



OLD COLLEGIANS RUGBY UNION CLUB

Tregenza Times

1st September 2023

FINALS FEVER

Old Collegians are excited For Finals this weekend
A BIG CONGRATULATIONS TO
Old Collegians U12s, U14s, U16s, U18s, Reserves and Premier Grade making the Finals

Come and support our amazing teams at Elizabeth!!



2023 SEASON WRAP

Season overview from each team and some highlights and achievements in 2023
enclosed in this newsletter

What and amazing year we have had!!

FINALS SERIES

ELIZABETH RUGBY CLUB

2 SEPTEMBER



RUGBY
UNION SA

PITCH 1 - SENIOR QUALIFYING FINALS

10:00am THIRDS BRIGHTON v BAROSSA

11:50am WOMEN SOUTHS v WOODVILLE

1:40pm RESERVE BRIGHTON v OLD COLLEGIANS

3:30pm PREMIER BRIGHTON v BURNSIDE



PITCH 2 - JUNIOR ELIMINATION FINALS

9:30am UNDER 12 BRIGHTON v WOODVILLE

10:50am UNDER 14 BRIGHTON v OLD COLLEGIANS

1:00pm UNDER 16 OLD COLLEGIANS v UNI-BULLS

2:40pm UNDER 18 OLD COLLEGIANS v BURNSIDE

2023 RUGBY UNION SA
FINALS SERIES

ELIZABETH RUGBY CLUB

3 SEPTEMBER



RUGBY
UNION SA

PITCH 1 - SENIOR ELIMINATION FINALS

10:00am THIRDS BURNSIDE v ONKAPARINGA

11:50am WOMEN BURNSIDE v UNIVERSITY

1:40pm RESERVE BAROSSA v BURNSIDE

3:30pm PREMIER OLD COLLEGIANS v SOUTHS



PITCH 2 - JUNIOR ELIMINATION FINALS

9:30am UNDER 12 OLD COLLEGIANS v ONKAPARINGA

10:50am UNDER 14 WOODVILLE v ELIZABETH

1:00pm UNDER 16 BRIGHTON v ONKAPARINGA

2:40pm UNDER 18 BRIGHTON v ONKAPARINGA

2023 RUGBY UNION SA
FINALS SERIES

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OLD COLLEGIANS - SENIOR ELIMINATION FINALS
SATURDAY 9 SEPTEMBER



10:00am THIRDS
11:50am WOMEN
1:40pm RESERVE
3:30pm PREMIER



FINALS

BRIGHTON - JUNIOR GRAND FINALS
SUNDAY 10 SEPTEMBER

10:00am UNDER 12
11:30am UNDER 14
1:00pm UNDER 16
2:40pm UNDER 18

9-10 SEPT

**2023 RUGBY UNION SA
FINALS SERIES**

SOUTHERN SUBURBS RUGBY CLUB



SENIOR GRAND FINALS

10:00am THIRDS
11:50am WOMEN
1:40pm RESERVE
3:30pm PREMIER












FINALS

16 SEPT










**2023 RUGBY UNION SA
FINALS SERIES**

END OF SEASON

U12s LADDER








1	 Brighton U12	16	15	0	1	558	16	76
2	 Old Collegians U12	16	13	0	3	299	13	65
3	 Onkaparinga U12	16	12	0	4	330	14	62
4	 Woodville U12	16	11	0	5	275	12	56
5	 Burnside U12	16	8	0	8	116	12	44
6	 Elizabeth U12	16	7	0	9	4	9	37
7	 Adelaide University U12	16	3	0	13	-307	6	18
8	 Southern Suburbs U12	16	3	0	13	-471	4	16
9	 Barossa U12	16	0	0	16	-804	2	2

U14s LADDER








POS	TEAM	PLAYED	WON	DRAW	LOSS	+/-	BONUS POINTS	POINTS
1	 Brighton U14	16	16	0	0	709	15	79
2	 Woodville U14	16	12	0	4	333	12	60
3	 Elizabeth U14	16	11	0	5	392	14	58
4	 Old Collegians U14	16	11	0	5	126	12	56
5	 Onkaparinga U14	16	9	0	7	98	11	48
6	 Burnside U14	16	5	1	10	-228	9	31
7	 Barossa U14	16	5	0	11	-323	8	28
8	 Adelaide University U14	16	2	1	13	-367	7	17
9	 Southern Suburbs U14	16	0	0	16	-740	1	1

END OF SEASON

U16s LADDER









POS	TEAM	PLAYED	WON	DRAW	LOSS	+/-	BONUS POINTS	POINTS
1	 Old Collegians U16	14	14	0	0	626	14	75
2	 Brighton U16	15	10	1	4	260	13	56
3	 Onkaparinga U16	15	11	1	3	345	8	55
4	 Uni-Bulls U16	15	8	0	7	-39	9	41
5	 Woodville U16	15	5	0	10	-356	6	26
6	 Burnside U16	15	1	0	14	-358	10	14
7	 Elizabeth U16	15	2	0	13	-436	4	12

U18s LADDER










POS	TEAM	PLAYED	WON	DRAW	LOSS	+/-	BONUS POINTS	POINTS
1	 Old Collegians U18	14	13	0	1	609	12	70
2	 Brighton U18	15	14	0	1	577	12	68
3	 Onkaparinga U18	15	9	0	6	15	9	45
4	 Burnside U18	15	7	0	8	-145	8	36
5	 Woodville U18	15	5	0	10	-235	8	29
6	 Uni-Bulls U18	15	4	0	11	-229	9	25
7	 Elizabeth U18	15	0	0	15	-552	7	7

