# Olinda Ferny Creek



# Football Netball Club

# Teenagers dominate our footy and netty

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## The Kids Big Day Out

What an incredible Saturday for OFC with a bunch of teens helping us to big wins over Upwey on the footy ground and netball court.

Noah Desta ( 6 goals), Percy Hyett ( 2 goals) and Ned Ford ( one goal) kicked nine majors between them as we obliterated our long time rival by over 60 points.



Vice Captain Lachlan Taylor dished one off to youngster Ned Ford- we actually had Ned down for two goals but one was controversially disallowed.

On the netball court 19 year old Hayley Howard threw a season high 58 goals in A Grade- Hayley's amazing tally was higher than any TEAM score in Premier Division.

Her big day out has taken her to the top of the Premier Division goal shooting scoreboard.

Lets be candid here, as our Goal Shooter she's had some pretty big shoes to fill, Tess Linkins and, more lately Peri Stewart, dominated League scoring for the past eight years. The temptation is to expect too much too soon from Hayley, who plays in a position that can take years to master, but wow she's certainly delivering this season.



Teenager Hayley Howard- unstoppable with 58 goals against Upwey

Meantime another teenagers- Harper Scott - threw 15 goals them to help our B Grade team to victory over Upwey.

## **Brian Nankervis and Rock Trivia- Update!!!**

The most engaging ,colourful and humorous Rock Trivia night in the land is heading back to OFC.

Brian Nankervis- an OFC friend- is bringing his "not to be missed " show back to Olinda on July 9.



ABC and SBS star- and a mate of OFC- Brian Nankervis is heading back "Up Top" on July 9.

There have been some late "illness related" withdrawals so you MIGHT still score a ticket. Contact Carey - 0417 398834

## **SENIORS HOLD ON TO FIFTH PLACE.**

The 10 goal win over Upwey meant The Bloods held on to fifth place- by a few percentage points from Pakenham- who we play this week!

But before we get ahead of ourselves here's Frank Seal's take on that sensational

#### win over The Tigers:

It was a big week for Olinda Ferny Creek's senior side, the club needed to regroup and review their method after two disappointing losses back-to-back. This week, the challenge was against a hungry Upwey-Tecoma side, fresh off a dominant win over Officer the week before. In cold, but otherwise perfect conditions, both teams were eager to take the 4 points and the Bendigo Bank Community Shield to go with it.



Captain Kelsey Currie and Bank board member John Faull with the Bendigo Bank Shield -which we took back from Upwey

The Bloods intent around the ball was positive from the first bounce, with no player preparing to take a backward step, unlike in previous weeks. The territory battle was

in Olinda's favour early, midfielders Pat Rosier and Pete Lucas were hunting the footy and clearing it forward. The most encouraging sign, however, was the ferocious display of forward pressure by the likes of Lachy Taylor and Percy Hyett, laying tackles and locking the ball inside 50 on numerous occasions, forcing slow exits and nervous fumbles from their opponent. Despite this, the tigers managed to hit the scoreboard through fast offensive transition and turnovers, nailing three goals for the quarter to Olinda's two.

The quarter-time address was positive, but the bloods were well aware of the scoreboard, and looked to respond early in the second. Through sustained effort and intensity around the contest, Olinda did respond by getting well on top in the midfield and feeding the forwards with damaging kicks. The forwards were impacting every aerial contest inside 50, forcing numerous defenders to fly. Noah Desta and Matt Rosier were damaging at ground-level, gathering the ball cleanly while prohibiting their opponents from doing the same. The highlight of the quarter, however, was a significant gesture of bloods leadership from Lachy Taylor, who marked the ball inside 50, saw an open Ned Ford running toward goal, and passed the ball off to give him his first goal in senior footy. This gave the bloods a major boost heading into half-time, leading 42-26.



2021 League U/19 Best and Fairest Noah Desta was sensational with six goals against Upwey- he's kicked 12 in the last month.

From here there was no turning back, as Olinda put their foot to the floor and blitzed through the Tigers in the third quarter, piling on goals to put the game out of reach. The back six were confidently playing high up the ground, forcing forward half turnovers and killing the energy of their opponent. Defenders Dale Rohrmann and Callum Beatie were refusing to let the ball past them, taking powerful intercept marks and launching the bloods into quick offensive transition. Tyler Belloni was valuable through the midfield, adopting a strong defensive mindset and halting the Tiger's offensive flow. It was a dominant quarter which saw the bloods add seven goals to Upwey's one, establishing a 53-point lead into the fourth.

