

SOCIAL DIARY

Springcocks Day

11am Sunday, 14 August 2005

Come along for our annual BBQ and "scratch match" against Adelaide's South African community. Game at 12pm

FRAT PARTY

Saturday, 20 August 2005

Free keg from 8.00pm for people dressed as cheerleaders, footballers and nerds
food – movies – music



QUIZ NIGHT

7.00pm for 7.30pm Friday, 6th August

The Third and Fourth Grades are hosting a quiz night. Every team must provide two tables of eight.

\$40/table of eight and \$7.00 for every extra player.

Junior tables welcome. Generous prizes. Bring a plate.

SCRUMBAG

It was great to see Sandy Taylor back in red & blue last weekend, even if it was only a flying visit. One of our other prodigals, Tim Austin, will also be descending on us with a herd of clubmates from Melbourne RFC for their end of season trip. Their trip coincides with grand final day. They will raise a glass (or several) with us on the sidelines and there will be a match against them on the Friday for anyone not playing in a grand final. More info to come...

Happy 21st birthday to
Lusia Raikiwasa!

The Ref

"Forward pass!" cry 20,000 in the stand,
"Late tackle" cry 20,000 more,
but the man in the white hears no sound,
takes no heed and earns no friends.
Small of fame, fleet of foot and thick of skin,
he waves play on as the crowd
bemoans his absent Labrador,
his mislaid cane and lost glasses.
Exasperated, they wonder at his flagrant inability
to see with two eyes
what they so clearly see with one.

In a recent juniors game (the result of which was never in question) spectators and players continuously heckled, abused, questioned and confronted the referee, Glen Miller. This turned the game into a spiteful affair that could not have been enjoyed by players, officials, spectators or parents. Glen was so demoralised that he has announced his decision to quit refereeing. While this incident did not involve, Old Collegians the standard of treatment towards referees has been unacceptable at some time at all clubs. We are at a crisis point in SA Rugby. We struggle to attract enough referees and we lose too many because of the abuse. They only referee because they enjoy the involvement in the game. If clubs take away the enjoyment, they take away the referees and without them we have no rugby. *This type of behaviour is totally unacceptable and will not be tolerated from any player, official or spectator at Old Collegians, regardless of how unreasonable the referee's decisions may seem.*

CHAMPS SPORTSTORE – OLD COLLEGIANS DISCOUNT DAY

Champs Sport Store in Burnside stock an excellent range of clothing and equipment, including rugby balls and protective gear.

On **Sunday, 7 August** Champs will offer a **20% discount** to all Old Collegians and their families (junior & senior club). Please support our sponsor!

CLUB NOTES



Gary Pope of Athlete's Foot in Burnside Village has been a long time supporter of Old Collegians. As a rugby referee and coach he understands what ruggers need from their boots. He offers a 10% discount to Old Collegians – make sure you get your next pair of boots from Gary!

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RESULTS – 30th JULY



1st Grade: Port Adelaide 14 v Old Collegians 31 – A great game, although we're still playing erratically with moments of brilliance interspersed with moments of mediocrity. Fortunately, there was enough brilliance to outweigh the mediocrity in this game. We had a tough battle against the Port Pirates. Although the Pirates held most of the territory in the opening twenty minutes, neither side could control the flow of play for more than a few minutes at a time. Both sides made mistakes as players strove to maintain a tight defence. In addition, they incurred a high number of penalty kicks, which, at that stage, failed to give either side much benefit. Eventually, the Pirates were able to get the ball out wide and run into open space and opened the scoring with a converted try. Later in the half, we began to retain the ball for longer periods, thanks to speedy responses at the breakdown that provided us with sequent phase wins. Long cut out passes proved to be an effective means of moving the ball to undefended areas, although mishandling sometimes marred this action. We drove the Port lads into their 22 for the last ten minutes of the term, where the forwards endeavoured to control the ball. Port regained possession twice in this spell but our persistence paid off and we got the ball across the line to level the score at half time. We had to struggle just as hard in the second half. Excellent passing and fast running enabled us to breach the Pirates' defence and cross the goal line for our second try. Port regrouped firmly after this and tried to swing the ball wide past our defenders several times. However, on each occasion

our players chased and tackled the ball carrier effectively. Well done. As well as defending successfully, we were now attacking more confidently. Against a bigger pack, we won sequent phases at the breakdown; our handling improved as we swung the ball to the left or right, still using the cut out pass effectively and backed up in good position to take the ball when required. Three fine tries in succession took the score to 17-7, 24-7 and then 31-7, before Port replied with a converted try scored just before the final whistle. A great win in the end, yes, but the other contenders for the finals each have the potential to win the grand final. Tries were scored by Juan Aguiar (2) (shown left), Andy Farquharson, Richard Czeglik and Christian Tedge and the two conversions were kicked by Juan. Best Player: Juan Aguiar.

