

OLD COLLEGIANS RUGBY UNION CLUB

Tregenza Times

10th May 2022



World Rugby
will announce the winning bid for
Rugby World Cup in 2027 (Men) and 2029 (Women)!
at

Rundle Mall, Adelaide

13th May, 8:30am to 10:30am

Come wearing your club colours

Meet Morgan Turinui and Bronwyn Calvert

U7s Port Adelaide v Old Collegians

This week the U7s travelled to Port Adelaide for their toughest assignment to date. Port Adelaide, clearly buoyed by their namesake's AFL resurrection the night prior, were there in good numbers. That and half their team looked more like U8s (and ran like it was tackle too).

We had our best numbers of the season – 9 players, with Ted (Harry No 2) debuting for his first game of rugby (the kid is a natural) and Violet returning to give the boys some lessons in organisation, fanning out in defence and post-match speeches. Little Alfie was back for his second game and he is already embracing contact like his big brother, Louis. What do the Sutcliffes fees their kids....

After some passive aggressive and somewhat confusing discussions with Port re kicking v tapping off, running out of bounds and 1-2 passes – the game was underway (via a Port tap, when we just agreed to kick!). Port ran hard at the line and spread the ball well. But Old Colls returned fire by passing the ball to Louis... no I mean, by having some great runs forward and supporting their teammates. Also there were less "panic passes" and almost no running backwards.

The second half saw a real improvement in Old Colls passing the ball wider than 30cm and defending their line against the big Port kids well. Harry and Violet took it upon themselves to tell 1 Port kid to stop pushing others, which we don't encourage but secretly admire. And in the end, this was arguably the best game the kids have played – a fairly high and quick end to end standard for U7s. Well done kids, one of the better games – there are some real team and individual improvements already this early in the year. This week – Elizabeth at home!

Kind regards Tom Johnston

Thank you for Photos: Simon Flint and Kate Rice





U8s Port Adelaide v Old Collegians

OC arrived at Port Adelaide for a later start at around 1030.

Far more agreeable than our usual sparrow's-fart-o'clock. Most parents are understandably fans of the Friday night games which coincidentally takes place when the bar is open.

Saturday late morning brought perfect weather conditions. Head Coach Mary Ellis had almost a full squad warming up fantastically. It was looking like it would be a great day of rugby - as noted by enthused supporter Campbell - even assistant coach Mark was there.

Port had three players vs our 14 so we were fairly confident of getting a good result.

Unfortunately for the uber-competitive, but fortunately for the "spirit of rugby", we decided to lend Port 5 of our players for the first half "to make a game of it" and be "fair".

The world's gone mad. Back in my day we'd have witnessed a 100 - 0 thumping and lots of tears from all the children...well technically only 3 would be sad the rest jubilant but hey, everyone's a winner.

The first half was all even (we don't keep score) but if you ask Rory he'll tell you that OC was up 4 tries to 2. We asked him at half time.

How good are half-time oranges by the way? Our U8s only get them if they're up at half time (chill out not really).

The second half was even but we won that one also.

A great draw.

As usual Joah tackled everyone bar himself, Jaco was at every ruck with Rory and Cullen. Harvey ran some great lines, Jasmine saw lots of pill, Leo had a couple of dazzling runs, Ruby got a lots of breakdowns, Indy lead by example, Amaya scored a try, Maddie had some great runs, Jamie ran his heart out and undoubtedly I'm going to feel bad that I've left someone out.

It was a great performance from Indy who was captain for the day who received the first of the 1,2,3 nominations from Head Coach, Mary. 2nd vote went to Ruby for getting involved and 3rd for Rory for his constant rucking and keeping score.

If this group stays together then our future looks extremely bright.

We remain (undefeated and) eternally yours in rugby,

OC U8s Mark Johnson

U10s Port Adelaide v Old Collegians

Our normal very eloquent match reporter, Jaye Gordon is still in isolation so I have been given the task of this weeks match report.

Firstly I'd like to say what a joy it is to see a group of boys and girls playing a team sport with such enthusiasm and excitement. This team is really starting to understand the rules of rugby and are playing some amazingly well structured rugby.

From loose ball to tackling to running phases this team is really starting to shine.

This week we fronted against Port u10 team. We loaned them four players and again the enthusiasm with which our players volunteered is something to be commended.

