



NEWS



CONGRATULATIONS BRIGHTON PREMIERS 2004

Brighton 28 v Southern Suburbs 12

In a very fast game, Brighton displayed superior ball handling skills to defeat Southern Suburbs in the Grand Final on Saturday 18th September, 2004. It is possibly the first time Collegians could actually be heard cheering *for Brighton*. The task was still too much for some die-hard Anti-Brighton souls who could do no more than energetically call out "Go the team that isn't Souths!"

Congratulations to Brighton on their great win.

OLD COLLEGIANS RETAINED THE WEST END TROPHY FOR BEST CLUB IN 2004, FOR THE FOURTH YEAR IN A ROW. This trophy is awarded on the basis of the club's "whole of rugby" contribution, including numbers of senior and junior teams, registered players, state representatives, referees and accredited coaches (with points deducted for yellow cards, forfeits etc).

FIRST CEO OF SARU

SARU recently announced Rob Nelson as its first CEO. Rob joins SARU after three years as Group Manager (Marketing and Commercial) with Australian Major Events, returning to Adelaide following a 6-year stint in Sydney where he worked in senior positions with both SOCOG and Surf Life Saving Australia. Mike Von Berg said "Rob has excellent credentials with proven success in sports management, marketing and commercial operations through his significant experience within the sport and event management industries. As a former athlete himself having represented the State in Surf Life Saving and Australia in Canoeing, Rob is a follower of sport generally and developed an avid interest in Rugby during his time in Sydney. Significantly Rob played a pivotal role in managing Australian Major Events' interest in RWC2003 and coordinating the involvement of key stakeholders." The new appointment also brings South Australia in line with other traditionally 'non-Rugby' States of Western Australia and Victoria which have both had CEO's for approximately 5 years.

BROCK JAMES

Brock's fortunes have been much debated in the NZ and Sydney press over the last week. For those of you who don't know him, Brock is Jesse James' eldest son, a former Australian Sevens and Colts representative, and has been keen to play Super 12s. After failing to get a contract in Australia in the last couple of years, Brock moved to NZ in 2004 and has been playing for Taranaki. However, he needs dispensation from the NZRU to play for any New Zealand franchise. Brock has recently run off with a series of Taranaki records - most points in a match (27, overtaking coach Kieran Crowley's previous 26 in one game), most conversions in a game (8) and most conversions in a season (21 - from only four games). "Every week he's turning heads." said the Hurricanes coach recently, when admitting that the Hurricanes had applied to NZRU for permission to contract Brock for Super 12's in 2005. However, dispensation was refused by NZRU on the basis that Brock's experience in the Australian Sevens would prevent him from ever playing for the All Blacks. Rumours abound that Brock may get an offer from the Waratahs instead ...



NEWS (cont.)

THE SOUTHERN SUBURBS ISSUE

Members of Old Collegians will no doubt be aware, at some level, of the controversy that has surrounded the Division 1 finals competition this year. To follow is a brief summary of the facts as we understand them. We have tried to keep opinion out of the following description of events, so that you can make up your own minds.

SARU changed the Competition Rules in 2004 so that to qualify for finals a player must have played at least two games in each round. However, a player can be dispensated in the event of (for example) injury. Some Souths' players, from Fiji, Wales and Mt Gambier, did not meet those criteria, having arrived in Adelaide in the second or third round. On the Friday before the Semi Final between Port Adelaide and Souths, Souths applied to the Supreme Court to be allowed to field the players who did not meet the criteria set out in the Competition Rules.

The 2004 Competition Rules were made by the SARU Board under delegation from a meeting of the members. The SARU Constitution requires that the competition rules be made by the members. Souths argued that the 2004 Competition Rules are not valid, as they were not made by a meeting of the members as required by the Constitution. SARU believed that the rules were validly made. The Court did not have time to consider the issue in full at that first hearing. The Court set a further hearing date for the next week, and ordered that SARU hold a dispensation hearing the next morning. Any players not dispensated in that meeting could be played by Souths at their own risk. That is, if the later decision of the court went against Souths and they had played non-dispensated players, then any win would count instead as a forfeit.

In the dispensation hearing, all but one player was given clearance to play. That "ineligible" player (the fullback) was played in any event. Souths beat Port Adelaide.

The Court was to convene again the following Thursday (being the Thursday before the Preliminary Final). The only thing which would have been decided at that hearing was whether there was a "case to answer" by SARU. If there was held to be a case to answer, the Court would have held the matter over for trial at some stage in the following months. In the meantime, Souths would (probably) have been allowed to play in the 2004 finals with their non-dispensated player. That hearing would have involved *significant* legal costs being incurred by both SARU and Souths.