END OF SEASON

WOMEN'S GRADE LADDER










POS	TEAM	PLAYED	WON	DRAW	LOSS	+/-	BONUS POINTS	POINTS
1	 Southern Suburbs Womens	14	13	1	0	518	11	66
2	 Woodville Womens	14	11	0	3	292	10	54
3	 Burnside Womens	14	9	1	4	173	8	47
4	 Adelaide University Womens	14	8	1	5	240	10	45
5	 Old Collegians Womens	14	6	1	7	-146	7	33
6	 Barossa Womens	14	4	0	10	-236	6	22
7	 Onkaparinga Womens	14	2	0	12	-470	4	13
8	 Port Adelaide Womens	14	1	0	13	-371	3	7

THIRD GRADE LADDER










POS	TEAM	PLAYED	WON	DRAW	LOSS	+/-	BONUS POINTS	POINTS
1	 Brighton Thirds Gold	16	15	0	1	808	13	74
2	 Barossa Thirds	16	14	0	2	744	15	72
3	 Burnside Thirds	16	11	1	4	184	10	57
4	 Onkaparinga Thirds	16	8	1	7	145	10	44
5	 Old Collegians Thirds	16	8	0	8	117	10	43
6	 Southern Suburbs Thirds	16	6	0	10	-312	6	30
7	 Brighton Thirds Black	16	5	0	11	-212	8	28
8	 North Torrens Thirds	16	3	2	11	-426	4	20
9	 Adelaide University Sharks	16	0	0	16	-1048	0	0

END OF SEASON

RESERVE GRADE LADDER

POS	TEAM	PLAYED	WON	DRAW	LOSS	+/-	BONUS POINTS	POINTS
1	 Brighton Reserves	18	18	0	0	793	10	86
2	 Old Collegians Reserves	18	15	0	3	671	13	75
3	 Barossa Reserves	18	14	0	4	331	10	67
4	 Burnside Reserves	18	13	0	5	467	12	66
5	 Southern Suburbs Reserves	18	9	0	9	253	13	49
6	 Onkaparinga Reserves	18	8	0	10	-310	7	39
7	 Elizabeth Reserves	18	5	0	13	-760	5	26
8	 Adelaide University Reserves	18	4	0	14	-402	6	24
9	 Port Adelaide Reserves	18	3	0	15	-322	8	20

PREMIER GRADE LADDER

POS	TEAM	PLAYED	WON	DRAW	LOSS	+/-	BONUS POINTS	POINTS
1	 Brighton Premier	16	15	0	1	638	13	73
2	 Burnside Premier	16	14	0	2	383	14	71
3	 Old Collegians Premier	16	12	0	4	540	12	61
4	 Southern Suburbs Premier	16	10	0	6	293	15	55
5	 Elizabeth Premier	16	7	0	9	-14	10	38
6	 Onkaparinga Premier	16	7	0	9	-71	9	37
7	 Port Adelaide Premier	16	4	0	12	-421	5	21
8	 Woodville Premier	16	2	0	14	-759	2	10
9	 Adelaide University Premier	16	1	0	15	-589	4	8

AUSTRALIAN RUGBY SHIELD

Congratulations to the following who have made the representative squad for South Australia!
LINCOLN ORMSBY - OSCAR GEHAN - SEATON SIEGFRIED - STEWART NUTT - TRENT ORMSBY

Congratulations to our very own Jacquelin Tulloch and Sam Cooper for being selected for the official Black Falcons Squad.

We are so proud of you and we wish you all the best ❤️💙



AUSTRALIAN RUGBY SHIELD

BALLYMORE STADIUM, BRISBANE
SEPTEMBER 27 - OCTOBER 2

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BROCKENCHACK WINES

AUSTRALIAN RUGBY SHIELD



AUSTRALIAN RUGBY SHIELD MENS REPRESENTATIVE SQUAD

ABSALOM BAYAM	MAX HODELL
BAILEY LOFTUS	NICHOLAS SIMPSON
BEN EDWARDS	OSCAR GEHAN
BEN GILMORE	PITA NAKARAWA
CHOI YEETING	RHYS FISHWICK
EDWARD WILKES	SEATON SIEGFRIED
ESTIENNE STRAUSS	STEWART NUTT
FREEMAN EDER	SUILANO MAINAVOLAU
JADEN PHILLIPS	TINO BEPETE
JOVESA BOLA	PIERS DEIGNAN
KALAVETI MASI NAQUTO	RAFE LEIBERS
LEON PACZYNSKI	SAM ROWE
LINCOLN ORMSBY	SAVE RONAVUSO
MANU VI	TRENT ORMSBY

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BROCKENCHACK WINES

AUSTRALIAN RUGBY SHIELD



AUSTRALIAN RUGBY SHIELD WOMENS SQUAD

FORWARDS

ABBY CHITTY	KEZIA ANTONIO *
* ALIA THOMAS	LAURA HELBIG
ANA IKAHIHIFO	LAUREN McHUGH
ANDIE ZBIERSKI	LUSIA RAIKIWASA
BARB LOW	MELE FANGALOKA
BREE NATHAN	SERAI VUATA
GRACE FITZSIMMONS	SOPHIE McCLURE
JACQUELIN TULLOCH	TIYANNA-MARIE MASTROSAVAS
JAMIE WISE	TRACY STANIS
* JANE AFEAKI	VANESSA MOANA *
KALESI NATADRA	VICTORIA COUSINS
KATE TIHEMA	YVONNE VUATA

