

TREGENZA TIMES

Old Collegians Rugby Football Club Inc.



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May 2006

SOCIAL DIARY

RUGBY GAMES ON THE BIG SCREEN AT THE CLUB

Friday 19th May – Super 14 Semi Final
Saturday 20th May – Super 14 Semi Final
Sunday 27th May – Super 14 Final
Saturday 17 June – Wallabies v England
Saturday 24 June – Wallabies v Ireland

FIRST HOME GAME – 3 JUNE

DUE TO THE ON-GOING RENOVATIONS, WE WILL NOT BE AT HOME UNTIL 3 JUNE.

Join us after the game for presentations, a cheap meal and:

CLUB-WIDE KANGAROO COURT

Expose the follies of your fellow clubmen, subject your friends to ridicule, defend yourself against unfair attack, repent of your sins and be redeemed! (and enjoy the drinks specials...)

OC's POOL COMPETITION

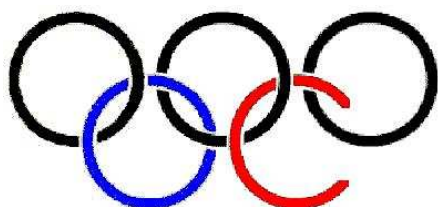
PLEASE NOTE – DATE HAS BEEN CHANGED

Sponsored by **BALLROOM BILLIARDS**, Norwood Parade

Where: Ballroom Billiards, Norwood Parade

When: 2pm, Sunday 21 May 2006 **Cost:** \$20.00 per player

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SATURDAY 1 JULY OLD COLLS OLYMPICS

After our home game on 1 July we're having Rugby Olympics under lights on Tregenza. It's grade against grade in events like the 100m dash, the Tackle-Shield Hammer Throw, the Tackle-Column Caber Toss, the Agility-Pole Javelin and the Prop & Winger Equestrian! More info available soon...

DIRECT
INTERIORS

NEWS FROM SA RUGBY UNION

REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS' SCHEDULE 2006

Black Falcons	-	13 May v Melbourne (Hindmarsh Stadium)
		20 May v Tasmania (Hindmarsh Stadium)
Griff Hunt U18's & U16s	-	10-12 Jun (SA, Vic and ACT) - Parkinson
Women's Invitational	-	10-12 Jun (SA, Vic and ACT) - Melbourne
U14's & U12s	-	10-12 Jun - Sydney Juniors
Australian Schools Div 2	-	24-30 Jun - Geelong
Women's Nationals	-	3-9 Jul - Sydney
Southern States Primary		
Schools Championships	-	23 Sep - TBA
National U16's Champs	-	1-6 Oct - Sydney

IN FOR LIFE



It has come to our attention that some of you out there in OC-land don't know who the life members are or what they do. Some of them are prominent and busy at the club, such as Hamish Cranna, Harry Clark, Denzil Church (pictured left) and Ian Walker (all managing senior teams), Danny McCarten (Rugby Director), Richard Waddicor (referee and registrar) and Bob Stafford-Lee (match reports etc). Others just turn up and drink, and we love them to do that as well! They also meet regularly to discuss and assist with other club issues such as fundraising. At the moment, they are arranging for the updating and re-erection of our honour boards. This club is very lucky to have the benefit of the continued involvement of its Elder Statesmen. We hope in future editions of TT to continue this little column and tell you what they're thinking, what they're up to, and exactly how much tougher they were in their day than we are now...

OBITUARIES

Don Harris

We regret to advise that after a long illness, Don Harris passed away in April. The recent Bartercard Cup final was played at North Torrens in honour of Don. Don was a member of the West Torrens Rugby Club (now North Torrens) and an outstanding player for South Australia in the late 1980's early 1990's. Our condolences go to his family, friends and club.

Mick Hone

Our condolences go to the family and friends of Mick Hone, who passed away recently. Mick was a medical student in the 1940's, having returned to Adelaide from Sydney with his family. Rugby was his game in Sydney as a schoolboy. He was the leading light in re-establishing the game at the Adelaide University at the end of World War II, for all competition had stopped with the 1939 season. He soon knocked the raw Adelaide recruits into good shape, resulting in the other clubs jumping a standard or two to keep pace.

Michael Hone was a big second rower and a natural leader. He captained the state side for a few years and he helped build the University club to a great numerical strength. In fact, inter-faculty games were sometimes played in those days!

