

IN THIS BUMPER -OFC BLITZ !

***NO SENIOR OR RESERVES FOOTY THIS WEEK WHILE THE UNDER 19 BOYS
PLAY GEMBROOK AT OFFICER.***

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***SATURDAY IS WOMENS DAY- OUR NETBALLERS HOST BERWICK AND OUR
WOMEN FOOTBALLERS PLAY THORNTON.***

GET ALONG AND SUPPORT THEM.!!!

ANZAC TRIUMPH

Congratulations to everyone involved in OFC's Anzac Day fixture which was a huge success on and off the grounds and courts.

We are reluctant to single out anyone for praise because so many people worked so hard on the day but organiser Mick Beattie deserves a special gong.



Acting Premier James Merlino was our special guest.

About 800 people came through the gates on Saturday so it was one of the biggest days in the club's history.

On the fields and courts we won seven of the eight contests while our D Grade netballers split the points with Upwey.

By any yardstick it was an extraordinary success for our local communities.



During the Anzac ceremony the haunting picture of James Wyles watched over proceedings on the big screen. Wyles, Olinda's first captain, lost his life in 1917 on the Western Front.

THE ACTION

We hosted eight games of football and netball, our U/17 girls didn't play because Upwey doesn't have a team in that grade.

Incredibly we came away with seven wins and a draw.

The day became extra special when local netball legend Ash Hottes (Howard) came out of retirement to unfurl our A Grade premiership flag.



Its been a long wait- Ash Howard and Matt Blanchard unfurl our 2019 A Grade premiership flag.

The A Grade team then went onto a hard fought four goal win over a much improved

Upwey.

OFC led for the entire game but when rain came in the second half it brought the visitors back into the match.

Head coach Tim Smith says "conditions were really difficult for what is a high speed 'change of direction' sport".

Nevertheless great sides find a way through and the A grade side toughed it out. Tim used the occasion to thank Ash Howard for her farewell cameo with the flag and then on court.

He also praised the first game players Ava Van Leemput and Tessa Bourke Finn on making great debuts in really tough conditions.



A Grade prevailed in pouring rain at Olinda.

FOOTBALL- SENIORS

Still missing key players through injury and unavailability it was nevertheless crucial OFC register a win against Upwey on such a big day for the Club. Pre match Jonty Scott received a late call up to the team which also weakened the U/19s in their important game (against Monbulk).

This is the way Assistant Coach Tim Scott saw it unfold -

" There was a great response from our midfield in the first quarter after they had their colours lowered by Narre Warren in Round 1. It set the tone for the afternoon.

However the first and second quarters were very even , partly because we failed to make the best of our opportunities and allowed the visitors to close to within one kicked at half time.

The rain set in during the second half and the boys were able to continue to run hard both ways and use the ball well which ultimately led to a seven goal win."



Keegs broke the game open in the third quarter and went on to win the Anzac Medal

Some highlights- Matt Scharenberg showed some elite finishing skills with a stunning second quarter goal to keep our noses in front.

Nick Keegan kick two key goals in the third quarter including one from a blistering run thru the centre and half forward lines. It seemed to sap Upwey's resistance.

Brendan Cooling was tenacious on the half back flank and showed some of the form which saw him force his way into the 2017 premiership team.

The Rosier brothers were outstanding and Josh Wallis again stood tall in the ruck.. Special mention to Peter Gogh who only returned form the US a few weeks ago and "found touch" brilliantly on Saturday.

Final Scores-

OFC 12-15-87 UPWEY 6-7-43

Best players- Peter Gough, Matt Rosier, Nick Keegan, Pat Seymour, Lachie Taylor, Brendan Cooling.



The Seniors finished in the fog and rain, with lights on-it's good to feel "at home".

FOOTBALL- RESERVES

The Twos also enjoyed a comprehensive win over Upwey- some notes from coach Theo Zaharopoulos -

Following our round 1 match the boys responded well during the week with better numbers at training giving us an opportunity to debrief areas to improve. It was also pleasing we were able to retain the core group from round 1 which allows us to build some consistency.