* denotes players currently on injury rehab

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AUSTRALIAN RUGBY SHIELD



AUSTRALIAN RUGBY SHIELD WOMENS SQUAD

BACKS

BELINDA SMITH	MEG HUME
* CAITLIN STANLEY	NAOMI CAUCAU
ELLA CHRISTIE	REBEKAH JONES
ELOISE RICE	RIKKI WILSON
FRANCIS AFEAKI	SAM COOPER
JADE PILKINGTON	TAMIKHA McNAB
JAIIMEE MATAIRA	TE UIRA WIRIHANA-HAWEA
JET VERWEY	TIA MATAIRA
LILLIAN RYDON	ZAHN ANTHONY
MEG CLARKSON	

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BROCKENCHACK WINES

AUSTRALIAN RUGBY SHIELD

STATE REPRESENTATIVES



Congratulations to all our Old Collegians Representatives for being selected in the RUSA Teams whom Played in the Youth Girls State Cup in Melbourne in June.
U14 Alice, Anna, Tanali and Zara
U16 Alexandra (Sasha)

U14 STATE REPRESENTATIVE SQUAD

YOUTH GIRLS STATE CUP 2023
MELBOURNE, JUNE 9-11
TRAVELLING SQUAD

ALICE PAGE	LILY SCHWARZ
ANNA HUME-SUTTELL	MIA BURCKETT
ASHA RAIKIWASA	MILLIE PARKINSON
DAKOTA MILLER	NIKOLETTA BATZAVALIS
EMMALENE BELL	ROSA MAY THOMPSON
ERIN MacDONALD	SHANA BEARE
ESTHER QOVU	TALEI CORPUS
FIFITA SAKURU	TANALI QUINANA
LAYLA MONTGOMERY-KING	ZARA HILL
	ZARA MORRISON

HEAD COACH: TEVITA RAIKIWASA
ASSISTANT COACH: LUSIA RAIKIWASA
MANAGER: ERIKA WELLGREEN



U16 STATE REPRESENTATIVE SQUAD

YOUTH GIRLS STATE CUP 2023
MELBOURNE, JUNE 9-11
TRAVELLING SQUAD

ALEXANDRA HUMBLE	JADE WOONTON
ARIANA BELL	JASMINE REID
ASHLEY JOHN	JEMIMA COLLINS
ATAEYAH-SHAYE PERSTON	LEXI RUTLAND
AZALIE CZEGLIK	MEREONI MARIA
CAITLIN PURTON	FRANCE TAMANIKAIBAU
CHANELLE ENCHONG	OLIVIA THOMAS
FREYA REESE	SOFIA SCHURGOTT

HEAD COACH: SARAH BATZAVALIS
ASSISTANT COACH: VERONICA WAH DAY
MANAGER: CHLOE LOCK



STATE REPRESENTATIVES



Congratulations to all our Old Collegians Representatives for being selected in the RUSA State Teams whom Played in the Southern States Championships in Canberra in July.



U14s— Jack Glenister, Hamish Kerr-Grant, Matt Du Plooy, Angus McDonald, Tom Spark, Manuel Docampo
Coach Cam McDonald and Manager Gareth Kerr-Grant

U16s— Tyson Hazzard, Will Deakin, Jack Bell, Mathias Antonio , Salvatore Costanzo, Fergus Keighran

U18s—Jett Behrens, Jamari Hughes Rennie, Noah Robertson, Lachlan Bell, Josh Prinsloo, Nathan Jones, Ryan Barlow, Archie King



SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS

A massive congratulations to our OC FAMILY  



DON SMITH NOMINEES
SEATON SIEGFRIED
TRENT ORMSBY

EDNA REILLY NOMINEES
JACQUELIN TULLOCH
SAMADHI MUHANDIRAM

JUNIOR MAUALAIVAO NOMINEE
NOAH ROBERTSON

 **RUGBY UNION SA**

RUSA ANNUAL AWARDS
6 SEPTEMBER
SKYCITY ADELAIDE

U16s were on show through the Southern States Championships with 4 players being selected to participate in an U16 Barbarians Squad who take on QLD Reds on 1st October in Brisbane.

A massive congratulations to Tyson Hazzard and Mathias Antonio  



Daniel Londema *Marios Theodorou* *Tyson Hazzard* *Mathias Antonio*

 **RUGBY UNION SA**

U16 BARBARIANS
V QLD REDS

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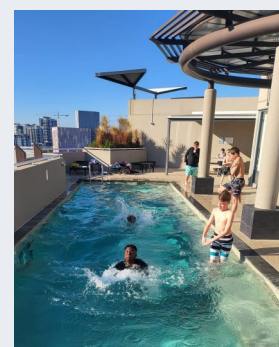
U14s and U16s BRISBANE TOUR



U14s and U16s had an amazing time in Brisbane in July.

It was a successful tour and lots of great rugby played with some very close scores and wins — lots of friendships made.

A very big thank you to all involved, including Coaches Mike, Gareth, Stephen, Warren, Jhuan and Steven along with Tour organisers Alex, Evana, Kylie and Rob.