Old Collegians had become a good club in the late 1940's with an influx of returned servicemen and others, but in the early 50's it had declined to less than one team. The SA Rugby Union proposed an amalgamation between Burnside and Old Collegians. A number of Old Collegians worked extremely hard to build the playing numbers so as to field two teams. One of these was Geoff Hone, Mick's brother. It was a stroke of tremendous good fortune when, after a period of a few years, Mick Hone and some of his original university team came to Old Collegians. These included Graham Gibbs, Allan Kerr Grant and others. From then on, Old Collegians has been a strong influence in South Australia.

Mick Hone, who became a very well known surgeon, should be remembered for his outstanding leadership in building, playing, captaining and coaching both University and Old Collegians.

Our condolences go to his family and friends.

SENIOR DRAW 2006

Date	Venue	Premier Grade 15:20	Reserve Grade 14:00	3rd Grade 12:40	4th Grade 11:20
13 May	Wilfred Taylor	Onkaparinga	Onkaparinga	Onkaparinga	(Bye)
	Hindmarsh St	Adelaide Black Falcons v Melbourne			
20 May	Brighton				Brighton
	Parkinson	Burnside	Burnside		
	Wilfred Taylor			Onkaparinga	
	Hindmarsh St	Adelaide Black Falcons v Tasmania			
27 May	Waite	Adelaide Uni		Uni (14:00)	
	Womma		Elizabeth (12:40)		Elizabeth
3 Jun	Tregenza	Woodville	Woodville	Roseworthy	Burnside
17 Jun	Tregenza	Port Adelaide	Port Adelaide	Onkaparinga	(Bye)
24 Jun	Tregenza	Southern Suburbs	Southern Suburbs		Souths (12:40)
	Dry Creek			North Torrens	
1 Jul	Tregenza	Brighton	Brighton	Brighton	Brighton
8 Jul	Tregenza	Onkaparinga	Onkaparinga	Onkaparinga	Onkaparinga
15 Jul	Lyndoch			Roseworthy	
	Tregenza	Burnside	Burnside		Burnside (12:40)
22 Jul	Tregenza	Adelaide Uni	Eliz	Adelaide Uni	Elizabeth
29 Jul	Dry Creek			North Torrens	
	Gleneagles	Woodville	Woodville		
	Riverside				Burnside (12:40)
05 Aug	Bailey				Souths (12:40)
	Brighton			Brighton	
	Riverside	Port Adelaide	Port Adelaide		
12 Aug	Tregenza	Woodville	Woodville	North Torrens	(Bye)
19 Aug	Brighton	Brighton	Brighton	Brighton	Brighton
26 Aug	Parkinson				Burnside (12:40)
	Tregenza	Southern Suburbs	Southern Suburbs	Roseworthy	

WOMEN'S DRAW (FULL DRAW STILL PENDING)

13 May Port Adelaide - Port Adelaide v Old Collegians at 12:40

20 May Parkinson Oval - Burnside v Old Collegians at 12:40

27 May Waite - Old Collegians v Southern Suburbs at 12:40



WEEKLY AWARDS

Thanks to the generosity of the following sponsors, we are awarding these weekly prizes in 2006.

The President's Award

The President's Awards are vouchers from **Athlete's Foot in Burnside**; they are awarded every week to:

- the most valuable player from the four senior men's teams, as judged by the President (\$25)
- the most valuable player from the women's team, as judged by the President (\$20)
- the most valuable player from the junior teams, as judged by the Junior Rugby Director (\$15)

Recently, these awards have been awarded to John Grime of the first grade (against Souths), Kristie Hume (against Burnside), Imogen Hume (against Souths) and Brad McDonald of the Under 18s (against Burnside).



"The Harrish"

The Harrish is awarded every week to the best First Grade player as judged by the Harrishes (team managers, Hamish Cranna and Harry Clark). It is a voucher for \$50 to the excellent **Mortar & Pestle Café** (37 Dulwich Ave, Dulwich) which is run by our own ex-barman Lachy!

Recently, the Harrish has been awarded to Jon Collins (against Souths) and John Grime (against Brighton).

The College Cup

The College Cup is awarded at every home game to the best player from all grades, as judged by the Selectors. It is a \$25 voucher from **Champs Sports Store in Burnside Village**. It also includes the right to drink from the pewter College Cup for the night. The first drink is on the club; after that the winner's team-mates are expected to keep it full!



The Physio Direct Under 8's Encouragement Award

Thanks to our good friends at Physio Direct, a pair of club socks is presented to the Under 8 player of the week, as selected by their coach, the indomitable Trish Abbot.

CLUB NOTES

FUNDRAISER – BUY A TILE!

We need to raise funds to pay for the new showers. For \$20 you can have your name written on a tile in the new bathroom and secure your place on Collegians' walls. (For \$50 we'll even let you choose the position of the tile.)

