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DINNER DANCE - MANNEQUIN PARADE

THIS FRIDAY 8th MAY !

The Social Secretary reports that bookings are not what they should be. Plenty of tickets are still available.

Avoid disappointment by phoning Dave Q. now to reserve your tickets for a fabulous night's entertainment. (79.3785).

For those of you who have no valid reason for not coming along: wake up to yourselves and start supporting your club!

DRAMA DOINGS

A meeting will be held shortly for anyone interested in helping to put on some sort of dramatic production some time this year. Although there have been plenty of ideas put forward, nothing definite has been decided upon as yet.

Watch this space for more news and be prepared to come along to a meeting and offer your suggestions.

Has anyone had a look at our home Linden Park Oval recently? It is in the process of being levelled and at present you would hardly recognise it.

EXTRACTS OF INTEREST FROM THE COMMITTEE MEETING 28.4.70.FEES

All unfinancial members will receive a pressing account for payment of their fees. These are now overdue and I can only suggest that those concerned pay up immediately even before that embarrassing account arrives.

LIGHTS

Approval was granted by the Committee to investigate the possibility of additional training lights at Kensington Oval. This is now under way.

SELECTION

Recommendation from the Committee to the Selectors that they (the Selectors) pick teams in order from those who train and who are financial.

SOCIAL

Sydney Knox College Old Boys are unable to accept our invitation to visit us May 30th-31st. However, the Social Committee are organising our Annual Car Trial for Sunday 31st May.

VISITING TEAM

We are expected to play host one weekend to a visiting team from Whyalla. We are to billet the players on the Saturday night and play them on the next day at about 11am. Further information later. Meanwhile be prepared to accept billets.
(H.J.R.)

HOW ARE WE FARING ?

Examine the competition ladders on the following page closely and work out how Old Collegians can get back to the top and remain at the top for the rest of the season.

When will all divisions have a win on the same day?
It hasn't happened yet.

RESULTS AT A GLANCE FROM LAST SATURDAY

1sts XV	lost to Glenelg	3 - 9
2nds XV	lost to Southern Suburbs	12 - 27
3rds XV	defeated Glenelg	14 - 11
4ths XV	lost to Woodville	11 - 13

DIVISION I COMPETITION LADDER

	W	L	F	A	POINTS
Elizabeth	5	-	116	22	10
Glenelg	4	1	80	21	8
Woodville	4	1	91	62	8
University	2	3	90	69	4
<u>Old Collegians</u>	2	3	51	56	4
Nth. Adelaide	2	3	34	74	4
West Torrens	1	4	42	93	2
Black Forrest	-	5	32	139	-

DIVISION II COMPETITION LADDER

	W	L	F	A	POINTS
Pt. Adelaide	5	-	120	21	10
Sthn. Suburbs	5	-	74	27	10
<u>Old Collegians</u>	3	2	65	61	6
Elizabeth	2	3	41	38	4
Glenelg	2	3	57	46	4
RAAF	1	4	34	88	2
Onkaparinga	1	4	34	88	2
Burnside	1	4	39	105	2

THIRDS even though you were the only ones to win we have no report of your game this week. We shall include a little bit in next week's newsletter.

SELECTIONS FOR SATURDAY 9th MAY.

1sts XV	play	BLACK FOREST	at	KINGSWOOD OVAL	3pm.
2nds XV	play	BURNSIDE	at	PARKINSON OVAL	3 pm.
3rds XV	play	BLACK FOREST	at	KINGSWOOD OVAL	1.30pm.
4ths XV	play	BURNSIDE	at	PARKINSON OVAL	1.30pm.

1sts XV

Wright
 Burgess
 Guerin
 Allen
 Turner
 Desfontaines
 Farrow
 Forbes (Capt.)
 Bainbridge
 Stewart
 Slade (V.C.)
 Harrison
 Plaistove
 Maxwell
 Blakely

Reserves

Kells

2nds XV

Wilson
 McQueen
 Manson
 Backler
 Franke
 Wilby
 Gay
 Edwards (Capt.)
 Goodwin (V.C.)
 Miller
 Radley
 Moultrie
 N. Smith
 B. Sweeting
 Caspar

Reserves

Christie
 Shea, Geno, John R.

Remember, Members have to be at Kingswood Oval at 12.30. to assist with the marking of the field and erecting of goal posts. Goal posts have to be taken down again at the end of day's play.

3rds XV

Nichols (Capt.)
 R. Dutton
 Messner
 B. Smith
 B. Smith Szuster
 Louchie.
 Gibson
 Hume
 A. Davidson (V.C.)
 L. Evans
 Martin
 Graham
 C. Sweeting
 McCarthy
 R. Dutton

Reserves

Hurley
 Trengrove
 J. Press
 T. Dutton
 Roberts

Injured Schwartzer, C. Davidson, Chatfield,
 Bennett

Not Available Jackson, Cooper.

