Eight Wins on Super Saturday

U/19 boys breakthrough

match day mayhem in scoreboard

the very latest on new development.

Massive "Match Day" Against Officer

The action kicked off before 9.00 am on Saturday with the U/19 boys followed by the women and then Reserves. Netball started mid morning.

It was a huge day with nine games of footy and netball.

OFC came away with the chocolates in eight of those matches.



10.30 in the morning- fans are already watching the Womens footy and the U/17 netball in brilliant sunshine

Our stand-out win this week was surely Adam Borg's U/19 boys who have been improving every game and enjoyed a sensational breakthrough victory against the Officer kids.

Details below.



Back to back goals from Lachy Boyd in the last quarter sealed the U/19 win

Special mention to our A Grade netballers who crushed ROC (Rythdale-Officer-Cardinia) 56-19.



Post match focus for some of our A Grade team in 2022- winding the kids down for bed.

A Grade's Outrageous Win

So lets start our wrap this week with that extraordinary 56-19 win by Brie DeJong's team over ROC.

No matter who your opponent is that's a scoreline that you have to be happy with. BUT in this case ROC are third on the ladder, just behind us and Narre Warren. Soooo dare we say it's the ideal result ahead of the Narre showdown this Saturday?



Melissa Martinov- unstoppable with 31 goals.

Here's the way Netball Manager Tim Smith summed up the game-An outstanding performance by A grade this weekend with the return of Mel Martinov to the goal ring. A strong and fast paced game where our defence end contested every ball that came down their way restricting the 3rd place ROC to 19 goals.

Quick hands through the mid court and seamless transition to goals allowed us to score quickly.

Congratulations on U17s player Emily Vidler making her fantastic A grade debut.

OFC 56 ROC 19

Best Players-Melissa Martinov, Krista Tomlinson, Georgia Martin Goal Scorers- Melissa Martinov 31 Jackie Cutting 25

Senior Men Chalk Up Back to Back Wins

By Frank Seal

Olinda's senior men were confronted with a must-win game against bottom of the ladder Officer. This was the first ever match between the two teams.

The Bloods weren't quite sure what to expect from the Kangaroos but the pre-game message emphasised that any lack of respect or intensity would be punished on the scoreboard.

Olinda's general play in the first term was good but they couldn't capitalize in front of goal. Silly free kicks in defence gave Officer some scoring opportunities, but with 4-5-29 for the quarter, Olinda led at the break.

The contest was tight, and the Bloods knew that they weren't playing their best footy.

Five goals in the second term (including two to Nick Keegan) put the Bloods in a better position. Matthew Scharenberg was again a key pillar in defence with intercept marks, clearing punches and clean ball movement into the forward line.

Despite a 25-point lead at half time, the feeling in the rooms was that the performance had been unconvincing with poor defensive pressure across the ground.



Frank Seal- a youngster showing faultless judgement and an uncanny ability to tackle bigger opponents (although Frank wrote this match review he didn't know we were publishing his "Trev Currie" pic)

In the third quarter, Olinda amped up the pressure. The forwards began locking the ball inside attack and the team began laying some critical tackles all over the

ground. Still, Officer was up to the challenge and matched the Bloods on the scoreboard for the quarter.

Not for the first time this season, Olinda stormed home in the final quarter. Suddenly the ball started moving around cleanly and players began hitting targets. The Officer defenders - under pressure - were forced to kick long to 50/50 contests which fell into Olinda hands. The Bloods' mid field got off the leash with forward entries and goals from outside 50.

Lachy Taylor started adding majors to his regular contested marks. Harry Morgan managed his first goal for the seniors with a floating drop punt from 10 metres behind the ark. That goal was soon topped by a comically good standing barrel by Angus 'Shed' Nelson from outside 50.

In the end, Olinda had achieved a convincing 66-point win .