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BJRU U16 TRIAL GAMES

Upcoming Rounds

Round 7

 U15 UQ Maroon u15	0	07:00PM	20	 Old Collegians U16
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Previous Rounds

Round 6

 U16 Albany Creek Brumble...	17	Sun, Jul 16 FINAL	27	 Old Collegians U16
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U14s and U16s BRISBANE TOUR

Brisbane Rugby Tour 2023

Building on the experiences of the 2022 Sydney Tour, we embarked on a whole new adventure in 2023, BRISBANE! Travelling with 60 players from our U14 and U16 squads, we made the smooth transition from Virgin gate 11 to Brisbane without a hitch. Kids were all looking smart in their new tour merchandise and matching initialled backpacks, we could spot them from a mile away.

The energy in the group was brilliant, both teams excited and itching to play some rugby, which they did. A very impressive determined bunch of young athletes from the onset.

Upon arrival into sunny Brisbane we settled into our luxurious accommodation in the heart of the Gabba district. Pizza by the pool for dinner followed by an evening of watching the Wallabies play Argentina at the local sports bar. Although the Wallabies didn't come away with the win, our players were amped and in the mood for rugby ahead of their 1st match on Sunday.

Game One:

Sunday morning was an early start with bacon and eggs and a quick prep before heading out to Redlands Rugby Union club for the U14's first game against Souths Whites. 14's were ready and raring to go and played a strong match. It was a hard fought game against a strong, experienced opposition who unfortunately took the win, but Old Collegians team can be very proud of their performance. The Redlands club kindly provided lunch for both teams and the U16's raced off to their game at Albany Creek.

The U16's were challenged with playing the Brumbies and with the U14's team, parents who travelled to Brisbane and coaching staff cheering loudly from the sidelines, this group of young men were able to overcome a very strong opposition. They dominated at the line-out line out, were formidable in defence and their attacking skills were clinical. They came away as winners with Jackson Denley taking man of the match. The game was followed by a generous BBQ dinner provided by a great host club. Not only were our players were impressive on the pitch, they also stayed behind to help pack up the grounds.

Monday was our scheduled FUNDAY! Movie World, followed by minigolf and ten pin bowling and finished off by a buffet dinner. All children accounted for, nothing more to report!

Both teams were playing Tuesday evening against University of Queensland Bullsharks. The squad had an easy morning as we headed to the Brisbane Aquatic Centre for a swim in the warm Olympic size pool. Kids had lots of fun and this was followed up with lunch in the park. U14's did some sightseeing at Southbank and the U16's had some down time ahead of their game.

Game Two:

We arrived at Taylor Bridge Rugby Club for our warm up session ahead of the games and were greeted with very generous hospitality. Sponsors of the Bullsharks had donated extra temporary lighting to ensure well lit evening matches on what was an unusually misty evening in Brisbane. The scene was set. U14's were up first and they played an absolute ripper, fierce scrum work and strong intent to move the ball forward. They were determined and wonderful to watch and, although they didn't win the match, the experience was a huge win for the team as evidenced by an impressive second half to the season on return to Adelaide.



LADIES DAY

This annual event is a significant one in our social calendar, celebrating the impact our female members, parents and players make on our club.

Old Collegians ladies day supports the Bridget McCartan Trust and Catherine House.

We also mark the occasion with the awarding of the Bridget McCartan Memorial Medal for Integrity in the Spirit of Rugby to one of our women's players—Millie Bennett

Thanks' to Jo Roger's, Anne Marie Quinn, Jodie Spencer, Victoria Collinge



JPP PRESENTATION NIGHT

ITS THAT TIME OF YEAR FOR OUR JPP PLAYERS AND UNDER 10's (Under 6/7's, Under 8's and Under 10's

WHEN: FRIDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER

TIME: 6:00pm

WHERE: TREGENZA OVAL, LINDEN PARK

We will have a Sausage Sizzle, Fruit Box and Ice Block , Pop Corn and Watermelon all ready for you.

We can't wait to look back on everyone's achievements!

We hope to see you there.

JPP AWARDS NIGHT 1ST SEPTEMBER FROM 6:00PM

UNDER 10'S AND ALL JPP PLAYERS.
TREGENZA OVAL - LINDEN PARK



U12'S, U14'S AND 16'S PRESENTATION NIGHT

Old Collegians Rugby Union Club presents to you U12'S, U14'S AND 16'S PRESENTATION NIGHT
We have come to the end of the 2023 season where we come together and recap all of the great achievements and successes.

WHEN: FRIDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER
TIME: Please arrive by 6:00pm
WHERE: TREGENZA OVAL, LINDEN PARK

We will have a FREE sausage sizzle, COOL DRINK and ICEBLOCK all ready for you.

We hope to see you there.



Old Collegians Rugby Union Football Club
**JUNIOR
PRESENTATION NIGHT 2023**

TREGENZA OVAL - LINDEN PARK
FRIDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER FROM 6:00PM
U12'S, U14'S & U16'S

U18s AND ALL SENIOR GRADE PRESENTATION NIGHT

Old Collegians Rugby Union Club presents to you SENIOR PRESENTATION NIGHT 2023 for our U18 & All Senior Grade Players.

We have come to the end of the 2023 season where we come together and recap all of the great achievements and successes.

WHEN: FRIDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER

TIME: Please arrive by 6:30pm for a 7:00pm start

WHERE: TREGENZA OVAL, LINDEN PARK

DRESS CODE: SEMI FORMAL

TICKET: \$70.00 (3 Course meal will be included with your ticket) Please ensure you follow the link on Facebook to purchase your ticket.

