

"OLD COLLEGIANS RUGBY NEWS"

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Be sure to see Bert Rogers this weekend to ensure a seat at the Club's Annual Wind-up Dinner. \$4.00 per member includes: pre dinner drinks and an excellent cuisine.

MOTHERS, WIVES, GIRLFRIENDS.

Are all cordially invited to bring a plate and join me for dinner at 3 Woodhouse Crescent, Wattle Park.

The gentlemen are invited to join us after their dinner and continue the festivities.

PROPOSED VISIT OF CANBERRA NORTHERN SUBURBS CLUB.

Our visitors will be arriving on the 26th September, 1970 in time to join the Annual Dinner. A game has been organized for Sunday the 27th September, 1970 to be followed by a barbecue at the home of Bert and Dorothy Rogers, 3 Woodhouse Crescent, Wattle Park. As this could be a reasonable "wet" evening no children please.

A trip to the Barossa Valley has been organized on Wednesday the 30th September.

TROPHY DONATIONS.

Once again we have arrived at Trophy Presentations time. Already we have received a donation from David O'Connor. All those members in the past years who have so generously donated and to any new members who would like to join the ranks of perpetual financiers we again seek your help.

Trophys nowadays cost a considerable sum of money. Club Committee does not wish to erode into Club funds which have been earmarked for our Club House.

If you can see your way clear to sending a small donation to Cyril Holdich, 4 Melrose Avenue, Beulah Park, our Hon. Treasurer, it will be gratefully received.

TRAINING

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Are YOU doing your bit to win the Grand Final for your grade? In doing so you are becoming a good Club Member.

1st XV at Bailey Oval 3.00 p.m.

The first grade team for next Saturday's Preliminary Final against Woodville at Bailey Reserve commencing at 3 p.m., will be selected from the following personnel who are all requested to be available.

M. Guerin	G. Bainbridge
R. Burgess	A. Desfontaines
J. Mason	Tony Maxwell
J. Fress	N. Schwartzner
N. Franks	M. Jackson
I. Edwards	J. Noulis
D. Farrow	A. Gibson
P. Wilby	M. Miller
R. Forbes	R. Dutton
"Butch" Wright	A. Davidson

4th XV at Bailey Oval 1.30 p.m.

Shepherd	Clarke
Chatfield	J. Burke
Frazer	G. Coulson
John R.	S. Jones
Foreman	J. Spencer
Langridge	Lockey
Foreman	R. Cooper
Leslie	Suttell
Farrish	Munday
Bailey	

IF NOT AVAILABLE Contact URGENTLY

R. Forbes	94-1844
M. Bell	67-2231
C. Abotomey	57-9113

All players to be stripped $\frac{1}{2}$ an hour before the match is due to start. It is essential that each person insures that his boots are properly sprigged, cleaned with Nuggett and his laces are in first class condition.

FROM THE TOUCHLINE by J. Diack

The first XV did the Club proud last week by narrowly defeating Glenelg in the semi-final of the competition last week and of course now contest the preliminary final this week. The match was a tough one, and our victory was particularly meritorious in view of the injuries which have hit the team at a bad time.

Old Collegians kicked off, and poured the pressure on to maintain a steady territorial advantage until well into the first half. At this time we were taking the scrums and even getting clean ball from the lineouts, to enable us to keep the opposition strictly on the defensive. A couple of early tries seemed highly possible and would have been a great boon, but we weren't quite able to crack Glenelg's last line of defence. The latter team then started to really dominate the lineouts, and bring in the characteristic Glenelg "short pass and slip" movements and through one such effort they scored a try which was converted. True, they caught us going the wrong way but one good tackle would have stopped them from getting through. After this Collegians found touch with a few fortunate long kicks and although we attacked for a few moments, a series of knock-ons gave Glenelg the opportunity to attack for a while. However, Collegians took the ball from them and two good runs by our backline saw the teams again inside Glenelg's twenty five, but penalties enabled Glenelg to get out of trouble and for the few remaining minutes of the first half they appeared to be on top.

The second half was evenly contended. Early on, the play was more or less confined to the area within the ten yard lines and as play progressed the teams began to force the play into each others twenty five. It became noticeable that Collegians weren't giving enough support to the player making the break. I consider this to be the main contributing factor to our not being able to score as many tries as we would like. As it is our backing up is good on the whole but needs improvements in order to be sure of scoring tries.

A score was badly needed to keep Collegians in the match now as the clock was beginning to favour the opposition; however, we were awarded a penalty and Moulinie made no mistake with the kick, taking us well within winning range which gave the team a new surge of life and burst of fire. Another penalty was given with less than 15 minutes to play and Moulinie again kicked accurately giving us a one point lead. Glenelg fought desperately in those final minutes and looked dangerous as Collegians panicked somewhat within the twenty five. This was a bad situation in which to be a player short, but this was unfortunate and Collegians (with a little good luck, I must add) hung on grimly to the end.

The best player was Gordon Bainbridge who was always looking for an opening and played a good attacking half back's game, yet combined well with 5/8. Of the other backs Gerry Moulinie played soundly and Rob Dutton reliably. I am most hesitant about naming the best forwards as they all played excellent football with plenty of fire. Perhaps Neil Franks, David Farrow and Jim Press were the most solid.

OLD COLLEGIANS 111 0 vs West Torrens 11 14.

This game started off looking like a continuation of last week's against the same opposition, the pack being ineffectual for 10-15 minutes. By the time they pulled themselves together Torrens already had the moral advantage of a penalty goal (0-3).

Bennett and Martin made a smart raid and the pack then staged a rally which continued almost to half time and was reserved for short spells during the second half. Much territorial advantage resulted but unhappily there was little clean ball for the backs to use, and no help from the back row for the midfield players. The three-quarters were once again lying flat and if this was tactical then I think it was the wrong tactics, at least until all alternatives had been tried on a day suited to good open play. True the three-quarters did little when they got the ball but this was first because they were lying flat and thus attempting to pass with the intended receiver running with his back to the passer, in which position it is very difficult to give a pass and virtually impossible to take one. Secondly, because, whatever he may himself think, Keith Graham is much more effective at centre than at inside. All

his ability to get moving and to straighten up was wasted today.

Far too many penalties were awarded and I think "awarded" is a more accurate word than "incurred".

The first Torrens try was a gift following several bad lapses. A forward picked up in midfield loose play and, without exceeding about half-steam, was allowed to jog through under the posts for a try which was gratefully converted (0-8).

Immediately after half-time a very shakey defence let them in again for an unconverted try (0-11).

O.C. replied with a very creditable attack which had Abotomey over the line for what looked to be a perfectly good try which, however, was disallowed.

Torrens completed the scoring with another penalty goal (0-14).

Poleska again gave a very good display at full-back making few mistakes although frequently under pressure, often a result of ill-directed panic passes back by harassed team mates.

None of the three-quarters showed up well but for reasons given above I don't think they had much chance to shine.

Better luck next year College, you have often been a very entertaining side to watch.

Today's best:- Bennett, T. Dutton, Abotomey, Poleska, Goodwin and N. Smith.

V.G.

RESULTS AT A GLANCE.

1st XV	defeated Glenelg	6 - 5
2nd XV	were defeated by Elizabeth	13 - 6
3rd XV	were defeated by West Torrens	14 - 0
4th XV	were defeated by Port Adelaide	6 - 3