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* ANNUAL CRICKET MATCH *

Next Sunday, 9th February, the Annual Cricket Match and Family Picnic will be held at the usual venue - Angaston Oval, in the Barossa Valley.

All Club members and their families are invited to attend. Prospective members and friends of members will also be very welcome.

Those attending take their own lunches with them, and because of the possibility of there being a fire ban it is best not to rely on having a barbecue.

Liquid refreshment for both adults and children will be supplied by the Club, and a charge for each adult copule is made to cover the hire of the Oval and other costs. Drinks for the adults will be dispensed at popular prices - bring your own pewter if you wish.

The cricket match, between the President's Team and the Immediate Past President's Team, will start at 11 o'clock sharp. Please be at the Oval ready to play at this time. As the wicket is a turf one either cricket boots or gym shoes must be worn. Those intending to take part in the match are also asked to wear whites.

Non-Cricketers

All those interested in playing cricket will get a game, including the children. For the non-cricketers and wives there will be tennis courts available as usual - bring your own racquet and tennis balls.

This Picnic Day is always a great success, so do not forego attending just because you do not play cricket or do not play very well. The majority of those who take part only play on this one day in the year.

* TRAINING *

Pending appointment of the Club coach for the forthcoming season, Peter Allen has been asked to organise the pre-season beach training programme.

Beach training will start on Sunday week, 16th February, at 10 o'clock in the morning. Those taking part are asked to meet Peter on the sand in front of the Surf Life Saving Clubhouse at West Beach.

All existing players and prospective players are asked to attend, as it is most important that all players should be physically fit before the start of the Rugby season. Peter plans to start the training gently, so you need not fear that you will be "dead" at the end of the first session.

- AFTERNOON TEA -

There will be an informal Afternoon Tea for all ladies connected with the Club at Jill Goodwin's home on Tuesday, 11th February, at 2.30 pm.

The address is - 22 Poplar Crescent, Campbelltown.

PLEASE SHOW THIS TO YOUR WIFE, FIANCEE or MOTHER and urge her to attend.

* OFFICE BEARERS *

At the Annual General Meeting on 31st January, H.J. (Bert) Rogers was elected President of Old Collegians R.U.F.C. for this year.

Mr Goodwin (father of Merrick and Peter) was appointed Honorary Secretary, and Cyril Holdich was re-elected as Treasurer.

In the next issue a full list of the Office Bearers will appear.

Ron Sweeting was elected Editor, replacing Howard Clay who did not seek re-election to this over arduous post. Ron has capably filled the position of Editor before, and we are pleased that he has volunteered to take over once again. However, to make his life easier we need a working sub-committee to help with the actual production of the newspaper. Volunteers, including wives, please see Ron or Howard as soon as possible - many hands will make light work of the job. - Howard Clay.

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- COACH -

The Club Management Committee recently appointed Cec Abotomey as senior Club Coach for the forthcoming season.

Assistant Coaches are still required to take responsibility for training and coaching the Second, Third and Fourth XVs. If any member is interested he should give his name to either Cec Abotomey, Barry Levy or Howard Clay. The Assistant Coaches do not necessarily have to be non-players.

- TRAINING -

Beach training on Sunday mornings has been well attended so far, with about twenty-six players being present at each session. The Coach and Selectors would like to see a larger number present however, so that they can obtain a clearer idea of our potential playing strength.

In choosing the various teams this year the Selectors will give preference to those players who are training regularly, so if you wish to make one of the top sides you should start attending beach training now.

Beach training is held every Sunday morning (until further notice) on the beach in front of the Surf Life Saving Clubhouse at West Beach. Starting time is 10 o'clock. The session ends at about 12.30.

We hope to be able to start evening training at Linden Park Oval within the next fortnight - an announcement regarding this may be made later in this issue of the Newsletter.

Anyone wanting more details regarding training etc should phone Howard Clay at either 51.7011 (business) or 39.2389 (private).