SARU elected not to defend the case and allowed Southern Suburbs to play the non-dispensated player. A media release announced that this settlement was "in the best interests of Rugby Union in South Australia on terms which enable the Southern Suburbs Rugby Union team to continue to play in the 2004 finals series."

Southern Suburbs then beat Old Collegians in the Semi-final, but lost to Brighton in the Grand Final.

Had SARU proceeded with the case and been successful, it is unlikely to have changed the way the finals were played, but might (in the ensuing months) have thrown into question the 2004 Premiership results.

The Competition Rules will now be put to a full members meeting to avoid any future dispute.

*For the purposes of completeness, here are some of the various **PERSONAL OPINIONS** which we have heard/read. We endorse none of them, but provide them to you only for discussion.*

- "Lack of balls, has been the management model from the SARU this season, from start and now to pathetic, gutless finish. Roseworthy's First XV will play Burnside's Second XV for the Division 4 title, Onka's Second XV will play Old Collegians Third XV for Division 3, Burnside's First XV will play Brighton's Second XV for the second grade and Brighton will play a World Invitation XV with a chance that, although not eligible, Jonny Wilkinson will play 5/8 to allow David Tito to move to Fullback for Souths."
- "...it is obviously disappointing ... we try to lead the way by injecting some quality players into this nothing competition..."
- Souths must be able to import talent, as it does not have sufficient junior players to draw upon
- Souths ultimately only fielded one non-dispensated player. If people have a complaint, it should be with the Dispensation Committee, not with Souths.
- SARU should force any club which threatens legal action to take the matter all the way to final court hearing, or else it sets a precedent that it will allow itself to be bullied in the future.

SA RUGBY AWARDS 2004

DON SMITH MEDAL, BEST & FAIREST PLAYER - TIM MATTIN, PORT ADELAIDE

Edna Reilly Memorial Trophy, Best & Fairest Women's Player - Li Fata, Southern Suburbs

Sir Norman Jude Tackling Trophy, Best Tackler 2004 - Warren Duff, Woodville

Meredith Knowler Tackling Trophy, Best Female Tackler 2004 - Kerry Telford, Port Adelaide

Chairman's Trophy, Best Back - Gareth Brown, Brighton

President's Trophy, Best Forward - Tim Mattin, Port Adelaide

Ray Herde Memorial Shield, Most Outstanding U21- Jerry Yanuyanutawa, Onkaparinga

Ray Rosser Coaches Award, Coach of the Year 2004 - Craig Hawkings, Port Adelaide 1st XV

Neil Charter Development Shield - Vince Eli, Woodville and Jason Harding, Onkaparinga



Australian Rugby Union Telstra Recognition Awards: Volunteers of the Year -Max Conry (Woodville), **Kate Denley (Old Collegians)**, Jim Jones (Referees), Myrtle Gourley (Brighton), Arthur Mallison (Woodville), Bob Dwyer (Adelaide Uni)

H.J. Rogers Memorial Shield, Services to Rugby - Arthur Mallison, Woodville

Mick Rixon RDO Encouragement Award - Ian Bryson, SARURA

Ken Grayling Presidents Cup, Services to Rugby (Referee) - Steve Sandford, SARURA

Life Members Most Improved Referee - James Churchill

Darryl Ryan Memorial Trophy, Best Grounds - Woodville

Bob Hogarth Highest Scoring Team - Old Collegians 3rd XV

SARU Women's Highest Scoring Team - Southern Suburbs

Tamaki Cup, Division 1 Minor Premiers - Brighton 1st XV



SEASON 2004

One of the features of the 2004 division 1 playing season was the reduction in the number of teams from eight to six participants. Burnside and Elizabeth opted to play in division 2 and competed against University and second XV's from other clubs. We trust that at least two of the abovementioned clubs will be back in the top division in 2005 and be stronger competitors than in recent years. The S. A. R. U. needs viable teams in division 1 from as many areas as possible. The tournament structure for 2004, however, helped to eliminate the huge match winning margins that occurred in 2002 and 2003. Teams could look forward to good games each week. Colls finished the minor round in second place, behind Brighton. Brighton lost 5 matches out of 20, while we lost 8. A glance at the premiership table shows that we had many more points scored against us than Brighton, and gained fewer bonus points, so Brighton were worthy winners of the premiership trophy. Colls set a firm foundation for finishing second, by beating every team except Port Adelaide in the first round of games, and then

had mixed fortune weekly before losing three of the last four minor round matches. We started the season with a number of new young players and gained a few more during the year so, together with some regular members from the past, we had a useful blend of youth and experience in the side. Like every other team, we had to contend with injuries and players moving away, but we found capable replacements in the Club to fill the resultant gaps. When the finals started, we played some of our best rugby this season. Brighton won the semi final by overtaking our score in the last two minutes of the game, and we lost the preliminary final to Souths in extra time. Clearly, we need to improve next season and make every game a winner, especially the finals. We should look upon 2004 as a year of successfully rebuilding the team and continue the improvement next year. The nucleus of a championship-winning side exists, particularly among the younger players, so let's hope the right mix of encouragement and coaching brings success.

