

## **OLD COLLEGIANS RUGBY UNION CLUB**

# Tregenza

6th August 2020



Tregenza Oval Linden Park

Bar BBQ Available all day







Friday 7th August 2020 U18's vs Brighton Saturday 8th August 2020 Women's

Coopers Premier Grade Reserve Grade Third Grade U16's U14's

U12's U10's

U8's/U7's/U6.s

6.30pm

5.00pm 3.30pm 2.00pm 12.40pm 11.30am

10.30am 9.30am 8.40am 8.00am



Well done to all
Players involved on the
day from Juniors to
Seniors

You did OC Proud.

# Round 6 Results

**Coopers Premier Grade** 

Old Collegians 15 v Onkaparinga 30

**Premier Reserve Grade** 

Old Collegians 0 v Onkaparinga 30

**Premier 3rd Grade** 

Old Collegians 36 v Onkaparinga 24

Women's

Old Collegians 20 v Onkaparinga 65

Under 18's

Old Collegians 26 v Onkaparinga 14

Under 16's

Old Collegians 25 v Onkaparinga 22

**Under 14** 

Old Collegians 24 v Onkaparinga 28

Under 12's

Old Collegians 19 v Onkaparinga 17

## 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
- Respect

## **Diary Dates**

#### **Bob Burgess Day**

Round 8— 15th August 2020 Old Collegians vs Brighton Rugby Club

#### **Old Collegians Ladies Day**

Round 14—26th September 2020

A **Silent Action** will be conducted on the day. Donations will be gratefully accepted. Please contact Jo Rogers: secretary@oldcolls.org.au

Proceeds from the day will be donated to a **Women's Mental Health Organization.** 



## **Club News Items**

If you have any items you wish to share with club members,

Birthdays, Engagements, Births, Marriages, etc.

Please forward to the Editor: a.cnightingale@bigpond.com, with photograph if possible.



# And the Reno continues!

More great advancements being made. Glass has arrived for windows. The new ladies toilets are looking great.

Once again we acknowledge the work and commitment provided by Mark Pickard and his crew.









## **Gordon & Peter Alan Shield**



# **GORDON AND** PETER ALLEN SHIELD

This weekend, The first XV will be playing for the Gordon and Peter Allen Shield.

Both clubs share a rich history, with many of our all-time greats wearing both jerseys during their playing career.

PREMIER MEN'S VS OLD COLLEGIANS

#### PETER ALLEN

- 1st XV player 1932 1935 (90 matches played) - inaugural year of rugby in SA.
- Intervarsity player 1933 1935
- South Australian XV 1933 -1935: inaugural State team.
- General Committee 1932-1935.
- · Treasurer 1934.
- President 1963 –1964.
- · Award: Inaugural Hall of Fame Inductee 2007 (nominated by Adelaide University).

## **AURUFC**

#### GORDON ALLEN

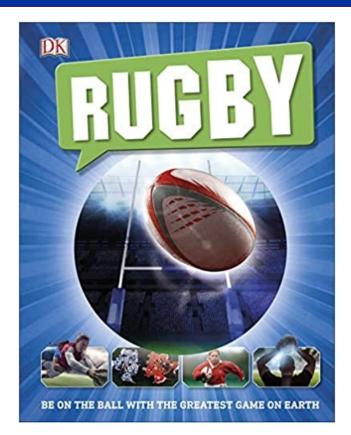
- 2nd XV player 1960.
- 1st XV player 1961 1965. · 1st XV Vice-captain 1964-
- Team member Div. 1 Premiers 1960, 1964, 1965
- Intervarsity player 1961 –
- Club selector 1964 -1965.
- General Committee
- · Awards Best and Fairest "A"s Forward 1963; Club Letters 1962; Half Blue 1964.
- 1st XV player 1966 1971
- · Team Member Div.1 Premiers 1967, 1970, 1971
- State representative 1967 -1968
- · 3rd XV Coach 1972 Premiers
- 2nd XV Coach 1973 -1974
- · Club selector early 1970's
- · General Committee many years
- · OCRUFC's delegate for SARU
- Council various times
- Chair, Social Committee 1969
- Senior Vice-President 1978
- President 1985 1987 a legacy was the beginning of the current Old Collegians Junior Rugby Club.
- · Awards Best 1st XV forward 1968; Best Club Man 1969; Special Achievement Award 1985, 2016; Special Administrative Services 1986; Life Member 1987; Best Club Supporter 2006, 2013.

