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\* TEAMS FOR SATURDAY 7th SEPTEMBER \*

SECOND XV -v- UNIVERSITY II at 1.30 pm at Bailey Reserve

Little Tim Robins Manson  
Maurie Smith B.Sweeting Balnaves Melnikof  
Pukallus

Goodwin

Parfitt

Schmocker

Beatson

Quodling

G.Williams

Mann

Captain - Melnikof

Vice-Captain - Goodwin

Reserve: Rankine - or anyone else available (please phone Barrie  
Levy at 96.7073 (home) or 72.1087 (business))

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THIRD XV -v- FOURTH XV at 1.30 pm at Linden Park Oval

Schirripa Stewart-Jones Jordan  
Bryant Carter Shepherd Yuen  
Langridge

Lewis

O'Sullivan

Caspar

Munday

McCarthy

Clarke

Stephenson

Captain - Langridge

Vice-Captain - Munday

Reserves: Thomas

- FROM THE TOUCHLINE -

by J. Diack

FIRST XV LEAD BUT LOSE CONTROL

Patches of brilliant aggressiveness interspersed into an otherwise mediocre performance were by no means enough to hold Woodville last week. The First XV were defeated 28-18 by that team. Brian Sweeting and Malcolm Jones came into the side replacing the unavailable Mick Hohnen and David Synott, and both players scored a try; Brian having his second run for the afternoon.

During the first five minutes Woodville were well on top and Collegians were hard pressed to keep Woodville from scoring. Then we had a complete reversal. Chris Sweeting snapped up a loose ball, took off and swerved brilliantly through the opposition to ground the ball under the posts. Bob Forbes converted the try and we had established an early 5-0 lead. Some excellent aggressiveness by the forwards took the ball almost to the line again and after a dogged fight for possession Brian Sweeting crashed down to score Collegians second try right in the corner and this was well converted by Forbes, 10-0.

Woodville Creep Up

After this, however, Woodville gradually gained control. Despite some really good attacking movements and rushes from Collegians, we could not stop Woodville creeping to one point behind our score at half time.

After half time Collegians were unable to effectively maintain their advantage, and Woodville steadily amassed 19 points to our 8 in the second half. Peter Allen was by far the best of the forwards, and repeatedly turned defence into attack either by creating opportunities for rushes, or with a long kick down the line into touch. Ray Turner played a similar role and

was his usual forcible self. Bob Burgess had a good day and took back good ball, but despite all this and the odd brilliant tackle from various players (notably Davidson, Brian Sweeting and Hancock) we were not good enough to hold off the onslaught.

#### Good Individual Efforts

For Collegians, Bob Forbes kicked a penalty goal and converted a try scored by inside centre Mal Jones. Finding himself completely without support he managed to break through and run half the length of the field and score between the posts. Of Collegians' backs, Colin Dennis played a ripper at five eighth, and Rick Hancock showed confidence as well as improving competence in his new position at half back. Chris Davidson was good and we saw a nice performance and intelligent play from Edward Mann at full back.

What a bad year the First XV have had. Every First XV player has shown individual brilliance, and when I say every player I mean each man who has played at least one or two matches in the XV. As a "team"? Well the season's results speak for themselves. Such a pity, because with the players and the talent we have, WE SHOULD BE TOP. All the other things I had intended to say if we had had another overwhelming defeat can be summarised by the above. As for the attendances at training, I can guess who were the regular twice weekly ones. It shows!

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#### - THE GLORIOUS FOURTHS -

by Mick Finn

#### POOR PERFORMANCE BUT JUST SUFFICIENT TO WIN

It is comforting that we played badly, but at least, it didn't matter. Conversely Torrens, still smarting from the previous week's drubbing, played above themselves, throwing everything into the game but the kitchen sink, not to mention a few left hooks. Under-

standably with little at stake we relaxed and only very reliable kicking by Jones, 3 penalty goals out of 5 attempts and an inspired display at full-back by Robins saved the day. Handling and kicking by these two was practically faultless.

#### Faulting Tackling and Covering.

Our main faults were an absence of tackling, especially the backs and a total lack of cover defence with the exception of Carrood and your correspondent until his wind gave out early in the first half! We also misjudged the pace of the drying pitch and consequent faster bounce and the pace of the game left us stumbling a yard behind all day. Possession from the tight and loose went their way about 3 to 2. Both sides mixed it, they started it and we kept it going - this played into their hands as we looked for the man on numerous occasions and not the ball.

