

-SUPER SATURDAY- NINE GAMES FOR NINE WINS
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- THE OFC STAR WHO LOVED HIS BEER.
- BENDIGO BANK AUSKICK OFFER !!

SUPER SATURDAY UP TOP !

It was our busiest schedule of matches in Club history last Saturday- nine games of netball and footy starting at 9.00am and finishing after 4.30 that afternoon.

And what a day it turned out to be with OFC winning every match !!!

Thank you to our small army of coaches and volunteers and in particular thank you to Mick, Carey and the Club exec along with Grant Faull, Bruce Lowery and Mattie Blanchard from the Sports Management Group.

You guys were responsible for 130 young men and women and you did it seamlessly. Off the field the first food- baccn and egg rolls- was served up soon after 9.00am and Carey and her tireless crew were still serving meals to players at 6.00pm.



Auskick kids wait for half time so they strut their stuff.- they followed up with a BBQ- Mike Fleming , the Group Manager of the Bendigo Bank (Dandenong Ranges Community Bank) has offered to buy them a big new barbie if just one Auskick parent follows the Senior example and takes their Mortgage to Bendigo (Upwey Branch)



A GRADE NETBALL- Still Unbeaten and On Top

Our flagship A Grade girls remain unconquered on top of the Premier Division table. That is no small achievement when you consider that the core of Three-Pete team decided to take a break after the 2019 flag.

Matt and Tim Smith have managed to completely rebuild the Club's elite squad.

These are Tim's thoughts about the match-

It was a solid win with some strong improvements in our attacking connections. Grace Kelly, Jackie Cullimore and Mel Martinov all showed signs of exciting things to come.

Krista, Holly Taubert and Gmart were "on point" at critical moments while in defence Bri Hipwell and Brodie Smith were outstanding with a collective 32 gains.

Ava Van Leemput and Tessa Bourke Finn collected more A Grade court time and each is making a contribution.

OFC 63 WOORIYALLOCK 45

NEXT UP- TOP OF THE TABLE CLASH WITH BEACONSFIELD.

SENIOR FOOTBALL - super impressive on Super Saturday.



Nick Keegan (left) broke the lines continually against Woori.

It was 4th placed Olinda Ferny Creek taking on 6th placed Woori Yallock. Pre match, coach Brendan Donovan predicted "blow torch" pressure from Woori and the Tigers delivered early.

In the first quarter, Woori had the game on their terms, with one-on-one pressure across the ground and good intercept marking. Olinda worked hard for little reward. With nine goals scored for the term overall, the Tigers held a nine-point lead at ¼ time.

The message during the break was "no leg rope" and the Bloods locked down on their opponents in the second term. The back six, led by Dale Rohrman were excellent and

kept Woori – who were winning the territory battle – to one goal. On the offensive side, Olinda were able to grind their way to 2 valuable goals, ensuring a 2-point margin at half-time in what was proving to be a ripping game of footy.

The stage was set for one team to break loose, and following some encouraging words from star recruit Matt Scharenberg, the Bloods came into the 2nd half confident that the game would swing in their favour.

The mids led the way in the 3rd, with Shaun Atkinson influencing the ruck contests, Peter Gough's exceptional one touch possessions and Tom 'Future' Millwood's quick release handballs allowing easier entry inside 50. Mitch Bonuda also went to work, taking contested marks and booting 4 majors for the quarter, as Olinda broke away to an 18-point lead at the final change.

The Tigers - determined not to let the game slip away easily - threatened multiple comebacks, but let themselves down with poor goal kicking accuracy. It was the Bloods contested work, however, that kept the margin in Olinda's favour, with Kelsey Currie gathering many hard hard-ball gets and sending it forward, while Lachy Taylor proved crucial in consistently bringing ball to ground against multiple defenders.

With a 2-goal lead and the match still in the balance, a sensational clutch tackle and goal from Jay Rankin broke the shackles for Olinda. The Bloods were able to hold off another challenge in the last five minutes to win by 15 points in a Saturday spectacle.

Olinda now sits in 3rd place on the ladder alongside Beaconsfield and Narre Warren each on 12 points.