Old Collegians Rugby Union Football Club

SENIOR PRESENTATION NIGHT 2023

TREGENZA OVAL - LINDEN PARK
FRIDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER FROM 6:30PM

U18's & ALL SENIOR GRADE TEAMS

GET INTO RUGBY

SOUTHS RUGBY JUNIOR CLINIC

Ages: 10 to 12

Cost: \$50 (covers all sessions)

FREE T-Shirt & other goodies (when registered via RUGBY XPLORER)

FREE BBQ Sausages & bread for children and carers (each training session)

Location: AA Bailey Recreation Ground, Clarence Gardens, SA 5039

Register: <https://myaccount.rugbyexplorer.com.au>

Week

Week 1 – Wed 11 Oct
Week 2 – Wed 18 Oct
Week 3 – Wed 25 Oct
Week 4 – Wed 1 Sept

Time:

5.30pm – 6.30pm
5.30pm – 6.30pm
5.30pm – 6.30pm
5.30pm – 6.30pm



Any questions contact:
Tyrone on 0402 210 777 or getintorugby@southsrugby.com.au

Vale Howard and Helen Clay

Howard Clay
1932 -2023

Howard died last Friday (25/8/23) in Keri Keri New Zealand ten days after his 92nd birthday. He had been in reasonable health until he fell and broke his collar bone about 6 weeks ago – this led to a rapid decline.

Howard was a passionate Kiwi even though he was born in Lismore NSW (that was a carefully guarded secret) and only moved to NZ some years later. As a teenager and young man in Dunedin he was imbued with Rugby even though he couldn't play due to the enduring effects of a serious bone disease contracted as a boy.

He came to Old Collegians in 1955 and almost immediately became a very active member. He edited the newsletter for a number of years (back in the days when it was hard copy and mailed out weekly), was a committee member, served as President and was made a Life Member.

However, his major achievement for the Club was to be a key member of the group that established junior rugby – an enduring legacy! He remained an active club member until the move back to NZ after retirement.

Howard's wife Helen, who was also an influential member of the Club together with their three offspring. Simon played for OC's and now lives in Daylesford, Vic.; Sarah did a lot of physio work for OC players and now lives in Perth; and Rebecca who lives in Keri.

Howard will be remembered as a generous person always willing to help. He was a "thinker" with forthright opinions. Helen and Howard were always generous hosts. For those that knew him I will add that he died with a suitable amount of cantankerousness'.

We were also saddened to hear of the recent passing of Helen Clay last night 31/08/23 , our thoughts are with the family.

Roger Clay



U7s

The U7s is a unique team in that it comprises five-, six- and seven-year olds, with the 2023 season seeing some players play their first ever game of rugby and some conclude playing for three years at this age group.

Age aside, to a player, they have all worked tirelessly and developed markedly over the season.

In attack, the running has been fantastic with some show-stopping tries scored and even a few running passes thrown - with some of them going to hand. The older players have lead the way with their awareness and athleticism to find space and very often the try line but the younger players have certainly not been left in the shadows with a few celebrating their first ever try.

In defense, our organisation has been the constant over the season. Players have worked extremely hard to get back into a defensive line after each tag and then advanced up with great line speed. When some of the older players have seen a gap in the line or a wing not covered, they have moved to cover the space under their own steam - affording their coach a proud smile.

To the club, the volunteers, Nat our team manager, parents and supporting cast of coaches who help out at training and on match days - thank you for all of your help in creating an environment to allow the players to learn and have fun.

And a final word to the players - a sincere thank-you for training hard, your enthusiasm, listening to your coaches, eating 30 bags of lollies, being happy to turn your shirts inside out to help the opposition, making new friends and for always playing with a smile.

Brian.



U8s

Another successful season of rugby for this group as they stepped up to U8s in 2023. Many of the U8s have been playing together for a number of years through U7s and it really showed throughout the year with the strong team play and camaraderie. With Tom Johnston stepping up to coach again, ably assisted by Stuart Mackay, it was going to be hard to beat the mighty College in 2023.

And **undefeated** the U8s team remained throughout the year (not that anyone kept score!). The U8s showed so much technical rugby development this season – early on it was one out “rhinos” (pick and go), long range solo tries and a lottery of a ruck. By the final month, the team was cleaning out and securing their ball, making multiple passes for tries and even trying to hold players up in mauls. They also defended incredibly for U8s – their line speed and tackle technique (and lack of fear!) was infectious, and that gave other players more confidence too. More importantly, they all grew and developed emotionally and socially, which is the priority for this age – despite the odd push and pull grievance (typically playing “Tails” or some other competitive game at training), for the most part the U8s got along very well, supported and stuck up for one another and enjoyed each other’s company and good humour.



I know they miss each other in the offseason! (as does their coach..)

As coaches who have played a bit of rugby, we can’t recall seeing a young group with this much natural talent – if they stay together, they will form the nucleus of some very good Old Colls junior teams.

Thanks for all the support from the parents throughout the year, providing support from the sidelines, oranges at half time, snakes at the end and washing guernseys each week. As we all know the team is run by volunteers so it is great that everyone was able to lend a hand. A special thanks to those who stepped up to help set up at home games in the pitch black, and run the kitchen on Wednesday night training. Thanks also to the parents for their kind and relaxed approach to the team and kids sport – we take it for granted (and that’s not always the case) – it made coaching and game days a delight.

A special thanks goes out to the coaches and Simon as manager for all their efforts during the year. Tom and Stuart did a fantastic job leading the team, guiding them through the introduction of tackling, rucks, scrums, line outs and break-downs. Their dedication and care they showed with the kids throughout the year was amazing and this really showed in how professional the team played on Saturday’s, humbling many an opposition. Simon ably assisted with the administration stuff no one sees – weekly rosters, registrations, event emails and herding cats for canteen duty!

