



OLD COLLEGIANS RUGBY UNION CLUB

Tregenza Times

8th September 2022

FINALS FEVER

Old Collegians are excited to host the Junior Grand Finals and Senior Preliminary Finals this weekend

A BIG CONGRATULATIONS TO

Old Collegians U14s, U16s and U18s making the Grand Final held this Sunday and
Third Grade Grand Final will be the following weekend.

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FINALS SERIES

FINALS SERIES OLD COLLEGIANS RUGBY CLUB 10 SEPTEMBER



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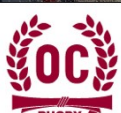



JUNIOR GRAND FINALS OLD COLLEGIANS RUGBY CLUB 11 SEPTEMBER



 **UNDER 18 3:10pm** 

 **UNDER 16 1:20pm** 

 **UNDER 14 11:40am** 

 **UNDER 12 10am** 



U12s Brighton 19 V Old Collegians 17

This is not going to be a normal match report. The wound is still too raw to re-live it blow by blow. Instead, I would like to take this opportunity as the last report of the season for the U12 team to share some observations and thoughts.

As a team the players set three goals at the start of the season:

- Play as a Team
- Improve our weaknesses
- Get fitter

Three ticks. The coaching staff have pushed the players and they have really responded as the season progressed. We challenged the team that if we achieved these goals, we would have every chance of reaching the finals. Another tick. On these measures our season was a resounding success. Finals are a bonus and knockout sport is a vastly different beast with no second chances.

The game itself saw our best 40 minutes all year. I am so proud of the team for the effort they put in. They flew out of the blocks and took the game to Brighton. Our defense was frantic and fully committed right across the field and we thoroughly deserved the 19-5 lead at halftime thanks to storming forward tries from Zack and Jack.

Sadly, we just could not close the game out. Credit where it is due, our opposition weathered the storm and came out on top with the last play of the game.

Let's put this result in context though. Back in Round 4 when we played Brighton and took a flogging 61-12. In Round 13 we were robbed of a victory, falling agonizingly short 17-19. The improvement by the U12 team over the season is clearly seen in these results. The semi-final could have gone either way.

I would like to thank all the parents for their support of the team throughout the year; Mick, Ethan, Eugene, and Jannie for all their coaching work and support; and the players for putting up with us.

I have learnt a lot, had a great season, and hope the players have too. I can't wait for next season.

Cheers Mike

U14s Onkaparinga 14 V Old Collegians 24

Well I am not sure if there is too much to say except you Blo..y beauty!!!

We are so proud of the team, and they truly deserve to be in the Grand Final this week. This year had seen a huge improvement against Onkas coming from a 65-5 loss to then a 22-20 loss where we coughed up a 10-point lead late in the game. The team as did the coaches new they had a real opportunity and can only imagine that Onkas also new we were a real threat! It was theirs to lose given they had only been beaten twice in the season by Brighton. The team is finally back to near full strength, providing a number of combinations that can be utilised in both attack and defence depending on the game at hand and putting us in good stead leading into the GF, illness and injury pending.

The whistle blew and OC received the ball, the first few minutes' saw both teams settling in and testing each other out. OC pressure soon put them in the attacking quarter and had a number of scoring opportunities that were not realised due to lack of ball security. In these games you need to maximise every opportunity however this was not the case for OC and Onkas soon jumped on the chance to counterattack with a full length against play run by their #13 to score under the posts. Number 13 had been identified as the clear threat to OC campaign, and he truly showed us why with this run! To OC credit they soon bounced back and were again dominating play in the attacking quarter, with the ball being moved freely around the backline. Finally, the opportunity came for Wady to somehow weave his way through, to cross the line for a 40m try. The crowd did however hold its breath while Wady continued to weave closer to the goal posts once over the line to eventually get the ball down making Will's conversion that little bit easier 7-7 mid way through the first!

The continued pressure by OC was rattling the much larger Onkas team and you could see that they were starting to feel the pressure as continued and uncharacteristic mistakes were happening. These mistakes soon lead to Matty having the opportunity to score from his favourite number 12 position, taking the score to 14-7 at the half time break.