Best Players:- Gill, Carrood, Gibbs (in the lineouts) Robins, Jones.

Half Time 3 - 3            Full Time 9 - 6

Let's forget this one and look forward to next week's semi-final against the Thirds.

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#### COMMENT ON LAST WEEK'S EDITION

Little attention was given in last week's reports to Suttell and Rimington played two games each. Both played excellently for the Fourths and they performed with great credit for the Seconds. Each contributed a lot to the victory over Onkaparinga. Without them the Seconds would have been in great trouble in a vital fixture. Too little credit is given to stout hearted team spirit of this sort, of which, the Fourth's team captain for one, is justifiably proud.

It is my understanding that O'Sullivan and Munday also doubled for the Thirds and Firsts on the mud heap at Linden Park. I have no idea of their respective performances in either game but I offer them my admiration for their team spirit. It is team spirit such as this that has put the Thirds and Fourths at the top of their Division.

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ANNUAL DINNER AND TROPHY PRESENTATION NIGHT

The annual stag dinner will be held on the night of the Grand Final matches, Saturday 21st September, at the Botanic Hotel.

Botanic Hotel is at the corner of North and East Terraces, Adelaide.

Last year over 100 players, members and supporters attended and we hope to have a good turn out again this year. The evening will commence at 7 p.m. with pre-dinner drinks.

The cost will be \$3.00 per head, which will include the dinner and the pre-dinner drinks. Drinks with and after the meal will be at your individual expense.

Make sure you don't miss out by booking with Bert Rogers immediately. Bert is on the phone at 45.7122 business or 37.2610 private.

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\* ATTENTION ALL PLAYERS \*

For next Saturday's semi-finals it is essential that all players and reserves for each of the three teams should be at the ground half an hour before the commencement of play.

Particularly for the Second XV we must field a full team in order to win. IT IS ALSO ESSENTIAL THAT ALL PLAYERS HAVE NUMBERS ON THEIR JERSEYS - if any do not the S.A.R.U. can take the match away from the team and award a win to the opposition.

If members of the First XV with numbered jerseys could bring them to the Second XV it will assist in the event that some of the players have been unable to obtain numbers.

Team spirit is vital to help us win through to the Grand Final in each grade. Take heed!!

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- THE SECOND XV GAME -

by Dick Chalmers

PLACE IN FOUR MADE SAFE

The Second XV made their place in the final four safe when they defeated Port Adelaide last Saturday.

This was another fine performance, scorewise, as they won by 29 points to nil. Although the majority of tries resulted from determined runs, where on each occasion the ball was handled by four or five players, the general standard of play was only average, especially in defence.

Covering the loose ball and solid tackling is essential if we are to get through to the grand final.

Scorers were Roger Parfitt, two tries; Graham Schmocker, Graham Williams, Brian Sweeting, Jack Little and David Quodling each one try; Athol Pukallus two goals and a conversion.

The best players were Brian Sweeting, Athol Pukallus, Graham Schmocker and Roger Parfitt.

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\* LADIES COMMITTEE \*

Thanks to the hard work done by the members of the Ladies Committee, the Progressive Dinner realised a profit of \$106, which will, as usual, be presented by that Committee to the Club Committee.

This will provide another welcome addition to our Building Fund. The Club Committee has asked us to thank the Ladies Committee, on behalf of all members, for the fine work they have done in helping to raise funds and in providing those who attended the Dinner with a most enjoyable evening.

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NEXT SUNDAY - 8th SEPTEMBER. Car Trial and Barbecue, organised by Old Collegians R.U.F.C. on behalf of the S.A. Rugby Union.

THE TRIAL IS FROM BAILEY RESERVE TO THE LEGACY CLUB CAMP AT CLARENDON, LEAVING THE RESERVE AT 10 am. RAIN IS NO BOTHER - there is plenty of cover at the Camp. Entry fee - \$1 for the car and driver; 50 cents for each passenger.

\* THE THIRD XV GAME \*by The EditorDIFFICULTIES OVERCOME

With a splendid team effort and great intelligence the Third XV defeated St Marks by 19 points to 16 last Saturday. First the team had to overcome the handicap of having only 11 men against 14. (Shepherd and Little had been promoted to fill gaps in the Second XV, Sims was unavailable, Stephenson was injured and officiated as linesman, and one other did not turn up). New-comer, Toby McCarthy filled one of the five gaps thus created.