Thanks finally to Nate and Rob and Old Colls generally for overseeing the team and junior program and ensuring we have such a strong foundation to play and belong – it’s a special community at Old Colls.

We can’t wait for U10s next year as the team joins some great players already in that age group! And on to an even bigger field – we better get fit! (coaches too)

Enjoy the offseason and see you in 2024!



UNDER 10'S 2023 Season Wrap Up...

Well, what a year we've had! Old Cols 'Largest' Coaching & Management Staff took on Old Cols 3rd 'Smallest' team. The players started off a little rocky, still learning the ins & outs of ball security and passing. During the season the coaches put in a lot of work teaching the players and delivering a consistent message, that team-work, determination, and effort is what will win games.

We had some losses and some great wins, even a few tears were shed at times.

Week in week out win or lose the players would come off the field with massive smiles on their faces and planning on how they would win next week.

The players worked very hard on improving their tackling and rucking through the year, and this bunch of kids really started to pull it together in the second half of the season getting the wood on their opponents they had previously lost to.

Our forwards began setting the groundwork for our backline and moving the ball to our outside backs where we had pace to burn.

This culminated in their last game of the season being arguably their best of the year – They played as if it were their Grand Final!.. the cheers and smiles at the final whistle anyone would have thought it was a World Cup victory.

Fantastic year from a Fantastic group of young stars – the future for Old Cols is a bright one!



Season Round-up

What a season our u12 squad has had. They have shown remarkable growth, determination and spirit and the squad itself has grown exponentially in both skill and numbers.

We started the year with 19 players of varying skill and capacity and have finished with a squad of 25, well drilled and capable Rugby players. Every single one of them showing significant improvement across all facets of their game; skill, discipline, leadership, respect, and versatility.

Skill in tactical play and strategy.

Discipline in behaviour, understanding themselves and others as part of a whole.

Leadership as both player, mentor, supporter, and teammate.

Respect of self and others – understanding everyone has a job to do and ensuring you are doing yours, to the best of your ability, for the greater good of the team.

Versatility - learning to embrace change and accept the challenge that it may offer.

The transition from a group of individuals to a cohesive squad, working as a well drilled machine, is a testament to the dedication and hard work of the players and coaching team. The backs were continuously drilled in catch and pass technique and the forwards were schooled the fundamentals of rucking. Then, together during team runs, creating structured links between the two, developing dynamic and disciplined transitions that are seamless in both attack and defence. The group worked hard together to link play and convert opportunities as a team rather than individuals. ...and as we find ourselves at the pointy end of the season, we have a group of players who can perform the basics in their sleep which is a great testament to their drive and determination to be a great team.

The team's progress in their approach to game day has also transitioned from a fragmented playing style to a unified strategy, reflected in a team that understands how to execute simple rugby well and delivers every time. They are definitively watchable. The rise up the ladder has reflected their dedication and collective improvement. Finishing second is a remarkable accomplishment, and it's a testament to their hard work, determination, and is a clear reflection of their growth as a team throughout the season.

The transition to finals marks an exciting phase in the team's journey. With the foundation of discipline, teamwork, and skill development, as a team they are well-prepared to face the challenges that lie ahead. The progress they've made not only reflects their growth as rugby players but also as individuals who have learned the importance of teamwork, leadership, discipline, and perseverance. The U12 Rugby team's story is a compelling one of transformation and success, and their future looks promising as they continue to showcase their newfound strengths on the paddock.

We are so proud by the U12 playing group, and the way in which they have played with courage and determination over the season, their 'never give up' attitude is inspiring. It has been so exciting to see the development of our players and to be a small part of their rugby journeys. The future is bright.

Yours in Rugby,
The U12 Team



U14s

U14 Season Wrap Up:

Pre-Season seems like a **very** long time ago and the U14 have been on a great learning curve. Over the season our squad has grown to an incredible 40 players. While this has posed plenty of challenges, the players have taken this in their stride. We have welcomed new families to the club and new players to the sport, and continued to do so right to the end of the season.

Our road to finals has not been as simple or as straightforward as I would have liked. The first game of the year against Brighton saw us getting a sound thrashing, and in round three we only just held on by a single point against Barossa. Further losses to Onkaparinga and Woodville meant at the halfway point there were 4 teams very much in contention for 3rd and 4th spot, with little separating them.

The second half of the season kicked off against Brighton, and we showed a huge improvement from round 1, and while the result didn't go our way, there was enough to see the potential was beginning to be realised. That said, we failed to keep the spark alive, going down to Elizabeth the following week. This pushed us out of the top 4 and meant every result was crucial to keeping finals hopes intact.

It was around this time that 9 of our squad had the honour of representing the State, with 4 of the girls going to Melbourne and 6 boys heading to Canberra. A wonderful opportunity and achievement for them all.

The experiences gained on tour in Brisbane seem to have given the squad an increased focus and intensity, as since then we have won 6 games on the trot culminating in two cracking performances against Onkas and Woodville to get us back in a finals spot on our own terms.

At the start of the year we set some goals for the team - improve our skills, get fitter, play as a team and (win a grand final). We have seen continuous improvement from the whole squad and I am confident that all have learned something (the coaches included). Without a doubt they have shown they can play as a team, so it is only left to see if we can deliver an upset this weekend and get back to training next week. I really hope we can.