- SEVENS COMPETITION -

The Elizabeth R.U.F.C. annual Seven-a-Side Competition will be held on Saturday, 29th March, at that Club's ground at Womma Rd, Elizabeth. Further details will be given in a later issue. It is expected that the first round of matches will start at 12 noon.

Old Collegians have been asked to enter one team, and this has been done. However, there is every possibility that we will be asked to enter a second side. Therefore the Selectors have chosen a training squad large enough to provide two sides.

Those selected for the Sevens Squad at this stage are:-

Peter Allen	Rick Hancock
Bob Burgess	Graham Mitchell
Tony Carter	Mike Jackson
Chris Davidson	John Manson
Col Dennis	Graham Schmocker
Don Backler	Ray Stephenson
Dave Connor	Terry Shanahan
Bob Forbes	Neil Schwarzer
Ray Turner	Chris Sweeting

All these players are requested to attend beach training, and any other training sessions which may be announced, regularly.

The above list is a preliminary one, only. Further names will be added from other players attending training. Names of those who do not attend regularly will be dropped.

- NIGHT TRAINING -

Training on Sunday, 16th March will be at the beach as usual. Night training commences on Wednesday, 19th March, at Linden Park Oval, starting at 5.30 pm. On Sunday, 23rd March, training and trial matches will be held at Linden Park, starting at 10 am. Wednesday, 26th March, training at Linden Park at 5.30 pm. THE SEVENS SQUAD MUST ATTEND ALL THESE TRAINING SESSIONS - all other players are also asked to attend.
STOP PRESS: Captain, 1st XV - Col Dennis; Vice-Capt. - Peter Allen

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- REUNION -

It is with the greatest pleasure I resume the appointment of your Honorary Editor after this years absence although also with some trepidation for the situation has changed in that I feel I ~~am going to be somewhat~~ snowed under with work and only hope I can serve you as well as I hope I served you in the past. However, we can but do our best, that is both of us myself doing my best as your Editor you as Club Members doing your best to ensure that once again our Club continues its steady progress and its rise from strength to strength. We can be proud of what we have done over the past few years and in particular the number of playing teams we are fielding I think this must be the first time in the history of the Club that Old Collegians has gone to bat at the beginning of the season entering four teams with a possibility of five. Well done all - the players, supporters and management who made this possible. This will be a very short news sheet - a preliminary in order to get out teams and acquaint the players of those who are playing in the 7 asides at Elizabeth next Saturday. Back we hope to a more comprehensive Rugby News in the very near future.

- COACHES -

As was recently announced in the News Cec Abotomey was appointed Senior Club Coach for this season but we are still looking for assistant coaches to take the training and coaching of the 2nd, 3rd and 4th fifteens. Anyone interested

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would they please give their names to either of the selectors Cec Abotomey, Barry Levy or Howard Clay. The assistant coaches do not necessarily have to be non-playing.

- TRAINING -

Training now continues at Linden Park on Wednesday the 26th 5.30p.m. followed by 10a.m. Sunday morning. Future training sessions will be announced. The selectors are very definitely going to make training and attendance at training a prerequisite to their selection programme (and we understand also that the Management Committee carry out our constitutional requirement of all players having to be financial before they take the field. Please would you note this and do your best to ensure that we can have the strongest team by those who can play also paying). The Treasurer this year Cyril Holdich who has filled this position for so long and done such an excellent job for us or the Assistant Treasurer Chris St.J. Sweeting. Either will be only too willing to take your money. Back to training - to all playing Club Members do your best to turn out; we had an excellent turn out for the trials match last Sunday morning - we hope that this enthusiasm will continue. If you want any more details regarding training phone Howard Clay at 51.7011 (Business) or 39.2389 (private).

- SEVEN-ASIDES COMPETITION -

For the Elizabeth annual Seven-Asides Competition which will be held on Saturday the 29th March at the Clubs Grounds at 5th Road and Ridley Road Elizabeth starting at approximately 12 noon Old Collegians have entered two teams. The A team is as follows:-

P. Allen	J. Manson
R. Burgess	R. Stephenson
R. Hancock	N. Schwarzer
C. Davidson	A. Pukallas

this team should report to Ridley Ground Elizabeth at 12.30p.m. Cec Abotomey.