The handicap was overcome by playing only 5 forwards, leaving an almost complete back-line (minus a full-back). The forwards effectively packed the scrums with only a front-row and the breakaways, which permitted the break-aways to fan out quickly and disrupt St Marks backs.

Good Supply Of The Ball

Although outnumbered the forwards won a surprisingly good supply of the ball for their backs. It was then a treat to see a back-line make the utmost use of the hard-earned ball. Hardly a ball was fumbled or a pass dropped. The passing was quick, crisp and accurate. Passes were made and taken on the run. No individual tried to make too much ground before passing

The only fault to be found was with some of the tackling, but this was pardonable in circumstances where the player often had to decide which of two men to take.

The Play

St Marks scored first with an unconverted try. Then a run by Caspar followed by quick passing and the reversal of play across the field saw the ball in the hands of Harry Clarke, who burst through 4 men in a 20 yard run to score. This was converted by Dick Caspar. The score, 5-3.

From scrambling play St Marks scored again and converted. Next, from a 5 yard scrum, Jack Little came away quickly, passed at the psychological moment and sent Harry Clarke over in the corner. The conversion missed and the score was levelled at 8 all.



FOURTH XV -v- THIRD XV at 1.30 pm at Linden Park Oval

Gill McNeilly Rimmington  
N.Garrood Gibbs Finn Seow  
O'Connor

Suttell

W.Jones

P.Burke

J.Burke

Haycraft

P.Goodwin

A.Robins

Captain - Finn

Vice-Captain - Suttell

Reserves: Robinson, Hartwig

INJURED: Knox, McQueen, R.Smith, Jackson

NOT AVAILABLE: Gomm, Hayes, Mark Smith, Griffith, Cameron,  
Owens, Warren, Graham, Ryan, Cutting, Sims,  
Jacobs, Holdich, J.Garrood, R.Sweeting

IF YOU CANNOT PLAY - OR IF YOU WANT A GAME - PHONE BARRIE LEVY  
IMMEDIATELY AT 96.7073 (home) or 72.1087 (business)

THIRD XV GAME - cont

Winger Scores

Weak tackling let the St Marks half run through 3 men and score a try which was converted. Just before half-time another quick passing movement along the back-line saw right winger Toby McCarthy dive in for a try by the corner post. This was not converted and the half-time score was 11-13 against the Thirds.

The scoring rate slowed in the second half, and play was well advanced before a hard fifty yard run by Phil Munday, who beat so many men so easily he had no need to pass to his supports, saw him score near the posts. Dick Caspar converted to make it 16-13.

Then another quick burst of passing and a switch in play saw St Marks caught on the wrong foot for O'Sullivan to run 20 yards before sending Harry Clarke in for another try. This was not converted. St Marks finished off with a try following an unlucky fumble from an Old Collegian, to make the final score 19-16. All in all this was a fine performance and a good game to watch.

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Goodwin

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Captain - Melnikof

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TRAINING - Please take note of the announcement on page 2 of this  
issue regarding special training sessions.

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FOURTH XV -v- WEST TORRENS II at 1.30 pm at Bailey Reserve

Gill McNeilly Rimington  
N.Garrood Gibbs Gomm Seow  
O'Connor

Suttell

W.Jones

P.Burke

J.Burke

Haycraft

P.Goodwin

A.Robins

Captain - Suttell

Reserves: Sims, Robinson, R.Sweeting

\* TRAINING \*

The following special training sessions have been arranged for the Second, Third and Fourth teams. In each case an individual coach will be present for each team.

SECOND XV will train on Thursday night this week at Linden Park Oval at 5.30 pm. Coaching will be taken by team captain Alex Melnikof. All players named on page 1 to play next Saturday (including reserves) is asked to attend. Glenelg II will be a hard team to beat. A full turn out at training could make the difference between victory or defeat.

If the Seconds win next Saturday further training sessions will be held, again with Alex coaching, on Tuesday and Thursday nights next week - same place, same time.

