all the very best.

Our Congratulations are also extended to Sarah Monfries and Craig Branson on the recent birth of their Daughter.

Charlotte



OLD COLLEGIANS 2018 JUNIOR PRESENTATION

DATE: SUNDAY

16 SEPT.

TIME: 12:30pm

Lunch will be served at 1pm



Adults \$30

(10-18 yrs) \$25

(4-9 yrs) \$20

Toddlers FREE

Spit Roast (two meat selection), multiple salads, bread rolls, condiments & dessert

Tickets must be purchased prior to Friday 7th Sept. (Catering purposes)

TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLINE AT: <http://www.ticketebo.com.au/oldcollsjuniorpresentation2018>

Junior Awards Presented

Contact: Corné Arnold

Bouncy Castles

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Congratulations to Carl Arnold!

We extend our Congratulations to **Carl Arnold** who has been selected in the **Rebel's U15's Junior Gold Cup Program**.

He'll be travelling to Melbourne to train with them weekly on a Sunday until their tournament on the Gold Coast from the 29th Sept. – 6th Oct. They will be playing against the National Indigenous U15s team as well as Queensland White, Queensland Red and Queensland Blue.

If they win their respective conference, they'll progress to the finals which will be played on Saturday 6th October at Ballymore against the winner of NSW, ACT and WA.

He will also travel with them to Albury for their trial match against the ACT on Sunday, 16th September leading into the tournament.

Team photo and jersey presentation in Melbourne on Wednesday 26th September.

Well done Carl. All at Old Collegians are very proud of you.



JPP (U7's – U10's) End of 2018 Season - Gala Day:

Date: **SUNDAY, 2nd September** (please note that this unfortunately is Father's Day too)

Where: North Torrens RUFC (Dry Creek)

Time: During the morning only



Nominations are now open for the Rugby Australia Community Coach of the Year Award.

The winner will attend the prestigious Rugby Australia Awards in Sydney thanks to the support of the [Australian Rugby Foundation](#).

Nominate at:

www.rugbyaustralia.com.au/communityrugby/CommunityCoachoftheYear2018.aspx

Don Smith Medal Dinner

Once again Old Collegians will have a table at the Don Smith Medal Dinner.

If you are interested in attending, please notify Sue Thewlis @ secretary@oldcolls.org.au.

When: Wednesday 29th August 2018

Where: Morphettville Race Course

Time: 6pm

Sue will advise cost of the dinner, payment can be made at OC bar.



RUGBY UNION SA



Sport is about so much more than what happens on the ground and who wins and loses - Rebecca Baker

THIS week the Federal Government released its 10-year blueprint aimed at building a "healthier, more physically active nation through sport".

Sport 2030 is all about getting us and our children off the couch and our smartphones and into physical activity.

It promises to spend \$42 million across the next 18 months to boost the Sporting Schools program and to open up \$29.7 million for community infrastructure sporting grants.

All good in theory. But let's hope it doesn't all get too politicised or stray too far from the basics because, after all, surely we should be able to get ourselves and our kids out and about without being directed to do so. It isn't rocket science, after all.

Really, all you need to do is sit on the sidelines of training for a few minutes or watch a game and you'll be left in no doubt of the true value of your cherub's involvement in a team sport.

It's the laughter, the camaraderie, the backslapping, the head ruffles, the simple bliss kids get from running around outside with their mates.

It is the sense of being part of a team and looking out for each other, the acknowledgment of each other's strengths and weaknesses and the amazing mentors and coaches they're exposed to.

It is the sportsmanship that extends beyond their own teammates to make sure an injured opposition player is OK, and the respect they're encouraged to show to umpires.

If genes are anything to go by, my kids have a 50/50 chance of being good at their chosen sports.

While I lack any semblance of sporting prowess (at school,



the netball coach would position me tactically on court to distract the opposition), the boys' dad is one of those annoyingly all-round natural sportspeople, ridiculously good at any and all sport.

But does it really matter? To me, what's important is they love it, they meet new friends, have fun and, as an added bonus, learn a few valuable lessons to take beyond the sportsfield. And it's something I hope they carry through life with them. Just as their grandfather, my dear old dad, has and who, at 81, continues to be an active member of his local golf and tennis club.

The thing is, sport is about so much more than what happens on the ground and who wins and loses - although, yes, I'm a firm believer in keeping score at kids' games.

Of course, you hope your child's team is competitive - there's nothing better than hearing them belt out their

club's song, wonderfully loud and out of tune - but there's resilience to be learned in simply fronting up each week and giving it your all, in striving to get better, in improving as a team.

When my 11-year-old ran out for his 50th game with his footy club last weekend, family and friends turned out to cheer him on - the milestone even sweeter given his cousin was playing for the opposition and well-wishes coming in thick and fast from family interstate. He's now focused on his 100th game.

Quite simply, to have your child involved in a sport they love, in a club where they are embraced, is a joy - the sneaky wine with friends at training an added bonus.

But don't take my word for it, I asked Mick Weatherald, the head of Sturt's Junior Cricket Academy (a life member of both Sturt's cricket and football clubs) to share his thoughts on why it's so import-

ant kids are exposed to team sports. Here is just some of what he told me:

LEARNING time management and having to play and train at specific time, not when you feel like it;

LEARNING to share success even when it has been a poor day - and disappointment on a good day;

THE sense of achievement (and excitement) of executing new skills;

GAINING self-esteem when doing well;

DEVELOPING good skill sets and discipline to respect teammates and opponents, and;

LEARNING the more you practise, the better you get.

"All children will find their own level and helping them on this journey gives great satisfaction," says the respected father and grandfather, whose coaching spans four decades.

Just don't, he says, try to live out your sporting dreams through your kids.

MATESHIP: Sport is a chance for friends to bond over a common goal.

Save the Dates — OC 2018 Calendar

Aug

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

25th Finals Series Elizabeth RUFC
 26th Finals Series Elizabeth RUFC

Sept

1st Final Series Southern Suburbs
 1st **Quiz Night** Club Rooms
 2nd **JPP Gala Day** North Torrens
 8th Grand Finals Onkaparinga RUFC

14th **Senior Presentation Night** OC Club Rooms
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22nd NRC Game Adelaide
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Oct
 6th Elizabeth 7's

Nov

Dec
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