James Diack

THE PHYSIO DIRECT OLD COLLEGIANS DIVISION 1

The preliminary final played at Bailey Reserve on 11th September ended the 2004 season for the Firsts when Southern Suburbs defeated our lads 27-20 in extra time after they had levelled the scores from a twelve point deficit midway through the second half. Souths won because they adapted better to blustery conditions and because they outlasted us in a hard-hitting show of strength that left us faltering late in the day.

A strong wind blew towards the north-eastern corner of the pitch in the area that we attacked in the first half, however Souths held most of the territory in the initial stages, using their forwards to control the ball in general play. Good tackling, followed by solid support, helped our defence to withstand the early pressure, gain possession and head towards Souths' 22. The strong breeze sometimes carried the ball into touch on the full when we kicked; at other times we gained sixty or seventy metres. With a great deal of effort, we matched our opponents in scrums, and did well in lineouts, but the real battle took place in general play, where we strove to retain usable possession and forge ahead. Mark Goode, Tom Secker and Richard Czeglik worked hard, while Craig DeCarle and James Bradley (in the second half) made valuable contributions. Among the backs, D. Bowkett, Simon Callaghan and Andy McDougall faced difficult challenges in defence and attack, but had quite good games. A sequence of phase wins, a short passing movement up the touchline and a little kick ahead led to our first try. Souths kicked a penalty goal a little later, and after Craig kicked one for our side, we kept a five-point lead until half time – a slender margin, considering we had to play against the wind in the second half.

For the first 15 minutes after half time, things went well for us. We attacked strongly inside Souths' area, retained possession by winning sequent phases, gained ground using the pick and drive, and had some success with the rolling maul. We kept ball in hand or on the ground and kept enormous pressure on the opposition. A well-earned try near the goal posts rewarded our effort. Juan's conversion kick gave us a twelve-point lead. Souths kicked their way into our territory after the restart and regained some initiative when some mistakes crept into our game. A few passes went astray, which stopped us in our tracks and caused us to lose momentum. Several of Souths' bigger, agile, fast, long-striding players brushed aside tackles, making us resort to second or third attempts to end their runs while we retreated. Souths eventually broke our line and got a converted try. Colls still had plenty to give at this stage and made several forays against a sturdy defence. We had enough possession to generate attacking rushes. A scrum win just short of the goal line gave Tom Secker the chance to grab the ball and he charged across the line and scored our next try, which restored our 12-point lead. Aided by a couple of penalty kicks in quick succession inside our 22, Souths put us back on the defensive and forced us to concede another try, duly converted. Souths found renewed vigour and stepped up the pressure. A further try levelled the scores at 20-all, which invoked the extra time rule. Souths got the only score in the added period and, although we only needed to equalise again to get to the grand final, their tight defence proved to be impenetrable at that stage of the match.

Thanks to James Diack for the First Grade match reports this year, and for the reports of the Frocs' and Crocs' Finals.



DIVISION 2

A Rugby Season has come and gone and the “Two’s” fortunes have been up and down all season. As if it wasn’t hard enough to win games on our own merit the Two’s had to deal with no less than three clubs dropping their first division teams into the seconds to remain ‘competitive’! Elizabeth, University and Burnside all defaulted to the Second Grade comp because of supposed deficiencies in their clubs. On top of that; the decision by SARU to effectively excise the Two’s from Old Collegians game day meant that we could neither support the First Grade or be supported by the Crocs in all but three or four games for the entire season.

Now that’s out of my system!! Notwithstanding those little hiccups the Two’s had some great early successes in the year, ably led and inspired by Callum Mackie as captain; and we had our narrow losses and rarely were we ever beaten by more than a few tries. The Two’s showed great heart throughout the season and never ever gave in and always fought to the very end. After Callum’s departure mid-season due to recent nuptials, both Mark Goode and our much loved ‘Irish’ Wilson in his comeback/retirement season led the side with great leadership, and courageous rugby- by-example! The great thing about the Two’s season this year, was the abundance of talent and heart that the young blokes showed at every opportunity. These young guys really are an extension of the One’s and when you think about that; what a depth of potential and commitment this club maintains. Our final three games for the season were against the three pseudo-Second Grade teams. We only needed to win one to carry into the finals, which proved to be a mammoth task; which we really only just missed out on! But we finished the season the way we started it with minimal support and we came out and went down fighting to the very end.

