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[OFC Player Named in Vic Metro Squad](#)



Huge congrats to Georgia Stubbs for making the Vic Metro U/18 squad ahead of this weekend's National Championships in Brisbane.

Georgia, from Sassafra, has shown steady improvement at Eastern and hasn't been in the Red and White since round 6 at Healesville.

The selection is a fitting reward for Georgia's hard work and dedication and of course we need to acknowledge Simon Gilson

and the OFC coaching staff who have worked with this skilful youngster.

The National Championships are closely scrutinised by League recruiters.

Dark Clouds With Silver Lining (for some)



When the storm hit mid afternoon at Pakenham the A Grade netball was pretty much done and dusted, but the footy was at a pivotal moment.

The senior footballers copped the rough end of the pineapple when they emerged from the rooms after half time to find that the strong wind had abated and the rain was coming down. Up until then windy conditions had dominated the day.

Pakenham was able to hold us to a slender three quarter time lead, which proved our undoing.

There were eight games of footy and netty at Pakenham. OFC won 5.

This week we open the batting with A Grade's much needed win.

"A" grade effort from A Grade Women

We don't want to rabbit on about it- in fact lets make this the last time we mention it- but forfeiting the four points from Round One has magnified the importance of every game for us.

In particular it's crucial we knock off opponents not too far below us on the ladder- such as Pakenham.

So with OFC in fifth place there was a lot riding on Saturday's game.



Millimetre perfect- Holly Taubert among our best during the win over Pakenham

Thankfully we came to play and raced to an 11 goal lead by quarter time.

Pakenham had no answer to Hayley Howard inside the circle. When we weren't playing through Hayley the ever dangerous Taylah Werner was lurking. Grace Kelly also chipped in big time with 10 goals.

Rotating Grace and Taylah through the GA position makes it very hard for the opposition to counter our attacking structure. OFC outscored Pakenham in every quarter to run away with an 18 goal win which, failing some unforeseen results, makes it incredibly difficult for Pakenham to still be alive in September.

Coach Brie DeJong says it was an important game to consolidate the "basics" and build some on-court connections. A highlight was "our ability to convert our turnovers".

Brie singled out youngster Teagan Bethune for praise along with Holly and our skipper Brodie.

Pakenham 33 OFC 51

**Best Players- Grace Kelly, Holly Taubert, Taylah Werner
Goal Scorers- Hayley Howard 37, Grace Kelly 10, Taylah Werner
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A Grade's 18 goal win capped off a great afternoon for our women. For the third week in a row we enjoyed big wins in B,C and D as well. See below.

Changes on the Horizon

It's almost certain that the OFC Executive which took us through the Covid years, and have set us up in such a secure financial situation, will be having a well earned break at the end of this season.

OFC's success on and off the field has earned our club an incredibly strong reputation among the outer east sporting fraternity and President Michael Hill and his Exec are keen for this to continue.

Michael, and perhaps other senior office holders, will be approaching potential candidates for exec roles in the months ahead. Please listen to them and consider their requests before defaulting to "no thanks".

Alternatively if you think you may have something to offer please have a chat with Michael.

Young club members are strongly urged to see a Committee role as a "work experience" position which can set them up for a career in the sporting industry.

Footy's Mid Season Rush Hits A Speed Hump

OFC led at every change in the match against fifth placed Pakenham and for much of the match at the huge Toomuc Oval we looked a better team. There was optimism we'd make it three wins on the trot.

But it wasn't to be as Pakenham ran over the top of us in the last 10 minutes of the match.

Incredibly our fate is still very much in our hands- we play Upwey this week- the Tigers are now in fifth place, only one win ahead of us !

Here's Noah's Match Report-

The Bloods travelled off the hill and into the heart of the flat lands as they faced the Pakenham Lions. Olinda came into the match with a newly found confidence as they appear to be turning their season around, winning their last two games. Similarly, Pakenham have also been victorious in their previous two encounters.

Olinda started strongly in the midfield and got plenty of clearances and scoring opportunities in the first term. However they weren't able to take full advantage of the momentum when it was on their side and kicked an unamusing 3.5, in the first term. Pakenham only managed to kick 1.1 in the first quarter so it was a missed opportunity for the Bloods.



The future of the Club on display- Lachie Bates rushes to congratulate Ned Ford after the U/17 gun kicked his seventh senior goal for the season.

In the second term the Lions made it clear that this game was going to be controlled by the wind. It is such a strong advantage to have it going your way, as well as an absolute disadvantage to kick through a blistering wind, especially on a large ground. Pakenham controlled the quarter with 11 scoring shots but only kicked 4.7. Olinda accurately held off their surge kicking 2 straight in the term, still leading by 3 points at the half.