With that we entered our first home game for the season against Upwey Tecoma full of confidence. This showed early as I felt we were able to settle quickly and apply enough forward, stoppage and defensive pressure to be ahead on the scoreboard.

Hunter Greenall was proving a handful up forward with 5 first half goals. The boys continued to control most of the play in the second half with a well balanced performance across the ground.

Paul Steen, Ben Telford and James Royle-Young gave us lots of drive from stoppages.



Paul "Steen Machine" Steen about to win another tap out.

Connor Keegan and Harry Morgan were very handy inclusions with their run up the wings.

Harry and Connor had earlier helped the U/19s to a sensational win. Overall a very solid performance and opportunity to grow and connect as a group in the coming weeks.

FINAL SCORES- OFC 15-6-96 UPWEY 6-8-44

Best: Hunter Greenall, Paul Steen, Ben Telford, Harry Morgan, Mitch Riordan, Davey Noorda.

FOOTBALL U/19s.

Because of the two divisions in U/19 footy it meant that OFC played Monbulk juniors, instead of Upwey.

Ominously Monbulk seniors had a bye which allowed them to load up with their best kids who would normally played Firsts

OFC had three U/18s Seymour, Seal and Belloni in the Seniors along with Scott who was a late call up.

This is the way it panned out according to coach Adam Borg-

We knew this would be a tough game with Monbulk having a full compliment of players and some handy additions. The focus was on a fast start and we delivered a fantastic

first quarter with the pressure and intensity across the ground being at a really high level.



Connor "CK" Keegan- on the left- played in U/19s then helped Reseves to a big win.

The run and carry was fantastic and we hit the scoreboard with 5 goals to 1 to close out the quarter with a handy lead.

The second quarter was a real arm wrestle with Monbulk really stepping up their pressure around the ball and they were on top for a period of time in the second quarter, however only 1 goal was scored and that was by us to extend our lead by a little going into halftime.

Overall a really pleasing first half with our full pressure the absolute highlight and a whole ground team effort.

The third quarter was the most pleasing and challenging quarter of footy we've faced this year. We knew Monbulk would throw everything at us and they did kicking the first 4 goals of the quarter and controlling the game,

But we didn't retreat from what we know works and to the team's credit they absorbed the pressure, didn't panic and in the last 7 minutes of the quarter they wrestled back control of the game.

Our tackling and pressure on the ball lifted back to the standard we had set in the first half and we kicked the last goal of the quarter to steady the ship..

In the last quarter the pressure from our lads really picked up and we managed to ice the game with some really strong footy. I haven't called any players out this week as the contribution from the whole team was top notch!

We got the job done and delivered in excess of 90 tackles in a 80 minute game!! The effort and attitude to what needed to be done was outstanding. Well done lads on a

fantastic win!

FINAL SCORES OFC 9-7-61 MONBULK 5-6-36

Best Players- Borgy says the whole team was in it. Although we should perhaps give a nod to Coen Christians who kicked two goals in his first game in the red and white.

WOMEN MAKE HISTORY



Eight weeks ago we didn't have a women's footy team, but last Saturday they won their first match when they completely shut down the Woori-Seville outfit.

Here's coach Simon Gilson -

After a great finish to our first match last week, enthusiasm was high for this week's match against Woori Yallock/Seville, especially playing in front of our home crowd.

With a deep list, we had the chance to give some players their first game of the season, including Vice Captain Emmalee Keegan, Kylie Verbakel, Mimi Ghisellini and Bella Strathairn.

We had focused during training this week on ball movement and using space, so the message from the outset was around how we could move the ball quickly into attack by using open space on the wings.

The first and second quarters saw us score readily when we moved the ball quickly and our running advantage really rewarded us. We also made it very challenging for Woori to score with tight defensive efforts around the ground.

Charlotte Yuki and Claire Hyett's run through the middle won us lots of ball and Laura Clarke again dominated the ruck.