#### . Div. 1 Coach early 1950's

. (SARU Div. 1 Referee mid 1940's)

## OCRUFC • 1st XV Manager late-1970's

## **Book Review**



Available from Amazon Books

#### **BOOK DESCRIPTION**

# An essential introduction to rugby and its rules for children

This exciting introduction to rugby helps kids get to grips with the rules of the game, learn rugby skills, and stock up on rugby world records. The book looks at the history of the game, and touches on the main types of rugby, including Rugby Union, Rugby League,, Tag and Touch rugby. Did you know rugby can even be played on sand or snow? Olympic rugby is not forgotten as wheelchair rugby and rugby sevens are both covered.

Find out all about the World Cup and the Six Nations, from the history to which nation has the most wins. There are fascinating stats on every page, with profiles of famous rugby players of the World Cup, past and present. Step-by-step graphics clearly show how to pass the ball, and explain what scrums, mauls, and Line-outs are.

## Do we know these fellas!



## **Coopers Premier Grade Match Report**

#### Old Collegians 15 v Onkaparinga 30

**Tries:** Jimmy Francis, Kyle Fleetwood-Pieper, Brad Killick

**Best Players:** Oliver Horne, Jimmy Francis, Gary Mann

Old Collegians started well but thereafter struggled to develop momentum against an Onkaparinga side which was much improved from the trial match earlier this year. The set-pieces were relatively even and Onkas made it a tough physical contest up front, with their bigger runners exploiting a strong fend-off style that needed our defenders to tackle lower. Onkaparinga also played a better territorial game to keep much of the play in Old Colls' territory and limit attacking opportunities.

Old Colls got points on the board within the first few minutes as Mann ran over halfway into the 22, offloading to Bartlett who linked with Francis to finish. Soon after Old Colls drove the attack back into the 22 and Rokobaro took play right off a midfield scrum, lining up Horne who set-up Fleetwood-Pieper to dive over in the corner. When Onkas did get some possession they kept the back 3 busy, constantly kicking deep and forcing Old Colls to clear under pressure for a net loss. Once in the 22 they attacked around the ruck to drive forward and absorb defenders, creating space further out and then pushing over, securing two tries and a half time lead of 12-10.

In the second half Old Colls spent the first 20 minutes down a man as two consecutive yellow cards in the backs opened up more space for Onkas to pin down play in our half. Onkaparinga were back on the attack straight away, getting into the 22 and rolling over in the right corner for a third try. A fourth try followed in similar fashion as penalties conceded gave Onkas the momentum to get back into the red zone and find the overlap to score in the corner.

Despite a couple of injuries, Old Colls rallied when they had the ball to mount offensive passages of play, though were thwarted several times by trying to rush phases and resulting handling errors. Eventually Old Colls hit back into the 22 and Fleetwood-Pieper almost crossed in the corner, before a penalty created a lineout chance and Killick was driven over by the pack. After this Onkas were able to keep most of the play in Old Colls' territory, kicking a penalty goal and running a last try through a tiring defensive line.



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The complete Old Collegians/ O'Neills Leisurewear range, including training jerseys and personalised gear bags can be ordered online via the O'Neills online merchandise store.



For all Old Collegians members when ordering online, it is imperative that you use the **Club Specific Postage Coupon Code (OCON2020)** at checkout which will remove all postage costs. Please note that delivery for individual orders placed through the online store can take a maximum of 28 days from date of order to delivery.

All team wear is available to order in kid's sizes, 5 - 6 up to Size 13 and Adult sizes S - 4XL (jackets up to 5XL). For sizes outside of this range, please contact the club directly. If you are looking to order a size online which is not showing as available, it means that this size is temporarily out of stock.



Please recheck after a few days. If still not in stock, please contact the club.