All our players that played for Port played with 100% commitment and gave our side a tough time.

Struan played some fantastic rugby for us AND for them scoring two well deserved tries. The Reynolds brothers both played their best rugby to date running in four tries between them. Really fantastic effort.

Some amazing tackling by Tonat preventing many tries by the opposition and some very fast jinxy running gaining us many meters. Aston clearly had his weetbix this morning and put in a few massive tackles especially against Struan whilst playing for the opposition.

Overall a great team effort with some very impressive support play, back up running and tackling had us comfortably winning 35-0.

I am really looking forward to watching this team evolve over the rest of the season.

Keep it up u10's.

Thank you for Photos: Kate Rice



Womans Port Adelaide 5 v Old Collegians 5

This week was our first away game for the season, with the Women's team having had a Bye last week. For the same reason we were returning after a week off.

Everyone was thrilled to see the return of our Captain Emily Leggat and to take the field with 15 players for the first time in a while. Sadly that part didn't last long - we lost our first player to injury in the first phase of the game when Bianca's shoulder met an opponent's knee

A few minutes later Olivia finished a nice move in the back line move to cross in the same corner where she opened her score sheet last year. That took us out to an early 5-0 lead which we held for some time before Port managed to equalise. We went into the half time huddle tied, but having played two short with Bianca in a sling and Prue on the bench after making too close an inspection of an opponent's boot heel.

And in the second half they came.

The second half saw Port throw everything at our line. From barnstorming runs from the front row to through the hands moves in the backs, OC's stalwart band of women was up to Port Adelaide's challenge. After withstanding a torrid first 15 minutes, we turned turned the momentum back towards ourselves and there was a real sense of more points coming.

More injuries came and Prue made a brave return. Leggat took off around the backs but just didn't quite hook up with Olivia, Louisa continued to alternate between crushing tackles and strong ball carries and at one time Bec carried the ball and three opponents over the 22. Everyone kept going, but in the end the score stayed stubbornly at 5-5.

"Rugged", "Gritty", "Tough" were just some of the adjectives people used in describing the Women's team's performance after the match and that they were well deserved was clearly evident in Coach Justin's after match talk and in the exhaustion displayed

around the team.

Well played ladies - next week a Bye and then Souths.

Thank you for Photos: Alex Walwyn



Third Grade North Torrens 19 v Old Collegians 69

Another week rolls on and the mighty oc3s faced their next opponents in the comp North Torrens.

Fielding a team of 14 (just) due to covid and injuries, we arrived with a real task on our hands with a opposition that had recruited well over the off season, and had some close games with opposition of late. We did have a welcome addition of Chris Bartlett this week though due to a "wiggles commitment" which will be paid in fines at kangaroo court in due course.

Chipsy did well in opening the scoring account for the boys, with a well worked backs and forwards routine to put us in for the first try, and this gave us the confidence to put more points on the board.

More great work from Chipsy, Smeds, OLP, Hoppo and Full Kit Cross rounded out some great tries for us in the first half. North torrens showed some fight after the break and put a couple over the line, but Juan Pablo rounded out a good day for the boys to a final score of OC 69 - NT 19.

We welcome a week off next week to let us strategise at a pub in town for our next games ahead.

Cheers Alex Jeffries















Premier Reserve Grade Port Adelaide 15 v Old Collegians 27

Come on, who amongst us, at some time in our lives, hasn't wanted to be a Pirate? Making your own rules, devil may care attitude, taking opportunities and risks. So we make our way to the Pirate recruiting ground only to find, to our surprise, that the ship is full. Last time we tried to jump aboard there was lots of space. But the word is obviously out and Port Adelaide had their 15 and full bench of reserves - something we haven't seen from their 2's in living memory. No reprieve then, as players headed off after half time to play up in the 1s. No reprieve either on pure fitness grounds. In fact there looked to be some serious units ready to go. We, on the other hand, were are press ganging blokes, shuffling the pack and waiting for the cavalry to arrive from Dry Creek. All the cost of early season injuries and the rampant covid in its various disguises.