Emmalee Keegan showed her ball winning ability and even though we were lighter bodied than Woori, we won most tough contests around the ground. Shanae Northey provided a marking option up forward resulting in goals for her and crumbing forward Stella Thornton



We let Woori into the game a little in the third quarter, even though the scoreboard didn't reflect it. They worked harder around the ground to get to contests and shifted the momentum. It gave us a good opportunity at three quarter time to re-group and re-focus to finish the game strongly with late goals

Illyah Reid provided great run out of defence all day and Maddie Collins again showed her strength and skill around the ground to win hard footy. Whilst we are going to be smaller than most teams, our hard running ball winners such as Bella Strathairn, Grammercy Russell, Isla Bradbury and Ellen Jones are proving that effort and running will be the keys to our success.

Hayley Watson, Ruby Gilson, Beth Hopper and Jaimee Denovan all worked hard in the contest to win the footy or stop Woori in their tracks.

Our spine is developing nicely as Leah Cody intercepted the ball well across half back, Kylie provided a leading option across half forward and Casey Seymour won most contests in full back. It was a well-rounded effort all day!

The most pleasing part of the day was that players were given a role and a focus for the day and they all took the task on.

There's still lots of work to do this week at training, with the focus on running and ball movement, but we'll also look to improve our skills moving forward. We finished comfortable winners in the end, with the girls belting out the song in the rooms for the first ever win for Olinda Ferny Creek womens!

It was a great day with lots of support for the girls and rumours have it that celebrations continued long into the night! We look forward to Thornton Eildon next week at home as part of the club's women in sport celebrations with the netballers

FINAL SCORES OFC 9-7- 61 WOORI/SEVILLE 1-1-7

NETBALL

B and C Grade joined our A Grade champs in saluting at the weekend while the D

Grade girls were held to a 29 all draw.
We are very keen to find someone who can pen a few lines on the weekly results !!
Please help !



B Grade- on their way to a big win.





SCOTT TREGONING- The Champ Who Shouldn't Have Played ?

In our continuing series on OFC's greatest ever players this week we look at Scotty Tregoning, and lets start with his career record

CAREER CV.

First senior game 2002.

Regular through 2003-04 before break out year in 2005*.

League B&F 2008 1st Div.

League B & F 2009 2nd Div *

Club B&F 2006. 2008. 2009*

League Rep 2008-09

Club Captain 2008. 09*. 10

Premiership captain

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Scott's introduction to OFC was through the strong connection enjoyed with Billanook College where many of our U16 & U18 players schooled during the late 90s and early 2000s. While teams regularly played finals, a premiership from several grand finals alluded them. Despite this, many of the Billanook boys cohort went on to distinguished OFCFNC careers.... and senior premierships.

During 2001 season, as U18 captain, Scott suffered a potentially career ending injury - a rare inner end collar bone dislocation which was dangerous due to risks of severing arteries, and difficult to repair despite operations.

Medical advice was to reduce collision risk. i.e. stop football.

Scott's decision was to build up shoulder strength through weights and to continue playing despite advice. He also wanted (read, the family wanted) this aspect kept in house (i.e. his own house!.

The results became plain to see in the muscle growth and fitness he became to personify.

On the field, Scott was always quickest across the ground, adding length and accuracy to his kicking. In his early days as a half back flanker, It was common for Scott to run bouncing the ball from half back to mid field and kick long to the goals or flat to a lead - Unstoppable at pace with the strength that went with it.

In the premierships years, it was Scott's repeat delivery as a centreman kicking long from midfield that was telling.

After the 2009 Premiership Scott and his partner went to live in Sydney where they have become the parents of two children- he still follows events at OFC.

Quote from Peter Hayne, Scott's s/father and first coach:-

- "... undoubtedly the best outside receiver of any age seen in the Yarra Valley, while as an inside contested ball gatherer, he was also among the best 3 or 4. Scott was the perfect midfielder as shown by his comp medals".

"Scotty Dog " anecdotes,

"...at the 2009 League Best and Fairest vote count Scott went home early so there was a big panic in the room when he hit the lead. We need to remember OFC had finished bottom of the ladder that season so there was presumably no way Scott could win the League top gong. Or so we thought. By the time we contacted him and urged him to come back he was already home. So he turned around and drove back to the vote count. It was probably one of the most significant B and F win's in League history.."