As the oldest playing member of the Two’s this year, I can say it was my great pleasure and privilege to

conclude my rugby playing career after returning to SA in December 2001, with the 2nd Grade of Old Collegians. A pleasure because I didn’t expect to be playing Rugby this late along in my life, (I even got to back up and start a couple of games in the One’s woohoo!). And a privilege to be playing with such a great bunch of lads in the best Rugby Union Club in Australia. Thanks boys and girls!

On behalf of the Second Grade, great thanks and best wishes go to our friend and coach Jamie Brennan for an excellent job and to the ever faithful and passionate Ian Walker for his team management and leadership. Also for the wonderful support from the medical staff Michael and Bec, and most especially to Kate Denley who was there every time to support us when we needed her. And most of all to the supporters and families of the Old Collegians who unflinchingly gave their support to us every week when we were on our own. Thank you so much and of course good luck and best wishes for the future to those moving on and retiring Callum Mackie, Kael Cooper, Mark Goode and ‘Irish’ Wilson thanks for the memories guys.

Major Mick Renfrey



DIVISION 3 – THE CROCS

FINAL - 18 September 2004 - Old Colls 6 v Onkaparinga 10

The CROCS had an even tussle against Onkaparinga in the division 3 grand final at Bailey Reserve on 18th September, but lost the match 10-6 after Onkas scored the only try of the game late in the second half. The result reflected the close battle the teams have had during 2004 to head the premiership table. Onkas won more games than we did, but we secured more bonus points, so the final standings between the top two teams on the table were very close, and well ahead of Brighton and Port Adelaide. We scored far more points on the field during the season than Onkas did. We had our chances to win the grand final; nonetheless we have had another excellent season and can look forward to next year with confidence.

The grand final team comprised A. Marshallsay, J. Uther, R. Costanzo, A. Raikiwasa, M. Nanai, P. Pukuru, J. Suttell (captain), C. McDonald, T. Austin, N. Fisher, D. Bradley, M. Siaoosi, R. Sadler, G. Raymond, J. Craven, A. Ericsson, B. Hartridge, A. Brummer, J. Limpus, J. Lemos, R. Love and H. Sabio.

Onkas took a good share of possession and territory early in the first half, forcing us to defend dourly. We won some turnovers at the breakdown and, when we started to play with greater confidence, we made forays

into Onkas' area by driving ahead through the forwards and then bringing the backs into action. It was tough going though, and neither side had control of proceedings long enough to create productive try-scoring breaks and passing runs. We kicked one penalty goal in the first half, and had moments when we ran and chased hard, but Onkas exerted pressure on us, tackled effectively, forced us into making errors and then they set up counter attacks. Onkas missed one big chance to score when they had a two man overlap, plenty of open space in which to run but passed wide of players backing up. After half time, they kicked a penalty goal, which levelled the score until Graham Raymond kicked one for us. For most of the second half, play continued as before, with most of the action taking place between the 22-metre lines, and changing direction numerous times because of a high turnover rate. This was due to tight checking by both sides and also due to carelessness. Although we didn't see any spectacular rugby, the game had an air of tenseness as Colls clung to a three-point lead. Some life came into the game when Onkas got the ball out wide and broke away in a speedy passing run just inside the touchline to ground the ball for a try, which they converted. Colls produced some spirited play in the remaining time, but couldn't wrest back the lead. On the day as a whole, our attack lacked the vitality needed to break Onkas' defence.



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WOMEN'S XV – THE FROCS

SEMI FINAL - 11 September 2004 - Old Colls 10 v Uni 0

The Frocs last minor round game in 2004 was a 54-0 win against Burnside, being the biggest point spread managed in three years, showing how much the girls have improved in 2004. They followed this up with a win against Uni (10 - nil) in the semi-final on 11 Sept. This makes five victories from five games against Uni this year (one of which was a forfeit). Each of those games has been an even and physical contest against a bigger team, but this victory was one of the clearest wins against Uni in 2004. Interestingly, the team on the day was very much the same team that lost to Uni in the same final in 2002. The first try was scored by Bec Manson within minutes of the kick off, and the second try (by Beck Derbyshire-Lloyd) followed later in the first half off a penalty in the 22. Best players on the day were Susan "Junior" Brooks, Zoe Woodstock and Lusia Raikiwasa. Junior had a magnificent day at fullback, taking a number of high balls and running them back, slipping through tackles and generally tearing up the pitch. Zoe, as usual, had a great game at Number 8, dominating the rucks and mauls and hitting the ball up effectively. Lusia, our star prop playing out of position in the centres most of the game, made her presence felt as only Lusia can - by bulldozing over the top of anyone who got in her way! Great work was put in by the backs, particularly in cover defence, and the forwards did well in a scrum where their opposition must have outweighed them by close to 100kg! All girls played well, and should be proud not only of the work done this Saturday, but of the efforts they have put in as a team all year to get them to this point. It has been a trying year for the Frocs. They have lost three important players for the season to injury/emigration, they were missing experienced halfbacks and 5/8s for several weeks midseason, NINE of the senior players were absent from training during the lead up to the Nationals, and there has been an unlucky spate of illness in the captain and the coach leading into finals.