Seriously ??? Angus Nelson ("The Shed") boots a goal using a torp from the half forward flank. He's just outside the 50 metres arc, which, to be fair, is only 48 m. at Olinda. But still...

OFC 17.20.122 Officer 10.6.66

Best Players- Matthew Scharenberg, Mathieu Rosier, Patrick Rosier, Francis Seal,
Nick Keegan, Tyler Belloni

Goal Scorers- Nick Keegan 4, Matt Rosier 3, Lachlan Taylor 2, Patrick Rosier 1,

Angus Nelson 1, Cam Horner 1. Harry Morgan 1, Dale Rohrman 1, Tom Millwood 1, Percy Hyett 1, Laurence Jacobs 1.

Reserves

A dominant performance from our Ressies who, like our under 19s, received some well deserved reward for effort with a monster win over Officer.

It was a demolition from the start as Olinda entered quarter time with a whopping 43-6 lead. Glenn Stevens was responsible for 30 of those points, he kicked five goals in the first 20 mins!!

The Rankin boys were showing their class and confusing the opposition with their strategy of visual likeness.



Jay Rankin plays on and turns an impossible angle into an improbable angle, and jags a goal on his left.

Glenn Stevens, Jay Rankin and Tom Rogers kicked 14 collectively, and James Royle-Young was explosive out of the midfield.

A satisfying performance from our Ressies who have climbed into the top 4 after a slow start to the season.

OFC 23.8.146 Officer 2.4.16

Best Players- James Royle-Young, Jay Rankin, Connor Keegan, David Noorda, Glenn Stevens, Adam Grimison

Goal Scorers- Glenn Stevens 5, Jay Rankin 5, Thomas Rogers 4, David Noorda 3,

James Royle-Young 2, Oscar Sarafian 1, Adam Grimison 1, Josh Rankin 1, Owen Raszkiewicz 1

WOMEN- When the Going Gets Tough

By Sacha Sullivan.

Olinda's senior women began their match at the unfamiliar time of 10am, hosting Pakenham and hoping to keep their unbeaten streak alive. With significant injuries from the previous round, the Bloods were missing some quality personnel. Needing to show conviction, Pakenham were always going to be a tough opponent.

Following their previous matchup, both teams were expecting a scrap with no easy possessions, and limited uncontested marks. Olinda struggled to win territory in the first quarter, and the ball lived in the Lions forward line, forcing the defenders to step up. Allowing only one behind for the quarter, the Bloods were reliable in defence, but were unable to hit the scoreboard themselves.

The second term started to swing in Olinda's favour, but the contest was still even with both teams managing two goals each. Grace Belloni and Maddy Collins provided good run and dash through the midfield, and by half time, the Bloods led 17-14.



Maddy Collins tries to ride home a goal- she leant too far- it was a behind.

With the field opening up in the third, play was starting to look the way Olinda wanted it to look. With no goals conceded thanks to a reliable defence, and two majors added by some accurate kicking, the Bloods gave themselves a 16-point lead at 3/4 time. This quarter proved to be the difference.

In the final term Pakenham desperately tried to respond and once again made every possession difficult. A late knock to Lily Carlin set the Bloods back with yet another player going down to injury. But for the Lions it wasn't to be as Olinda held strong and came out 14-point victors. The 39-25 performance keeps them on top of the ladder.

OFC 5.9, 39 Pakenham 3.7.25

Best Players- Grace Belloni, Madeleine Collins, Leah Cody, Alex Gunn, Casey Seymour, Claire Hyett

Goal Scorers- Vanessa Bateman (junior player!) 1, Phoebe Dixon 1, Ella Smith 1,Grace Belloni 1, Isla Bradbury 1

Scroll down further to find Sasha's wrap from the previous week when the Men had a bye.

Under 19

Finally some reward for effort for our gallant Under 19 squad, who have suffered heartbreaker after heartbreaker during the season so far.