CANTEEN – VOLUNTEERS DESPERATELY NEEDED

The canteen will only be able to function at home games if we can find some more volunteers.

Help is particularly needed in June and July. Speak up!

Call Sue Thewlis on 0431566116

DISCOUNTS FOR CLUB MEMBERS

CHAMPS SPORT STORE – 25% DISCOUNT

Champs Sport Store in Burnside Village always offer all club members a **10% discount** on all stock, but if you go in on **Sunday 21st May** you will receive a special 25% discount!

PHYSIOTHERAPY FOR CLUB MEMBERS

Physio Direct offers special rates to **ALL** Old Collegians club-members

Particularly attractive rates for 1st Grade, 2nd Grade and Women's Grade players.

Call 8373 1324 to arrange an appointment.



Athlete's Foot in Burnside offers all club members a **10% discount on all stock**. The store is owned and run by Gary Pope who is one of SARU's referees and a long time supporter of Old Colls. He can give you good advice about the right rugby boot for you.

The Canterbury shop in the Myer Centre offers all club members a 10% discount on all stock.



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Old Collegians is proud to announce that **POWER LOAN** is our newest sponsor. Power Loan is an international finance company that has been in operation for over 7 years. The Head Office is located in Adelaide, with numerous branches and offices operating across Australia & New Zealand.

Old Collegian's Juan Aguiar is a Service Manager with Power Loan and would be very happy to help anyone connected with Old Collegians achieve their financial goals and objectives. Contact him by email at juan@powerloan.com.au or 0439 865 153. Power Loan is confident that it has a better option than your current arrangements and the club receives **sponsorship funds** from everyone connected with Old Collegians who signs up with Power Loan.

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FIRST GRADE

Coach: Rob Sadler

Managers: Hamish Cranna and Harry Clark

Pre-Season – The Bartercard Cup

In our two games of the Bartercard Cup, Old Collegians was defeated by Burnside (lots to nil) and then by Uni. And may that be the last time anyone ever says that! In fairness, our squad consisted of a mix of 1st, 2nd and 3rd grade players. Keep an eye on Burnside – they played a very strong team and look like being a real contender in 2006.

22nd April - Port Adelaide 39 v Old Collegians 46

This was a great start to our 2006 campaign; a win in an away fixture against an impressive Port Adelaide side. While we are always proud to see our boys represent South Australia and thoroughly support any Old Collegian who does so, there is no doubt that it causes us some strain during the weeks of the Australian Rugby Shield. It is a mixed blessing to have seven of our first grade selected for Falcons' duty in 2006. It is a great honour for us and them and they will bring their improved skills, fitness and ideas back to their club, but there's no doubt that we miss them when they're gone. Our state representatives were due to play Darwin in a trial game on the day after this game but were permitted to play for the first 40 minutes. We fielded five of our Falcons on the pitch for the first half (Jon Collins, Andy Farquharson, Ben Hamer, Charlie Sheppeard, Christian Tedge) but were missing two for other reasons (Simon Burmeister and Kini Tavui). By contrast, Port fielded stronger players in the second half. The result was, as they say, a game of two halves. Old Collegians dominated the first half convincingly and then farewelled our Falcons from the pitch and held on like grim death to keep that lead until the final whistle.



We kicked off and from first play won possession and held it for three phases, scoring in the corner after only two minutes. This set the pace for the rest of the first half. After a successful Port penalty attempt, we quickly put together a great backs' move creating an overlap, scoring again and converting, taking the score to 12 - 3. An excellent and elusive run by James Hopkins resulted in him scoring under the post, converted by Andy Farquharson and taking the score to 19 - 3. Christian Tedge soon scored from a maul and Farquharson converted from near the sideline; 26 - 3. A great run by Andy Farquharson saw him beat four tackles, with Charlie Sheppeard taking the last pass and scoring. The conversion hit the post; 31 - 3. Czeglik scored again from open play, but the try was not converted; 36 - 3. To finish what had been a very one-way half, Port scored against the run of game but failed to convert, with the score at half time being 36 - 8.