Olinda came out of the rooms ready to make the most of the wind and make this match really hard for the home side.

Unfortunately it started pouring and the wind seemed to vanish in the third term. Only two goals were scored in the rain that quarter, one for each side. The Bloods still lead by 7 points at the last change.

Much to the delight of the home side, mother nature was smiling down on the Lions as the wind returned and sun was out to begin the final term. This opened up the game for Pakenham as they played downhill footy for the final quarter . Pakenham kicked 6 goals to Olinda's 2 goals in the final term and ended up winning

by 19 points, a bitter loss for the Bloods.

Notable performers on the day:

Nick Keegan was back to his flashy best, providing run and carry, as well as kicking 3 classy goals.

Dan Toma was a standout performer as he defended extremely well, had 15 rebound 50s, 21 disposals and 121 ranking points. Reliable and composed all day long.

Tyler "T-Dawg" Belloni has been working extremely hard all year and has been such an important part of our midfield. He really showed his strength and fitness in this game as he was able to exit the stoppage and fight off anyone around him. T-Dawg had 20 contested disposals, 4 clearances and 8 pressure acts.

Pakenham 12.12.84 OFC 9.11.65

**Best Players-Coen Christians, Matthew Scharenberg, Tyler Belloni, Noah Desta, Sam Cuthbert, Nick Keegan
Goal Scorers- Nick Keegan 3, Matt Rosier 2, Matthew Scharenberg 1, Lachlan Taylor 1, Ned Ford 1, Jonty Scott 1**

Yep, It Was The One That Got Away- Women's Footy

You could make a strong case to claim we let a few opportunities slip at Pakenham on Saturday morning.

Key Exhibit - a blustery wind meant 80% of the scoring was done at the far end of the Pakenham ground, before the storm hit during the Seniors.

We scored just two goals with that wind in the opening quarter, and were lucky to restrict the home team to three behinds.

After that it was all going to be catch-up footy once Pakenham turned with the big breeze at their backs.

Fortunately the teams below us on the ladder also lost and we remain "fourth", two wins clear.

Pakenham 7.6.48 OFC 5.1.31

Best Players- Kyah Barry, Vanessa Bateman, Lily Carlin, Claire Hyett, Olivia Edwards, Anna Hughson
Goal Scorers- Tobi Monkhurst 2, Ruby Gilson 2, Chelsea Wilson

We noticed Tobi Monkhurst , a junior permit player, scored her first goal in seniors and enjoyed it so much she went and kicked another one shortly afterwards.

You can read Sacha's full report below.

Reserves Claw Their Way To Impressive Win

What a scoreline the Ressies returned on Saturday.

Facing a "must win" match against a team not too far below them on the ladder OFC was rocked by the home team's five goal first quarter.

But The Bloods managed three crucial goals of their own against the wind.

Incredibly by the end of the match Pakenham had added just one more goal, in fact they didn't challenge the scoreboard at all in the two quarters they kicked into the wind.

That speaks heaps about the way Dave Noorda directed traffic in the back half and the run and grunt of the young guys, in particular Harry Morgan and our U/19 graduates Jonty Just, Ollie Clarke and Lachie Boyd.

Because of a shortage of numbers this week two of our U/17 rep boys played their first senior games.

Menzie Jans McKirdy relished the wide open spaces at Toomuc Reserve while Charlie Hooper showed he is going to be an absolute handfull on the forward line. Menzie also took what was possibly the mark of the day.



Two more of our junior inter-league boys made their senior footy debuts on Saturday- above, the dangerous Charlie Hooper gathers another forward possession. His young mate Menzie Jans McKirdy provided us with a running option all match.

Some highlights- Connor Keegan kicked two goals- doubling his career total !

- Tobeh Gaudion-Arrowsmith was relentless with his tackling. Is he among the best tacklers in the club, along with Patrick Rosier, Percy Hyettt and Frank Seal ?

- Harry Morgan and Darcy Faulkner ran the opposition into the ground.

- Ryan Goldberg- BOG- what a game from the big bloke who is strong in the air but uses his strength and power once the ball hits the deck.



Theo Zaharopoulos - had a run for the first time since South Croydon vets in 2018. The good news- both hamstrings and calves went the distance.

Pakenham 6.2.38 OFC 6.9. 45

**Best Players- Ryan Goldberg, Lachlan Boyd, David Noorda,
Tobeh Gaudion-Arrowsmith, Menzie Jans McKirdy, Charlie
Hooper**

**Goal Scorers- Connor Keegan 2, David Noorda 1, Ayden Borden
1, Darcy Faulkner 1, Tobeh Gaudion-Arrowsmith 1**

Netball- The Winner Is- C Grade.