Words of encouragement and need to stay focused was the key messages at the half time break, you could see the team had a spring in their step, but we had been in this position before with Onkas and needed to stay committed and maintain the pressure as we had been doing in the first half.

Onkas came out hard in the second half and again some poor ball security gave Onkas the chance to again score through their elusive number 13. 14-14 and the crowd and coaching group began to hold their breath in unison! This is where the team did us all proud and truly dug in deep, by continuing the in the face pressure, making some big tackles and moving the ball around to score a great try in the corner by Manual, whose elusive break took him to the corner before a high tackle on the line created some discussions between the Ref and Touchy before calling the try 19-14 up! Frustration was everywhere throughout the Onkas team; OC continued to run the ball and make the big tackles, I don't think there was a dry set of hands amongst the support group, my throat was dry and the heart was racing, how long, how long was the continual cry! Finally, the team was again rewarded with Tammy crossing the line in the corner, the crowd watched in silence as Will set himself for the conversion, straight but short, to then to everyone's relief hear the whistle blow! 24-14 and simply a fantastic display of team grit.

Now we focus on Brighton! Undefeated for the year, however again its theirs to lose and OC at full strength will certainly put some pressure on them. If we can attack early and maintain solid pressure on their key players that we have identified, I believe this team more than has a real chance this Sunday!

This was a real team effort and congratulations to you all, as you truly deserve to be in the GF
And a great day for all the dads!

Cheers Cameron

Thank you for the photos Cameron McDonald and Jonny Pretorius



Round 15

U14s Onkaparinga 14 V Old Collegians 24



Round 15

U16s Old Collegians 47 V Burnside 5

Round 19 saw the team assemble out at Womma Park for the Battle of East to see who would take on Brighton for the Flag. The lads had some divine intervention from the Springboks captain before the game and hot the pitch focused on the task at hand and ready for an intense final.

Burnside came out hard with some strong tackling and really tried to unsettle the Old Coll's line up. It didn't work. The forward pack really gelled and put down some immense scrum pressure winning lots of yardage and setting the tone for the game. Big Jett was on fire and really attacked the Burnside defence with some aggressive straight runs.

Ivan was at his creative best and used his kicking game to maximum advantage and really kept Burnside guessing. Ivan also snagged a try and kicked five superb conversions for what was deservedly a man of the match performance.

Jet Robinson played a ripper game and posted the first try of the game with a gutsy run and Matthias was also strong in attack posting another try to get Old Colls out to a good lead. Fergus showed some awesome leg speed down the wing and was awarded with a try. Archie played a quality game as he has all season and scored some more points in the second half. Jake rounded out the tries crossing the line late in the game to take Old Colls to a convincing 47 to 5 point win.

Our line outs were so good with Noah leaping high and Burnside ended up simply not contesting. Mawson was at his chopping best stopping any sign of attack. Benny Norris stepped in for Somer and put his name on the game and Liam roared onto the pitch and had a big impact. As you can see it was a massive team effort and the coaches couldn't be prouder of the effort and commitment across the board.

With Brighton getting up over Onka's we know who stands between us and the flag and it will be 110% commitment to the task for our home Grand Final next week. As Billie Jean King and the famous Stephen Goddard once said.. "Pressure is a privilege - it only comes to those who earn it." You lads have earned the pressure of the Grand Final. Best of luck.

Tom Richardson

Thank you for the photos Cam Hazzard



Round 15

U16s Old Collegians 47 V Burnside 5



U18s Old Collegians 43 V Onkaparinga 25

A brisk Sunday afternoon saw the lads in red and blue make the trip out to Elizabeth for the first final of the year. It was going to be a big match up with the College boys lining up against a strong Onkas side who we have battled many times this season.

We kicked the ball off to Onkas but landed short and Onkas had a scrum in the middle of the field, but then in the opening minute Ethan Hickman picked the Onkas play and caught an amazing interception and ran half of the field to score the opening points of the game which was converted by Carl Arnold to make the score 7-0. With the lads up with energy there we're moving extremely well and not long after the backline shot the ball out and Noah Robertson stepped inside and dove over for the second in 7 minutes which was converted by Carl Arnold to make it 14-0. But with penalty's going against our way due to a lack of discipline the lads gave Onkas a taste of a possible win and let them back into the game. With the lads holding off before half the score stood at 14-10.