In the second half we replaced Collins, Tedge, Hamer, Farquharson and Sheppeard with King, Hopgood, Hartridge and Thewlis. Ben Suttell and Lee Rebbeck also came off in the second half, replaced by Peter Cross and Joel Fudali. The half started well with Ben Suttell intercepting a Port pass right in front and scoring, although missing the conversion. However, our depleted pack was not as effective and we began to show signs of strain. Nevertheless, a great forwards' push saw Suttell score in the corner, taking the score to 46 - 15. Port then strung together four tries, variously pushing us off the ball and charging through our defence. Final score: Old Collegians 46 v Port Adelaide 39

29th April - Southern Suburbs 17 v Old Collegians 37



Another win away from home in an uncharacteristically strong start to the season found Collegians' finest on top of the ladder this week, sharing that honour with the New and Improved Burnside. With no Falcons' fixtures this week we had full use of our state representatives for the whole game. However a wake-up call for Old Collegians came quickly, starting with Southern Suburbs pilfering the ball, scoring and converting. James Hopkins was taken off with a hamstring injury, replaced by Brydon Twedell (who had already played a great game for the 2nd grade). We missed a penalty in front but John Grime soon scored under the posts from a well constructed attack. Farquharson converted, bringing the scores even at 7 each. A great pass from Charlie Sheppard soon put John Grime over the line for his second try of the game (and as a result Grimbo has now scored as many tries this season as he did in all of 2005!). Souths took the ball into us strongly for a number of phases but our defence was strong and we regained possession. After a great run by Juan Aguiar, Lee Rebbeck scored out wide. The conversion was unsuccessful. Souths scored a penalty goal on the half time whistle, taking the score to Old Colls 17 v Southern Suburbs 10.

The second half started with lots of to and fro until we scored a penalty (courtesy of Andy Farquharson) taking the score to 20 - 10. Jon Collins had a great game, stealing Souths' ball and hitting it up strongly. Farquharson sold a dummy and scored in the corner (unconverted). We fell asleep for a while and let Souths break through three tackles for a converted try under the posts. A top sequence of play from our backs saw the ball pass through Juan Aguiar, Michael Douglas and to Farquharson who scored again in the corner. We continued with a great passage of play, with a kick being followed up well and picked up by Kini Tavui who rampaged through and was eventually pushed over the line to score under the posts. Farquharson successfully converted. Final score: Old Collegians 37 v Southern Suburbs 17.



6th May 2006 - Brighton 42 v Old Collegians 17

With 11 players out of our first grade due to state commitments and injury, it was always going to be a tough game at Brighton. While the result was disappointing, it was a great effort in the circumstances. We lost the toss and Brighton elected to kick with the wind. The first try of the game was scored after a kick was knocked down, with Juan running on. Brighton's pressure against the run of play saw them over the line for a try too, drawing the score level at 5 all. The second 20 minutes of play was mostly pressure from Brighton playing in our half. There was good tackling by Old Colls but Brighton finally got over the line for a second try, which was converted taking the score at halftime to Brighton 12, Old Colls 5. Brighton scored quickly in the second half, with Old Colls conceding too much ball

at the breakdown. Brighton stepped up the pressure and scored again on a penalty kick and another try. We were now in a defensive mood and did not have enough determination. John Grime scored a try against the run of play, and Juan scored his second try spotting a gap under the posts after a great line out. This brought the score to Brighton 27, Old Colls 17. Brighton created an overlap and scored in the corner. Brighton, now on a rampage, scored twice again with Old Colls offering little defence against their right wing and Brighton showing excellent continuity of play. (Tries: Juan Aguiar (2), John Grime. Conv: M Douglas)

SECOND GRADE

Coaches: Graham Raymond and Mark Siosi

Manager: Denzil Church

22nd April – Port Adelaide 8 v Old Collegians 18
 29th April – Southern Suburbs 5 v Old Collegians 35
 Best Player: Joel Fudali
 6th May – Brighton 20 v Old Collegians 0

Well done, Second XV!! A great start to the year !



THIRD GRADE

Coaches: Andre Brummer and Iain Everiss
Managers: Ian Walker and Janet Penhall

22nd April – University 32 v Old Collegians 3
 29th April – Old Collegians 8 v Barossa Rams 26
 6th May – Old Collegians 0 v Brighton 74

FOURTH GRADE

Coaches/Managers: Peter Policki, Andrew Marshallsay, Shane Clark

22nd April – Elizabeth 25 v Old Collegians 0
 29th April – Southern Suburbs 0 v Old Collegians 51
 6th May – Brighton 3 v Old Collegians 37

WOMEN'S GRADE

Coaches: Ryan Neilsen and Andy Farquharson

Managers: Max Moran and Belinda Wade

22nd April - Port Adelaide 0 v Old Colls 22 - Both teams were held scoreless in an even competition until the end of the first half when the Frocs' fitness and numbers overwhelmed the Port side in a streak of good, team tries. Tries: Susan Brooks (2), Kate Reynolds and Bec Manson. Conv: Tara Naige. Best Player: Kristie Hume.