4ths XV

Gill (V.C.)
 P. Burke
 Rees
 Shephard
 Leslie
 Modney
 Hancock
 O'Connor
 Suttell (Captain)
 Farrah
 Munday
 Williams
 Simms
 Myers
 Coulsen

Reserves

Robinson
 J. Burke
 Clarke
 Goodwin

n Monday night, out of at least sixty people, TWELVE only
 turned up for training.

FROM THE TOUCHLINE : J. Diack

Penalty goals can give an incorrect impression to the scores in any match, and I think this statement can be applied to the First's XV game last week. For although penalties were often incurred through carelessness on the part of all players, the team as a whole played much better than the scores indicate and with more good luck could have scored more points than it did.

Collegians played against the wind in the first half and before they had time to adjust to the conditions (am I making excuses?) they found themselves three points to the worse, and later three more when the opposition sank a long penalty shot to record their second goal. Collegians' pack worked hard as usual and despite Glenelg giving more opposition among the forwards than I had expected, we really came out on top on the day.

Desfontaines certainly gave his old team a hard time and played his usual rugged and enthusiastic hard game. Bob Burgess (still hooking as well as ever) and Mick Guerin were reliable as always, and Ray Turner proved strong in all aspects. Glenelg were adept at quick passing back and forth between the backs and tried hard to break through but were unable to find the spaces anywhere, which speaks highly of our defence particularly in the conditions. (Well... except on one occasion when the opposition managed to score their only try for the match.)

With the wind in the second half, but with the chips down, one wondered whether Collegians had the ability to fight back and win. The team certainly kept the opposition out with determined play (a few weak tackles, but not bad on the whole). However, I think it was Collegians inability to go in hard, to back up and finish those attacks, which let the team down most.

Possibly not until we are able to field the same backline two weeks running shall we see an improvement in this aspect. The opportunities were there, but... Of the backs, the five-eighth, Stewart, stood out in my mind with a good spurt of speed. Slade, too, can turn on a bit of speed and Bainbridge gave another dashing exhibition at half-back. Perhaps if we used our wingers more, we.... No? Points for Old Collegians were scored by Bob Forbes with a penalty goal late in the match. Score 9-3.

SECONDS XV

Appointed to the position of scribe on Sunday morning I find myself equipped with goodwill and no notes.

Last year we were a C Grade side. Last year Southern Suburbs were A Grade. On Saturday they had 14 men. Our selected side, if they had tackled a little harder, would have beaten them.

We started up hill, up wind, and for a spell up rain and a few minutes play disclosed the unhappy fact that the scratch three-quarter line wasn't going to work. After a slow start, the pack settled down to some good play which graduated to very good play for the first 20 minutes or so of the second half.

At half time we were 6 - 16 (two good penalties by R. Casper). With all the advantages to come, this position was not too bad and the changes of tactics evidently called for in the interval - playing tight right up to the line and using the three-quarter sparingly - immediately proved to be effective. The pack swarmed all over the opposition and several line-out bursts centered around Don Backler were unlucky not to produce at least one score. The sustained pressure was rewarded with a really first class forward try - Backler fittingly being the scorer, but credit going to the entire pack for the right effort at the right time. Soon afterwards the three-quarter line standing 'dead flat' was unaccountably allowed to move the ball from wing to wing with hardly a step taken by anyone on the field until G. Moulinie accepted the final pass and galloped over in the corner. Suddenly it was 12 - 16 and it was clear that we could win.

But we needed continued possession and as soon as we began to loose it, back came the Southern Suburbs mid-field players to drill holes through our ill-co-ordinated defence, to which positional changes made not the slightest difference. Indeed, eleven points were scored against us in as many minutes.

In the pack, Backler, Wilby, Wright and B. Sweeting were the best of a good bunch. Outside, McQueen, though no doubt bothered by his damaged hand played with his customary courage without producing one of his best games. In the interests of family modesty you will hardly expect me to say that Merrick Goodwin played a good game, so I won't say it.

V.G.

FIGHTING (?) FOURTHS LOOSE TO WOODVILLE 11 - 13.

A lethargic XV went onto the pitch against Woodville and, against the wind, let the opposition score two tries due mainly to poor tackling and little or no cover defence. The lethargy was due, no doubt, to the very easy win last week. (you can't expect to win 'em all that easily, chaps!)

Then the tide turned and with us winning the ball more often, particularly from the line-outs, we scored two tries both by Farrah plus a conversion which levelled the scores. Then a penalty goal by Coulsen put us in front 11 - 8.

O.C. held this lead against the wind and the whole fifteen played well with good tackling, particularly from Hancock, keeping Woodville out.

Then came another lapse (or was it lack of puff?) and we literally gave Woodville another try - score: 11 - 13. A penalty kick by Coulsen right on no time missed by inches.

Forwards, you must work as a pack and not leave it to one or two individuals to get to that loose ball before the opposition does so.

Best players in a patchy game due partly to the windy conditions were: Forwards Hancock, Shephard, Chatfield.

Backs Myers, Farrah, Coulsen.

NOTE: Copy has to reach the Editor by Monday 6 pm, preferably by Sunday night.

ASSISTANCE is required to fold and wrap newsletters on Tuesday nights. Would anyone care to help?