FINAL - 18 September 2004 - Old Colls 10 v Southern Suburbs 10

The Old Collegians FROCS achieved the biggest upset result of the 2004 women's competition drawing 10-10 with Southern Suburbs in the grand final at Bailey Reserve after playing extra time. Souths, however, won the premiership trophy because they led the competition ladder at the end of the minor round, having dominated the 15 match tournament with a for and against point difference exceeding 600 points. Colls finished in second position with a point difference approaching 200, well ahead of University in third spot. In the semi-finals, Souths beat Burnside 70-0, while Colls defeated University 10-0; clear indications of what a superb result the grand final produced for our girls. With the increase in playing membership and greater rugby skills that we have witnessed this year, let's hope next season generates even more success. **The grand final team, in player order, comprised K. Hume, M. Moran, L. Raikiwasa, N. Woodstock, K. Evans, I. Hume (captain), R. Manson, Z. Woodstock, T. Hume, T. Naige, R. Derbyshire-Lloyd, B. Wade, K. Reynolds, E. Faehrmann, S. Brooks, K. Cherry, K. O'Neill, K. Stanton, N. Regler, S. Faehrmaan, P. Abbott and J. Knuckey.**

The FROCS grasped the initiative after the kick-off, keeping the action centred in Souths' 22 for a long time by keeping focused on the ball. We won plenty of possession from scrums and lineouts, tried to set up penetrative passing movements and gave solid support at the breakdown when we ran into opponents who were desperate to stop us from making headway. A little mishandling of the ball and misdirection of our passes hampered our efforts at times, but Souths couldn't take enough advantage from our mistakes to create constructive counter attacks. On the only occasion their backline accelerated with a degree of co-ordination, they strode past tacklers and broke through for their first try. We continued to hold massive territorial advantage and possession until half time, but failed to cross the goal line. By responding quickly, Souths blocked off openings in the centres. Our passing movements tended to drift across the pitch, making very little headway into attack. Unfortunately, we were a little hesitant in initiating and executing our attack system, thus we couldn't spin the ball fast enough to beat the defence.

Souths had more of the ball early in the second half and looked much more threatening than before. They had a bit more drive in the forwards and their backs supported each other with more surety. The FROCS however, still had the advantage in set play. Despite facing a big pack, our forwards gained ball from some of Souths' scrum put-ins, and our lineout work was excellent. It took a while to get back into Souths' area, but when we did we showed more purpose in attack than previously. After good work by our forwards, we got the ball quickly out to Belinda Wade who dashed past defenders to score the important equalising try. We had the edge over Souths for the remaining normal time, but were unable to score again. The next score didn't occur until the second portion of extra time. We took a shot at a penalty goal, but the ball fell short and Souths' clearing kick went askew into touch less than 10 metres from their goal line. We won the ensuing lineout, took the ball into a maul, rolled it past the line, and secured the ball on the ground for a try. This was as good an effort as we saw in any of the grand finals that day. With very little time left, both sides made mistakes as they strove to gain control of the ball. The ball landed near the sideline after a penalty kick, and we failed to secure it. Souths kept the ball in play, evaded tackles and worked their way along the touchline to get the try that levelled the scores. It was a devastating moment, however each of the FROCS had played really well to come so close to winning the game.

HISTORY OF CLUB AWARDS

E.Yule Memorial Trophy - Best forward 1st XV - former club president

G.Bainbridge Memorial Trophy - Best back 1st XV - Outstanding 1st XV halfback. Died in road accident in 1972

J.Forwood Memorial Trophy - Best forward 2nd XV - Club treasurer for many years in 1950's and 1960's

B.McQualter Memorial Trophy - Best back 2nd XV - Dedicated 1st XV player and keen clubman. Killed on active service in Vietnam

W.Templeton Memorial Trophy - Best forward 3rd XV - Won best & fairest award in club, first ever 3rd XV. Died in road accident.

C.Holdich Memorial Trophy - Best back 3rd XV - Former club president & treasurer & life member. Both his sons played for the club.

Stewart Wood Memorial Trophy - Best clubman - as a novice player he made club 1st XV in his first season of rugby. Had an outstanding club sprit. Died in a road accident.

Warren Bully Trophy - Best club supporter – (not a memorial trophy). Outstanding 1st XV player, he also played for Manly 1st XV (Sydney) and in Wales. An enthusiastic player and club member.