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The B Team:-

M. Guerin	I. Edwards
A. Wilson	T. Robins
R. Ritchie	C. Dennis
M. Jackson	R. Martin

this team should report to Womma Road Ground at Elizabeth at 11.45a.m. to Howard Clay. Would all players please bring Club jerseys and reserve players bring Club jerseys too - we never know we might need them.

- CLUB CAPTAIN -

The Management Committee acting on the advice of the selectors has appointed Col Dennis as Club Captain this year. The hearties congratulations Col may we all together go from strength to strength this season. Backing up Col the appointment has been made as Vice Captain to Peter Allen - a very well deserved honour which Peter has been worthy of for some time and the amount of training sessions that he helped in and gave of his time through last season has quite obviously borne fruit in the selectors and managements minds. Very well done Peter.

- EASTER VISIT -

Old Scotch Collegians from Melbourne will be visiting Old Collegians here for the Easter weekend. The party will consist of eighteen men and eight girls coming over on Friday and returning on Monday. The plan at the moment is to play two games one on Saturday and one on Sunday and the selectors will advise the teams selected. Accommodation has been arranged for all but five single men and we would like billets if possible for these people - if you can possibly help would you please contact the President Bert Rogers or myself the Editor. The playing plan at the moment is that Old Collegians will play Old Scotch Collegians on Saturday and we are hoping University will give them a game on Sunday if University are unable to do this their is a possibility of Elizabeth coming in for the other game but it looks as though it will be Old Collegians and the University. On the

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social side Old Collegians are arranging a party for the Saturday night and the Old Scotch Collegians are arranging a B.B.Q. at Crafers on the Sunday. Would all Club members give either Bert Rogers or if unable to get hold of him let me know some idea of whether you will be attending the Saturday night and/or the Sunday night parties - this is most important for catering. Players would you please inform Howard Clay or Barry Levy whether or not you are available for this weekend. If they do not hear your unavailable they are going to assume you are available so the ball is at your foot; would you please ensure that the selectors do know whether or not they can select you for this Easter weekend match. As you know this is a follow on from our Clubs plans which have borne fruit for co-operation with our Interstate Clubs. We had first a magnificent visit you recollect from Harlequins from Tasmania and we went to Power House in Melbourne last season. Now Old Scotch Collegians came to us. This interchange of visits can do nothing but good for our Rugby code (what it does to our heads is another story!)

- CLUB HOUSE -

Suggested plans for our clubhouse and ground are well in the minds of your management for presentation to you. If any members has any thoughts or helpful suggestions either write into me and I will pass it on to management or contact any member of the Management Committee. This is going to be a ~~big~~ show and of particular use to the present younger club members so if you have ideas lets hear them.

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MOVEMENT

There is plenty of this going on in Rugby circles this season. Those of you who know Charles Eastes, the President of the Sydney Union will be pleased to know he has been appointed manager of the Wallabies team to tour South Africa this year; he is himself a former Wallaby. Later too an U/17 Australian Schoolboys team will go to South Africa at the invitation and expence of the South African Rugby Union; South Australian has been asked to supply names of one back, one forward and the intention is for one of these boys to go with the team - if you know of any likely outstanding young player let myself or any other of the S.A.R.U. Board of Management know. New South Wales will be sending teams over to S.A. for the Queen's Birthday week-end and also on July 19th to play S.A. representative teams. Our State team goes to Melbourne to play Victoria on June 21st and to Perth to play W.A. August 23rd - so play up you players- State Trials May 4th at Bailey Reserve p.m. The Junior ranks have the Australian Junior Championships in S.A. from August 31st to Sept 6th and during the May holidays 33 boys (U/18 Xv and U/16 XV) and two masters (one will be Bob Gear the Rugby master) from Scotch College in Perth will be visiting S.A. and playing about 5 matches during a 10-12 day stay. With this for a start it looks like a bright rugby season; though the results for our 4 teams (repeat proudly 4 TEAMS) were perhaps not so bright the first week the defeating margins were not too bad and the potential showed was excellent. A little more dash and determination and will to win using