THIRD XV. Cec Abotomey will conduct a training session for all regular Third XV players next Saturday morning at 11 am at Linden Park Oval. All players who were named in the Third XV for last Saturday are asked to attend - this includes those who have been named as reserves for the Seconds or Fourths for next Saturday afternoon.

If anyone cannot attend please phone Cec Abotomey at 57.9111 (business). As Cec will be away from Adelaide next week it is important that this training session should be well attended.

In addition all players should train at Linden Park at 5.30 pm this Thursday night and on both Tuesday and Thursday nights next week, in preparation for the grand final on Saturday 21st.

FOURTH XV. As Mick Finn will probably be absent this week, his vice-captain, Edward Suttell, will coach the Fourths on Thursday night at Linden Park Oval at 5.30 pm. It is possible that West Torrens may attempt to stack their team for next Saturday, so a good training session is essential. Don't let the side down Edward would like to have the full team named plus the reserves with him.

If the Fourths win on Saturday and go on to meet the Thirds in the grand final, training sessions under either Mick or Edward will be held on Tuesday and Thursday nights next week.

IF ANY PLAYER NAMED FOR SATURDAY IS NOT AVAILABLE PLEASE PHONE BARRIE LEVY IMMEDIATELY AT 96.7075 (home) or 72.1087 (business)

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- ANNUAL DINNER -

SATURDAY 21st SEPTEMBER  
at Botanic Hotel.

Cost: \$3.00 per head

Make your booking with Bert Rogers immediately by phoning him at 45.7122 (business) or 37.2610 (private).

This is always an enjoyable evening - we strongly advise all players and non-playing members not to miss it.

Highlight of the programme will be the presentation of the Club Trophies.

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- CORRECT DRESS -

All players appearing in next Saturday's finals and the following week's finals must be correctly dressed in accordance with S.A. Rugby Union rules.

It only requires one player to be improperly attired and a victory could be forfeited on an appeal by the defeated opponents. Such is the lack of sportsman- among some Rugby people in this State that they would love to have the opportunity of robbing us of a win in this fashion.

The correct uniform which must be worn is club jersey, dark blue shorts and CLUB SOCKS!! In addition you must have a number on your jersey.

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- SECONDS DESERVED TO WIN -

Although University had an appreciably faster back-line than Old Collegians, and won a good share of the ball, the latter deserved their win which resulted from making greater use of their opportunities than did their opposition.

The scoring started in the first three minutes of the game when Edwin Mann drop kicked a penalty goal to make the score, Old Collegians 3 points, University 0

University soon fought back and the speed of their backs combined with weak tackling from Collegians allowed to score a try in the corner. The conversion kick missed, and the score was 3 all.

Play was fairly even throughout most of the first half, with University losing opportunities through bad handling among the backs, and Old Collegians ruining chances when individual backs persisted in trying to make too much ground before passing.

Well into the first half Old Collegians won a scrum on University's 25 yard line. The ball was moved quickly to Graham Schnocker at inside-centre, who tried to run too far and nearly lost contact with his outside man. His pass went astray on the ground but luckily it was snapped up quickly by winger Graham Williams, who burst through a series of weak tackles to score well out from the posts. The conversion kick was astray and Old Collegians led 6 - 3.

#### Improvement in Line-Outs

In the first half the tall University second row had won the greater number of line-outs. In the second half sensible tactics were employed to nullify their height advantage, and in fact these tactics were successful to a point where Old Collegians began to win many line-outs. In this phase of the game Manson and Melnikof were prominent, with the former forcing the University-won ball down to be rucked, whilst Alex Melnikof won a lot of ball from our throwing in, when a short fast throw-in was being used.

Early in the second half University evened the score with a penalty goal. At times they pressed Collegians hard and only a strong defensive game from Mann at full-back prevented further scoring.

With about twenty minutes to go Collegians were awarded a penalty on the University 25. Alex Melnikof took a tap kick and the ball was moved out to winger David Quodling. The latter was caught but had Roger Parfitt backing up. Parfitt accepted the pass to score in the corner.

The conversion again missed and Old Collegians led 9 points to 6.

Old Collegians continued to press strongly and from a line-out close to the University line the forwards won the ball cleanly, enabling Merrick Goodwin to send a quick pass to Quodling on the blind wing. Before the opposition were prepared Quodling crashed over for a try in the corner. This was not converted and the score was 12-6 to Old Collegians.