After the half the lads came out firing with one goal in mind to work together and use the structure we have practiced all season. And it came off from the kick off continuing to push off Onkas. The lads had a line out inside the 22 and decided to use our destructive maul and it could not be stopped, then in the 40th minute Hanno de Klerk broke off the back and dove over to make the score 19-10.

With the lads once again up with energy they were moving extremely well with the ball, which allowed our backline to shoot the ball out to the wing which saw Max Gordon storm over the Onkas defence to score his first for the game with an amazing kick for poles from the sideline Carl Arnold made the score 26-10. But again we let Onkas back into the game allowing them to score some easy points on us. But as we got back into rhythm, Josh Prinsloo popped up an amazing switch ball to Patrick Harris who stormed his way over the line which was then converted by Carl Arnold to make the score 33-21.

Not long after Noah Robertson had ball in hand and stepped almost the whole Onkas team to score his second for the day which was converted by Carl Arnold to make the score 40-21. With not long left in the game the boys continued to push for some final points to seal the win and with a penalty right in front of the sticks with time gone, Carl Arnold took the opportunity to slot 3 and end the game and he made the final score 43-25. And now next week we are back at home for a historic first grand final at Tregenza Oval going for the first ever 3-peat by a single team.

Try's: Noah Robertson (2), Hanno de Klerk (1), Max Gordon (1), Patrick Harris (1), Ethan Hickman (1)

Conversions : Carl Arnold (6).

Penalty Goals : Carl Arnold (1)

Cheers Jamari Hughes

Thank you for the photos Mark Green



Round 15

U18s Old Collegians 43 V Onkaparinga 25



Round 15

Third Grade Old Collegians 31 V Brighton 17

Our first week of finals took us to Lizzie to play a very strong Brighton side, this would be the decider of who got the week off, and the boys were definitely up for it.

We had a welcome home for a few of the boys who had been playing up the grades (mick, smeds and ed) which made welcome additions.

We knew we would have a game on our hands, and set our game plan of putting maximum pressure on. There was a lot of back and forth throughout the game, but tries from Rudi, Justin, Hoppo and Cam got us the win.

There were a number of standout performances across the pitch, with special mention to a full field try from an intercept from Hoppo, a try saving hold up from Juan, a number of massive runs from Fraser and Jervaiius, skilful playmaking from Cam, plus a massive forwards effort throughout the day and everyone of the team putting their bodies on the line for the cause.

We are now looking forward to the big dance, with whoever wins out of Brighton and onkas this week. Cheers Alex

Thank you for the photos Alex Walwyn



Premier Reserve Grade Old Collegians 13 V Barossa Rams 16

What an agonising way to end the season. We had beaten the Barossa Rams twice during the home and away rounds. The second time, in Round 11, we found a way to shut them down. We played well that day but that was on the heavy, pace equalising turf of Lindoch oval. The hard, dry, open Elizabeth plains were a different kettle of fish though.

Some like to say that the Fijian game plan is all chaos and so no one knows what's going on, and then panic ensues. But that's not really true (well the panic part maybe). There's method there. A better word to describe it would be Kinetic - active, dynamic, energetic, fast. The real challenge is not to throw up your hands but rather figure out how to deal with the reality. The Rams were fully awake to the need accumulate points and had no hesitation to take 3 from a penalty with only 2 minutes played. We settled after that, to a degree, and were next to score courtesy of Louis Wauchope down the right wing, finished with a well struck conversion from Alex Rokobaro. The Rams were quick to respond. First with another Penalty Goal and then a converted try. Back to the game plan for a minute. Where we might look for structure and predicable outcomes, the alternate is to accept that total commitment at the breakdown and fast ball movement can produce multiple results - a penalty for, a penalty against or possession of the ball (stolen or otherwise). All acceptable. In that vein the Rams conceded two kickable penalties which Alex happily slotted, to claw back from 7 - 13 down and go to half time at 13 all.

We turned into the breeze. Five minutes in and we concede 3 points. Abundantly clear now what we needed to do. No doubt about that. And then for the next 30 minutes the kinetic game continued. And as the minutes ticked by that old enemy emerges, each one feeling the desperation to score. As for that 'non existent' game plan, the Rams knew full well that they only needed to stop us from scoring. We defended well, we had plenty of ball, we had our opportunities but in the end we could not find that finishing edge. So, there it ended 13 - 16.