The final quarter was heated, as Upwey amped up their physicality in response to Olinda's gameplay dominance. Olinda were up to the fight, continuing to win territory and threaten the Tiger defence. Lachy Taylor and Noah Desta each kicked their sixth goals for the match, while Matt Rosier and Percy Hyett joined in, adding five between them. With the result beyond doubt and the tension building between

the two teams, an all-in brawl broke out in the dying stages, adding some crowd entertainment to an already decided match.

OFC 18.16 124 Upwey 9.4..58

Best Players- Dale Rohrmann, Lachlan Taylor, Noah Desta, Patrick Rosier, Sean Atkinson, Callum Beattie

Goal Scorers- Noah Desta 6, Lachlan Taylor 6, Matt Rosier 3, Percy Hyett, 2, Ned Ford 1.

## **NETBALL - "A Grade" effort from A Grade**



It's no secret that injuries have put our flagship A Grade team on the back foot this season as Brie DeJong's elite group faces significant challenges each week.

Going into the Upwey match we lost premiership defender Brianna Hipwell to a serious leg injury. So to see Bronwyn Simpson step up and be named in our best players is a huge win for the team.

"Simmo" is nothing if not versatile- earlier in the year she led our <u>scoring</u> in B Grade against Narre.

Mid court pressure played a huge role in making life easier in the defensive circle but to hold Upwey to just 9 goals in the first quarter, while we scored 21, pretty much iced this game.

So it's off to Pakenham this week and then Monbulk at home. Both teams are mid ladder but given our injury list they represent significant challenges.

OFC 67 Upwey 37

Best Players -Hayley Howard, Bronwyn Simpson, Georgia Martin Goal Scorers- Hayley Howard 58, Jackie Cutting 5, Taylah Werner 4

**Meet Our New Netball Star-**



There were some "double takes" on Saturday morning when Djay Elliott suited-up for his first game with Olinda-Ferny Creek.

Under 17 rules allow for each team to include one male player ( as we noticed when Pakenham included a boy in their team earlier in the year.)

This is the back story to Djay's debut- because of injuries in the senior grades the U/17 ace goal shooter Harper Scott was picked to play B Grade. This left the U/17s short in attack as they prepared to face Berwick, a team one place above us on the ladder.

So- a big match- in fact one of the most important games of the year for us. What to

Coach Chelsea Maher reached out to senior coach Brie DeJong for help. As we saw earlier in the season Brie coaches the U/17 Victorian boys team and she was able to call on Djay to fill the gap.

Suffice to say we were expecting too much too soon and understandably it took

Djay three quarters to get into the groove and link up with Goal Attack Mera Pringle

and the mid court players.

When that happened we outscored Bertwick 12-6 in the last quarter.

However the damage had been done earlier in the game.

A big big thank you to Djay for helping us and lets hope we see you again!

OFC 23 Berwick 37

Best Players-Chloe Biggs, Olivia Spence, Mera Pringle Goal Scorers- Djay Elliott 17, Mera Pringle 4, Sophie Grima 2.

#### RESERVES- Upwey does a "Stevo"

Remember earlier in the season when Glenn Stevens, after returning from Canada, slipped quietly back in the team and then ran amok kicking five goals at Monbulk?

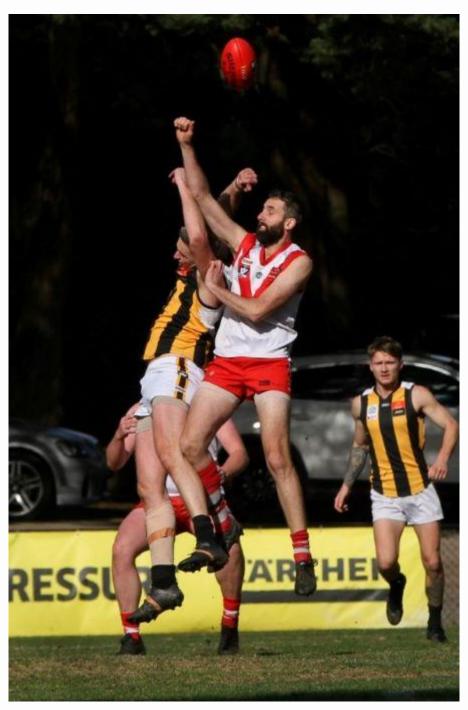
Well in a huge clash between two of the Reserves powerhouse teams Upwey did the same thing to us on Saturday when former senior star Blair Shepherd came out of retirement and mugged us.