O'Neills — Old Collegians RUFC Online Merchandise Store Link: www.oneills.com/shop-by-team/rugby/rugby-union/ old-collegians-rugby-club.html



## **Joke of the Week**



## **Reserve Grade Match Report**

#### Old Collegians 0 v Onkaparinga 30

This was a match that will have the pundits scouring the record books. When was the last time that the Reserves lost a game? And when was the last time the Reserves where shut out? If the answer to the first question is X, where X is a pretty big number, then the answer to second is 'greater than X'. But the answers are academic and don't really help understand what happen on that sunny Saturday in the deep south. The reasons are there for the pundits and analysts to ponder, and are best left to them. However, at the risk of going down a rabbit hole, there were two things going on here. The first is you need to find at least four front row players to start the match. The second is that success has its foundations in competitive set piece play. So let's be grateful to Mark Jonson and Matt Noonan for backing up after full games in the (victorious) 3rds to man the Prop positions. We also welcomed new player Josh Gove to the second row. Kesh Palayangoda and Matt Ryan manned the flanks and Joel Pepper took up No 8. All great guys but this was there first outing together. You've got to hand it to Jono. Here's a player that, until this season, has played all his games as far away from the front row as it's possible to get. Prop'ing in the 3rds is tough enough but its another thing stepping up to the 2's for the first time with 70 hard minutes under the belt.

The scene was set pretty early on when Onka's where awarded a kickable penalty. The kick missed but you could see where things were heading. Now, a couple of snippets for the conspiracy theorists. Despite a solid, apparently cross pitch, breeze every set kick went dead straight. And, although it has seems to have rained a lot earlier in the winter the ground was hard. The bounce of the ball is a fickle thing, as Nic Litchfield discovered, and there a days when it seems to favour one side over the other.

And so with the stars (possibly) aligned against us Onka's were pretty soon to realise that they could dominate at the break down and, in defence, did not have to over commit resources. The net result was that for all our effort and endeavour when we did get the ball moving wide Onka's were well set to snuff out all attacks. The 10 - 0 half time score didn't look too bad but as the game wore on in the second half we just could not contain the sustained pressure and Onka's ran in three tries in the last ten minutes (plus one earlier in the half) to clean us up 30 - 0. Disappointment all round but let's be grateful for getting a team on the park and giving us plenty of hopeful moments.

Amongst the **best players** were Kesh, Matt Noonan and Karl Edgar.



Photographs courtesy of AJWalwyn Photography

## **Third Grade Match Report**

#### Old Collegians 36 v Onkaparinga 24

Another warm game day down at Wilfred Taylor Reserve where Old Collegians 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade faced up against Onkaparinga 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade. Two equally matched teams showing off a fantastic contest for the whole game. The first half saw significant periods of College attack against a sometimes hit and miss Onkaparinga defence allowing Old Colls to open the score with a quick succession of tries. Onkas defence started somewhat weakened and uncoordinated initially, however, as they warmed up and no doubt with some choice words of comfort yelled at them, a new and formidable defence was on the field to really challenge our lads. The repeated attacks by College were now being fiercely held back by Onkaparinga's powerful forward pack. Turnovers allow the Onkaparinga some precious feet and eventually breakthrough for a score.

The second half continued as competitive and nail biting as the first. With hard fought contests by both sides, the score edge ever closer, and then apart again as the College boys powered back with another try.

A fantastic game to watch and a great contest culminating in another College win – Old Colls 36 to Onkaparinga 24





## **Women's Match Report**

#### Old Collegians 20 v Onkaparinga 65

It was another game where our women's team showed up with eagerness to run onto the field of play. Onkaparinga once again demonstrated great sportsmanship and matched numbers, to have a fair game. From the very start the Gladiators from Old Collegians were determined to show Onkas how far they have come in 5 weeks and did this in an emphatic fashion by taking the lead with only 5 mins on the clock, scoring a beautiful try by our guest player, Emily from Queensland.

Onkas sent the kick-off nice and deep for Alecia Pienaar to collect and run an impressive line with no less than 5 defenders needing to bring her down, which set up a few phases of play allowing Alecia to run a great line through a few dazzled defenders and touched down the ball right under the posts. Giving Old Collegians a 0 - 10 lead.