Willy Wilson Memorial Trophy - Best First Season Player. The son of loyal Collegians, Don and Dawn Wilson and brother of ex-Froc Michelle. Willy played in the 1990s, making the first grade in his first year. Tragically killed in a car accident.

Gavin Pfister Tackling Award - Most Improved Forward - Gavin Pfister is a South African-born flanker who won the SARU Don Smith Medal for the 2nd year in 1997 as well as the Sir Norman Jude Tackling Trophy for 1997

Mike von Berg Trophy - For consistency, courage & commitment. Mike von Berg has been a member of Old Collegians since 1988 and was the 1st XV coach until 1993, a period that included the Premiership win of 1991. SARU Chairman 1994 to 2001, Senior State Coach 1994 to 1999, ARU Director 1997 to 1999 (first SA member appointed to the ARU Board), ARU Delegate 1994 to 2001, ARU Marketing Committee 1994 to 1996, Old Collegians 1st XV Coach 1989 to 1993, SARU Under 21 Coach 1991 to 1993, and SARU Schools Coach 1995 to 1996.

STATE REPRESENTATIVES 2004

Our congratulations go again to the Collegians selected to represent SA in the Physio Direct Adelaide Falcons and the Southern Warriors in 2004.

Christian Tedge Daniel Boughtwood
Juan Aguiar Andrew McDougall
Ben Suttell Richard Czeglik
Barry Dick
Coach: Stephen Boyd
Asst Coach: Gus Elliott



Belinda Wade Lusia Raikiwasa
Zoë Woodstock Rebecca Manson
Tara Naige Imogen Hume
Kim Evans Kristie Hume
Kate Reynolds

CLUB AWARDS 2003



Club Awards

Bert Rogers Memorial Award for Special Administrative Services – Bob Stafford-Lee
 Stewart Wood Memorial Award for Best Clubman – Mark Goode
 Warren Bully Award for the Club's Best Supporter – Shane Clark
 Canterbury Award for Special Achievement – Sue Thewlis (for her work in the canteen)
 Alan Spry Memorial Trophy for Rugby Spirit – Ben Rokobaro
 Bob George Memorial Award for Best & Fairest – Tom Secker
 Willie Wilson Memorial Award for Best First Year Player – Rick Grimes
 Owen Clarke Points Scoring Award – Graham Raymond
 John Markey Memorial/Gavin Pfister Tackling Award for a Forward – Jeremy Thewlis
 Bernie McQueen Tackling Award for a Back – Daniel Boughtwood
 Selectors Award for Commitment – Andrew McDougall
 Mike von Berg Award for Consistency, Courage & Commitment – Ben Suttell

Division 1

E Yule Memorial Award for Best Forward – Tom Secker
 G Bainbridge Memorial Award for Best Back – Daniel Boughtwood
 Most Improved – Henry Winter
 Player's Player – Tom Secker



Division 2

J Forward Memorial Award for Best Forward – Jonathon Wilson
 McQualter Memorial Award for Best Back – Ed Mitchell
 Most Improved – Kael Cooper
 Player's Award – Peter Cross



Division 3 – Crocs

W Templeton Award for Best Forward – Aisea Raikiwasa
 C Holdich Memorial Award for Best Back – Graham Raymond
 Most Improved – Michael Nanai



Division 4

Best Back – Guy Lithgow
 Best Forward – Andrew Marshallsay
 Most Improved – Bren Sinnott and Aaron Borg



Women's XV

Best Forward – Rebecca Manson
 Best Back – Kate Reynolds
 Most Improved – Kristie Hume
 The Sandi Jenni Memorial Medal – Sam Faehrmann
 Player's Player – Maxine Moran



SCRUMBAG

CONGRATULATIONS!

Our warm congratulations to Jamie Brennan and Mel on their recent engagement

Congratulations also to Major Mick Renfrey on his engagement

Candice Daniel and Christian Tedge are proud to announce the arrival of Ryan Daniel Tedge to their family. He's a hearty, healthy little fella that their friends *insist* on calling "Tonka". (If he'd been a girl, it would have been "Makita".)

He's a well behaved boy who apparently does little other than eat and sleep (sound like anyone we know?). Tedge hasn't stopped beaming with pride since Ryan was born, and was particularly impressed with how far the kid can piss.

Our love to the three of them.

Our best wishes go to Craig and Sally De Carle, who are pregnant. This club's front rowers (both men and women – Craig, Tedgie, Jeremy Uther, Richie Pardoe, Fiona, Esme, Maxine) all seem to be magnificently fecund. We've already got a full pack sorted out for Div 1 2020, but *please* can the backs start breeding too?