We get underway and pretty soon it's clear that, for all the that there's new Pirates, it the same old game plan. And why not, they're big men! Port played up the middle. We tried to play out wide. There was an ongoing battle in the scrum and Riady Perdana and Makissac Lapworth did well to hold up the front row, and between them, Tom Deakin. The back and forth of the first 25 minutes was ended when we were awarded a penalty within kicking range. Jimmy Hopkinson, playing at Fly Half this week, put the ball over the dot for our first points.

The penalty was accompanied by a Yellow card. That and more coherence in our play showed in the minutes leading up to halftime. We enjoyed a good period of possession and its Oscar Gehan (playing in the Backs) who finishes off a great build up with a strong try. Jimmy's boot was hot, unlike the weather, and he kicked the conversion, the first of three plus two penalties. Not a minute later Oscar is put over the try line again. 17 - nil at halftime.

The Pirates are not the easy beats of days gone by. They came out refreshed from halftime and while we were getting sorted they scored a nice try but were unable to convert it. Perhaps one of the endearing characteristic of Pirates is a (perhaps undeserved) tendency to ill discipline. Both sides had their share of problems at the break down. Fortunately for us Port infringed within kicking distance and Jimmy took the three points. Port were pressing but a magnificent run from Louis (Full Back) starting deep in our own half, cleared a couple of defenders down the right wing and he ended up so much in the clear that he had no problem touching the ball down under the posts. An easy conversion followed. With 15 minutes to play the 27 - 5 lead seemed comfortable, even unassailable. And then the rains came - horizontally! The ball now slippery, the players now slippery, and suddenly the game seemed at very real risk of slipping away too. We were hunting for the the bonus point fourth try but it was Port that scored. When they followed that up 5 minutes later with another try we could only be grateful for their off target kicking. It was pretty clear that Port understood that they had an opportunity to score four tries too and were intent on it. In the end we did enough to hold them out until the final whistle blew. The final score 27 -15 was well earned but there's no deigning that the Pirates gave their supporters plenty to cheers for.

Once again there was terrific heart shown by our many young players - experience and confidence building with every match. Makissac lead a good performance from all of the forwards. Max Monfries was sharp behind the scrum and at the mostly frenetic rucks. Best on ground was Louis. Well deserved for his calmness in the last line of defence, some truely courageous tacking and that wonderful try.

Old Collegians

Tries (3): Oscar Gehan (2), Louis Wauchope (1) Penalty Goals (2): James Hopkinson (2) Conversions (3): James Hopkinson (3) Port Adelaide Tries: (3):

Penalty Goals: (0)

Conversions: (0) Thank you for Photos: Alex Walwyn





Premier Grade Port Adelaide 17 v Old Collegians 19

Heavy rain set in just before kick-off and kept up for much of the first half, limiting the effectiveness of the running rugby each of Port Adelaide and Old Colls were trying to play. For the most part Old Colls kept on top of the defence against an opposition with a strong rugby league base and style, but on offence tried to do too much too quickly, resulting in errors and dropped ball that compromised various attacks down the wings and in Port's red-zone.

Towards the end of the half Old Colls conceded several quick penalties that pushed Port up on attack in the 22. They held out on the tryline for multiple phases, but ultimately Port burrowed their way over the line for the only try of the half, leaving Old Colls trailing 0-7 at the break.

Old Colls changed the focus in the second half with Trent and McKinley kicking for territory and forcing Port to clear for a net gain. Killick and Harding also began to dominate the Port Scrum, with Ward and Robertson a constant threat to pilfer Port's line-outs. About 10 minutes in it paid off as the forwards kept ball in tight to drive from the 22 to the tryline, then the backs went left where Trent cut to Hopkinson who slid over in the left corner.

Port put in a long restart and kept play in the Old Coll's half but struggled to refine pressure into points, eventually taking three from a penalty. Francis pinched a Port lineout on halfway to put Old Colls on the front foot, then strong runs from Edgar, Lincoln and Tyler took play near to the posts. The forwards piled in and Brenden drove over with the pack for a try, in good position for Trent's conversion and a narrow lead.

Port again opted to kick long, but McKinley's reply put them back behind their 22 and the chase from Hopkinson forced a panicked forward pass and error from the winger. Burgess controlled the ball at the back of the scrum, setting the forwards to drive up to the line and Ward pirouetted off the back of a ruck for a well-earned try and 19 – 10 points buffer.