The 8:50 starting time wasn't ideal, but the bloods were up to it from the get-go, opening the game with a 4 goal to 1 first quarter. Officer steadied and looked to be bringing the game back into contention, but in the last quarter Olinda put the game away and rallied another 4 goals to put the opponent away by 41 points

OFC 11.15.81 Officer 6.4.40

Best Players- Oliver Clarke, Lachlan Boyd, Lauchlin Johnson, Luca Smith, Alex Buckingham Brown, James McBride Goal Scorers- Lachie Boyd 3, Lauchlin Johnson 2, Tobeh Gaudio-Arrowsmith 2,

Etah Royle-Young 1, Jared Smith 1.

<u>NETBALL</u>

So as we've seen A Grade had a "stunner". Lets check in with

the other teams.

B Grade

The girls inflicted ROC's first loss of the season, but gees it was a nailbiter and a very strong start.

Being proactive in attack and linking well to the circle edge with great feeds to our goalers- these were the keys to the win.

Great scoring accuracy from goalers also helped immensely- Mel, Jess and Victoria were superb.

Defensively we were also very good against a team that moved the ball with speed.

There was great pressure right across the court and in the goal circle, again forcing many turnovers.

It was tight in the end but the girls stood strong to take a 2 goal win.



Rhi Pendleton- a defensive rock against ROC when the pressure stepped up in the last quarter.

OFC 40 ROC 42

Best Players -: Teagan Bethune ,Rhi Pendleton, Jess Horner, Dana Millwood, Tess Bourke Finn

Goal Scorers-Victoria Clark 24 Jessica Horner 10 Melanie Thomas 8

C Grade

C grade started the game in a strong and determined mood, their quality of play did not waver no matter what was thrown at them.

They kept the game simple in attack and highly contested in defence.

Injuries during the 3rd qtr meant the girls finished the game with 6 players and held onto their lead for a 13 point win. An outstanding effort from all athletes.

Only two teams in this grade remain undefeated- OFC and Narre Warren. We host them this week!!



C Grade- heaps of upside for this young unbeaten team

OFC 47 ROC 34

Best Players - Jess McCall, Ella Grigg, Maddy Smith, Adriana Hawkins Goal Scorers - Melanie Thomas 34 Adriana Hawkins13

D GRADE

It was great to have Ash Roberts make her debut for the 2022 Season. We had another week with great defensive right down the court. And a cameo appearance from Sarah Kennedy in the goal circle today. Unfortunately ROC's goalers were extremely accurate and today wasn't our day for D grade. We'll regroup over the week and come back fighting for our next game.



Sarah Kennedy making the most of her time in the circle.

OFC 31 ROC 45

Best: Sarah Kennedy, Sarah Seddon, Michelle Tomlinson, Jasmine Thomas Goal Scorers- Michelle Tomlinson 16 Julie Smith 12 Sarah Kennedy 3

UNDER 17s

Started strong with great connections in attack and goalers rewarding the effort with great accuracy. Same story in defence- great pressure right across the court forcing many turnovers. We lead From the start kept the intensity up across 4 quarters to take a six goal win.



U-17s-solid structures and game plans are paying dividends- the girls drew with ROC in Round One but edged them by six goals this week.

OFC 26 ROC 20

Best: Hannah Schofield, Emily McCall, Chloe Biggs, Sophie Grima Harper Scott

Goal Scorers- Harper Scott 16, Mera Pringle 5, Sophie Grima 5

Congrats to our League U/17 girls Harper and Emily who had a huge day on Sunday as Outer East won it's regional competition (beating Booroondara and Doncaster in the finals!) and progressed to the State Championships.

How proud are we that our Club has TWO REPRESENTATIVES competing at this level.

From Tim- HUGE THANKS to Shaz & Gaz on Medi Vac duties, Tony Hawkins, Rob Egan, Mick Hill, Gazman Photos, Liz Horner, Julie Smith for your fantastic support.

REDEVEDLOPMENT SET TO GO TO TENDER.