Presentation Dinner was a great night, better than usual thanks to the great venue. Kristian Livolsi and the Observatory Function Centre have been generous sponsors in 2004, and the Observatory makes a great venue for our functions. The awards and photos are listed earlier in this edition. Someone has suggested that we give far too many trophies noting that the 1st XV would have had enough to give one to everyone if Tommy Secker hadn't fixed that up. The \$2000 tab was exhausted, much to the shock of the staff, in the 27th minute. The night rolled onward into the normal state of high spirits we've come to expect. Tales are being told of brave deeds - one drunken first grader only getting into the pub because SOMEONE convinced the bouncers he had MS (Multiple Scotches?), a certain Froc being kicked out of the Casino for stripping down to her bra and running all over the joint, a first grader doing a pantsdown lap of the two-up table, two other Frocs pressing their bare breasts against a window overlooking the casino foyer, another first grader approaching a man (a total stranger) on a dare and saying "you look hot in those pants" and a group of the usual suspects ending up dancing around half nude at a certain pub with the Publican well into the morning hours until the Publican's Much Tormented Wife quite rightfully threw a wobbly, yanked the cord from the jukebox and ordered them all from the establishment.

This warm weather had makes us think of summer. When I think of summer we think of Oztag. Come and Try Sundays 17th, 24th and 31st of October at 1.00pm at Glenunga Oval, Conyngham St.

Old Colls will be fielding at least one or two teams – come out for a run. Season kicks off on the Wednesday the 3rd of November. Contact Kim for details – kevans@normans.com.au or 0438 704 415



Obituary

STAFFORD-LEE, Christine Elizabeth 4/6/37 - 6/9/04

“Oh how I loved thee - let me count the ways” EB-B

Dearest and most beloved wife and love of Bob.

Adored mother of Peter, Annabel and Andrew. Grandmother to Nicholas and Bonnie, Alexander and Sophie. Stepmother to Mark and mother-in-law to Scott. The bravest soldier who fought so hard and well for so many years.

Passed away with dignity surrounded by her close family at Mary Potter Hospice.

Our love and sympathy is extended to Bob and his family. In Christine's honour, the Crocs and Frocs wore black armbands in their grand finals on 18 September.

SCRUMBAG

Our website has a new server, but the URL remains the same: www.oldcollegiansrugby.org.au The new server allows for a lot of new, improved services – including the new Discussion Forums. So get on-line and have your say!



Canterbury (in the Myer Centre in Rundle Mall) and Athlete's Foot in Burnside Village both offer members of Old Collegians a 10% discount on all items.



We've received various messages from friends afar in recent weeks:

Hope you all have a great night, sorry I can't be there [at the presentation dinner]! I remember the last one I went to at the zoo a few years back! Hope all's well, take care, Packy, x

I've been in nearly weekly contact with home and particularly my Dad gives us a bit of a low down on the week by week play at Tregenza. Jon and I print out a copy of the Tregenza Times each month and avidly read through, wishing we were there! Once Jon's off his 'ban' (idiot) then we'll be back! I was sorry to hear about the not so successful result in the finals! The season over here has begun (not off to a good start for Jon's team, but not to worry, eh? Only two games in!) ... the weather has definitely got colder and wintery which sucks and I am so craving a hot summer! Anyway - enjoy Presentation Night and please say a big G'day to everybody from both of us! With love Emma and Jon

Hey ya, All is going well and we have won 3 league games and one cup game plus 3 friendlies. Played my first game straight off the plane. Friendlies went well playing teams that were of a fairly low division. The cup game was also easily won 101 to 6. Scored two tries and set up a few. Was a bit of a drubbing. The league games are also going well and have scored two tries in those. We are winning easily. Doesn't say much for the development of Scottish rugby. Am looking forward to playing against Perthshire who have imported a Samoan international to play no8 for them and he's my man. Will let you know how I get on. Ben Hamer

For no reason other than that I stumbled on an online anagram maker recently and I'm a bit of a nerd, I thought I'd propose a bit of a quiz. I will buy a pint for the first person who approaches me (Kim) *at the bar of the clubrooms* and correctly unscrambles these five OC related anagrams.

Slab order - Zilch raged Rick – Ten bullets - Pub rooster - Solid collagen

Quote: "A 1st XV won second grade, a 2nd XV won Third Grade and a 2nd XV won Fourth grade."

the beer tally

The 2004 Beer Tally was won by the Social Members with only 15 more drinks than the first grade (both coming in around the 2500 drinks mark). The Frocs and the Crocs followed only about 100 drinks behind each. After their magnificent effort, Div 1 was obviously disappointed, but the Social Team has gracefully agreed to share their free keg with Div 1 anyway. FOR THE RECORD – no points were ever deducted for non-financial players, nor did Div 4 contribute any tallies to the Social Team's box. They won fair and square, and it serves to show how much the Club depends on its non-playing members for their volunteer work around the place and their support of the bar.