Old Collegians now relaxed in the dying minutes of the game but University were unable to capitalise and at no-side the score was unchanged.

#### Strong Opposition.

Except for the odd individual lapse the whole team played well and with a will to win. Tim Robins was noticeable for his tigerish play, whilst John Manson and Alex Melnikof each had a good game. Maurie Smith played his usual intelligent game and Brian Sweeting showed that he has continually improved as a player this season.

Merrick Goodwin showed skill in his use of the sideline throughout the game, and managed fairly good deliveries from set play despite some close attention from the opposing half and the breakaways. Roger Parfitt moved well at five-eighth and Edwin Mann again made a valuable contributing at full-back.

Next Saturday Glenelg II will be stronger opposition than were University II, and the Second XV will have to lift their game if they are to win the right to play Burnside I in the grand final. In particular the forwards will have to improve their fitness.

It can be done and we hope it is. Best of luck!

The Editor.

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ANNUAL DINNER AND TROPHY PRESENTATION - Saturday  
21st September. Bookings with Bert Rogers.

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+ FROM THE TOUCHLINE +

by "PRO BONO PUBLICO"

The needle match between the Thirds and the Fourths was played on a dry pitch and in a extremely competitive spirit. On balance, the match was fairly even, with victory going to the Thirds by the odd score and conversion.

The Thirds won because they used their backs to far greater advantage than did their opponents and in this they were extremely well served by Tony Carter and David Stewart-Jones in line-outs and set scrums.

These two players made good the disadvantage of their team taking the field with a "League" team of 13 players. Additionally, the Thirds backs made better use of the ball won by their forwards and were more penetrating in attack than were their counterparts.

#### Fourth XV Forwards Played Well

For the Fourths, the forwards played a sterling game in the loose whilst being outplayed in the line and set scrum.

The backs found difficulty in finding their outside number and the tackling left much to be desired. This latter comment would well be applied to both sides as, on several occasions, players were allowed to run through three or four opposing men without being materially hindered.

The scorers for the Fourths were Craig McNeilly, Kay Gibbs and Tony Seow, who got a try apiece, and Bill Jones who kicked three conversions.

(The scorers for the Third XV are given in a separate article.)

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Rumour has it that some of the Club wives are organising a dinner party for themselves at the "Feathers" on the night of the Club's Annual Dinner. We will try to publish some details next week.

\* THIRD XV HAS REVENGE \*

by Cec Abotomey

The Thirds revenged themselves for two recent defeats at the hands of the Fourths when they defeated the latter by 18 points to 15 last Saturday. Victory also gave the Thirds an immediate place in their Divisional Grand Final to be played on 21st September.

With only thirteen men the Thirds played particularly well in holding the Fourths pack. For the first twenty minutes of the first half the Thirds backs were their mainstay, because the forwards were outplayed.

But then the forwards took heart and started to win the ball and push the Fourths' pack off the ball. After about the 25th minute Derm O'Sullivan scored a try to give the Thirds a 3-0 lead.

Hard Tussle

Mick Finn then started to rally his men and the Thirds had a hard tussle as the Fourths came into the game more. Then a pass to the Thirds' blindside wing, Harry Clarke, saw him well tackled but Duncan Bryant gathered the ball and was pushed over the line by the rest of the pack. Dick Caspar converted to make the score 8-5 in favour of the Thirds, with Craig McNeilly having scored a try for the Fourths which was converted by Bill Jones. At half-time the score was unaltered.

In the second half the Thirds really played as a team, covering and tackling well. From a quick heel the ball was spun rapidly along the backline to Phil Munday who ran 20 yards, drew the full-back and sent Harry Clarke away on a 50 yard run to score under the posts. The latter then collapsed exhausted.

The Fourths argued with the referee at this point and were not allowed to charge the conversion kick which went over, making the score 13-5.

Thirds Relax

The next score came from Tony Carter who crashed through numerous players for a try which was converted by Dick Caspar, and the score was 18 points to 5. The Thirds now relaxed, with about 15 minutes left to play, and at this time the Fourths came back



back with a rush to score and convert two tries and make to final score 18-15.

#### Best Players

Among the Thirds' pack the best players were Tony Carter, Andrew Yuen and Stan Jordan (our jersey pulling expert), while Derm O'Sullivan, Phil Munday and Harry Clarke showed to advantage among the backs.