Shepherd kicked two big goals in the opening minutes of the game and although he drifted out of the match as he tired the damage had been done. These two teams are so evenly matched OFC just could not bridge that two goal gap and the Tigers ended up winning by 18 points.

Some take aways- Oscar Sarafian keeps growing as a key defender. Hopefully Oscar continues to put as much time and effort into his footy as he does his cricket because he's potentially a senior player.

Cam Horner, the latest senior player to be given a run in the Twos, kicked a sensational goal and showed what a classy act he is if he can buy a little bit of time and space.

Angus Nelson also showed again , with his physical presence, he's "thereabouts"



Full Steen Ahead-Paul Steen- as always leading from the front, this time in his 100th game. Steeny will forever be remembered as helping to hold the Twos together during the incredibly tough year in 2019 when a host of Flatland clubs joined the competition. He's also a Club sponsor- Pristeen Joinery-with a focus on custom built kitchens (0447 512 542). Yep lets give the guy a plug, he's earned it.

Best Players- Ben Telford, Connor Keegan, Cameron Horner, Oscar Sarafian, Angus Nelson, James Royle-Young

Goal Kickers- Tom Rogers 2, Glenn Stevens 2, Angus Nelson 2, Cameron Horner 1,

#### **U/19s - Ambushed !!**

This time last week we were predicting a win over Mt Evelyn. We led The Rovers for much of the recent match at their ground and, more lately, also had the better of Healesville until we ran out of legs in the last quarter.

Well little did we know that Mt Evelyn seniors had a bye and they were able to drop back three players who completely dominated this game. They kicked 11 of their team's 18 goals and at the other end of the ground repelled our attacks.

We welcomed Josh Meadows back to the line up and had some of the U/17 young guns playing for us, but it wasn't enough.

Having said that you could absolutely not fault our guys who were competitive for the whole game and just lacked some "finishing power". In fact we could not find a single "poor player" in the whole OFC group, which is saying a lot for a team that got dusted by nearly 100 points.



Lachlan Bates-did he inherit the big leap from Brad or Caz?

Best Players- Darcy Falkner, Oliver Clarke, Christian teBoekhorst, James McBride,
Ethan Royle-Young, Lachlan Bates
Goal Scorers- Ethan Royle-Young 1`, Lachlan Bates 1, Oliver Clarke 1.

#### **B** Grade- Kid Power.

Well we knew we were going to struggle to replace Nic Millwood when she limped out of the season with a knee injury but further injuries have made it even tougher.

So it was a big call by the selectors to put the goal scoring responsibility on teenager Harper Scott and the youthful Jess Horner- but they came through with flying colours.

They threw all 39 of our goals when we fought back after a very slow start against Upwey (they led 12-7 at quarter time).

Upwey, and Pakenham, have been struggling this season and won't play finals so these are "must win' games for us-let's make sure of it this Saturday at Pakenham.



Scott and Horner- younger players with a huge future in A Grade

**OFC 39 Upwey 32** 

Best Players-Teagan Bethune, Keely Egan, Harper Scott

#### **Goal Scorers- Jessica Horner 24, Harper Scott 15**

#### C Grade

Upwey needed an upset win here to have a chance of squeezing Wandin out of fourth place. So the Tigers came to play.

But they were up against an OFC team that's well organised and exciting to watch.

Upwey threw everything at us but the Red and White slowly increased the lead each quarter until, by the five minute mark of the last quarter, the game was effectively over.

While the focus has been on our high scoring and well measured ball transition the C Grade defence deserves a gong. Only once this season have we given up more than 35 goals, and that was during our only loss to Narre.

Having said that, Pakenham are fifth on the ladder and playing them on their home court is a danger game for us.



Youngster Ella Grigg- runs her mid court opponents into the ground week in and week out.