our obvious talents in the proper fashion - particularly Collegians let us go through the weak points of our opposition and not knock our heads vainly through the defensive centre brick wall - and we can see a string of magnificent victories ahead of us. Let us all get into it, players train hard and give the selectors a go - it's a damn difficult job as I know from personal experience. Here's to four wins next week.

TRAINING

Going well but can always be better. We are not turning up yet. Rugby is a team game and the only way to build the talent is by team training; there is no room for the lonely individual in rugby, so come on chaps - along to see Cec Abotomey and his merry men every Tuesday & Thursday 5-30 p.m. at Linden Park.

FROM THE TOUCHLINE by J. DIACK.

Match 1. Result: Glenelg "A" defeated Old Collegians "A" 12-0
 Team: As selected, with C.St.J. Sweeting and Piers O'Donnell replacing Al Gibson and C. Davidson (Unavailable)

Conditions: Overcast and strong cross breeze.

Whether Collegians were unlucky, or whether they weren't quite good enough on the day, this match was a hard fought one and showed our strengths and weaknesses in, I think, fairly clear terms. We showed a clear ability to gain good ball from set scrums, showed fighting spirit, (although certainly no dominance) in line out play, showed a willingness to throw the ball around, even though we seldom made much headway with our movements. On the other hand, our traditional reluctance to instantly support the man in trouble, to get down and barrel in those rucks as a pack still prevailed. Our handling wasn't consistently crisp enough to make those vital try scoring breaks in a close game. Our tackling (as always) can be improved.

All the above comments are very broad generalisations and include some sweeping statements. There were exceptions on both sides of the ledger, and generally speaking this was a good opening game by Collegians. Play from both teams opened scrappily but as time went by we saw some good clean play, (and also some "not so clean play"

particularly involving Glenelg's half-back (nuff said) the strong wind robbed us of two early goals from penalties, before Glenelg scored their one and only try. Our half-back had just got the ball, was spoilt by his opposite number nipping round the side of the scrum five yards from the line out full-back missed his footing in trying to rescue the ball and Glenelg were home. Other features of the first half were a couple of really good forward rushes fifty yards down the ground, and also Peter Allens long penalty kicks for touch.

Collegians opened the second half as if they really meant to go on and win the match. That first ten minutes was full of good backline movements which actually made considerable distance, instead of just taking the ball from one side of the field to the other, as frequently happened before and after this spell. However, we couldn't score a single try, which quite apart from all my other comments, was the most disturbing feature of the afternoon. Glenelg forged ahead with a penalty goal, and then another and then finally sealed the match with an annoying dropped goal. Apart from certain spells of seemingly devastating attacking play, and more adequate possession, Collegians never got on top of Glenelg's strong defence. That sentence just about sums up the match.

Among the forwards we saw good strong groundwork from I Edwards, Mick Guerin, Bob Burgess and Peter Allen, whilst the only back to give the team forward strust was Col Dennis with patches of fine play from N. Schwarzer.

LOOKING FROM THE SIDE-JOINTLY

By V. Goodwin & H. Clay.

A very hard fought game was won by the Army 13-12 in the closing minutes of the game. Army were quickly off the mark and unsettled our centres to score two early tries, both of which were converted. Due to injuries and other causes the second XV were two men short so Graham Schmocker and David O'Conner went on as replacements and play their second game for the day. Schmocker however was injured in the opening minutes and was replaced by Douglas Firstlereck Old Collegians were well served at $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{5}{8}$ but $\frac{3}{4}$ line lacked cohesion in attack and solidity in defence so that moderately good Army centres were made to look better than they were.