Onkas regained their own kick-off, which allowed them to take full advantage and return the score line to a respectable 7 - 10. After the kick-off there were several phases going both ways until Phoebe Linder-Patton secured a crucial turn over, giving Old Collegians the scrum from where they played a few phases when suddenly from nowhere Heather May broke the defensive line and beat several tacklers. She outpaced the Onkas back line to score her first try of the season from within Old Collegians own half.

However, it was at this point when Old Collegians suffered a huge blow loosing Siobhan Monaghan, unfortunately Onkas also lost a couple of players including their captain, Emma Yates. Onkas squeezed in a couple more tries just before half time to bring the score to a very narrow 24 - 15 lead. This brought a shock wave through to

Onkas and our own girls realising how far they have come by rattling the top of the table in such a fashion.

At the start of the second half both Old Collegians and Onkaparinga unfortunately had more to add to their injury list and this included Old Collegians inspirational captain, Alecia Pienaar.

Old Collegians at this point returned the borrowed players to Onkaparinga, as they were down to 14 players. The rest of the game proved Onkas level of experience as they added another 40 points to their tally, however in true Old Collegians fighting spirit, this did not come unanswered and Old Collegians managed to squeeze in a beautiful try after several subsequent penalties against Onkas, Collegians set up a scrum with

Emily now in the 10 position, she suddenly changed direction and ran blindside catching the Onkas girls off guard, sneaking a peach in the corner.

Today was not about the result on the scoreboard but more an observation just to see how much we have come together as a team and how much has been learnt in such a short space of time.

**Chandra Pickard** made an impressive first appearance on the field for the first time, however best players recognition goes to **Phoebe Linder-Patton** & **Heather May**.

Once again Old Collegians showcased true grit and determination. *Well done Gladiators!* 



## **Business Partner Spot Light!**



"Folly" - noun

Lack of good sense; foolishness; "an act of sheer folly".

Having enjoyed the hospitality, great food and wines of the Fleurieu Region for many years, George and his Partner (let's call her Ms J) decided to investigate the possibility of a "lifestyle property" where their children could grow up enjoying and emulating their outdoorsy, fun, country childhoods. Ms J's idea was a beach retreat at Port Willunga where she could sit on the veranda with the latest issue of SA Life, kids happily playing on the beach and beach walks with Tex (our dog). Unbeknownst to her, George's idea was a property on the banks of the Murray River where he could enjoy skiing — a sport he loved as a teen.

One fateful day in December 2015, George came home and made the announcement that he had purchased said lifestyle property, but it came with a catch – an 88 acre vineyard fronting the Finniss River at Currency Creek!! Family laughed "yep, and Pigs Might Fly too", "What a Pie in the Sky idea", you are "Off with the Fairies" were some of the sayings bandied around that evening. Family did eventually adapt and now affectionately call said vineyard "George's Folly".

Initially planted for bulk grape supply to large wineries (which is still the mainstay of the property), George decided to graft the Riesling grapes over some varietals which could be made into the wines he enjoys today, and we now have a little patch which includes Roussanne, Nero d'Avola, Montepulciano and Sauvignon Gris, and we are toying with the idea of several other Italian varietals in the next few years. And so our foray into the wine industry was born!

And, whilst we affectionately call the vineyard "George's Folly", we take it all pretty seriously as we like to drink and enjoy what we produce! As for the relaxing and skiing .... certainly not as much as we'd like!

Old Collegians Rugby Union Football Club sincerely thank George Mocatta for his generous support of the Club and we advise our members that Georges Folly wines can be purchased from the following outlets:

Booze Brothers, Avenues Shopping Centre
Booze Brothers Duck Inn
Booze Brothers Mile End
Booze Brothers Unley on Clyde
Glynde Hotel
Goolwa Hotel
Melbourne Street Wine Cellars
Torrens Arms Hotel
St Peters Cellars

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## **U18's Match Report**

#### Old Collegians 26 v Onkaparinga 14

**Tries:** Makisacc Lapworth, Zac Palser, Guy Radbone & Henri Pardoe

**Conversions:** Zac Palser (3)

On Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> August we travelled down south to play against Onkaparinga at Wilfred Taylor Reserve. The game started with both teams strongly competing for the ball and expressing the same amount of eagerness to open the scoreboard. Makisacc Lapworth through some great attacking play crossed over for our first 5 points and dotted the ball down close to the posts, with Zac Palser successfully converting.

