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## **Boy Oh Boys**

In recent weeks we've written about the difficult transition for the juniors who have formed our U/18 team this season.

Week One saw them banished to the the badlands of Mt Evelyn on a lonely Friday night- while the rest of us enjoyed Saturday "Up Top".

Well all the hard work by the boys, and the parents who are helping them, paid off last Friday when OFC hosted Seville and ran away to a sensational 10 goal win.



*U/18 boys are on the board- get around them this Thursday morning when they play Upwey in the Anzac Day clash.*

Coach Scott Tonkin says he's extremely happy with the way the boys are starting to gel together as a team and the "connections" that the midfield guys are forming. However the Coach says there's still plenty of upside with this group.

A big welcome to the Oates brothers who joined us this week and special mention to fullback Cass Hine who has excelled in defence.  
(incidentally Cass's strong voting helped the bargain basement crew, The Missile Factory, to an All Star Auction win).

OFC 14.13.97      Seville 2.8.20

Best Players -Cassian Hine, Bon Sullivan, Max Monkhorst, Campbell Hutchin, Lennix Barry, Lachlan Tonkin

Goal Kickers- Aden Bates 3, Samuel Blenkiron 2, Bon Sullivan 2, Charlie Hooper 2, Zack Seal 1, Campbell Hutchin 1, Tom Higgins 1, Lennix Barry 1, Kit Sutton 1

**A Big Shout Out-**



Huge shout out to Dana- we know many people are working extraordinarily hard to help make us one of the best clubs in the comp- but when you're a young mum, you are losing your voice through illness, you've got to step up and play A Grade AND you are handling the netball paperwork - phew!! Good people always shine through.

And while we are giving "shout outs" thanks to former player Ross Sanders for cleaning up the mulch mountain at the top of the ground. The Shire has also come on board to spread the stuff which had apparently reached an internal temperature that was almost too hot to handle.

Lets hope we can re- establish the mulch pile at another venue.  
(Thanks "RG Sanders Excavations" 0419 366 322)

## Six Minutes of Magic.

The senior footy match against Gembrook was almost a replay of last years dour struggle when little separated the teams at Brooker Park but this season we put them to the sword with a stunning five goal blitz in just six minutes.

In an extraordinary patch of attacking footy immediately after the half time break OFC slammed on four goals in the first four and a half minutes.

Incredibly we booted another just after the six minute mark and although The Brookers battled valiantly our boys essentially killed off the game .

Among the scoring avalanche was a right foot banana kick, on the run from 30 metres , by Oakley "OJ" Jessup. It was surely the most spectacular goal this former junior star has ever booted.

Mattie Rosier chipped in with a typically electrifying goal on the run and Mitchy Wright also booted one to underline his status as a major recruiting coup.



*Number 48- Peter "Shaggy Bull" Lucas was still going as hard at the end of the match as he was in the first 10 minutes.*

Head Coach Dylan Wilson had to contend with some unexpected challenges going into the match when midfield stars Pat Rosier and Peter Gough became unavailable during the week- Paddy found himself on a hospital drip line because of a mystery infection and Goughy tweaked a calf at training.

With Jay Rankin also injured three of the best from our Reserves- Cam Horner,



**Dylan Arnold and Benny Wright filled the breach.  
Frank Seal and Isaac Tonkin had to put in more minutes in the midfield.**

**Breaking down the four quarters- scores were tied at the first break, Gembrook had their noses in front at half time and OFC "won" the last quarter by a point. So it was that manic six minutes in the third quarter that got us over the line.**

**There were plenty of highlights but a couple that caught our eye- Gembrook coach Michael Firrito, who surely tips the scales at well over 90 kg, tried to take on Matt Rosier at speed but was wrapped up in crunching tackle- it was a pivotal moment for us.**

**Mitch Wright's hard running created numerous avenues for attack- what an asset.**

**Noah Desta booted a stunning goal, running parallel to the goal line and also took a mark over Shep (who's arguably the best mark in the comp)**

**Gembrook 7.18.60 OFC 11.12. 78**

**Best Players- Matthew Scharenberg, Mitchell Wright, Sam Cuthbert, Isaac Tonkin,  
Percy Hyett, Peter Lucas**

**Goal Kickers- Matt Rosier 3, Noah Desta 2, Lachlan Taylor 2, Mitchell Wright 2,  
Oakley Jessop 1, Percy Hyett 1**

## **Clash of the Premiers**



***Maddie Collins sends another ball deep into attack as Ruby Gilson narrowly avoids friendly fire. ( thanks to Belgrave for this pic.)***