2nd Grade: Port Adelaide 12 v Old Collegians 41 – A really great game from the second grade, one of the best this year and great communication considering the number of newcomers to the squad, including Mark West and Jon Teo coming up from the 4th grade. Our players combined well to keep the ball out of the opposition's hands for extended periods and this enabled us to use a variety of ploys to penetrate the Port defence. Our forwards showed good form in scrums, produced a good effort in lineouts and matched Port in general phase play. Our inside backs showed plenty of dash, controlled the centre and made some good breaks, whilst the back three provided much speed and support. Defence proved to be solid and reliable. Our first try resulted from a break through the centres and we kicked the conversion. Port replied by scoring a try soon afterwards and, for a while, looked as though they could repeat the dose. However, we got back on top and scored two more converted tries and a penalty goal to set a half time score of 24-5. We continued to play well in the second half, although the Port men tightened their defence to restrict our own scoring to three further tries during the rest of the match. Best player: Mark West

Under 18s – Colts: Bye

3rd Grade: Old Collegians 12 v University 43 – A very pleasing game notwithstanding the score. The young players are progressing well despite having only played a handful of games in their life. Next season looks good! Rob Papryski did a great job winning three tightheads. The tries were scored by Brad Morson and Tom Pilkington. The conversion was kicked by Halley Sparrow. David Pridham, at prop, was the best player.

4th Grade: Bye

Women's XV: Port Adelaide 8 v Old Collegians 8 – The try was scored by Beck Derbyshire-Lloyd who also kicked the penalty. Bec Manson was again the best player. The Frocs had a great deal of possession, support play was generally good and the backs had excellent depth, speed and hands, but failed to penetrate. The girls did not play to their strengths and discipline was again disappointing resulting in needless penalties, backchat and a yellow card. The Frocs gained a good share of possession from set play early in the first half and tried to gain ground by spinning the ball to the outside backs who ran hard when allowed to by the Port defenders. The Frocs' forwards played soundly most of the time, although they occasionally faced problems caused by lineout infringements. A few handling errors provided setbacks when players appeared to have set up promising attacking moves, but we did well to hold territorial advantage for long spells. The Frocs' defence was solid enough to prevent Port from creating attacking movements that threatened our line, except on one occasion. This was when they drove play into our 22 and retained enough possession to cross our line just before half time and score their only try for the day. The Frocs pressed hard after half time, drove play into the Port 22, forced a couple of great breaks and eventually scored the equaliser. Players contested the remainder of the match evenly; both sides had periods when their defence was keenly tested. We still had a big share of possession and territory, but found it difficult to cut through tight defence, despite having a speed advantage. Port looked menacing at one stage when we gave away a series of penalty kicks inside our 22. We turned the tide with a long kick up field and attacked inside Port territory for a considerable time, but Port hampered our efforts by bustling us into errors at crucial moments. Our backing up was sound and handling was generally good, except on a few occasions. Both sides kicked a penalty goal before the final whistle. The women's competition approaches a fascinating finals series; the Frocs deserve much more support from the sidelines.

U 8s: Old Collegians 50 v Souths 50 - an exciting and spirited game for a draw of 10 tries.

U 9s: BYE

U 11s: Old Collegians 5 v Souths 50 - a good game, but we were beaten by a better team on the day. The combinations are coming together, but too much ball is being given away. Sam Collett had an outstanding game on the wing as did Stewart Nutt in the forwards. Player of the day was prop Andrew Smith for his work in the tight and for his excellent tackling.

U 12s: Old Collegians 0 v Souths 68 - a loss to a team who have not been beaten for a number of seasons but we played well and never gave up.

U 14s: Old Collegians 22 v Souths 25 - a very close game, but unfortunately lost on the final whistle with a try in the corner. Harley Jansen very dominant in the forwards and the centre combination of John Knowles and James Wagstaff bought points for the team.

U 16s: Old Collegians 0 v Brighton B 25 - a tense top of the table game. The Brighton forwards used their size to their advantage and dominated the game in the tight. Old Colls backs played a spirited game with the ball that was available. Rowan Mein had an exciting game. Our Canadian import, Cameron Polson, had his last game and will be missed.

U18 (Colts) Bye

Big thanks to James Diack for the match reports for 1s, 2s and Frocs

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