"...I remember we played Kinglake in 2009-at Kinglake- and there was huge support for the locals after the fires . They had a great team, which nearly beat us in the Grand Final, but Scott shut the raucous crowd down on that day when he sharked a tap-out in the middle and in typical explosive fashion powered his way clear then raced to the edge of the square and slotted a long goal. Tap-out to goal took about four seconds. As he jogged back to the middle the only sound from the crowd was of "jaws dropping""

NEW BUSINESS DIRECTORY-

Recently an OFC supporter asked if we know a reputable local plumber and where should he go to find one.

We'll look no further, Carol Robertson has set up a QR code which tradies and local businesses can use to register for our new directory.

You would be surprised how many people are looking for a local sparkie or chippy or caterer they can trust and depend on, so get involved.

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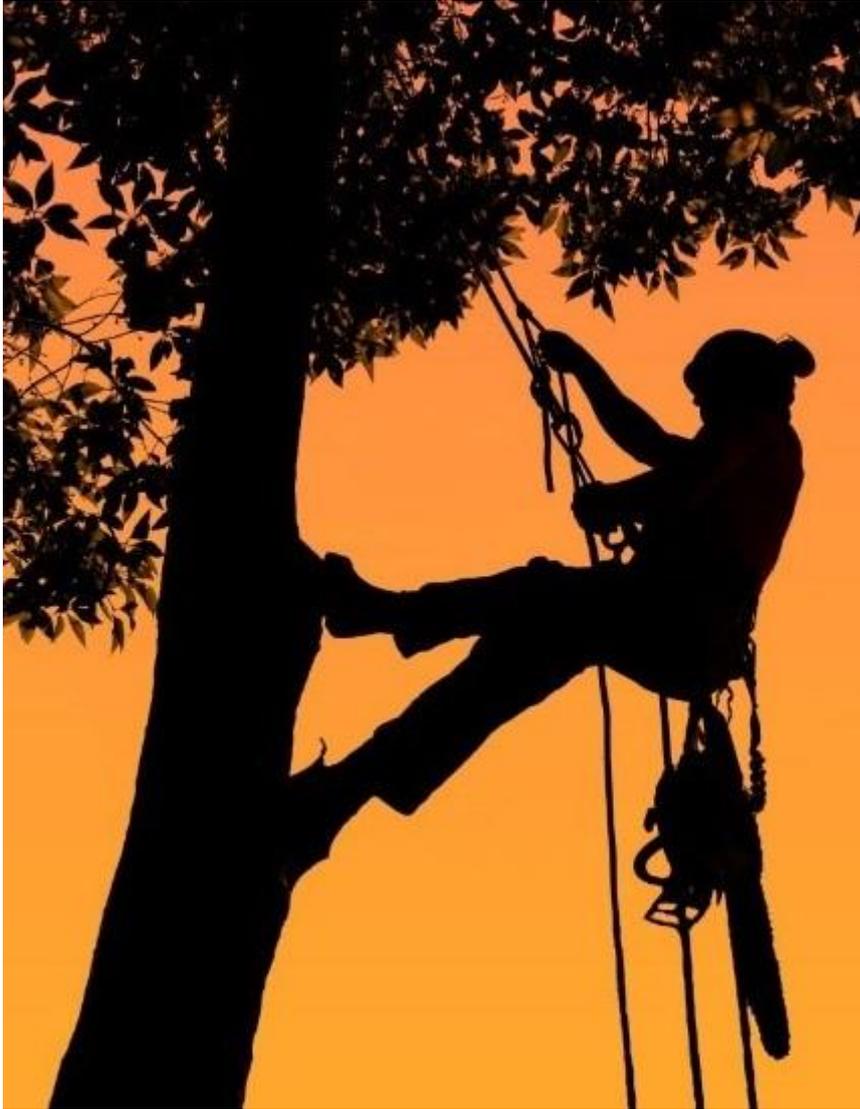
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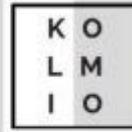
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