Old Colls got on the wrong side of the whistle again late in the half, gifting Port territory and they clawed back another try after pressuring in the 22 close to the line. In the last hectic moments Port was in a similar position and on the attack in the 22, but Robertson locked in a vital ruck turnover, allowing the backs

to clear and securing the win.

Tries: Jim Hopkinson, Brenden Harding, Rhys Ward

Conversions: Trent Ormsby (2)

Penalties: (0)

Best Players: Andrew Burgess, Brenden Harding, Rhys Ward, Luke Robertson

Thank you for Photos: Alex Walwyn











OC News

Training with Wallaroos Sera Naiqama

With the recent fantastic announcement regarding both the Wallaroos and the Wallabies set to play at the Adelaide Oval on the 27th August 2022 fresh in our minds - it is with pleasure that we can report that our womens team were privileged to welcome Sera Naiqama from the Buildcorp Wallaroos at their training session last week.

Sera was in Adelaide last week with Nathan Gray for a junior coaching clinic and Head Coach Justin Elder in conjunction with Leesa Kenny from RUSA organised a session with Sera that included Q&A and chat with the OC Women's team, as well as Sera running a drill with the girls and providing some feedback for the players. The smiley faces in their picture with Sera confirms that girls had a great night

Special thanks to Hugh Sheppard and Jeremy Tustin for facilitating the session also.



SOCIAL



FAMILY BOGAN BINGO!

When? Saturday 4th June 2022 Where? OCRUFC, Tregenza Oval

Time? 630pm

Food? BYO Bogan Platter Drinks? Bar will be open Costs? \$10 per head -

Pay on the door or online shop on our website

Prizes for the best dressed BOGAN Great Prizes!! Fun for All!

Please note numbers limited to 200 persons so book early to avoid disappointment.

Come and support your fellow team members and extended family as they "strut their stuff" on the catwalk at the Old Collegians

FASHION SHOWDOWN

WHEN Friday, 17th June 2022

TIME 6:00pm - 9:30pm

Where? OCRUFC, Tregenza Oval

Food? Sumptuous 3 course meal provided Drinks? Bar will be open, Bubbles on Arrival

Costs? \$50 per head

Tickets? aomevents.eventsair.com/old-colls-fashion-

showdown/ticket-portal/Site/Register

Silent Auction and Raffle Priizes
All welcome to the family friendly event.

Please note numbers limited to 200 persons so book early to avoid disappointment.

Meet our Members



Meet our Member - Dave Phillips

If you could be a superhero, who would you be? Ironman, because of all the cool toys

Who is your favourite movie character? Hans Gruber

Pineapple pizza – yummy or yucky? No, no, no, no, just no

What was your favourite food when you were little? Twisties

If only you had more leisure time, how would you spend it? Sleep

What was your first job? Pizza Delivery Driver

What if you could say one sentence to every person in the world and they would all listen?

What would you tell them?

I think everybody just needs to calm down a notch. Relax, take it easy and don't get too hung up on the little things.

What do you think Community Sport does for the community? Community sport is great way for us all to come together, to be part of something bigger than just us. Modern life is so isolating now and community sport gives one place where we can be included and a valued part of the community as well as promoting a healthy active lifestyle.

What attracts you to Old Collegians Rugby Club? It's the sense of welcoming community we have here. Everyone has always just been so friendly. It didn't matter if you were just starting out, an old veteran that's been around forever, or a superstar player – the value and welcome you feel is just the same. For all ages from the very youngest to the very oldest, it just feels like family.

How did you get involved in Old Collegians Rugby Club? Having moved to Adelaide a year or so prior, I was keen to get back into playing. At the time we were living not far from the club and someone in the local area suggested I come down and check it out. Living nearby got me involved, but the awesomeness of the club and especially the passionate people kept me there all these years.