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#### - END OF SEASON TRIP -

On Sunday 29th September a team from Old Collegians will play a team representing the South-Eastern Districts of S.A. at Naracoorte. Players and supporters will travel down by car on the Saturday and will be billeted locally that night.

The South-Eastern team is being organised by two Club members, Terry Hayes and John Griffith. We expect it to be a strong side and the Club wants to field the strongest available side to oppose them.

Already 18 players have put their names down for the trip, but there are a number of First XV names missing and we would like to see these on the list. If enough players nominate it should be possible to play two games.

Any player or supporter who wants to join the party should phone Bob Smith at 31.1713 (home) as soon as possible.

In some instances members are known to be taking their wives with them and staying at the Naracoorte Hotel - any others who are interested in this idea should see Howard Clay who is arranging bookings at the Hotel.

Those players and supporters who have already nominated are:- John Earle, John Manson, Barney Hancock, Rick Hancock, Tim Robins, Sid Feldheim, Cyril Holdich, Ron Sweeting, Ray Stephenson, David Stewart-Jones, Bob Smith, Steve Garrood, Dick Caspar, Chris, Brian and Robin Sweeting, Dave Quodling, Alan Gibson, Colin Dennis, Bert Rogers, Dave O'Connor, Mick Finn, Geoff Shephard, Cec Abotomey, Phil Munday, Barrie Levy, Howard Clay and Bob Burgess.

Expenses should be minimal as only the required number of cars will be taken and petrol costs will be shared. Billets are free. There will be a barbecue on the Saturday night.

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\*\*\* BARBECUE \*\*\*

Barney and Shirley Hancock invite club members and their wives, fiancées or girlfriends to a barbecue at their home on Sunday 3rd November, commencing at 11 a.m.

The address of the Hancock home is 4 Vansittart Place, Beaumont.

Grog will be provided by Barney, and there will be a small cover charge per head to pay for T-bone steaks for lunch.

The Hancocks' have a swimming pool and those attending the barbecue are invited to bring their bathing suits if they wish to use the pool.

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- BIRTH -

Congratulations to Dot and Dick Chalmers on the birth of their daughter, Vikki Lynette. Vikki was born on Monday 23rd September at Queen Elizabeth Hospital and weighed 8 lb 3 ozs.

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\* GRAND FINAL TO THIRD XV \*

The Third XV had a deserved win in the Division IV Grand Final on 21st September, when they defeated West Torrens II by 12 points to 8.

For most of the game Old Collegians were dominant and at half-time led by 9 points to 3. Richard Caspar, Phil Munday and Stan Jordan all scored tries, but our kickers were not in form and none of them were converted. West Torrens scored one unconverted try.

For about twenty minutes of the second half Old Collegians unexpectedly suffered from "grand final nerves" and almost threw

the game away. The ball handling and tackling became appalling and there was a sudden craze for dangerously stupid kicks in defence - including some across the face of our goal when the kicker was within our own twenty-five.

During this period of indecision West Torrens scored a try which they converted to make the score 9-8. Only some determined last-ditch defence combined with a modicum of luck prevented them from scoring two more tries.

Gradually Old Collegians regained their first-half confidence and reasserted their control over the game. With our backs once again attacking a brilliant piece of deception practiced by Richard Caspar and Phil Munday saw the former score a try whilst the West Torrens defence were only just realising that the madly sprinting Munday did not have the ball after all. The conversion attempt again missed.

For the remaining ten minutes Old Collegians maintained the pressure but could not score again, and so at full-time the score was 12-8 in our favour.

So the Third XV became the only Old Collegians team to win a competition grand final for the 1968 season.

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- CHILDRENS' CHRISTMAS PARTY -

The Club Social Committee has decided that this year the Club will have a Christmas party for the children of members, and for this purpose the Club Committee has granted the Social Committee an amount of \$20 to expend on ice cream and soft drinks.

Each mother of those children attending will be asked to bring a plate of small cakes or biscuits, and a small gift (wrapped and labelled with the child's name) for each of her own children. The gifts should cost about 50 cents each, and not more than \$1, to avoid jealousy among the children.

In this way the individual parent will be able to choose a gift which will suit their own child. The age limit of the children attending will be set at about 10 years, although the Committee does not intend this to be a rigid restriction.

The gifts will all be placed on a Christmas tree and will be dispensed by Santa Clause in person.