**For the third week in a row we saw some really impressive
performances from B,C and D grades but we have to give the
gong for the standout performance to the "C crew".**

They thrashed sixth placed Pakenham by 16 goals.

**As we've noted recently the addition of League B Grade MVP
Dana Millwood to the mid court has added some valuable
experience to this team which already boasted some highly
impressive youngsters. Former C Grade MVP Maddy Smith also
returned this match (after a hit out in D last week) so there is a
lot to like about The Crew.**

Pakenham 26 OFC 42

**Best Players - Keira Maher, Mera Pringle, Dana Millwood
Goal Scorers- Victoria Clarke 26, Mera Pringle 16**

B Grade- A Tall Story.



Defender Chloe Biggs had her hands full- she barely came up to the armpit of Pakenham's Ashwini Nadarajah

The B Grade match probably turned on the fortunes of one of the tallest players in the entire league (possibly the tallest ?) Ashwini Nadarajah.

She started the season in Pakenham's A Grade but has spent the last five weeks in B Grade throwing over 150 goals.

Chloe Biggs was our defender given the unenviable task of stopping the Pakenham trump card. Chloe has some A Grade experience herself this year.

At the other end of the court OFC had the formidable Nic Millwood along with Bindi Bates and Harper Scott throwing goals which meant Ashwini was going to need somewhere in the ball park of 40 if Pakenham were to get over the line. Chloe held her

to 31.

We don't want to focus too heavily on Ashwini but since she was relegated to B Grade Pakenham has only lost once- by two goals to the undefeated Mt Evelyn.

They could be a potential handfull in the finals.

So- in summary- our five goal was something to truly savour.

Pakenham 35 OFC 40

**Best Players- Kirsten Andrich, Mia Arnberger
Goal Scorers- Nic Millwood 19, Harper Scott 11, Bindi Bates 10**

D Grade-



Exciting youngster Rianne Fraser about to set up another goal.

What a thrill to see U/17 player Rianne Fraser stepping up at senior level as she helps D Grade make a charge for the finals. She's now thrown 197 goals for the season- 67 of them in the Under 17s and the rest in D Grade.

Along with GS Julie Smith (117 goals this season) they make a formidable combination inside the circle- their size and skill make them very hard to shutdown.

Pakenham 21 OFC 29

**Best Players- Mary Taylor, Ruby Fleming, Rianne Fraser
Goal Scorers- Rianne Fraser 22, Julie Smith 7**

Under 17

Our girls managed to throw more goals against second placed Pakenham than just about any other team this year.

Great work from Rianne Fraser and Holly McCallan inside the circle, they received some good service from Keira Meagher and the mid court players.

At the other end of the court the home team girls were just too big and too strong for us- but our time will come next season when we are top age.

Off to Berwick this week- and a chance to improve on our 22 goals !



Holly McCallan threw 9 goals in a losing team and provided some versatile link work further up court.

***Pakenham 52 OFC 22
Best Players- Rianne Fraser , Holly McCallan***

Goal Scorers- Rianne Fraser 13, Holly McCallan 9

SACHA'S WOMEN'S FOOTY REPORT-

Olinda Women's team pencilled in Saturday's return bout against Pakenham away as a "must win" game.

Unfortunately Pakenham did not receive the memo, overrunning the visitors in the last quarter to win by 17 points.

As per the round 1 game at the same venue, there was a 3 goal wind blowing towards the southern end. After winning the toss, Olinda opted to kick with the breeze in the first quarter.

The team started slowly, struggling to judge the length of Pakenham's kicks as Pakenham continued to mark uncontested.

The spark was lit when young gun Tobi(Killer) Monkhorst toe poked the ball through from the goal square, then goaled again in similar fashion 5 minutes later. Olinda went into the first break with a 9 point lead.

The game was probably lost in the second quarter when Olinda failed to score against the breeze and Pakenham piled on 4.1. Pakenham continued to lead Olinda to the ball, whether in the air or on the ground, and continually gained first use of the football. Kicking with the breeze in the third quarter, Olinda played some of it's best footy for many weeks. The pressure and tackling ramped up and Olinda's ball movement was slick. Another Young Blood Ruby (Barb) Gilson chimed in with 2 goals, the first a classy snap from the forward pocket. Chelsie (Big Kahuna) Wilson had been out for many weeks with an injury, and came back looking ominous at centre half forward. Chelsea looked dangerous all game roaming the half forward line, and kicked a running goal herself in the third.