29th April - Burnside/Elizabeth 24 v Old Colls 15 - A disappointing result for the Frocs. While they held the vast majority of possession and territory, won their own and some of Burnside's scrums and lineouts, spread the ball out wide and scored three good team tries, they failed to defend against Burnside's amazing Li Fata who cut through our defence over and over again. Tries: Kate Reynolds (2) and Zoe Woodstock. Best Player: Kristie Hume.

6th May - Southern Suburbs 15 v Old Collegians 12 - Despite good advice from the coaches (ignored) and a five player overlap (squandered), the Frocs were beaten by Souths who to their credit played a good, hard, disciplined team-game. By contrast, our forwards' support play was slow and ineffective allowing Souths to pilfer our ball and make the best use of their own, and our backs failed to use their enormous overlap. On the positive side, there were some great moments from newbies Deb, Emma & Nadia who are doing better and better every game. Tries: Lusia Raikiwasa and Tara Naige, Conv: Nadia Blake. Best Player: Imogen Hume.

JUNIOR RUGBY

SEVENS CARNIVAL 2006

Old Collegians RFC had a very successful day at the SA Juniors Sevens Competition on Sunday 30th April 2006. We fielded teams in Under 12s, Under 14s, Under 16s and Under 18s. The Under 14s put up a very good fight, but unfortunately didn't manage to get into the finals. All teams played extremely well. The Under 12s defeated Onkaparinga in the Plate Final, the Under 16s defeated Onkaparinga A in the Grand Final (report and match details below) and the Under 18s were defeated by Brighton in the Grand Final. Well done to all concerned!

Under 16s Sevens Final - Old Collegians 24 v Onkaparinga 19

Jack Macklin led Old Collegians under 16's team through the pool games, semi and then on to the ultimate prize, the Cup Final, in a style that drew admiration from his team mates and all who were fortunate enough to watch this demonstration of champagne rugby. Coaches John Sullivan and Michael Campion utilised the unlimited interchange to extract every bit of ticker the 12 man squad had to deliver. And deliver they did. Each and every lad played well beyond the boundaries of skill and drilled team work that anyone expected. If the ball wasn't spun out wide for run away length of the field tries, it was pushed up the centre in an array of super effective tackles and pin point accurate passes coupled with side stepping into space for the finishing off. From the first pool game, the polished team play of the lads was noticed and comments made by a large number of spectators outside of the Old Cols family. This fine result can be attributed to the entire U16 squad for dedication, attitude and willingness to give whatever it takes in the preparation for this prestigious tournament. Disaster however struck in the second half of the Cup Final, captain Jack Macklin (7 tries, 16 conversions for the day) while on yet another length of the field run away scoring attempt was unluckily run down (only just) and fell awkwardly and had to leave the field injured. The closing minute of the match saw the score line at 24-19 with a scrum 5 metres from our own goal line, us with the feed. Onkas, as you could imagine, gave all that they had but our lads sucked it in and held them off over some very tenuous moments and dispatched the ball to end play. After the hand shaking and glee of a Cup



Final win the lads retired to the sideline, huddled up and delivered a rousing rendition of our club song. Later at the presentation Liam Wittert accepted the Cup trophy on behalf of our team and club. Later that evening unfortunately we were advised that Jack has a fractured arm and will be out for 6 weeks or so. I know that everyone associated with the team and club wishes Jack a speedy recovery and looks forward to seeing him return to the field in a playing capacity. **The team: Kabil Pradan, Andrew Bradley, Philip Gold, Jack Campion, Gareth Bautz, Liam Wittert, Ashwin Thomas, Nicholas Walker, Jack Macklin, John Knowles, Tom Sullivan and Jamie Foster.** Well done lads. Our team thanks all our opposing teams for the contest and the SAJRU for the fine administration and running of the tournament. *Robert Knowles, Team Manager*

Pool Games: Old Collegians (42) v Onkaparinga B (2) [Tries: Tom Sullivan (2) Jack Macklin, John Knowles, Kabil Pradhan, Jamie Foster and Ashwin Thomas. Convs: Jack Macklin (6), John Knowles], **Old Cols (35) v Brighton A (7)** [Tries: Jack Macklin (4), John Knowles, Convs: Jack Macklin (5)].

Semi Final: Old Collegians (41) v Souths (0) [Tries: Jamie Foster (2), Jack Macklin, Kabil Pradhan, Ashwin Thomas, John Knowles and Tom Sullivan. Convs: Jack Macklin (3)].