OF 12-13-85 WOORI 9-16-70

READ ABOUT IT IN RANGES TRADER MAIL

The above footy article was written by senior player Frank Seal.

Frank's articles appear weekly in the Ranges Trader Mail.



Frank is completing a Media Degree at Monash University and "frankly" his writing is already an absolute pleasure to read.

Frank is also using pics from the one and only Trevor Currie who surely provides one of the best array of pics available at any community club in Australia (check our Facebook page- <https://www.facebook.com/OFCFNC/photos>)

For the record Frank has been nicknamed "Fur" by some of his senior team mates.

NETBALL-B,C,D and Unders all Salute

B Grade had an even more emphatic win than the A Grade women.

**Up by 32-14 at half time they steamed to a 61-39 victory.
Don't those Millwood sisters-in-law (Dana and Nic) work well together !!**

OFC is third on the ladder- and next up plays fourth paced Beaconsfield.



C Grade swamped Woori- 55 to 16 !!!

Coach Brodie Smith says C Grade lost champion play Maddy Smith against Berwick last week and the team called on Keeley Oliver to step in defence. Brodie says Kelley smashed it, even though she's usually playing in attack.

The team combined brilliantly and sits in second place on the ladder behind Narre.

Meantime The Divas- D Grade- had their first win of the season (they settled for a draw two weeks ago against Upwey.

They showed glimpses of what they can do against Berwick last week, losing by just two goals. On Saturday they obliterated Woori 56-6



D Grade jumped out to a 25-3 half time lead and won by 50 !!

Finally- how good was it to see our U/17 girls win their first match of the season- they overran Officer 34-12.

Next Saturday- while most of the Club has the day off- the U/17s have a chance to make it two wins in a row when they meet Cranbourne at Upwey.



Hannah Scott helps U/17s to a huge win.

RESERVES FOOTY- WHAT A WIN !!



On the hunt- Hunter Greenall (second in line) followed up his five goals against Upwey with another eight against Woori.

Coach Theo Zaharopoulos-

At home against Woori, the boys set the tempo early and with some handy inclusions giving us a well balanced team, it was also the opportunity to build on our structures.

Credit to the boys who did everything right to control the game and apply plenty of pressure to force turnovers. Hunter Greenall, George Azzam, Tom Gelbert were giving us good options up forward.

In the middle Ryan Goldberg played his best game for the season thus far and it was great to see Tom Falzon getting in and under in his return game.

The backs here bolstered by the very welcome return of Brady Schubert and all provided plenty of rebound. Most pleasing was maintaining the pressure for the full 4 quarters.

Looking forward to building on this momentum and structures in the coming weeks.

Best: Goldberg, Royle Young, Noorda, Greenall, Telford ,Watson and Woodfield

OFC 23-6-144 WOORI 2-4-16

UNDER 19 BOYS- STILL UNDEFEATED

Wasn't it great to see former U/16 gun Max Reid return to the club from the EFL at the weekend and have an immediate impact in the U/19s.



OFC U/19s showed better judgement all morning against Wandin.

Here's the Match Report from Coach Adam Borg-

There was a good feeling in the rooms before the game with a lot of energy and excitement and that carried out onto the ground this week which was really pleasing, we knew Wandin were a good side and we would have to be at our best.

We were gaining control in the middle of the ground with Noah Desta, Jonty Scott and the whole midfield group really working together to win the ball which was giving our forwards great opportunities.

Our set up's in the forward and defensive halves were pretty good and the use of the 45's really gave us some run from behind opportunities. The intensity was high and the tackle count was really strong again 72 in 80 minutes of footy!

Connor Keegan went forward this week to create some forward pressure and he delivered it in spades, that pressure created multiple goals and it was great to see him get one himself.

Jonty Scott (dominant in the middle), Josh Meadows (7 goals), Noah Desta (fantastic in the middle and 5 goals) and Connor Keegan (8 tackles and a goal) were fantastic on the day. The most pleasing part is from there you struggled to find anyone not performing their role for the team and that's what is needed week in week out to be a good side.