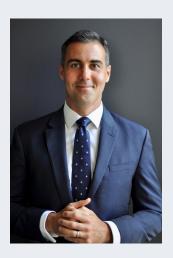
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Time to meet Tom Johnston:

If you could be a superhero, who would you be? Superman – wears blue and red (and probably No. 10)

Who is your favourite movie character? Rocky (specifically Rocky IV... training in Siberia montage)

Pineapple pizza — yucky or yummy? Yum – better after beers

What was your favourite food when you were little? BBQ snags - not much had changed

If only you had more leisure time, how would you spend it? Travelling and camping with the kids

What was your very first job? Trolley boy, Bi-Lo supermarket Alstonville

What was the most rewarding experience of your career? Helping people who need it (through law and disability work)

What is your dream car? Audi RS6 wagon - or whatever Mark Johnson drives

What or who makes you laugh the most? My 4yr old Molly – a natural performer. The "OC3" (thirds) messenger thread is a close second – reliably entertaining, not much fit for print

What if you could say one sentence to every person in the world and they would all listen? What would you tell them? Relax, stop fighting, hug a dolphin, peace and love etc.

What do you think Community sport does for the community?

The single best contributor to a strong community – improving social ties, health, wellbeing, equality, confidence, education, dolphin hugging etc.

What attracts you to Old Collegians Rugby Club?

My first impression on a trip from Sydney (visiting them girlfriend, now wife) – the families, kids, oldies, fireplace, memorabilia etc. And now I really see the inclusiveness and camaraderie, at all levels. Always welcoming to newcomers, great sense of history and purpose.

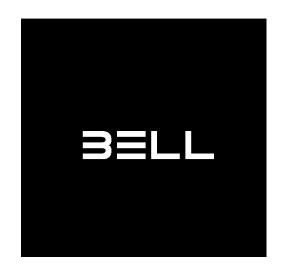
How did you get involved with Old Collegians Rugby Club?

After a few years in the SA wilderness (Brighton, RUSA lawyer and even Crippled Crows) – I wanted to commit to a club with my boy Harry. He wanted to play his first year of rugby and I wanted to play my <u>last!</u> (thanks OC3... but why am I still on the messenger thread?)



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Season Draw







Club Diary / OC Save the Date

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

June 4th	Saturday	7.00pm	Op-shop Bingo—Family Night
17th	Friday	7.00pm	Old Collegians Fashion Showdown & Dinner
18th	Saturday	7.00pm	Old Collegians 1st Grade and Life Members Dinner (Details to come)
18th	Saturday	6.30pm	Junior Movie Night U6s to U10s (Details to come)
26th	Sunday	ТВА	Old Collegians Junior Challenge Day (Details to come)
July	Cunday	TDA	Crimale d Creave Come
3rd	Sunday	TBA	Crippled Crows Game
9th	Saturday	TBA	Bob Burgess/Ladies Day (Old Cols v Brighton)
23rd	Saturday	TBA	Reconciliation Round (@ home against Souths) Beer Pong (Old Cols v Port Adelaide)
August 6th	Saturday	ТВА	Karaoke Night (Old Cols v Souths)
13th	Saturday	TBA	85th Gala Ball @ The National Wine Centre

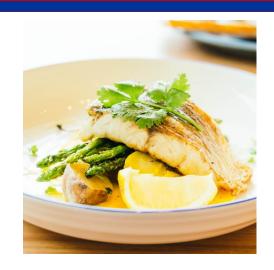
Old Collegians Meals

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

REFER TO PAGES 2 AND 3 OF THIS NEWSLETTER FOR O'NEILLS LEISUREWEAR RANGE

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 online. 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?

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
Cameron Hazzard
Mark Green
Stephen Behrens
Johnny Pretorius
Kate Rice
Bex Ellis

2022 Committee

Old Collegians Committee for 2022

President: Rob Costanzo

Vice President: Dave Phillips

Treasurer: Jarrod Deakin

Secretary: Chris Killick

Director of Rugby: Danny McCartan

Director of Junior Rugby: Nate Sos

Senior & Junior Registrar: Mike Manuel

Senior Selectors: Peet Arnold & Doug Mein

Social Co-Ordinator/Rooms: Jo Rogers

General Committee Members: Jamie Punshon,

Alex Kerr-Grant Kate Trlin

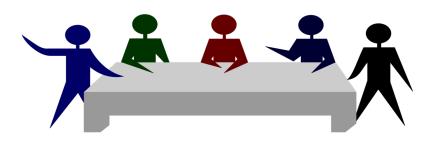
Senior Players Representatives: Mark Johnson,

Samadhi Muhandiram, Chris Bartlett (Chips)

Junior Players Representatives: Hanno De Klerk

Sasha (Alexandra) Humble

Jamari Rennie



COVID-19 Non Negotiables

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