We impressed upfront and dominated in the scrum, which presented our backline with some good ball, but our backs struggled to find their rhythm and some passes went astray. We got ourselves in a great attacking position, following a lineout clearance kick by Zac Palser, but unfortunately Onkaparinga managed to turn over the possession soon after. We gave away too many penalties which limited our opportunities to setup phases. But we kept dominating up front and our scrums were solid, which setup Jervaiius Lapworth for a beautiful break and a quick offload to Zac Palser how crossed over for our  $2^{nd}$  try which he also converted, further extending our lead to 14-0 as we head into the half time break.

Onkaparinga came back hard in the second half and responded with a converted try. Guy Radbone in the centres ran a great line and added another 5 points for us, followed by another successful conversion by Zac Palser. Onkas kept fighting back and scored another converted try off a strong line-out, clawing back another 7 points to take the score to 21 - 14.

Both teams competed fiercely to make the last quarter of the game count, but we unfortunately had to many

turnovers to create meaningful opportunities. We did not tackle as well as we have over recent weeks and struggled to consistently hit our lineouts.

We finished strong with a great try from Henri Pardoe, following a powerful run by Makisacc Lapworth to finish the game up 26 – 14, in what felt like a far closer game. Well done lads, another great team result.

We look forward to our next game against Brighton RUFC and would like to encourage all our junior and senior players and club supporters to come out and support us on *Friday evening at* 

Tregenza Oval, kick-off at 6:30pm.











## **U16's Match Report**

#### Old Collegians 25 v Onkaparinga 22

#### A TOUGH DAY AT THE OFFICE

After narrowly beating Onkas in our first round, the U16's knew this was a do-or-die match if we wanted to make the finals. I don't think I've seen a more fired up team in the change rooms in a very long time. This showed from the first whistle.

Within 3 minutes we had won a tight-head scrum, sent the ball down the backline for Captain Carl Arnold to put our first 5 pointer on the board. The rest of the half was just joy to watch. We executed some incredible moves, our front row and the rest of the forwards dominated giving us plenty of ball to work with.

Ryan Barlow dived over the line for our second try with a very quick thinking sneaky move off the scrum. Carl Arnold made his second try with a beautiful run to score almost under the posts. Sebastian Smit powered his way over the line after a great big pack charge to see out the first half.

#### Score 22-0

The second half started with us now playing against a heavy swirling wind and possibly thinking we had this game in the bag. Onkas came back incredibly strong and managed to disrupt our game and had us playing very rushed, unstructured rugby. Our only points in the second half was a penalty kick by Carl.

Onkas however managed to get four tries past us making the last ten minutes a very uncomfortable time for manager and coaches.

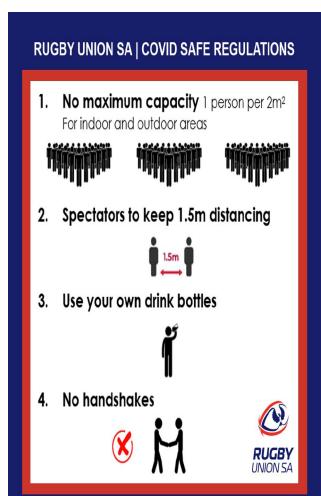
Final score 25-22 to us.

Pleased with the win, but need to play great rugby for the full hour next time we meet Onkas at Tregenza.

Special mention must be made to Jaden Esterhuizen for taking a MASSIVE tackle from his opposite number, which would have destroyed most players, but he came back to play probably his best game of the season which is why he was awarded MVP backline.

Callum Moran won the MVP forward award for some gutsy hard and smart rugby.

Well done lads.



## **U14's Match Report**

#### Old Collegians 24 v Onkaparinga 28

**Tries:** Lachlan Bell, Alistair Tanner & Ben Norris

**Conversions:** Ivan Arnold (2) & Archie King

**Penalty:** Archie King

It has been a couple of weeks since we have travelled down south to Wilfred Taylor Reserve for the trial game against Onkaparinga. We have worked hard at training since and there was a marked improvement in our team's performance on the day.