Olinda's lead of 3 points going into the last quarter would prove insufficient, and they did not trouble the scorers for the remainder of the game, Pakenham kicking 3.2. Olinda did not have an answer for Pakenham's rampaging full forward Chelsea English who finished the game with 6 of Pakenham's 7 goals, and was eventually the difference between the 2 sides.

While Olinda was extremely disappointed with the loss, there were some positives to take from the game.

Olinda's midfield has struggled all season with centre clearances, but drew even with Pakenham on this front, and repeatedly fought hard to lock the ball into to the centre zone

which was very pleasing.

Young dynamo Kyah (The Missile) Barry continues to shine, and had a best on ground performance. Kyah's speed and ball handling are at the top level, but her chase down tackles are elite.

Kyah was given the task of watching Pakenham's Tianah Vandesteeg, who won the round 1 clash off her own boot with 2 sneaky goals in the last quarter. Once given the job, Vandesteeg did not get another touch, but it was the way Kyah blanketed her that was most impressive. While most taggers stand shoulder to shoulder with their opposing player, Kyah waits 15 metres away like a cheetah in the long grass. She does not even look in the direction of her opponent, pretends to not even notice her. Then, when the ball is kicked in her opponent's direction she pounces, covering the distance in a split second and delivering a bone crunching tackle. Two such tackles in the second quarter were amazing to behold.

Lily(Laser)Carlin was promoted to the leadership group during the week and celebrated with another dominant performance on the wing. Lily has settled into her groove beautifully and is playing consistently strong football.

(DJ) Ness Curnow(nee Bateman) has had a quiet month stuck down in the Siberia that has been Olinda's forward line. Ness is a smart, dynamic footballer, and when she is not seeing the football it is to the advantage of the opposition. Ness spent the majority of the game in the midfield and influenced the contest well in a great return to form. Ness' bestie and replacement at full forward Ruby (Barb) Gilson more than ably filled in with her 2 goals.

Olivia (The Weapon) Edwards had another fine game with her creative ball movement on both sides of her body, as did Captain Courageous Claire Hyett with her hard running and contested ball work.

Special mention to Issy Dennis and Claudia Pitts who both had very solid games.

Overall it was another frustrating finish against a side Olinda defeated 3 times last season, and leaves Olinda's finals placing in a tenuous position. Olinda will be fighting hard against reigning Premier Upwey next Saturday night to balance the ledger.

Matt Rosier- What a Journey

If you cast a keen eye over the OFC junior award boards you'll see the name Matt Rosier appears way back in 1998 when he won the U10 B and F. That's a quarter of century saddling up every winter to chase the Sherrin.

Incredibly Mattie has spent longer playing footie than over half his team mates have actually been on the planet.

He was recognised very early as a "talent" and seven years after his U/10 gong was playing off the mountain at an elite junior level.



Mattie Rosier- nearly a decade ago

When he left OFC he told junior administrator Mick Fitzgerald that one day "I'll be back". As we know often young guys make

new mates, or girl friends , and find their lives heading in a different direction. They don't always come home. But this week against Upwey Matt plays his 100th match for us.

We are so fortunate Matt, and brother Patrick, both donned the red and white again.

Clubs Matt played for over the journey include East Burwood, South Croydon, Casey Scorpions, Eley Park, Boronia and even a team in South Australia.



Stop me if you can- Matt kicked 40 invaluable goals last season and is on track for another 40 in 2023.

You could probably argue that Head Coach Brendon Donovan breathed fresh life into Matt's long career by moving him up forward where he's been an absolute revelation (not just to us but to the opposition as well !).

Over the past season and a half he's kicked 54 majors so is averaging around two goals a game. As we've seen when "he's on" he has the ability to win a game off his own boot.

Assistant coach Tim Scott says" Matt is a really popular figure among the group and at 35 years of age is still doing the same work as everyone else. He's a bundle of energy every single training night and match day. No doubt he's an excitement machine and he looks as dangerous around goals as ever." Like so many of us Tim says he greatly admires the strong bond Matt has with brother Pat.

As we look at the huge group of youngsters coming through the

club at the moment you wonder if we'll be saying similar things about them in 18 years time.

Vereya Gets On Board With OFC.



A huge welcome to our newest sponsor- Hayden Schueler's Vereya Gardening company (which is looking for workers!)

Over to you Hayden-

VEREYA Gardening is a local business specialising in Hills garden maintenance and restoration. Headed by Hayden Schueler, a lifelong hills resident who played cricket at Olinda as a junior, he and his team are passionate contributors to the strong garden culture throughout the Dandenong Ranges.