The Children's Christmas Party will be held about the middle of December, probably on Sunday 15th December.

The parents of those children attending will also be invited and a barbecue lunch will be held before the Children's Party starts.

Will any member who is interested in having his children attend this Party please fill in the following form and send it to H.E. Clay, Lesley Crescent, Crafers, 5152 .

The form should be sent prior to 8th November, so that the Social Committee can obtain some idea of possible numbers.

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O.C.R.U.F.C. CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

My wife and myself (cross out if not applicable) and ..... children will be attending the Children's Party. My children's names are;-

Parent's name:

Address:

Telephone Number (Private):

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FURTHER DETAILS WILL BE GIVEN IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF THIS NEWS-LETTER.

- SOUTH-EAST TRIP -

The visit to Naracoorte on the weekend of 28/29th September to play a match against a team from the South Eastern Districts was a great success and most enjoyable.

On the Saturday night our players and supporters were entertained at a barbecue at the home of Joan and Terry Hayes. Joan had done a considerable amount of work for this function in preparing salads and other dishes which were appreciated by all those

present.

On the Sunday we were entertained at a barbecue lunch before the game, and again the hospitality extended to us by the local people was greatly appreciated.

#### CONVINCING WIN

Due to a number of last minute withdrawals the team which played bore little resemblance to that originally selected. The side which took the field comprised, Manson, Tim Robins, Abotomey, Quodling, Brian Sweeting, McNeilly, O'Connor, Carter, Stephenson, Dennis, Schmocker, Gibson, McCarthy, Davidson and Chris Sweeting.

Col Dennis was Captain, with Cec Abotomey as Vice-Captain. When Robins was injured early in the game he was replaced by Synnott, and at half time McCarthy came off to let Peter Goodwin have a run. Kay Gibbs acted as touch judge and the game was ably and intelligently refereed by Paul Griffiths.

The result was a convincing win for Old Collegians by 34 points to 8. Old Collegians quickly got into stride and with Ray Stephenson playing a great game a half-back, the back-line was able to penetrate the opposition territory in devastating style.

The South-East team fought hard all day, but were handicapped in the forwards by having a number of players who were new to the game. They also lacked cohesion due to team changes made during play in order to give all of their 6 or 7 reserves a game.

For Old Collegians tries were scored by David Quodling (3), Graham Schmocker (2), Al Gibson (2), Chris Davidson (1) and Col Dennis (1). Schmocker converted two tries and kicked a penalty goal.

Both teams played in an adventurous spirit, with the ball being "run" rather than kicked. The spectators were provided with plenty of thrills and excitement. Although out-scored the South-East turned in a good performance, and only a lot of tight defensive work prevented them scoring more frequently.

For the South-East John Griffiths scored two fine tries, and Tom McInnes kicked a conversion. Old Collegians' best were Abotomey, Synnott, Manson, Stephenson, Dennis and Schmocker, while Dave O'Connor also had a fine game, showing great potential for next season. Col Dennis' captaincy was intelligent and analytical and played a considerable part in our success.

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- CHILDRENS' CHRISTMAS PARTY -

Force of circumstance has caused a few changes in the organisation of the Childrens' Christmas Party which was mentioned in our last issue.

The date of this function is now Sunday, 8th December, 1968 and it will no longer be possible to have a barbecue lunch before the party. Therefore the starting time will be 2.45 pm. It will be held at the Editor's home - Lesley Crescent, Crafers.

Originally it was to have been held at the home of Bert and Dot Rogers. Unfortunately Bert has had to move house earlier than expected, so the party can no longer be held there - Bert says he has been evicted for non-payment of rent, -but we do not believe him!

Presents

The parents are still invited to attend with their children and are asked to bring a small gift (wrapped and labelled with the child's name) for each of their children. The gifts should be limited in cost to about 50 cents each in order to avoid jealousy among the children.

Each mother is also asked to bring a plate of party food - please phone Helen Clay at 39.2389 (home) to arrange what would be most suitable.

The age of children attending is limited to 10 years - attendance is also limited to financial members of the Club and their children (non-members will be most unwelcome). However, attendance is not limited to those members who have children - any of the married couples among our members will be most welcome.

This is a "SELF-HELP" party, so all those attending are asked to

co-operate by bringing gifts and party fare.