U16s

For the U16s group, 2023 was a follow on from our successful 2022 campaign.

The coaching group remained unchanged, and the first year players coming up were a promising bunch, helping the 2nd years form a strong squad.... so we hit the ground running with a strong focus on fitness and handling, incorporating the drills imparted to us by Nick Ryan of Sydney University, as well as many of our own.

When the playing season started, we had immediate success in a night game against Brighton, winning 40-7.

The rest of the first half of the season was much of the same, with weekly dominant performances from the squad.

In the season break, the squad enjoyed an amazing club tour to Queensland, where we enjoyed playing against two Queensland club sides: The first was a 3rd division side, beating them 27-13, followed by a far tougher game against a 1st division side, taking another solid win 20-0.

This shocked the opposition, as they did not know Rugby in South Australia was this competitive!

Through injuries along the way, we temporarily lost Declan to concussion, Liam to stress fractures, Ivan to a knee injury, Kyle to a shoulder injury, and a host of other players, with minor injuries.

Perhaps the biggest loss, was that of our much loved and capable captain, Tyson Hazzard.

Tyson left us into the second half of the season, having been successful in obtaining a scholarship to play Rugby for Ipswich College.

We did, however, gain a new speedster, in the form of Ben Langley, playing off the wing.

All of these changes gave other players an opportunity to step up into new positions, and they did it beautifully!

We concluded the general playing season undefeated, and minor round premiers, which is not something we celebrated, as this could detract from our main objective: Win the Grand Final, two years running!

We go into the semi finals with a full strength squad, and hope to emulate our finals round success of last year!



U18s

After what seems like a very long winter we have finally reached Round 18 and enter the finals stage of season 2023. With a healthy 23 registered u18 players starting the season and pre-season warm up, the coaching staff could feel that this was going to be a bumper season.

Our first game was against Brighton and it was clear that this was going to set the scene for the rest of the season. Unfortunately, we lost this game 5-17. Little did we know that this was going to be our only loss for the entire 18 rounds. We had really good turnouts to trainings despite the facts that most of the players were also dealing with Year 12 and the challenges that come with it. It didn't take long for the boys to start forming bonds and getting to know each other's way-of-play.

Round 6 we had an outstanding result against Burnside which was the point in the season, the coaching staff noticed a realization in the team that we could actually win the u18 title.

This was also unfortunately when the dreaded injury gremlin appeared. A couple of HIA's and other serious injuries depleted the team to a point we couldn't field a complete side of 15.

Those that weren't injured soldiered on and managed to play full games, with no bench, week after week. As players returned from injury the team grew and grew into a formidable force and Saturday matches never failed to impress with strong forward play, impressive moves in the backline and phenomenal integration between the two. We also had a handful of new players joining the squad and a few old hands re-joining the squad. These players brought a new spirit and intensity to the pitch and were a valued addition.

Our biggest moment came in Round 10 when we met Brighton for the second time at their home ground for a night game. Player and coaches knew this was more than likely going to be the 2 teams fighting for the premiership and this game was going to give the victors a massive edge, mentally, over the other.

The final score came in at 33-0 in our favor. Every single player played out of their skin and was certainly one of my most memorable games in my 10 years of coaching/managing junior teams.

Since then the intensity the boys put in in training was relentless and we now find ourselves sitting in the no 1 spot entering the finals round.

I speak on behalf of the coaches in saying we are so proud of every player who has contributed to getting the team to this point in the season. It has been incredible to watch the growth of the team and hope that they all have learnt not only characteristics about themselves but that they use these in their personal lives moving forward. Truly a bunch of gentlemen we hope to see flourish in years to come.

And now onto finals.....



Womens

Wow – what a season.

OCW started with a bang coming in second at the Elizabeth Sevens competition.

Things went from strength to strength through pre season and soon enough season 2023 was upon us.

The team and Coach did significant work on team culture, including a jersey presentation before round 1 with Club women's legends Maxine Moran and Fiona Brady, a new message board and a player's board in the change rooms.

As the season went on we welcomed some past players back to the team and introduced some new faces to Rugby for the first time. We brought in good structure that we built on all season and saw solid development from last year's players. The squad grew and we managed to field a full team each week with no forfeits.

During season 23 the Women's XV put on numerous displays of structured, building rugby, mixing it with the best on the park. As the season drew to a close we missed out on finals by a narrow margin due in large part to the rising injury count.

Congratulations to all players in the OCW Ohana and thank you to the club and the supporters. We can't wait to be back next year to build on this year's growth, establish ourselves further and enter the top four.

Yours in Rugby

Jeremy Tustin



Third Grade

This season the Old Collegians 3rd Grade team led an exciting journey, characterized by determination, enthusiasm, and a display of the occasional skill on the field. Throughout the season, our team fielded for a total of 16 games, showcasing their talents and putting their best foot forward but above all having a great time with a top group of blokes.

Consisting by a wide and varying team of players, often poached by higher grades our team embarked on each game with a spirit of sportsmanship and a desire to succeed. Their commitment and dedication to the sport were evident in every match they played. The players brought a combination of enthusiasm and skill to the field, working together as a cohesive unit to achieve their goals.

From the season our team emerged victorious in 8 games, demonstrating their ability to compete at a high level and secure well-earned wins. These victories were a testament to the hard work they put into their training and preparation, as well as their ability to execute effective strategies during the games.