Cup Final: Old Collegians (24) v Onkaparinga A (19) [Tries: Jack Macklin, Jamie Foster, Gareth Bautz and Tom Sullivan. Convs: Jack Macklin (2)]

STATE U12, U14 SQUADS – NSW STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS 2006

This year the State U12s and U14s will be attending the NSW Junior State Championships in Sydney on 9 – 12 June. SAJRU has issued an open invitation to all U12 and U14 players to attend pre-selection training. Team selections will be made by 21 May. 22 players will be selected for each squad. The cost of the trip will be approx \$550/each.

TRAINING TIMES & LOCATIONS

SUNDAYS from 10.30am to 12.00pm, starting 7 May; Wilfred Taylor Reserve (Onkaparinga RFC)

WEDNESDAYS at 6.00pm to 7.30pm, starting 10 May; Bailey Reserve (Southern Suburbs RFC)

U12s Coach: Ken Williams 0416 201673 U14s Coach: Micky Seuteni 0414 932629

REMEMBER: ALL KIDS WELCOME TO TRY OUT

JUNIOR COACHES & MANAGERS 2006

Thanks to all of them (in advance) for their time and effort!

Under 8s	Coach: Tricia Abbott Manager: Daniele Carter
Under 10s	Coach: David Pridham Manager: Jeff Harrison
Under 12s	Coach: Tony Herve Manager: Lloyd Nutt
Under 14s	Coaches: Simon Macklin/Will Chattaway/Tim Russell Managers: Michael & Guy Barrett
Under 16s	Coaches: John Sullivan/Ed Mitchell/ Michael Campion Manager: Robert Knowles
Under 18s	Coach: John Bell Manager: Doug Mein

JUNIOR RESULTS – 6th MAY

U18s – Old Collegians 24 v Burnside 27

With a team comprised of some old U18s faces and some new ones plus a smattering of U16s looking for a run (due to their bye) we ran a more physical Burnside to a close loss. In the first half were able to capitalise on some fairly persistent Burnside off-side play at the break down with tries to Henry Nutt (2) and Brad McDonald (1) plus Henrys' two conversions as just reward for our enthusiastic, inventive back line play. The half time score line of 19 - 5 was however flattering with the larger Burnside pack and centres gaining momentum. Tom Nutt scored an excellent try from 5m out, but Burnside ran in 3 tries to make it 24 - 20 with 10 minutes to go. Forced into our 22, we could not find touch from several opportunities and Burnside scored a final try (converted). Best player in on the day was Brad McDonald with excellent support from Henry and Tom Nutt, Cleve Batten, Will Sadler and Tom Northcott. The weekly prize of a voucher from Athlete's Foot for the best player in all junior grades went to Brad McDonald!

U16s – Bye

U14s - Old Collegians 14 v Burnside 43

U12s - Old Collegians 7 v Burnside 37

U10s - Old Collegians 20 v Burnside 15

FOOTYTIPS

The Experts v OC's Best and Worst



Ben Kimber
59/77



Simon Poidevin
58/77



Greg Growden
57/77



Peter FitzSimons
50/77



Belinda Wade
61/77



Christian Tedge
59/77



Zoë Woodstock
53/77



Ben Suttell
50/77

OC TIPPING LEADERBOARD

Top Ten (After Round 13)

1 Shelley Woodstock	61
2 Belinda Wade	61
3 Anne Bradley	60
4 Hamish Cranna	59
5 Christian Tedge	59
6 Jason Leonardis	58
7 Kim Evans	58
8 Gus Elliot	58
9 Dean Bradley	58
10 James Diack	57

Recent weekly prizes of beer tickets (12 schooners) have gone to Andre Brummer (2), Hamish Cranna and Richard Czeglik. Kim Evans and James Diack also won tickets but waived theirs as a donation to the club.

SCRUM BAG



We love a club wedding! First grade prop/hooker Jon Collins recently married the ever gorgeous Emma Suttell, long-time club member in her own right sister of the first grade half back Ben Suttell and second grade flanker Jo Suttell. We wish Jon and Emma, and their families, our warmest congratulations.

It's been nothing but news in the Suttell clan recently. The wedding was followed promptly by the addition of another member to the Suttell family: we are thrilled to introduce Amelia Kate Suttell, born 5 April 2006 at 2.00pm. Her Mum and Dad (Jo and Ginny Suttell) tell us she is a future Frocs' half-back, and weighed in at a lightweight 4lb 12oz. Mother and baby are doing beautifully. Grandpa Edward, Auntie Emma & Uncle Boof seem to be doing alright as well.



Another welcome addition to the Old Collegians Family appeared on 2nd April. He goes by the name of Lucas Aguiar, son to Juan and Vesna. We understand that, like his mother, he is just beautiful. Our love goes to all of them.

Our love and congratulations also go to Jason Lynch and wife Nicole on the recent birth of a sweet little girl, known to the world as Poppy Jane Lynch and weighing in at 6lb 6oz.