This week we face another big test at Officer so we will need the same whole team contributing and the rewards will come. Well done lads

OFC 21-16-142 WANDIN 6-2-38

OFC WOMEN HIT FORM BIG TIME

from Coach Simon Gilson

In a re-match of our Rd 2 game against Seville/Woori, the girls were keen to both repeat the result, and to also show the development of their game following a disappointing loss in Rd 3.

Our last game was a pretty bruising encounter and we lost a few players to injury. The inclusion of assistant coach, Kiah Burgess, in the centre gave us some much-needed drive with Charlotte Yuki not able to play. Lilly Gaudion-Arrowsmith also played her first game for the senior club, up from the juniors.

We got off to a good start with early goals - Shanae Northey proving to be very strong in front of goal.



OFC- in front all day against Seville/Woori women.

Our ball movement was better from the outset and the girls seemed more focused than last week. Our forward line was working well with Stella Thornton again kicking goals from crumbing contests.

Our next area of focus for the forward line will be to take our shots on goal from range so that even if they fall short, Mez Summers will be a strong body in the goal square to take marks or bring the ball to ground for the crumbers.

Maddie Collins, Chelsea Wilson and Claire Hyett got us first use of the footy more often than not in the middle and we were able to move the ball quickly. Maddie was again aggressive winning tough balls, even if a little under the weather, and Kiah also provided another hard ball winner.

Both of them crash contests and usually end up with the footy. It's impressive to see. Claire again provided that size doesn't matter as she consistently won the footy in hard contest around the ground. Chelsea's ability to pick the ball up below her knees and her agility defy her height and she was very damaging around the ground. She was dominant in the ruck and often generated forward movement punching the ball 10-20 metres from ruck contests.



Maddy Collins- on her way to three goals in a game defining effort.

Laura Clarke, Kylie Verbakel, Illyah Reid and Emmalee Keegan, all playing their first year of footy, also played well supporting the midfield. Collectively, they showed cool heads and hard work beyond what would be expected of players with only 2-4 games experience.

We saw good link up football from players such as Beth Hopper in defence, to Leah Gaisl who provided pace on the wing. Casey Seymour and Ellen Jones also provided strong defensive run. This enabled us to spread the ball wide and move quickly, something we have been focused on in training.

Leah Cody also provided strong leadership out of Centre Half Back, rebounding the ball back into attack. Whilst we were able to consistently score each quarter, sometimes some poor one-on-one defending allowed them easy ball use to get deep into attack.

Our defence held up well most of the day though, and we were able to restrict their scoring, but this is something to work on this week at training. Seville/Woori had an outstanding midfielder that really made our life difficult at times with her speed, skill and aggression at the contest.

We'll have to work on our ability to shut key opposition players out of the game - both for when we play Seville again, and also for other key running players we know other opposition sides have. Credit must be given to some of the players who area really just learning the game but are working hard to improve: Kim and Hannah Smith, Hayley Watson, Ellie Andre and Ella Smith, for example. You can see the development in their games each week.

The message at three quarter time, even once the game was firmly in our control, was to continue to work hard and to keep working on the areas we have been focusing on in training – ball movement, pressure and running effort. In the end, the girls came away

with a great result, playing the game out to the end. Seville were significantly improved from our last encounter, but we also showed how we were learning the game, improving our fitness and developing as a team.

Our ability to score throughout the game was great with a mix of goal scorers. The energy of the group was high all game and there were some skilled passages of play that will be the cornerstone of our improvement in coming weeks. At the start of the season, we said that our first 4 weeks were not about wins and losses, but more about development and learning.

We're now 4 weeks into the season, and with 2 wins, we have built a strong platform for the remainder of the season. We have tough weeks away in front of us, though, with Yarra Junction and Belgrave who the top two teams on the ladder. It will be a great opportunity to see how we are progressing, and the girls are itching to get out there and have another crack

OFC 8-9-57 WOORI/SEVILLE 1-1-7

The girls are away to Yarra Junction on Saturday morning-
SO-

Womens Footy, U/19 footy and U/17 netball are the only teams playing this week (Because OFC opened the season with a stand alone fixture against Narre).