Onkaparinga has a strong U14's team and they started the game with a sense of urgency. In the early stages of the game one of their big props drove over the line for their first try, which was also successfully converted. We responded instantly and through some good decision making and swift passing through the hands, Lachie Bell darted down the pitch for an almost full field run. He crossed over the line for a beautiful try and Ivan Arnold successfully converted. Levelling the score 7 all.

A passage of play followed with both teams trying to out muscle each other as we saw the play progress up and down the field. Alistair Tanner grabbed an opportunity with both hands and punched through the middle with some straight and direct running. He managed to cross over for our  $2^{nd}$  try, successfully converted by Ivan Arnold. Onkaparinga managed to regather the possession soon after the restart and again drove the play up field, but we stepped up beautifully in defence and managed to hold them out, as the whistle was blown for the half time break, with Old Collegians leading 14 - 7.

Onkaparinga started the second half in a similar manner and levelled the score board within minutes of the restart. The tug of war continued with both teams not wanting to give anything away. Our structure and game plan were a lot more effective than our previous outing down south and to see some strong scrummaging and overall ball security by the team was great. We also brought an element of strategic kicking into our game, which paid off as we saw Ben Norris run in another 5 points for us following a sideline clearance kick by Alistair Tanner. Archie King converting, taking us into the lead at 21 - 14. Noah Wilson worked hard out on the wing in the next phase of play, which helped setup Max Cross for an excellent run, more than half the field with Onkas shutting him down just short of the try line. Onkas got penalised for offside play and Archie King beautifully slotted the ball through the posts for a penalty kick, further extending our lead to 24 - 14.

Onkaparinga did not give up and hit straight back with a converted try, clawing back the score to 24 - 21. With two minutes to go, our defence unfortunately got tested again and Onkaparinga in fighting spirit managed to control the possession and ran in a final try and conversion, finishing the game at 24 - 28 their way. There was massive disappointment on our team's faces as we reflected on the game in our team huddle. We were playing good rugby and felt like Onkaparinga only just took it away from us towards the end. We did so many things well on the day and there were lots of positives to take out of the game, our ability to compete with Onkaparinga upfront, our rucking and our ability to read the game and distribute the ball out wide. We certainly played a lot more to our team's strengths and with discipline and structure.

## **U14's Match Report—cont**

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Special mentions must go to *Ollie Collins* who was recognised as our player of the match as well as to *Lachie Bell* (Best Back) and *Max Cross* (Best Forward). We'd also like to acknowledge Tom Deakin from our U18's for running the line for us, as well as our injured and rostered-off players, Declan Keanie, Harry Ward & Jack Bell who travelled to Onkas to come and support the team, helped with the warm-up, run out the kicking tee and water etc. Thank you to Sasha Humble, helping with the match day app.

It was a great game of rugby between two teams both eagerly fighting it out till the end. We look forward to our team's continued strong attendance at training this week, as we prepare for our next game on Saturday morning against Adelaide University at home, Tregenza Oval.



## **U12's Match Report**

#### Old Colllegians 19 v Onkaparinga17

No doubt about it, Onkaparinga certainly seems to have its fair share of luck regarding Saturday weather! The sun was shining and a slight but cool breeze from the north provided perfect conditions for rugby.

The team warmed up while eyeballing the supersized Onkaparinga opposition, and though the two teams met in the preseason trial and preparation had been made with plenty of tackling practice in the lead up to the match, it is not a surprise that conversations soon led to how best to once again beat the supersized team! Run *around* not *through* was the general consensus.

Run with the wind or against? The argument that can be discussed long into the night ,however Lylah had no doubt when winning the toss and selected to run against the wind. The team lined up for the kickoff soon to be met by some hard-hitting forwards, leading into an early try by Onka's.

A little rattled, the team fought back with a solid run by Will to score, and with both kicks missed, the score settled at 5-5. The general consensus as discussed during the warm-up of running around rather than through seemed to be forgotten, as time after time the ball was run back into the awaiting opposition forwards. Perhaps the theory of tiring them out seemed the better option; however Onka's eventually broke through to go over the line again taking the score to 5-10 at the half time break.