Provided By Club

Ice cream, soft drinks and potato crisps will be provided by the Club, so there is no need to bring these items.

We would also appreciate it if any members who have folding chairs could bring them, to provide the adults with seats.

After the party those who wish can stay on for a barbecue tea. Because of the difficulty of catering for an unknown number, those who wish to stay are asked to bring their own chops, etc.

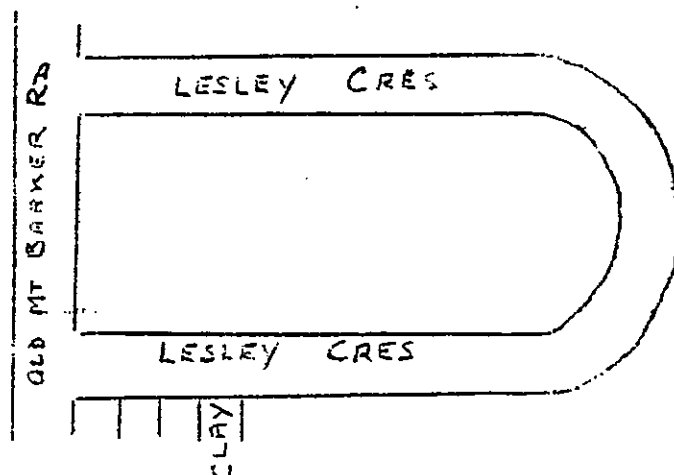
Also, anybody who would like to have a drink during the afternoon or with the barbecue is asked to bring his/her own beer, spirits, red or etc.

Entertainment

There will be a Christmas Tree from which Father Christmas will distribute the childrens' presents. There will also be swings and other play equipment - so the childrens' entertainment will be well catered for.

Bert and Dot Rogers are very sorry that an unexpected development has prevented them from having this function at their home, as they were looking forward to entertaining the children and Club members.

The Editor's home is in Lesley Crescent, Crafers - off the Old Mt Barker Rd. The following plan might be of assistance:-



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= NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY =

On New Year's Eve there will be the usual Club Party at the home of Cyril and Lillian Holdich - 4 Melrose Avenue, Beulah Park - commencing at 8 pm.

All Club members, prospective members and friends of the Club are invited. Cyril will provide a keg, but all those attending are asked to bring a few bottles of beer with them.

The Holdich's New Year's Eve Party has, over the years, become one of the Club's traditional social functions and is always a swinging success. The Club is most grateful to Cyril and Lillian for their past hospitality to our members and for having this function again this year.

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\* CHRISTMAS EVE \*

Unfortunately another of our traditional parties - the Christmas Eve Party at Bert and Dot Rogers' home cannot be held this year as Bert and Dot are in the process of moving into a new house.

Bert and Dot are very disappointed at being unable to hold the Christmas Eve Party this year, but will be looking forward to offering their hospitality to the Club next Christmas.

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- THANKS -

Mrs Joan Sweeting has asked us to convey her thanks to the Club for the flowers which were sent to her whilst she was in hospital some time ago. The flowers were sent to Mrs Sweeting by the Club Committee on behalf of all Club members.



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\* CLUB TROPHIES \*

Lack of time when the last two issues of this paper were being prepared prevented us from publishing the names of those members who were presented with trophies at the Annual Dinner.

We apologise both to the recipients and to the members for this delay.

The Stewart Wood Trophy for the best Clubman was presented to R. (Mick) Finn.

Warren Bulley Trophy - Best Club Supporter - presented to Dick Chalmers.

Best Forward, First XV - Peter Allen

Best Back, First XV - Colin Dennis

Yule Memorial Trophy, Most Improved Player, First XV - Chris Davidson

Best Forward, 2nd XV - Athol Pukallus

Best Back, 2nd XV - Merrick Goodwin

Bruce McQualter Memorial Trophy, Most Improved Player, 2nd XV -  
Brian Sweeting

Best Forward, 3rd XV - Tony Carter

Best Back, 3rd XV - Harry Clark

Jack Forwood Memorial Trophy, Most Improved Player, 3rd XV -  
Dermott O'Sullivan

Best Forward, 4th XV - Mick Finn

Best Back, 4th XV - Edward Suttell

William Templeton Memorial Trophy, Most Improved Player, 4th XV -  
Nick Garrood

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