Disappointment at loosing, for sure. Deeply felt by many, and that's ok. But no need to feel despondent because we played well throughout the year, we were undefeated in the second half of the round matches, we beat all the teams above us the ladder and we had a great bunch of young players who grew and improved throughout the season.

Terrific effort from all the players, Chester Armstrong, Tyler Ryan, Daniel Harding, Max Monfries and Alex Rokobaro leading the way. Finally, special thanks, first to Kate, Mary and Tony for keeping us taped up, iced up and generally fixed up, and then Coaches Mike McCrea and Frazer Murison for developing a coherent, happy and successful Reserves squad in a year that has been every bit a challenging as those at the height of the pandemic.

Old Collegians

Tries: (1): Louis Wauchope (1)
Penalty Goals (2): Alex Rokobaro
Conversions (1): Alex Rokobaro

Barossa Rams

Tries: (1):
Penalty Goals: (3):
Conversions: (1)

Thank you for the photos Alex Walwyn



Premier Grade Elizabeth 43 V Old Collegians 28

Tries: Chris Bartlett, Nick Litchfield, Kurt McKinley, Nick Howlett, Max Cagi
Penalties: Lincoln Ormsby

The First Grade bowed out of the finals with a disappointing loss to Elizabeth in the elimination final. Whilst Old Colls had dominance of the set piece and scored five tries from some well-structured attacks, Elizabeth focused on disrupting the rucks and launching dangerous counter-attacks which netted them seven tries and they continue on to the next final against Burnside.

Old Colls started with a focus on limiting Elizabeth's possession of the ball, taking an early opportunity for Ormsby to take a penalty kick for the first three points of the game. Pressure on the Elizabeth lineout forced them back into their 22 and Lane stole a ruck turnover on the left side, with Merrin going quickly blind down the left wing then popping inside to Bartlett for a try in the corner.

Elizabeth took advantage of a couple of errors from Old Colls and turned around to show glimpses of their potential down the wings, just being clipped with diving tackles from McDonough, Coetzer and Howlett. A dropped ball near the 22 gave Elizabeth an attacking opportunity to launch phases from a scrum, driving over the line to get on the board 20 minutes in. A deep restart was returned with interest to get back into the 22, with Elizabeth taking a quick tap from a ruck penalty then finding space in the right corner for a converted try and the lead.

The forwards pulled back the momentum with a tighthead scrum on halfway, allowing the backs to move play into the 22 where Bartlett was held up over the tryline. Ormsby kicked a penalty back into the 22 and the forwards won another scrum 10m out on the left of the posts, with Merrin cutting wide right to Coetzer who occupied two defenders and slipped a pass back inside to Litchfield for a try and a 1 point lead with 2 minutes left. Unfortunately Old Colls let Elizabeth turn them over off the restart, which they exploited with a quick offload and try to take a 19-13 lead at the break.

Old Colls pressured themselves with several dropped balls in contact pushing play into the defensive 22 for the first 15 minutes. The defence held for a while but the force of possession was telling and ultimately Elizabeth was able to put together enough phases to create space out wide left for a try. They punished again slipping two tackles from the restart to escape down the left wing for a 60m try, though McDonough reignited the fight by charging down the conversion attempt.

A penalty on the restart finally gave Old Colls some possession and McKinley kicked play into the 22. The forwards won a scrum penalty 10m out on the left wing, with the backs going quickly to the right where Litchfield was just held short, then McKinley scored in the right corner. Howlett's lineout set an attack from another penalty in the 22, as phase play took Jeshua and Perdana close to the line, then Ormsby cut back to Howlett for a dive around the winger and five points to reduce the deficit to 8.

Elizabeth restarted deep and Old Colls kept ball in hand to run out, working phases into the attacking 22 but ultimately being aggressively stripped of the ball and Elizabeth countered with an 80m breakaway score. They then sealed it with a deft chip and regather on the restart to get behind the defence, then slipping through for a final try. McDonough leapt high to pull in a short restart, setting up a final chance for Old Colls. Stretch and Ormsby made yards then Coetzer carved up the right wing to 10m from the line, with pick and goes setting Cagi up to crash over and take the final points.