Best Players- Cate Anderson, Melanie Thomas, Hannelize Human Goal Scorers- Bindi Bates 22, Mel Thomas 16, Paige Claringbold 4

#### **D Grade- Come From Behind Win**

If Upwey were to make finals this year in D Grade they needed to win this match and boy did they certainly play like it against a team three places above them on the ladder.

The Tigers led for most of the game and there were some nervous looks courtside as it seemed at one stage if OFC might start the day with two losses after the U/17s went down.

However there are plenty of calm heads in this group which boasts the experience of Michelle Tomlinson, Julie Smith, Ash Roberts, Mary Taylor and Caz Bates.

Keen eyed readers of Bloodlines will notice that U/17 player Paige Claringbold featured in this match- and she was among the best players in the game that followed (C Grade)



Ash Roberts- part of an experienced unit that stayed calm as Upwey threatened to

#### cause an upset.

OFC 25 Upwey 22.

Best Players- Mary Taylor, Sophie Grima, Ashleigh Roberts
Goal Scorers- Michelle Tomlinson 11, Caz Bates 10, Julie Smith 2, Paige Claringbold
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#### **WOMENS FOOTY- GETTING CLOSER.**

Thanks to Sacha Sullivan-

The Olinda Women's team found themselves in the losing column for the third week on end, going down to ladder leader Upwey by 24 points in a solid showing at home on Saturday night.

Olinda struggled with Upwey's "flood" all game, and were caught flat footed and out of position a couple of times as Upwey swarmed forward "Pagan's Paddock" style.

The accountability continues to waiver at times during games, and it keeps costing Olinda goals.

The team has taken visible steps over the past 3 weeks however, and contested work and ball movement is consistently improving.

One of the more pleasing aspects of the game, was that Olinda's intensity built quarter by quarter, until the last quarter where Olinda scored a goal and held Upwey scoreless.



Our intensity has lifted as the women have had to work harder for wins.

Forward entries are still a problem, but were certainly better Saturday night, and the presence of Captain Maddie Collins as a permanent forward made every entry look very dangerous.

The best play of the game came in the second quarter and started on the half back line. After a gut-busting run from dynamo Claire Hyett to half-forward, the ball was delivered precisely to captain Mads, then on to full forward Phoebe Dixon for an excellent goal.



Twilight footy under lights- if you haven't seen the OFC women in action this season then make an effort. Its fast, furious and skillfull.

The most spectacular moment of the game came in the third quarter, with last week's hero Emmalee Keegan bouncing from contest to contest trying to win the ball. All of a sudden, Emm bounced out of one contest and almost cartwheeled, picking up the ball in the middle of the spin, landing on her feet and getting the kick out of the danger zone. It was an amazing move than was part acrobat, part ninja!

Grace Belloni's contested marking is top class, and she halted many of Upwey's forays forward with her sure hands, on a night when not many marks were taken.

Claire Hyett's speed and courageous attack on each contest sees her continually putting her body in danger to get the footy, and clearing it to the advantage of her teammates.

Lily Carlin's tenacious pressure on the ball carrier and use by foot is elite. Lily's 10 pressure acts for the game was almost double that of her nearest teammate.

Alex Gunn has exploded onto the competition this year as a potent defensive weapon, and her blanketing of Upwey's most dangerous player was very important for her team.

Leah Cody's brute strength and fearless attack on the football saw her stints at centre half back and in the ruck be an important reason for Olinda's resurgence.

Emmalee Keegan continued her stellar form with another hardy performance at half back, repelling many entries and pressuring Upwey players at every opportunity.

Capt. Mads did her best work in her new position as Centre Half Forward floating across half back.....Rome wasn't built in a day!! Mads' initiation into Olinda's forward setup yielded 2 goals, Maddie having a hand in one and kicking another herself. Not a bad first day at the office! Overall Olinda's forward line looked better and kept their structure well.

Ness Bateman fought hard in her position as stand in ruck and won some hard fought contests. Kim Smith and Maddie McCheyne were lively on the flanks as were the mosquito fleet Ellie Andre and Emma McLaughlan.

Olinda's backline were staunch as always, even after having to cope with the early knee injury of Laura Clarke. Keeping the top of the ladder team to only 5 goals was a great effort.