Outstanding player on either side was Athol Pukallas who opened Old Collegians score with a fine try forcing his way over the line 10-3. Pukallas later added to the score with a penalty goal and Don Backler added another try after a hard run. Late in the second half Pukallas scored from another penalty to give Old Collegians a 12-10 lead. Unfortunately the team relaxed in the closing minutes and Army's right wing seized the opportunity to score in the corner after a determined run. So at no-side Army were the victors by 13-12.

This game was strenuously contested by both forward packs, with both sides looking exhausted by the end. In general our forwards played well, both individually and as a pack. Athol Pukallas was outstanding in the loose and did well in the line-outs. Don Backler also had a good game and used his weight to advantage in several crashing runs. Backler and McQueen were in the forefront of most attacks and the latter hooked well and played intelligently at the front of the line out. David O'Connor showed excellent form for a man playing his second game, while Brian Sweeting displayed a good turn of speed and the potential to become a regular first grade player sometime in the future. The combination of Merrick Goodwin and Terry Shaneham worked well. On attack Terry moved quickly into the gap only to find his centres did not stay with him to continue the movement. More tries would have been scored had the centres displayed better anticipation and ball handling.

The Second XV show every sign of developing into a powerful side and will provide plenty of entertainment for our spectators.

WATCHING SEES by H. CLAY.

Although playing two men short and being down by 8 points to 3 at half-time, the third XV staged a remarkable recovery to defeat University III by 25-8 last Saturday. In the first half we did very little that was right - in the second half it seemed we could do no wrong.

Our first score came from a penalty try awarded to Mike Langridge after he was obstructed when chasing a loose ball over the University line. Before this University had scored a converted try and later increased their score with another try. Old Collegians were slow

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to settle down, their passing was poor and their tackling, with the exception of David O'Connor, almost non-existent. Most tackles were fraternal head-high embraces. In the first half only Jack Little and David O'Connor showed any determination and these two virtually carried the team. Our backs were hesitant on attack and failed to move the ball out to the wings.

In the second session a new-found confidence was evident and Old Collegians quickly established their superiority. Newcomer, Jim Stokes, at hooker won a feast of the ball, and the forwards started to work as a pack. Jack Little dominated the lineouts and played strongly in the loose. Little kicked a penalty goal and shortly after Richard Martin scored in the corner after a determined run down the left wing, making the score 9-8 to Old Collegians. Stan Jordan, at half-back, had now gained confidence in this unaccustomed position and the ball was moving fluidly along the back line.

A quick passing movement among the backs sent outside centre Graham Schmocker over for a try which was converted by Little. Then a quick break by Jordan gave him try and again Little converted. Another quick passing movement from the backs sent Peter Goodwin, on the right wing, over for our fourth try. This one however was too far out for the conversion attempt to succeed. In the closing minutes of the game Stan Jordan scored his second try (unconverted) to make the final score 25-8.

The outstanding players for Old Collegians were Jack Little and David O'Connor, both of whom played eighty minutes of hard rugby. The latter's tackling could well be an object to many of our more senior players.

Douglas Firstbrook, after starting slowly, played an intelligent game and Graham Schmocker had a fine second-half, displaying speed and intelligence. After he had settled down, Stan Jordan did well at half and worried his opposite number. After overcoming his initial hesitance, Richard Martin played with determination and guts.

FIGHTING 4ths by M. Finn.

We started our season sluggishly losing 6-8 against Southern Suberbs. On paper we looked a good side - but on

the field we looked and felt both ragged and rusty. Southern Suburbs turned out an above average side for 4th grade which performed competently and had the edge in fitness and teamwork.

Outstanding for Old Collegians in the forwards was Greg Jacobs, who also had to run in the backs for part of the game - Greg had a blinder. Bob Gill impressed with a good hooking display. In the backs Andrew Yuen in the strange wing position moved well until injured. Edwin Mann had plenty to occupy him at full back, accomplishing it with his usual competence. Robin Sweeting moved with determination when in possession, poor positioning due to lack of experience, took the edge from his otherwise greatly improved display.