So here is the timeline for the development of the new netball courts (and cricket nets).-

June 2022- the project goes out to tender.

Spring 2022- work commences

Autumn- 2023 work complete and handover.

So all going well work will commence post season and be completed in time for season 2023.

We'll have two brand new netball courts and at least three cricket nets at the top of the ground near the old golf course clubrooms.

A fourth cricket net will be included in the plan if it can be afforded (this will become clear when it goes to tender).



Peter Hayne tells President Michael Hill " I've been to the pyramids, I've seen the pyramids and this massive new net behind the goals is taller !!!". Peter later clarified that he was speaking about "height above sea level".

The new net at the top end of the ground is eight metres high. But the one to be constructed behind the goals at the bottom of the ground will be a whopping 12 metres tall to ensure the netballers are protected from errant kicks by the footballers (and watching the goal shooting on Saturday the girls would certainly be in danger without that big net).

Updates about the project will appear at-

https://www.parks.vic.gov.au/projects

MATCHDAY MAYHEM IN SCOREBOARD

A number of people have contacted us about the sounding of the siren prior to end of the second quarter of the Reserves match on Saturday. The game was in full flight when the siren sounded erroneously.

After play resumed the initial error was further complicated by the pause button on the timing clock being engaged.

This meant that umpires took it upon themselves to end the quarter without any further input from the scoreboard attendants.

It certainly kept the umpires and players (and the crowd) on their toes.

The error has been attributed to the two "work experience" guys who were doing the scoring.

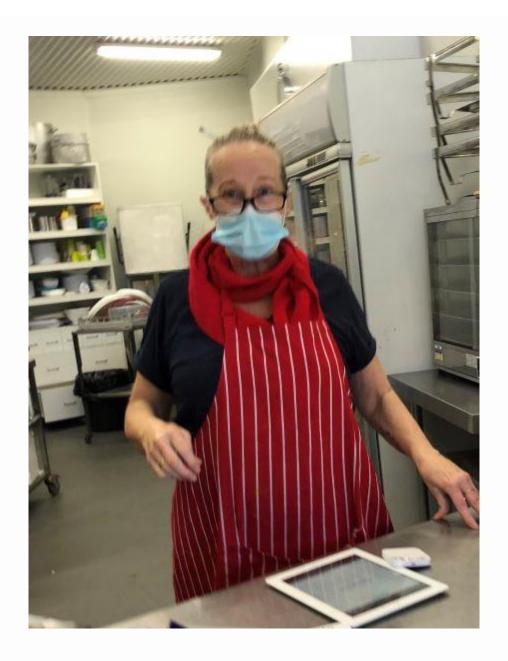
We've published their photo but given the sensitive nature of the debacle we've refused to name and shame them.



"Bloodlines" has decided to protect the privacy of our two work experience scoreboard attendants who caused mayhem during the Reserve match against Officer.

What a huge relief to see Carey Williams returning to the Club after she fell victim to one of the many viruses knocking people over. Carey spent time in hospital.

As OFC secretary AND catering coordinator her absence just reinforced how scary it is when she's not around !!!



UNIQUE JUMPER OPPORTUNITY

OFC senior footballers will wear a special guernsey for the match against traditional rivals Monbulk in July.

The red "V" of the jumper boasts the names of every footballer who played in our eight flags.

All players, officials and families are invited to join us in the Social Rooms on Saturday July 16 (round 13).

The jumpers are expected to be auctioned after the game.



TREV CURRIE'S PIC OF THE WEEK-



No, Trev hasn't photo-shopped this- it's actually midfield dynamo Patrick
Rosier dominating in the air.

WOMENS FOOTY v BELGRAVE

By Sacha Sullivan.

(This report was held over from last week when there was no men's footy and no newsletter)

It was a case of back to the future with OFC Womens team defeating Belgrave by 64 points.