The group had time to settle at the half time break and general discussions about where some improvement and commitment could be made with the key three points being, tackles need to stick and the tackler needs support not just to be watched, more commitment to the breakdowns to protect the ball carrier and clean out, and finally run around not through the larger forward pack!

The half time break discussions were soon rewarded with another solid run by Will to score from the kickoff. The converted try took the score to 12-10. Onka's however were not going to give up and soon responded taking the score to 12-17 mid-way through the second half.

The team continued to be met by solid defence and had to continue to defend time after time, and to their credit, fought back to score midway into the second half, leaving Charlie a difficult kick in windy conditions to take the lead. Never any doubt some may say, but a great kick resulted in OC regaining the lead 19-17 with 10 minutes to go.

The coaching team could only hold their breath as they watched both the clock and surge after surge being made by Onka's utilising their big men before a final surge requiring a mass tackle by I would say 9 of the 15 players to drive one of the bigger opposition over the touch line only metres from the try line as the whistle blew, resulting in a hard fought victory 19-17 led well by Lylah and Andrew, and contributions made from all the players.

This was the game the team needed following recent convincing wins to gain an understanding of where they sit amongst the top sides and provided some solid opposition to identify areas for improvement in both defensive and attack.

Some players to note;

**Will** starting off the bench to score the three tries

**Oscar** for thriving in the competition against his much larger opponents, at times smiling and providing advice to the coach

Sasha for taking the ball up time after time and strong tackling

**Michael** for putting his body on the line in defence

**Thami** for continued strong runs and defensive work before injuring his ankle (now in a moon boot)

**Ollie Pitt** showing no signs that this was his first game with some great covering defence.

**Charlie** with his strong defence and sound boot a welcome return after time off due to injury.

Home game against Uni this week to refine the basics before Brighton at home the following week.

# **U12's Photo's**





# **Thank You**



We extend our sincere thanks to the Team Managers, and/or parents, who supply the photos each week.

It is very much appreciated by all Old Collegians readers and followers.

## **U10's Match Report**

#### **Old Collegians v Onkaparinga**

Great sunny morning with a strong breeze from the south/west, the pitch was firm and dry, just great for a good game of rugby.

We had first kickoff which was long and high but straight into the hands of a fast running winger, our poor tackling made it easy for him to run in a 55m try which was converted all this within the first 3-4 mins. Once again, our kick off ball went straight into the hands of a fast running back, but this time we tackled as if we meant it, PJ was outstanding going into tackle after tackle after tackle, but the Onka's backs supported their players and went on to score a try and convert it.

So, we are 2 tries down and it was our restart; this time we managed to put pressure on their backs and got a scrum from a knock-on. The ball came out to Noah, who passed the ball to Ellis who in turn passed it on to a fast running Alice (this one very fast young lady) - she just brushed past the Onka's backs to run in a 60m try! The balance of the first half was disappointing as Onka's ran in a few more tries, it was not from a lack of trying from all of our team. Ellis was outstanding, Zack and Zander did their share of grunt work, PJ was just everywhere, Daniel did some great ripping work getting the ball back out to our backs, William back from a broken arm tackled like a man possessed.

2<sup>nd</sup> half we really got into it, getting to the fall of the ball, and making the most of it. Caleb was always looking for the ball, and on many occasions he got the ball back to our on running players, but a lack of ongoing support meant we would lose control of the ball.

One of our smallest players, Noah, played the whole game as half back and did very well passing good clean ball to Ellis (10). It was down in our 20m zone, Noah pick up the ball, saw a gap (it must have been a very small one) and just ran some 70m to score a lovely try (gee he's is quick).

Also, very fast is Chloe (new to the game) she caught the ball, tucked it under her arm and ran some 60m only to be caught by a fast Onka's back, great to see.

Some great defense from all the team in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half, one such move was our pack pushing the Onka's ball carrier over into touch, just great team work.

We let ourselves down by not pushing over the ball at rucks, we get there but our opposition tend to push us off, we need to work on this phase of our game.