The forwards were good in the tight but too loose in the packs and line-out, consequently $\frac{1}{2}$ back Edward Suttell and $\frac{5}{8}$ Bill Jones had little chance to settle down.

Summing up, we will improve as we settle down and get some fitness under our belts. There is a mountain of latent talent in this team, but unless we are fit it will take a long time to unearth it. All in all I look forward to another successful season for the Fighting 4ths.

Scorers. Tries 1 each to Mann and Yuen. 6-8.

OPENING BARBECUE - 19th APRIL 69. 128 ALEXANDER AV.
TOORAK GDNS.

Bring yourself & own Bird to Mr. & Mrs. Neil Gibson's for the opening function of the season. Kick off 7.00 p.m. after the "Feathers" warm-up. Only 75c each for B.B.Q. salads chips etc. Drinks at Club rates.

CAR STICKERS AND LAPEL BADGES.

An innovation by Chairman of S.A.R.U. Publicity Committee Club member Paul Griffiths who expects tremendous support from his own Club. Reflective car stickers in red and blue and lapel badges at 50c each. See Paul or let me know if you would like one or both of these.

1st XV versus NORTH ADELAIDE 3 p.m. at Linden Park Oval.

2nd XV versus UNIVERSITY II 3 p.m. at University Oval
(Frome Road Adelaide.)

3rd XV versus North Adelaide II 1.30 p.m. at Linden Park Oval

4th XV versus Port Adelaide II 1.30 p.m. at Port Adelaide Reserve (Gracechurch St. Port Adelaide.)

	<u>1st XV</u>	<u>2nd XV</u>	<u>3rd XV</u>	<u>4th XV.</u>
Prop.	M.Guerin	J.Little	D.Firstbrook ^(Cpt)	M.Finn(Cpt)
Hooker.	R.Burgess	M.McQueen	J.Stokes	R.Gill
Prop.	A.Wilson	D.Backler	G.Jacobs	K.Gibbs
2nd Row	J.Manson	A.Carter	N.Gomm	J.Garrood
2nd Row	P.Allen(V/C)	A.Gibson	M.Langridge.	B.Schirrippa
L.B.A.	R.Hancock.	B.Sweeting	D.O'Connor	N.Garrood
Lock	R.Forbes	A.Pukallus	N.Franks	B.Shannahan
R.B.A.	I.Edwards	D.Quodling(C)	S.Jordan	R.Cooper
$\frac{1}{2}$	R.Stephenson	M.GoodwinV/C	A.Yeun	E.Suttell V/C
$\frac{5}{8}$	T.Shanahan	P.O'Donnell	R.Martin	W.Jones
R.W. $\frac{3}{4}$	C.Sweeting	P.Goodwin	J.Burke	R.Sweeting
I.C.	R.Ritchie	P.Munday	P.Burke V/C	R.Casper
O.C.	N.Schwarzer	G.Schmocker	K.Beatson	G.Moulinie
L.W. $\frac{1}{4}$	M.Jackson	K.Graham	R.Smith	J.McCarthy
Full Back	C.Dennis(Cp)	R.Mehhennett	E.Mann	A.Sims
<u>Reserves.</u>	-	B.Smith	G.Thomas	B.Burrage
			T.Seow	D.Cocks

Injured - R.Turner, C.Davidson, T.Rimington, Tim Robins, Morrie Smith.

Not Available - A. Missner, G.Shepherd, J.Lewis.

If any of the following can play please phone Howard Clay:-
P. Balnaves, M.Hohnen, J.Harvey. D.Haycraft, A.Owens,
P.Rankine.

IF ANY NAMED PLAYER IS UNAVAILABLE PLEASE PHONE HOWARD CLAY
ST 39-2389 (private) or 51-7011 (Business)

ALL PLAYERS ARE ASKED TO BE CHANGED READY TO PLAY AT
LEAST 15 MINUTES BEFORE THE START OF PLAY - REPORT TO
YOUR CAPTAIN OR TEAM MANAGER ON ARRIVAL.