For the last 10 years our focus has always been on providing a reliable gardening service demonstrating neat work and a focus on hedging and topiary, which has brought us to work in many special gardens in our area including regular hedging works at Cloudehill.

Our small local crew are looking to bring new team members on board, so if you or someone you know is interested in rewarding, local work with flexible hours (around study, sports etc.) then speak with Hayden on 0433 744 258, or enquire with Ethan Royle-Young to get in touch.

Taking Shape-



Thank you to Mick H for this wonderfully creative piece of photography. The second concrete pour at the new cricket nets (top end of the ground) is now complete.

OFC Hits The Lead

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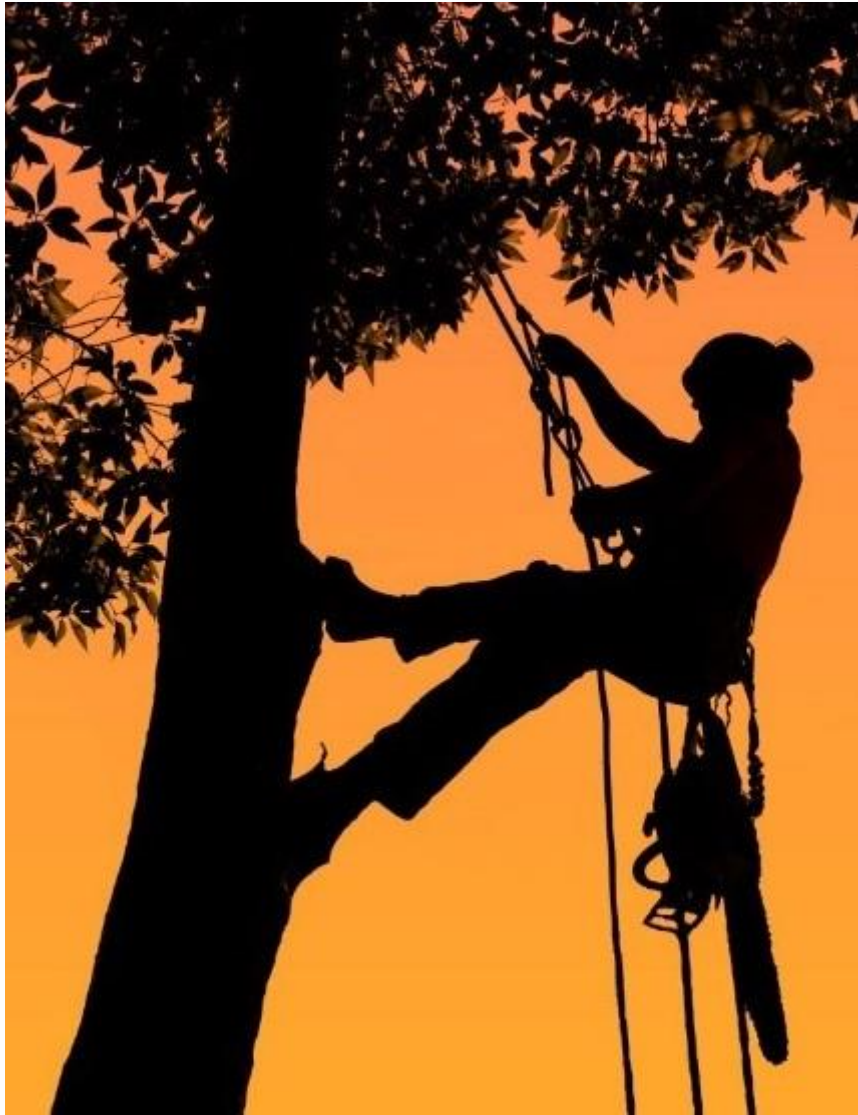
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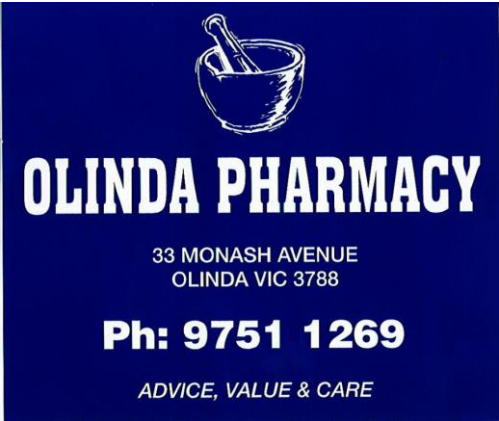
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