OFC SUFFERS RARE LOSS- at VCAT !!

Our recent spate of wins at home (17 wins and a draw from 18 matches) came to end last Friday- and unfortunately it was a very significant loss- at VCAT. The Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal upheld the case to block our proposed netball and cricket redevelopment.

As we have mentioned in previous editions of Bloodlines the development was being opposed because of the numbers of trees which were to be removed to make way for a second netball court and new cricket facilities.

Our Clubs offered to replant a significant number of native trees in the precinct, to compensate, but the offer was rejected.

We are aware, and we expect all parties involved in this case to be aware, that two of the large trees earmarked for removal have dropped huge limbs in the last 18 months.

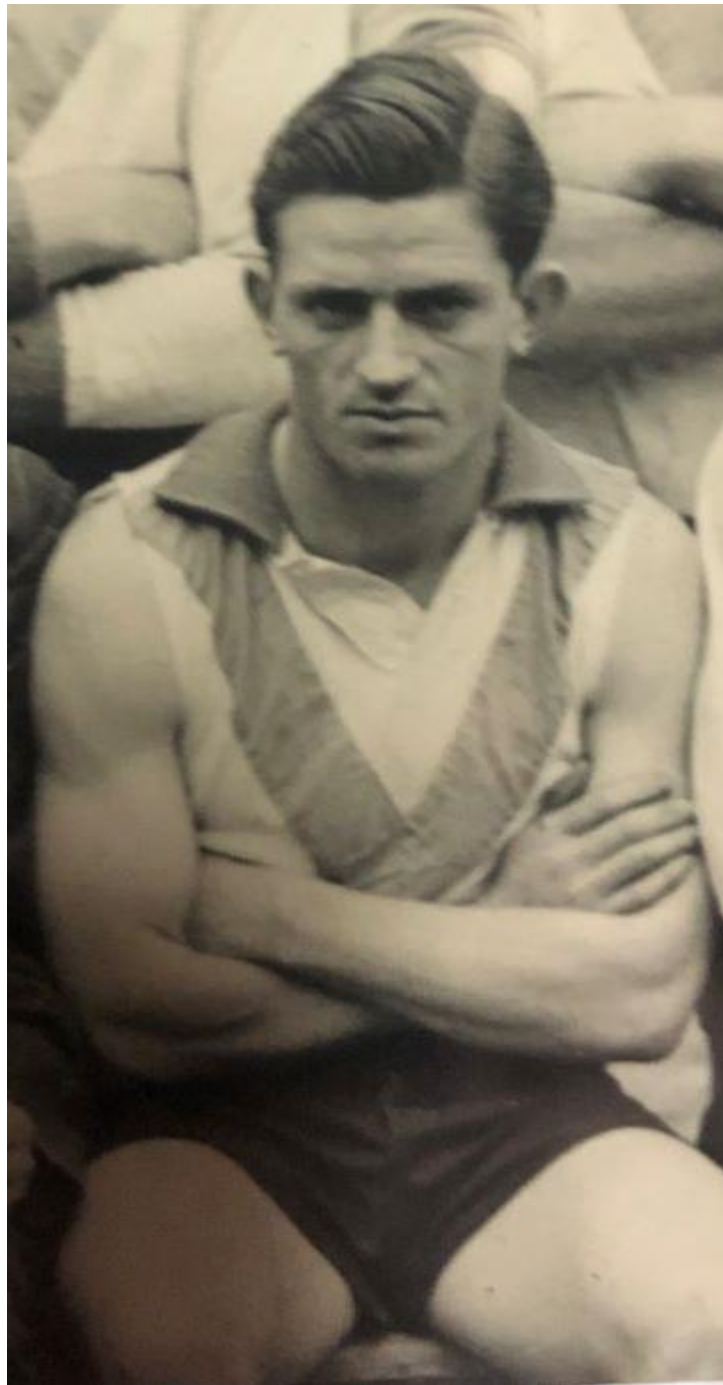
Ben Selby from Hilltop (the Clubs' representative body) says National Parks will digest the ruling before offering comment.