Despite their impressive performance and valiant efforts, our team found themselves just shy of making it to the final series by a single game. This narrow miss was undoubtedly disappointing, but it also serves as a motivation for the team to continue improving and striving for excellence in the seasons to come.

As the season draws to a close, it's important to acknowledge the dedication of the players, coaches, and support staff who contributed to the team's success throughout the year. Their commitment to the sport and their unwavering belief in the team's potential played a crucial role in shaping the 2023 season.

Looking ahead, the lessons learned from this season will undoubtedly fuel the team's determination to achieve even greater heights in the future and reinstate past glories. With their passion for the game, combined with the skills they've honed and the camaraderie they've built, there's no doubt that Old Colls 3rd grade is poised to take on future challenges and continue making their mark.



Reserve Grade

As seasons go, it has been a great one for the Reserves. Peter Cross and Graham Raymond took over the coaching this year, Pistol bringing the energy from his Thirds grand final win in 2022.

We finished the home and away rounds in second position on the ladder and had wins against all sides except Brighton (the competition leader). Last year the competition was pretty even and we might have expected the same but as it turned out it was something of 'haves' and 'have nots'.

We had six shutouts while averaging 77 points across those matches. In some of those games our opponents really did give it a crack and their inability to score was less about their effort than our defence. The elements of that defence being excellent kickers in Max Monfries and Kurt McKinley who gave us exit options that we may have lacked in previous years (as well as being reliable goal kickers), and having a strong group of Forwards, guys like Luke Clifton, Jeshua Graham, Dan Harding, Henri Pardoe, Andy Steele, Jim Francis, Chester Armstrong, Rhys Ward, who were super effective at shutting down attacks. It was great to keep that group together for the majority of the rounds.

The Backs selections were a bit more fluid but built around the core of Max Monfries, Karl Edgar, Louis Wauchope, Hamish Napier, Will Sadler and Rob Smedley. We have also been fortunate to have the depth in the squad. Whether it's covering for injuries and absences or having a strong bench, is a key part of success. Nic Brady, Ethan Ellis, Tom Deakin, Mick Trlin, Harvey Bennett, all great examples. So good also too to see the development of our younger players including Ethan Ellis, Ethan Hickman, Jayden Le, Christian Lim, Jamari Rennie and Lote Rasolo.

It wouldn't be Rugby if there weren't injuries. Zac Boyd, Tobey Ledger, Eddie Earl and Luke Clifton were all starting 15 players this year and all succumbed to season ending injuries. Ben Viljeon and Louis Wauchope also ended the year on the injury list. Some welcome returns also, particularly Andy Steele with his injection of power and passion in the front row, Kane Golding at No 8 and Dan Whitehead-Farr in the Backs.

In some respects the season petered out, with two forfeits and a blow out against Onkapringa over the last six games, but on the other hand, we notched up good wins against Souths and Burnside, sides that will feature in the Finals.



Premier Grade

The First Grade's main strength has been the depth of the senior playing squad, with nearly 50 players donning a jersey for the team in the regular season in what was at times a Barbarians-like show. From early preseason there was a focus on ensuring players across all grades were aware of the overall gameplan and skill expectations to be able to adapt to changing circumstances and line-ups.

This year Alex Rokobaro has brought his international playing experience into the role of head coach, supported by Hugh Sheppard. Liam McDonough skippered the side, with Tim Dawes taking the reins when Liam was out injured for a spell.

The team earned early success, kicking off the season at home with a tense win over 2022 Premiers Brighton. The following week saw a victory over Elizabeth, which had knocked us out in the semi-final last year. Relatively close losses to Souths and Burnside pushed Old Colls down to fourth on the ladder at the end of Round One, with Souths ahead in third due to more bonus points.

In the second round the First Grade took losses to each of Brighton and Burnside, in each case by 6 points. Otherwise there were wins in the remainder of games, with the First Grade scoring at least 50 points in each, including over Souths, Elizabeth and Onkaparinga. Rokobaro took the opportunity to expand the playing group, integrating several current Under 18s into the matchday and starting teams for valuable contributions.

Ultimately The First Grade finished third on the ladder and will face Souths in the first final.



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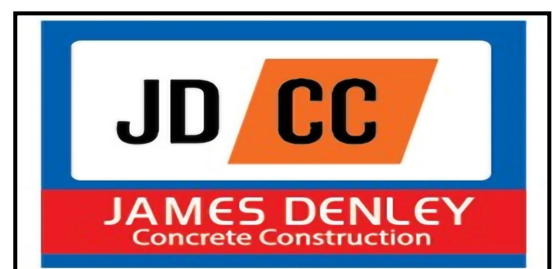
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All Functions at Tregenza Oval unless noted otherwise

September

1st	Friday	JPP Presentation Evening
2nd	Saturday	Senior Qualifying Finals (Elizabeth Rugby Club hosting) Junior Elimination Finals (Elizabeth Rugby Club hosting)
3rd	Sunday	Senior Elimination Finals (Elizabeth Rugby Club hosting) Junior Elimination Finals (Elizabeth Rugby Club hosting)
9th	Saturday	Senior Elimination Finals (Old Cols hosting)
10th	Sunday	Junior Grand Finals (Brighton Rugby Club hosting)
15th	Friday	U12s,U14s,U16s Presentation Evening
16th	Saturday	Senior Grand Finals (Southern Suburbs Rugby Club hosting)
17th	Sunday	Silly Sunday
22nd	Friday	U18s and Senior Presentation Evening

Look out for our Finals Newsletter for acknowledgement of all our amazing volunteers.

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

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