Cheers Tom

Thank you for the photos Alex Walwyn



Rugby SA Awards

A massive congratulations to

Carl Arnold
for being awarded
Rugby Union South Australia
U18s Best and Fairest
at
Don Smith Awards Night

Also well done to all our nominees for a superb season
Courtney Plowman, Mary Ellis, Luke Robertson, Trent Ormsby



Rugby SA 90th Celebration

Old Collegians pictured at the RUSA 90th Anniversary Pre Test Match Luncheon!



Pre Junior Grand Final week dinner

Pre Grand Final Celebrations with our U14s and U16s enjoying Pizzas and Schnitzels!

Good luck Everyone !!





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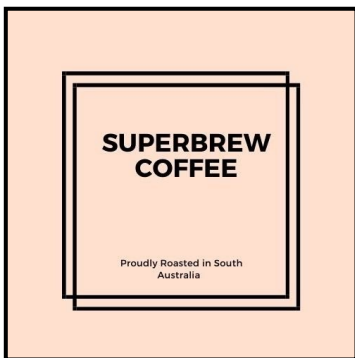
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Club Diary / OC Save the Date

**All Functions at Tregenza Oval unless noted otherwise
Diary Dates will be added to each Newsletter**

September

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| 10th | Saturday | TBA | Senior Semi Finals (Old Cols hosting) |
| 11th | Sunday | TBA | Junior Grand Finals (Old Cols hosting) |
| 17th | Saturday | TBA | Senior Grand Final (Southern Suburbs Rugby Club hosting) |
| 18th | Sunday | TBA | Silly Sunday |
| 23rd | Friday | TBA | Senior Presentation Evening |
| 25th | Friday | TBA | Junior Presentation Day |

Old Collegians Meals

Meals are continuing this week—takeaway available!!

Meals

(vary week to week, please see Facebook posts)

@ \$12 or \$15 with a beer or

\$6 for a half / Child portion (Wednesdays only)

Also available will be

Hot Chips @ \$5

Fresh Fruit salad Cups @ \$5

Enzo Meals with Vegetarian and Vegan Options @ \$11

Enzo Tiramisu @ \$7



Club Merchandise

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It's a whole lot easier now! A **Shop** facility has been added to the Old Collegians web-site.

Since Covid-19 we have all become very familiar with purchasing items on-line. Now we can access our Merchandise via the **OC SHOP** facility, with the ability to pay direct with credit card.



Do you need a new Beanie, Umbrella, drink bottle, tie, stubby holder, or scarf.

<https://oldcollegians.rugby/shop>

Watch this space! Specials will be announced!

New items will be added! What would you like to be able to purchase in your Club Colours?

Forward your suggestions to Club Secretary:



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:

- Accountability
- Honesty
- Inclusivity
- Loyalty

Photography

We would like to acknowledge and thank all our regular photographers.

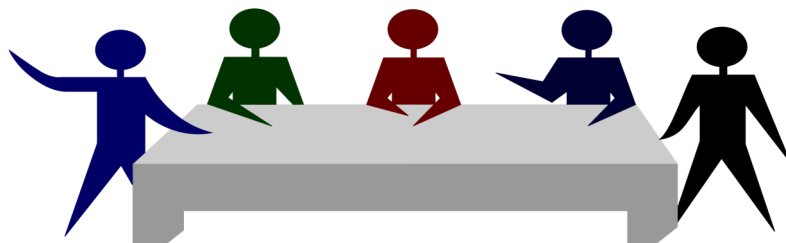
They capture our special moments and help us create Old Collegians memories together for a lifetime.

Thank you so much
Alex Walwyn
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Mark Green
Stephen Behrens
Johnny Pretorius
Kate Rice
Bex Ellis

2022 Committee

Old Collegians Committee for 2022

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| Junior Players Representatives: | Hanno De Klerk Sasha (Alexandra) Humble Jamari Rennie |



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It is imperative for anyone who has been at a training session and has tested positive for Covid-19 thereafter that they let their coach know immediately.

Thanks in advance of your ongoing support