(This may start to seem like déjà vu...) Our love and congratulations go to Marc and Jen Fullager on the birth of their daughter Ruby, weighing in at a whopping 9lb (and them some)! Viv is quick to assure us Marc was even bigger when he was born!

Babies, babies everywhere. You'll notice a trend developing. Congratulations to those girls of the OC women's team who are pregnant! Big hugs to Liz Gabb (and husband Marty) and Belinda Wade (and husband Michael Lindo). Along with Candice Daniel (and Tedgie), this means three of our Frocs are on the bench this year due to pregnancy. It's a cunning move on the part of the women's team – it's all about recruitment and succession planning...

You may have noticed that we have a pool table in the Old Collegians clubrooms for the first time in many years. The table is free for club members (for use only for those over the age of 18) and you can get the balls and cue from behind the bar. Spend some time practising for the 2006 OC's Pool Competition which will be held at Ballroom Billiards on 21 May (see front page for details). Our thanks go to our new sponsor:

BALLROOM BILLIARDS.

Not only is Ballroom Billiards sponsoring the pool competition, but the club also receives **cash sponsorship for every drink you buy**. So go along to Ballroom Billiards (Norwood Parade, Norwood), tell them you're from OC's and support your club!

According to Fox Sports, our own Brock James recently "survived a terrifying ordeal on the Western Force tour of South Africa when he caught an adult baboon in his hotel room." It seems young Brock was sitting on his bed in Sun City when he noticed a 152cm baboon standing on his desk after climbing through an open window. "It looked at me and I froze. It took a sandwich and got caught in the curtains trying to get out. I panicked; I didn't know what to do. After about a minute it got itself out and that was it."

Rugby commentator and former Wallabies captain Phil Kearns recently observed "Front-rowers when they get penalized, are like dogs getting into trouble for weeing on the carpet. It's the look of 'It wasn't me' as they look at the other dog or kids in the house, or 'Aren't I supposed to wee there?'" On the topic of forward and their ways, Dan Crowley remarked, commenting on the ARU penchant for buying backs but not forwards, "You may pay more for a piano player rather than a piano pusher, but you can't play the piano until someone pushes it into place."

Is there any truth to the rumour that one of our illustrious first grade players was desperately late to a recent game because he didn't realize it was Saturday!?



PUB GOLF

Our inaugural pre-season pub crawl was a great night out. We had nearly 70 club members signed up, representing all four senior grades, the women's team and the social members. We donned our T-shirts and headed to a dozen pubs around the Norwood area, starting and ending with sponsors – The Feathers and the Ballroom. We popped by the club to watch a bit of Super 14 action, but it is unlikely anyone can remember the result. We had a series of rules to drink by, and whistles could be heard sounding throughout the night as those rules were broken over and over again. Those who breached the rules were handcuffed together to reach them a lesson, but recidivists such as Lee Rebbeck and Andre Brummer repeatedly escaped. The “air raid” rule was very popular –

with us if not with the publicans; it was nice to have a *reason* to be lying on the ground. We managed not to lose too many along the way, and escaped with relatively few injuries or incidents (other than one young man who hurt himself falling down stairs that he can't now recall existing). It was clear that Old Collegians enjoy their beer as they merrily ticked off all the boxes on their T Shirts. Less clear is why some of our boys felt the need to exchange shorts with representatives of our women's team? And not just why, but *how*?



Over-35's Rugby

SA Rugby will be holding an Over-35's Rugby Series on Sunday afternoons throughout the Rugby Season. Held every three weeks and played under Golden Oldies' rules the series is open to all those who want to get back and have some fun rugby on a regular basis.

IS ANYONE INTERESTED IN PLAYING? Please contact Janet Penhall on 0404 628 325.