**After a rough and tumble match against Healesville last week our women footballers found themselves heading to Belgrave in round two and facing a significant challenge from the Div Two Premiers.**

**It's not lost on people who've closely followed the OFC women that we played our first ever match at Belgrave and couldn't score for the first three quarters.**

**That seems like a lifetime ago !**

**OFC hard to stay in the match for the first half but then literally ran away from the Magpies after the break kicking 2.8 to 1.3.**

**You can read Sacha's full match report below but lets check out the match details.**

**Belgrave 2.7.19 OFC 4.9.33**

**Best Players- Olivia Edwards, Lily Carlin, Madeleine Collins, Vanessa Bateman, Charlotte Edwards, Kyah Barry**

**Goal Kickers- Olivia Edwards 3, Eloise Tyler 1**

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## Netball- Sharing the Honours Again



*A Grade- Harper positioning herself for a clean possession inside the circle.*

**A Grade- Gembrook 43 OFC 36**

**Best Players- Dana Millwood, Harper Scott, Mera Pringle**



B Grade-

**B Grade- Gembrook 60 OFC 39**  
**Goal Scorers- Caitlin Portarianos 23, Melanie Thomas 16**





Rhianne Fraser hauls in another one- she was on her way to a match high 31 goals.

**C Grade- Gembrook 35    OFC 34**

**Best Players- Aleisha Mckay, Charli Merrett, Rianne Fraser**

**Goal Scorers- Rhianne Fraser 31, Aleisha McKay 3**



*D Grade- Casey Patterson pulls down another intercept*

The Divas really flew the flag for us on Saturday- restricting any team to just 7 goals shows that we've dominated the mid court and defence.

Big bonus for us is having the popular Tahlia Credlin joining sister Casey in this team. An injury has set back Tahlia's footy career so OFC is the winner here. She's "OFC royalty", the daughter and grand daughter of Life Members.

**D Grade \_ Gembrook 7    OFC 28**

**Best Players- Samantha Mikulandra, Jasmin Donner, Ruby Fleming**

## **Reserves-Plugging the Holes**

**Hmmm- going into this match the Magoos lost five of their best eight players**

players from the side that beat Emerald so we were always facing a tall order against a seasoned team of experienced campaigners.

Horner, Arnold and Watson were all promoted to the First while Faulkner and Edwards were unavailable.

However we welcomed Nick Marapas from Vermont juniors into the team- Nick hasn't played since pre Covid but, as we saw on Saturday, is sure to be an asset once he regains his touch.



What's wrong with this picture- look closely at the guy running AWAY from the ball. Yep, he's as naked as the day he was born. Why someone would choose to "streak" during a Twos match at Gembrook remains a mystery that we are in no hurry to solve.

To be frank despite a one sided final scoreline there was only a goal or two in the match until the last quarter when we pretty much ran out of soldiers.

Coach Theo kept moving the magnets around on the board and his changes helped us stay in the game.

Davey Noorda suffered a bad knock in the backline but went up forward when he returned to the ground and provided a sure avenue into attack.

Gus Nelson was a revelation when asked to ruck and provided solid service to Jonty Scott who enjoyed a series of centre clearances just as the tide was turning against us.



**Ayden Bordon kicked an inspirational goal from 50m and Connor Keegan kicked a "Nick Keegan special " on the run through half forward.  
Caleb Johnson and Daniel McNaughton also were very solid in defence in the absence of Dyl Arnold.**

**Gembrook 13.13.91    OFC 6.6.42**

**Best Players- Ayden Bordon, Angus Nelson, James Royle-Young, Connor Keegan,  
Daniel Mcnaughton, Caleb Johnson**

**Goal Scorers- Zack Seal 2, Aiden Bordon 1, James Royle-Young 1, Angus Nelson 1,  
Connor Keegan 1.**

## **ANZAC DAY -**

**Upwey- this Thursday- a special day of sport on an historic occasion**

### **FIXTURE**

**(6.30 Dawn Service, Ferny Creek, Cnr Tourist Rd and Sherbrooke Rd,  
followed by "Gunfire Breakfast" at Scout Hall)  
( 9.00am Commemorative Service, Five Ways, Kalorama)**