The result was not what we wanted, but we as your coaches see lots and lots of improvements in all the players; a greater understanding of the game and most of all the team spirit is high and we are all having fun, just a great young good team spirit.

A very enjoyable game; well done every one!



## **U8's Match Report**

#### **Old Collegians v Onkaparinga**

Another perfect day for Rugby!

Following on from last week's scratch match playing against each other, our U8's are showing massive improvements with structure, positional play and ball handling.

This week we travelled to Onkas for an 8am kick-off against an opposition offering a full side! What joy...

We had 14 players ready to play... and play they did! We matched Onkas try for try for most of the game with both sides showing some excellent Rugby skills.

Despite significant size differentials our U8's fought with the hearts of lions... Excellent tackles from Will Taylor, Struan Cowe and Aston Apted, and some beautiful runs from William Page, Cooper Gollan and Mia Gordon with a runaway try.

Felipe Docampo showed a real head for Rugby, making space and passing well. What was really impressive was the chat from the bench... Each player articulating their strengths and what they could focus on when they returned to play.

Rory MacDonald offering up some sage tacking advice before going back on field to implement his side-line knowledge and Hannah Rice getting properly stuck in and tackling like a demon.

Well done to all our players this week - U8's you should be very proud of yourselves!





## **U6/7's Match Report**

#### Old Collegians v Onkaparinga

Saturday saw another early start at Onkaparinga, but the sun was shining and we had another solid squad of U7's, meaning we could run 2 games and everyone had maximum time on the field.

Both teams were well matched by their Onkas opposition and it was a fairly high scoring affair. Not sure what it is about the bright orange corner posts at Onkaparinga, but they are clearly a focal point for the kids, and we saw almost all of our tries scored directly on the corner post! Having said that, at least that meant the kids were looking for gaps in the field to make it to the elusive orange post.

A key focus for this week was to work more as a team, particularly in attack where we have been working on passing the ball around and calling to our teammates when we're in a good position to receive and run the ball. There is no shortage of individual skill and talent in our young squad, but with all that talent and enthusiasm our little stars often temporarily forget that rugby is a team sport and like to run the ball themselves every single time. This 'white line fever' is only natural at this age (heck, there are plenty of great senior players who are still working this out!). There was some improvement on this front, and it's something we will continue to work on at training.

Our tagging in defence was a huge positive as we saw the kids coming up as a line in defence and taking space from Onkas.

All in all, another fantastic effort put in on Saturday and we look forward to being back home to take on Adelaide Uni this weekend.





#### **Club Merchandise**

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/

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:

Jo Rogers: secretary@oldcolls.org.au

## **Social Membership 2020**

You can now register and pay for your Social Membership online via our website.

At the top of the home page, click on "Membership" and enter your details and payment. It is simple, quick and easy to follow. https://oldcollegians.rugby/

For those you cannot use this system please find a Social Membership Form on page 11. Fill it in, make your payment via credit card and the send form to Old Collegians Rugby Union Club, PO Box 164 Glenside 5065 or email to **seniorregistrar@oldcolls.or.au** 

## Can You Assist Old Collegians?

#### **To our Old Collegians Friends and Members**

Help your club overcome the difficulties of 2020. With a drastically shortened season and reduced funding sources, the Old Collegians Rugby Football club needs your support to keep your club viable and to be able to provide a quality rugby experience for the community.

The COVID-19 restrictions have hit sporting clubs around the country very hard. Your club has not been spared and has experienced a drastic reduction in essential income this year, however, the usual expenses of running the club have remained.

Your club needs your support to continue to provide and develop your club and continue to provide a high-quality sporting and social environment for many years to come.

You can make a difference by making a tax deductible donation. https://asf.org.au/projects/old-collegians-rugby-football-club-inc/



**Australian Sports Foundation** 

#### **RUSA News!**



Old Collegians is in the Central Clubs Grouping: Game day will be 7th November

For more information, contact Jason Hyam - jason.hyam@sarugby.com.au





Assisting with the Commentary, at Onkas, **Russel Gordon** and **Pete Cross** 

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# **Silver**









## **Bronze**















# Copper