Round 1 last year was Olinda Womens inaugural game of Aussie rules footy, and Belgrave dominated the contest for 3 quarters, amassing 42 points to Olinda's 0 at 3

quarter time.

After 3 quarters being taught a lesson by a more seasoned Belgrave, Olinda finally grasped the intensity of the game, and absolutely steamrolled Belgrave 23-0 in the final quarter.

Last Saturday week the polite team of the first 3 quarters last year was a distant memory, and Olinda controlled the game from the first minute. A well coached Belgrave swarmed every contest in numbers, and looked to strangle Olinda's run by taking away space. While this worked for most of the night, Olinda was up for the fight, and ferociously tackled and pressured Belgrave at every opportunity, and continued to force the ball forward. It was Olinda's best tackling performance of the year, and shows they are just as capable of winning an arm wrestle, as they are a shootout.



Desperate tackling has been a key feature of the women's improvement over their first 12 months.

Kiah Burgess was influential early, swooping on a ball at half forward and pumping it into the goal square to Ella Smith for Olinda's first goal of the night. Unfortunately Kiah was stretchered off soon after with what we all hope is a not too serious knee injury.

Phoebe Dixon was awesome all night in what was a dominant game at full forward, finishing with 5 goals and having a hand in at least 2 others. Playing deep, all of

Phoebe's goals were from strong leading and pack marks followed by straight drop punts. When the ball hit the ground, Phoebe's willingness to bring her teammates into play with handball was a highlight.

Capt Mads (Maddie Collins) is Olinda's own version of where's Wally. It's not rare to see Mads take a mark deep in Olinda's forward line, and slot a goal, only to be on the opposition's goal-line a minute later marking and stopping a goal. All this while creating clearances all over the ground at will. Maddie's work at the feet of ruck supremo Chelsea Wilson was a feature of the night.

Lily Carlin's excellent season continued, her brutal attack on each contest usually followed by her sublime ball skills. The play of the night, possibly the year, came in the last quarter when Grace Belloni, who had been strong all night, created a turnover deep in defence and spotted Isla ("Pipes") Bradbury and her opponent 30 metres in the clear on the wing. Grace's booming kick went to the advantage of Pipes to run on to, but all of a sudden, seemingly out of nowhere, came Lily Carlin. Beating all to the ball, Lils turned on her jets and flew to half forward, delivering the perfect "wormburner" straight into the outstretched arms of a leading Phoebe, who duly went back and kicked a goal. It was a joy to watch.

Alex Gunn. Gunn by name, gun by nature! Alex annoyed the hell out of her teammates all week at training, honing her tagging skills, even during warm-up drills! Alex's preparation came to fruition as she completely blanketed Belgrave's best player. The sight of Alex continually standing toe-to-toe with her foot-taller opponent was inspiring.

Ness Bateman was everywhere all night, whether clunking marks at centre half forward, pinch hitting in the ruck or even playing midfield, in what was a great game.

Special mention to Olinda's backline who had plenty of business to take care of but did so all game with their usual aggression, even though they were frequently outsized.

Overall, it was a great win full of character against a very good opponent, which showcased Olinda's continued improvement.

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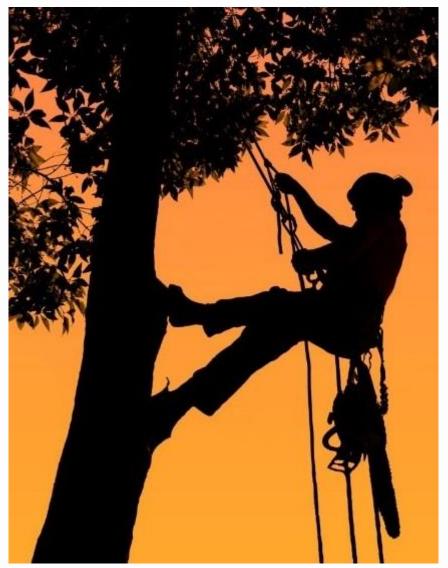


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