It's hoped that an alternative plan can be arrived at for our preferred option -the second court and cricket facility-or failing that a multi purpose facility can be constructed to cater for netball and cricket training.

THE OFC STAR WHO PREPARED WITH BEER.

In our continuing series on former OFC champion players this week we look at a star from the early 1950s, who drank beer before the games!!!

His name was Jack Hodgkiss and coincidentally he's been mentioned in recent months by two of our oldest Life Members- John Faull and Paul Jones. Both approached "Bloodlines" independently with their memories of Jack, who was based at HMAS Cerberus near Hastings.



Faullsy says Jack was mentored by Ralph Jones, the Club President . Ralph had famously been a Japanese prisoner during the Second World War. He would pay for Jack to travel by taxi from Hastings to the ground each Saturday- which in those days would have been a significant investment by the president !

Waiting for Jack at the gate on arrival would be a bottle of beer !

It's impossible to imagine Kelsey Currie or Nick Keegan preparing for a match with a couple of cans of VB on Saturday mornings.

Anyway Faully says Jack Hodgkiss was a revelation once he crossed the white line.

He was built like Gary Ablett senior and was a hard and tough footballer who could drop kick a goal from a forward flank.

He also used stab kicks (short,sharp drop kicks that rose only a metre or two in the air) with such ferocity that forwards had trouble marking the ball.

He was, according to Faully, an out and out star .

Paul Jones has similar recollections. He says Jack would "hit the turps" on a Friday night and prior to games on Saturdays his team mates would give him a cold shower. to sober him up.

However once on the field hit was "game on".

Paul says Hodgkiss was named in the MDFA "all time best players" side in the mid 1950s. He says he was the best player he saw in the red and white before the great Peter Milic turned it on in the mid 60s (Milic will feature in a future article).

In 1951 Hodgkiss finished eighth in the MDFA Best and Fairest count- he was the leading OFC player. He also stood out during the finals campaign in that year when OFC disposed of Upwsey-Tecoma and South Belgrave before falling to Belgrave in the Grand Final,.

Hodgkiss delighted fans with dashing runs through the centre of the ground.

ANECDOTE- after a spectacular run through the centre he kicked the goal which put OFC in front in the preliminary final against South Belgrave, but then forgot to bounce the ball on another dashing run and the resultant free kick tied up the scores and led to a replay the following week.

So what became of Jack Hodgkiss ? Well no one seems to know, he just drifted away from the Club and out of local lives.

However he was certainly a larger than life character, and footballer, during his time with OFC.