**10.25 U/18 Boys**

**10.40 D Grade**

**11.40 C Grade**

**12.10 Reserves**

**12.45 B Grade**

**2.25 Seniors**

**2.35 A Grade**

**5.00 Women**

**Over the past few years we've highlighted the lives of Olinda's first skipper James  
Wyles and 1913 Best and Fairest Peter Johnston.**

**Peter died from wounds suffered at Gallipoli and James perished on the Western  
Front. Both succumbed after just a couple of weeks on the battlefield.**

**Let's recap Peter's dire situation, and perhaps ask yourself how would you fare in  
his situation-**

**After the Anzacs secured the Gallipoli beachheads the British asked for help further  
south on the peninsula as they sought to take the village of Krithia.**

**Peter Johnston- freshly arrived on Gallipoli- was to be a part of that assault.**



**The Anzac's first task was to sprint across mostly open land to reach the British trenches about 700m away.**

**Because the Brits had been hard pressed- and fought off Ottoman assaults- they cheered wildly as the Aussies braved the bullets and ran to join them in the trenches.**

**That, as it turns out, was the easier part of the task facing the ANZACS  
After regrouping they then had to go over the top and charge directly at the Turkish guns a similar distance away.**

**A barrage of fire cut down (killed or wounded) about 50% of the Aussies- even so they secured another 450m of ground.**

**Peter Johnston was mortally wounded in the battle. Barely two years earlier he'd been charging at the opposition while playing footy at Olinda.**



***Turkish machine gunners on Gallipoli, awaiting the fateful Anzac charge. Barely two years earlier Peter Johnston had been playing footy at Olinda.***

**PIC OF THE WEEK**



I don't think it's going to stop for you Sue

## Women's Footie

*Here's Sacha's Match Report- as always a beautifully crafted piece of sports reporting-*

**Olinda Women's team inked their name into the winners' column with a hard fought victory against Belgrave away on Saturday morning.**

**Before the game Belgrave unfurled their 2023 Division 2 Premiership flag in an impressive ceremony. A team freshly promoted from Division 2 going up against the reigning Division 1 Premiers would normally be expected to be a one-sided contest. Belgrave had another idea.**

**To their immense credit, Belgrave burst out of the blocks and were frenetic with their pressure and hard running. Two minutes into the game the Olinda Coaches did a quick head-count, so many black and white jumpers there were at every contest, sometimes outnumbering the Bloods 5-1. It was a timely reminder to the red and white of the value of work ethic. Belgrave continually bombarded their forward line but were inaccurate, and Olinda's much vaunted backline were constantly repelling attacks. Olinda's forward line is packed with talent, and looks like scoring every time the ball goes in there, but much like last week vs Healesville, the ball just wasn't getting in there enough.**

**When it finally did, who else but Olivia (The Weapon!) Edwards would swoop on a loose ball for a classy running goal. Liv backed up her best-on-ground display against Healesville last week with another on Saturday, in a near faultless start to the season. Belgrave would respond quickly and go into quarter time with a 1.3.9 to**

**1.0.6 lead. Game on.**



***Charlotte Wilson- elder sister to Chelsea and Blair- helped us on the gate in Round One- here she's receiving instruction from Prez Ben on what a credit card terminal is. Charlotte heads to the Gold Coast this week to pursue her footy career with the Suns ( we bet mum Jill will be up there regularly)***

**The second quarter was a similar arm-wrestle to the first, with both sides fighting hard for every possession. The deadlock was broken by none other than The Weapon, who made a blistering tackle right in front of goal and, getting the free**

kick, easily putting it through the middle. Belgrave would only score 1 point for the quarter, Olinda going into half time 3 points in front.

The third is universally known as “The Premiership quarter”, where the cream rises to the top and so it was on Saturday as Olinda finally found their rhythm.

The Weapon continued to put the team on her back and kicked her third goal, a clever snap from deep in the forward pocket. She then had a direct hand in the Team’s fourth , taking a strong overhead mark and kicking the ball into the goal square into the waiting hands of Eloise (Ello) Tyler who duly slotted the major. