

- * OFC's CLEAN SWEEP AGAINST DOVETON.**
- * COVID AND LOCAL STORM UPDATES**
- * WE COMPARE TWO CHAMPION MIDFIELDERS**

COVID AND STORM- THE LATEST

Although "disaster recovery" officials have control of the Clubrooms we will still use the oval for football training.

Senior players will head to Kelly's for a post training dinner on Thursday.

Meantime our netballers have been training at Montrose TONIGHT (WEDNESDAY at 6.30)

Confirming Saturday's Wandin "home fixture" will be at Woori Yallock so if one of the Club Exec asks for a hand please help out the Club.

Thank you to Woori for allowing us to use their facilities.

The U/19 boys will host Narre Warren (at Woori) starting 10.20.

Our Senior Women play at Officer starting at 10.00

U/17 netballers host Berwick (at Woori) starting at 10.30

With Covid restrictions easing on Friday spectators are allowed to return to the grounds and we are counting on a big show of red and white to watch our magnificent footballers and netballers on Saturday.

ON SUNDAY A WORKING BEE IS BEING ORGANISED TO HELP CLEAR TIM SMITH'S MONTROSE PROPERTY-THE HEAD NETBALL COACH NEEDS OUR HELP ! contact Tommy Dawson or Josh Wallis for details.



The top car park at Olinda is a repository for logs and branches being cleared from the roads.

MEANTIME BECAUSE OF COVID AND THE STORM DISASTER OFC HAS LOST THREE HOME GAMES. IN FACT WE DONT PLAY AT HOME AGAIN UNTIL THE NARRE WAREEN MATCH ON JULY 24.

THESE UNIQUE CIRCUMSTANCES HAVE , UNDERSTANDABLY, HAD A BIG IMPACT ON CLUB FINANCES.

YOU CAN HELP US BY DOING SOMETHING AS SIMPLE AS PURCHASING A RAFFLE TICKET- OR IF SOMEONE HAS A BIRTHDAY COMING UP BUY HER/HIM 10 !

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Incredibly OFC is among the Top 10 community sports clubs in Australia in the Toyota Raffle- and we have those "Pie Floater people" in Adelaide (Athelstone Football Club) in our sights. Lets see if we can catch them.

CLUB LEADERBOARD

1. North Warrnambool Eagles Football Netball Club Hampden Football Netball League (VIC)	\$19,720.00
2. Jindalee JAFC AFL Brisbane Juniors (QLD)	\$16,950.00
3. Miranda Bombers Australian Football Club SJ Sydney Harbour (NSW)	\$15,375.00
4. Morningside AFC AFL Queensland (QLD)	\$13,390.00
5. Mazenod OC Victorian Amateur Football Association (VAFA) (VIC)	\$9,465.00
6. Athelstone Football Club Adelaide Footy League (SA)	\$8,700.00
7. Olinda Ferny Creek Football Netball Club AFL Yarra Ranges Senior Football (VIC)	\$6,970.00

NOW TO THE MATCH REPORTS- AND OFC SWEEP THE FIXTURE AT DOVETON ON SATURDAY SO HUGE CONGRATS TO ALL PLAYERS AND COACHES.

OUR U/17 NETBALLERS PLAYED BERWICK AND ALTHOUGH THEY LOST WE ARE COUNTING IT AS A "MORAL WIN". YOU CAN FIND OUT WHY BELOW.

SENIORS STORM HOME AT DOVETON.

By Frank Seal- Pics Trev Currie

The hills community is a resilient one. On the tail end of another Covid lockdown, the unprecedented storm last Wednesday destroyed many homes and left families devastated. With power cut off and locals unable to prepare meals at home, the Olinda footy ground served as a hub and a refuge for the local community. And in the midst of the chaos the Olinda Ferny Creek Bloods returned to the training track during the week.

It was also a special week within the senior group at Olinda, as anticipation built over Mitch Bonuda's 300th game. Coach Brendan Donovan emphasised a focus on playing this game for Mitch, and for everyone who had dedicated time to helping others in the community after a difficult week. And so, the Bloods travelled down to Doveton on a sunny Saturday afternoon to take on the Doves.



300 gamer Mitch Bonuda scored our only goal in the second quarter

The first quarter was scrappy with skill errors and the forwards were unable to finish. Young star Tyler Belloni was frenetic and provided great run off half back. Handy inclusion Heath Hocking got the scoreboard underway and gave Olinda a one goal lead at the break.

The second quarter saw Doveton gain the ascendancy with the Bloods providing only token defence and going through the motions in probably their worst quarter for the season. Milestone man Mitch Bonuda was able to score a goal, but the home team went into the break with a three-point lead.

After a spray from the coach for a “garbage” quarter, Olinda had to start again from scratch. The Bloods began to dominate possession and had the ball in their forward half for much of the quarter. Despite goals to Rankin and Keegan, accuracy was poor with 7 behinds for the term. But Olinda had saved some face and led by 14 points at the change.



*As he's done so often in recent years Josh Wallis stood tall in the ruck when he was needed most.
Number 39 Heath Hocking is ready pounce.*

With an early 4th quarter goal Doveton was able to narrow the margin to 8 points.

With ruckman Shaun Atkinson injured, Josh Wallis began to take over in the middle, and hard nuts Pat Rosier and Kelsey Currie were winning plenty of contested footy.

Spear-head Lachy Taylor also could not be beaten in the air or on the ground, taking contested marks and laying tackles. Inspired by a massive run-down tackle from Daniel Toma, Olinda took control of the match, piling on six unanswered goals and looking very potent in front of the ball. They made hard work of it but ticked off an important 49-point win - a fitting result for Bonuda's 300th.



Mitch Bonuda ,Abbey Bonuda and Heath Hocking- Heath and Mitch are old school mates.

Doveton 3-10-28 OFC 10-17-67

Best Players- L. Taylor, P. Rosier, K. Currie, T. Belloni, M. Bonuda, J. Wallis

A Grade Avoids an Ambush

There's no doubt the Doveton girls had set themselves for a big afternoon against benchmark team Olinda-Ferny Creek.

Former Australian Goal Attack Shae Brown recruited a couple of well credentialed friends to tackle the red and white.

But OFC stunned The Doves with 22 goals in the first quarter while restricting the locals to 15. By half time the lead had blown out to 15 goals.

In the end it was the reigning premiers who ran away with the game securing our highest score of the season- 74 goals.

Head Coach Tim Smith says Doveton found it difficult to connect in attack because of the relentless defensive pressure from OFC.

Tim says he's happy with the result after the extended break . The girls haven't played or practiced in the last three weeks " but they showed glimpses of their best netball to date."

He says they focused on the fundamentals and as a consequence were able to build momentum across the four quarters.

Hayley Howard was sensational with 41, Elly Stewart shot 17 and Jackie Cullimore 16. Let's make sure we get behind Jackie and support her against her old club this Saturday.

Doveton 53 OFC 74

OFC A Grade is two wins clear on top of the ladder.

TWOS TOO GOOD

OFC Reserves are looking solid in third place on the ladder after a strong win over Doveton.

The match was effectively over by halftime with the Red and White scoring 4.7 by the main break and restricting The Doves to just one scoring shot.

OFC's forward line is bristling with strong marking talent including Brady Schubert , (Big) George Azzam and Blake Walter. But incredibly it was the ageless Davey Noorda, winner of two Mick Scott Medals as a key defender, who did most of the damage with five goals.

James Royle-Young ran the lines continually and he was ably supported around the packs by Ryan Chasbek. They gave their forwards great service.

Special mention to another veteran , Paul Simmons, who had probably his best game of the season.



Blakey Walter, impossible to stop on the lead.

DOVETON 3.6.24 OFC 14.8.92

Best players- D.Noorda, J Royle-Young, R. Chasbek, B.Schubert, P.Simmons

WHEN A LOSS BECOMES A MORAL WIN.

We hope everyone took note of that U/17 scoreline last Saturday with OFC's youngest netballers losing to Narre Warren by nine goals. When the teams met in Round One

Narre trounced us by 16.

The Jo Hawksworth coached youngsters have been steadily improving throughout the season and are holding on to Fourth place on the ladder.

Jo says it was an awesome effort to throw 24 goals against Narre, compared to just 12 in Round One. She points out that our girls are all bottom age and are a very talented young group.

U/17 OFC 24 NARRE WARREN 33

B Grade stunned their opponents, and onlookers, with a 20 goal opening quarter against Doveton, effectively killing off the match.

The girls are second on the ladder but with a healthy four point and 10% gap on third placed Cranbourne.

This Saturday we tackle old rivals, fourth placed Wandin. Lets get right behind the girls !

It'll come as no surprise that Nic Millwood took the Doveton defenders to the cleaners with 34 goals. Jess Horner scored 23 and Adrianna Hawkins 12.

Nic and Tess Bourke-Finn were our best.

B Grade DOVETON 34 OFC 69

C Grade secured some strong percentage against Doveton to go one game and 35% clear in third place.

Maddy Smith led the defence which restricted Doveton to just 10 goals in each half.

Coach Brodie Smith says the girls were able to apply pressure right across the court and there was excellent communication with Romy Schauble leading the way.

Keeley Oliver finished with 30 goals and Mel Thomas 22. Jess Mc Call and Romy were also among the best.

C Grade DOVETON 20 OFC 56

It was perhaps fitting that Michelle Tomlinson top scored with 20 goals in D Grade's runaway win over Doveton. It was Thommo's 100th game in the Red and White.



Thommo- top scored and distributed the ball superbly in her 100th game for OFC.

The victory boosts the girls prospects of making the finals.

Coach Brodie singled out Julie Smith for praise in her first game for us after missing the opening half of the season with a broken wrist. Brodie also says Hannah Pace's presence on the court was "annoying to the Doveton defenders but created space and team balance."

Sarah Kennedy and Mary Taylor (along with MT) were our best.

D Grade DOVETON 23 OFC 43

HOTS AND WANGA- TWO OUT AND OUT CHAMPIONS

This season we've been taking a close look at some of OFC's greatest ever players.

In this edition we thought we'd compare two midfield stars who have remarkably similar records in the red and white.

Their names are Marcus Hottes and Noel King.

Both were midfielders with extraordinary vision and balance and both won four OFC Best and Fairest awards. (only bettered by Tim Scott with five and Michael Scott with eight !).

The similarities between Hottes and King don't end there, both were also excellent cricketers with King in particular making his mark at District level with Ringwood (which was his connection to OFC). Cricketers who play footy often have excellent reactions and strong hand-eye co-ordination.

Both played in winning grand final teams, King in 1988 in Division Two and Hottes in 2017 in Division One.

Interestingly both shared their last Best and Fairest wins with other players.

King in 1993 with Timmy Jacobs and Hottes in 2019 with Kelsey Currie. This suggests that although getting "a bit long in the tooth" King and Hottes were champions who were still key players in their teams.



Hottes- finished a stellar career by singing with OFC and winning four B and Fs.

Hottes has his nose in front of King with one particular benchmark, Marcus won a Div One Best and Fairest in 2018 while Noel never saluted at League level..

In terms of quantifiable records over a significant period of time King and Hottes are the two best midfielders to ever play for OFC (for the purposes of this exercise we have categorised Michael Scott as an onballer).



Noel King- one of the OFC greats.

Michael Scott on Noel King's strengths-

- * great poise in heavy traffic*
- * hated losing*
- * read the game brilliantly*
- * was always looking to distribute the ball*

OFC diehards on Marcus Hottes-

- * the best awareness of any player I've seen at OFC*
- * very seldom caught or pinged for incorrect disposal*
 - * excellent at bringing others into the game*
 - * played with injuries.*

Brendan Donovan on Marcus Hottes- won the B and F every year he played with us, that speaks for itself. Slept in his Skins after a game !



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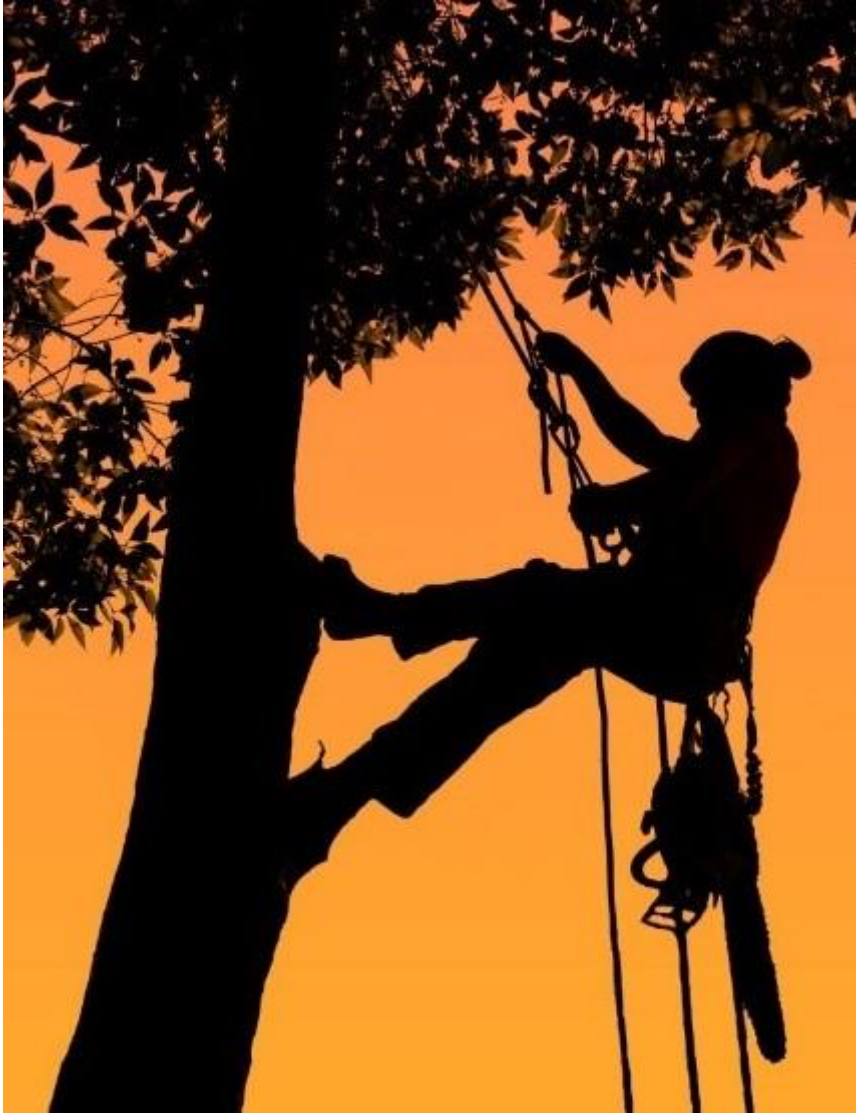
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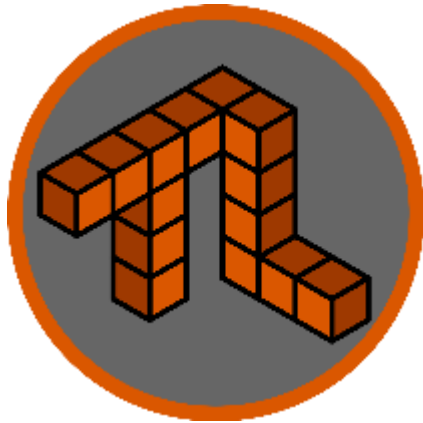


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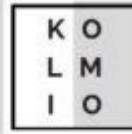
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