NEW BUSINESS DIRECTORY-

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

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

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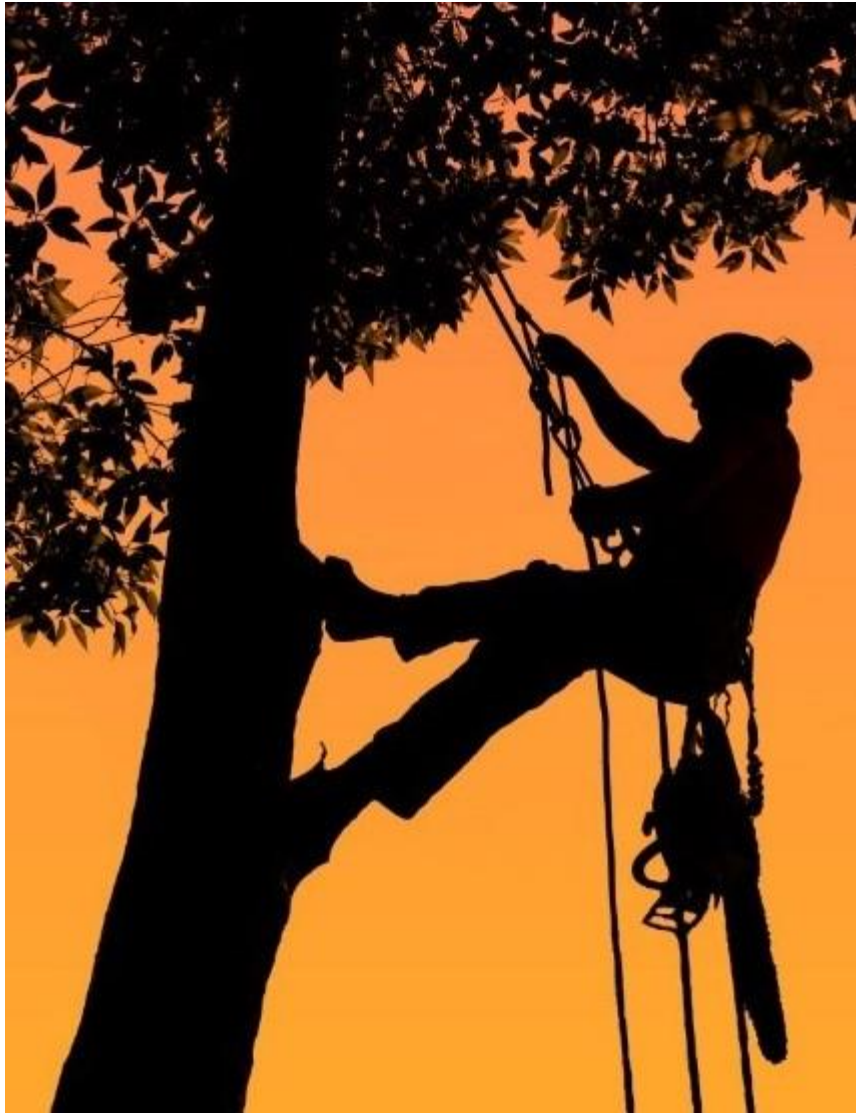
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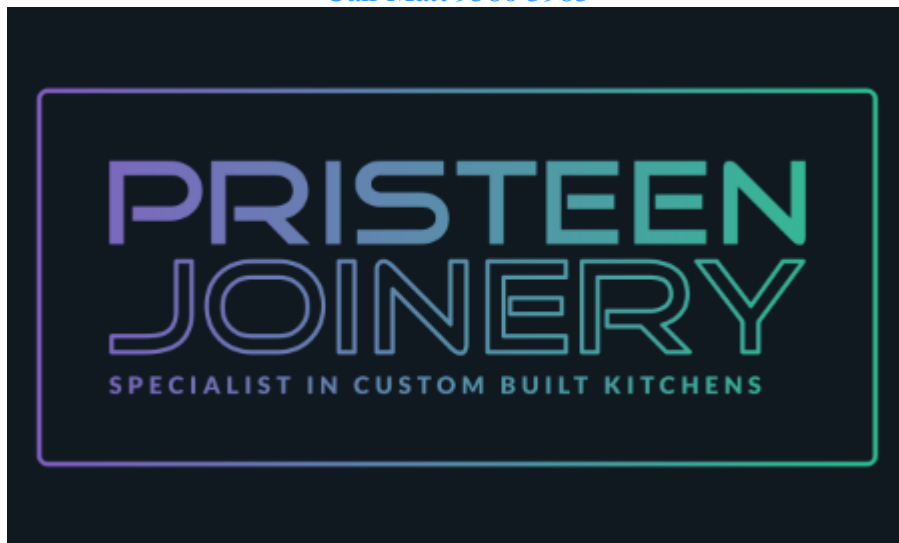
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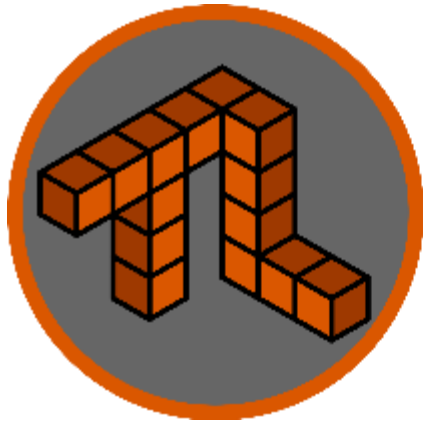


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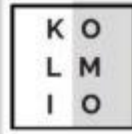
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