Thanks to everyone for their support of the bar this year – without it we wouldn't have enough money to keep the club afloat. The Beer Tally will return next year !



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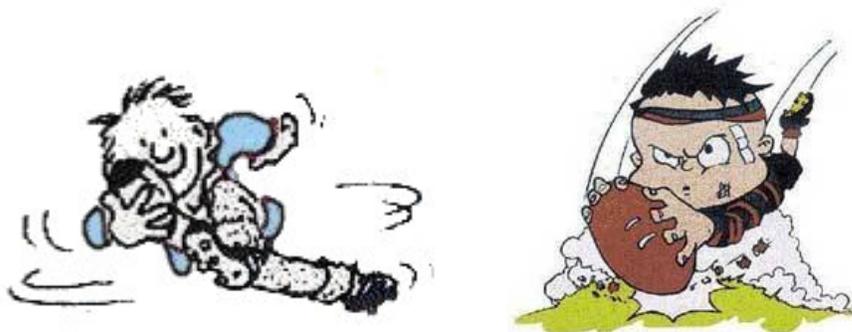
JUNIOR RUGBY

The Quiz Night on 21 August at the Club was organized by the Junior Club and well attended by senior players, juniors, parents and social members alike. The clubrooms could not have held another person, and everyone had a great time and enjoyed the lively competition. The prizes were kindly donated by :

Coopers Alehouse Dinner Vouchers
Extreme Cutters Hair Care Products (386 Greenhill Road, Glenside – next to the National Bank)
Danny McCartan Dozen bottles of wine
Fasta Pasta (Burnside) Four Meal Vouchers (Cnr of Greenhill Road & Glynburn Road)
Belle Cheveux Hairdressing Skin Care Products (457 Glynburn Road, Leabrook)
Firle Greengrocer Basket Of Fruit & Veges
Pizza Hutt Vouchers
Video Ezy DVDs and Player of the Day Certificates (Portrush Road – Glenunga)
Burnside Florist Voucher Value: \$25.00 (Greenhill Road – opposite the BP Service Station)
Mr & Mrs Osborn Old Collegians Beanie
Champs Sports Burnside Sports Package (Burnside Village – 447 Portrush Road)
Dulwich Bakery Vouchers
Leabrook Gourmet Meats & Leabrook Hardware
Knightsbridge Shopping Centre
R. M. Williams T/Shirt & Two Caps
Very generous donations from Junior Parents

Thank you

JUNIOR PRESENTATION DAY



SUNDAY, 17TH OCTOBER 2004

EVERYONE WELCOME - BYO BBQ/PICNIC

SOCIAL DIARY



HONG KONG SEVENS 2005

Old Collegians is headed to Hong Kong for the World Cup Sevens in March 2005. If you want to join the tour speak to Kim Evans 0438 704 415. **About a dozen of us are already planning to make the trip.** You'll need about A\$2000 for airfare, accommodation and rugby tickets to experience a week of Hong Kong and three days of rugby in the world's greatest sporting event.

LAST CHANCE!!



OLD COLLEGIANS CHRISTMAS DRINKS

From 6pm at the clubrooms, Thursday 16th December 2004

Everyone welcome

Games – Carols – Happy hour

HAPPY HOUR EVERY THURSDAY NIGHT

The Club is open every Thursday Night until Christmas, with happy hour from 6.30-7.30pm

\$3 pints

CLUB NOTES



Old Collegians Annual General Meeting

Thursday 9th December at 7.00 pm

Come, chat, drink, vote

Happy Half-hour from 6.30 pm

PHYSIOTHERAPY FOR MEMBERS

All members of Old Collegians are urged if they have any physiotherapy needs to consult with our sponsor Physio Direct as a matter of preference. **Physio Direct offers special rates to ALL Old Collegian members** with particularly attractive rates for 1st and 2nd grade players.

Physio Direct has six clinics in Adelaide, at Morphettville, Edwardstown, Wayville, Prospect, Salisbury and Gawler. Physio Direct provides treatment for all sports and work injury as well as general physiotherapy and rehabilitation for muscle and joint injuries, headaches, neck and back pains. They use manipulative physiotherapy, Swiss balls, Pilates, aquatic physiotherapy, Feldenkrais and gym rehabilitation.



Call 8373 1324 to arrange an appointment to a clinic near you.

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If you have any suggestions (be gentle ...) or anything you'd like to contribute to Tregenza Times, drop a note in the suggestions box at the club, email your friendly editor (Kim Evans) at kevans@normans.com.au or just front up to her at the bar.