Remember Gavin Pfister? For relative new-comers to the club, we have a tackling award named after Gavin. He is a South African-born flanker who played for Old Collegians in the 1990s and won the State's Don Smith Medal (Best & Fairest) and the Sir Norman Jude Tackling Trophy in 1997. (Gavin would no doubt be delighted with the current swarm of South Africans, such as Lloyd Damp and Brydon Twedell who've been playing in our first grade for the last couple of weeks. We're not entirely sure how they all found us, but we're very glad to have them.) Gavin emailed us in the last couple of months to tell us “I enjoy getting the odd newsletter regarding the happenings of the club. There are still some familiar names that appear on the newsletter and it all brings back very fond memories. I can't believe that some of the players (Boofy and Czeglik) that I played with are still giving their blood and guts on the rugby field for Old Colls. Good for them. I suppose I am still playing and a little bit of rugby always keeps me smiling. All is well here and I am finishing probably my final month in England so that we can return to a sunny Cape Town and finish off my rugby career there. It has been a long and hard 4 years in the UK but it is now time for myself, Aussie Jo and my little 17 month old boy to head back to Cape Town. I often speak to Nick Brown who was also a player for Old Colls that year of 1997. If all goes to plan I will see him next weekend to say farewell. Anyway please send our best wishes to everyone who remembers us at Old Colls.” True as his word, Gavin reported back to us the next week that “my wife Jo, my son Kai and myself met up with a past English Old Colls player and a supporter over here in England. Always good to meet up with old friends from Australia and chat about the days at Old Colls. The player was Nick Brown and the supporter was Kitty who I am sure many Old Colls will remember. Nick always makes sure he wears his Old Colls rugby jersey when we go and visit. Hope all is going well with the season.” Here's the photo (from left, Jo, Kitty, baby Kai, Nick and Gavin). We never forget our far flung sons, and it's nice to know they never forget us either. Awwwww.



Rugby Positions

Front Row: Without a doubt the manliest men on the pitch. Large, often hairy, beer swilling carnivores that can and will smash anything in their path. Revelling in the violence inherent in the scrum, they are rarely considered "nice" people, and in fact to some they aren't even considered humans at all. Front rowers tolerate this attitude far and wide because they recognize their role at the top of the food chain and are used to suffering the fools that surround them. Accused by some of simply being dumb, I prefer to think of this group as "open to unconventional ways of thinking."

Locks: Slightly below the front row on the food chain. As with front row players it is inadvisable to put an appendage you wish to keep near this group's maw when they are in the feeding mode. This group of large, often foul-smelling brutes is also more than willing to relish the finer points of stomping on a fallen opponent's body and will gleefully recount the tale ad infinitum. While they tend to take the tag "Powerhouse of the Scrum" a little too seriously, they can be useful if inured with the proper hatred of their fellow man. While members of this proud fraternity like to think of themselves as "open to unconventional ways of thinking"- they are usually just dumb.

Back Row: These are fine, fit fellows who, like a bunch of hermaphrodites, are confused as to what their role in life should be. While they know they are undeniably linked to the forwards, there are those among them who long for the perfect hair and long flowing gowns that come with being a back. Some relish the forward role and will do anything to win the ball and there are others within this group that will break the prime directive of the forward and do anything to prance foolishly with the ball. Generally, these guys are not all bad, but I, personally, have to wonder about any forward who brings a hairbrush and a change of clothes to a game.

Scrum Half: Some like to think of this back as an honorary forward. I myself tend to think of the No. 9 as half a fairy. While the toughest back almost always fills this position, this idea is almost laughable - kind of like the hottest fat chick. The scrum half's presence is tolerated by the forwards because they know that he will spin the ball to the rest of the girls in the backline who will inevitably knock the ball on and allow them the pleasure of another scrum. The No. 9 can take pride in the fact that he is the lowest numbered back and that as such he can be considered almost worthwhile.

Fly Half: His primary role is the leader of the backs - a dubious honour at best. Main responsibilities as far as I can tell are ability to throw the ball over people's heads and to provide something soft for opposing back rowers to land on. Expected to direct the prancing of the rest of the backline - the fly half, like any good Broadway choreographer, is usually light on his feet. While some may argue that these girls must be protected, I find it hard to support anyone whose foot touches a rugby ball on purpose.

Centres: Usually come in two varieties: hard chargers or flitting fairies. The hard charger is the one to acquire, as he will announce his presence in a game with the authority rarely found above No. 8. The flitting fairy is regrettably more common and will usually attempt to avoid contact at all costs. The flitting fairy is also only one good smack away from bursting into tears and leaving the pitch to cry on the shoulder of his inevitable girlfriend. Both types will have extensive collections of hair care products in their kit bags and will be among the best dressed at the post-game festivities.

Back 3: While some people refer to this group as two wingers and a fullback, I swear to God I can't make out any difference between them. They are all bleeping bleeps if you ask me. How these three guys can play 90 minutes of RUGBY and stay clean and sweat free is beyond me. I know for a fact that their jerseys sometimes go back in the bag cleaner than when they came out. These ladies are fond of sayings like "Speed Kills" and "Wheels Win" - how cute. Well, I have a saying too: it's "You're a bleeping bleep!!" These guys will be easy to spot after the game because they are the finely coifed, sweater wearin', wine sippin', sweet-talkers in the corner avoiding the beer swilling curs at the bar. On the whole, I really don't mind this group because in the end, they sure are purty to look at.

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