Overall it was a pleasing performance against a premium opponent.

Olinda looks forward to getting back to full strength in the coming 3 weeks before finals, and continuing their improvement.

OFC 2.1.13 Upwey 5.7.37

Best Players- Claire Hyett, Grace Belloni, Leah Cody, Alex Gunn, Lily Carlin, Emmalee Keegan Goal Scorers- Phoebe Dixon 1, Maddie Collins 1

#### REDEVELOPMENT UPDATE.

Fingers crossed that things are about to start happening with the construction of our netball courts and cricket nets.

Just to refresh memories- here's the timeline ( which we are really, really hoping they keep to)-

Arborist report	Complete
Design Development completion	Complete
Tender Documentation completion	June 2022
Tender Period (4 weeks)	July 2022
Tender Evaluation & Recommendation	August 2022
Contract Award	End August 2022
Mobilisation	1-15 Sept 2022
Construction	16 Sept – 31 March 2023

Thankfully it looks like Ben Selby-Hele will stay on for one more year as Hilltop chair - Ben is the perfect pair of eyes to be overseeing the works.

Hilltop's AGM is on July 20.

Meantime- stand by for- well actually we're not too sure but we reckon it's going to get very hectic. Work is continuing on the north side of our boundary as the spectacular new Chelsea Flower Show development is built at the Botanic Gardens. It's bound to attract thousands more visitors from the suburbs- will the existing Georgian Rd car parks and exits be able to cope- or will new car parking become available near the playground? Watch this space.

#### **OFC's link to the AFLW Draft.**

The recent women's National Draft attracted plenty of attention and you don't have to look too far down the list of draftees to find a Bloods connection.

Grand daughters of two OFC great were picked up by Essendon and Hawthorn.

Jasmine Fleming is on her way to the Hawks nest. Jasmine is the grand daughter of OFC Premiership player and Best and Fairest winner Graeme "Bluey" O 'Donnell.

Jasmine is also the daughter of Wendy (O'Donnell) and former Test cricketer Damien Fleming.



Bluey O'Donnell's granddaughter Jasmine is on her way to Hawthorn.

Meantime Peter Jones' twin daughters Lucy and Stephanie, are on their way to Hawthorn and Essendon.

Peter was also an OFC B and F winner and Premiership player. "Wacker", as he was known to his OFC team mates, also captain/coached the club.

He's the great uncle of current player Tom Falzon.

By the way - our Macabre Fact of the Week- Tom recently broke his nose for the seventh time and is so familiar with the injury he now simply asks someone to hold up a camera phone, so he can see what he's doing, then puts two fingers up his nostrils and resets the schnozzle himself.

#### KITCHEN UPDGRADE- Club Lotto Hits The Jackpot.

From the Prez-Michael Hill-

We have just purchased a Hobart Combi Steamer and a Thor 6 Burner Gas / Oven.

The purchase and installation of this project will be around \$25,000. Money raised from CLUB LOTTO will fund a major part of the total cost. OFCJFC and OCC have pledged financial assistance in this major improvement and upgrade.

Former President Chris Hill has organised the purchasing and will install when time permits.

Great news for our hard working kitchen and canteen volunteers. Carey is quite excited about the improvements which will save time and make life easier.

Each week OFC gives away \$400 to our winning Club Lotto ticket. It's a lot of fun for a small outlay. Make sure you get on board when the numbers become available again later in the year.

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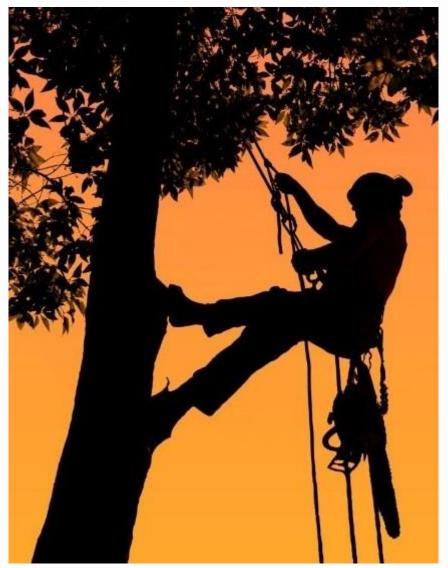


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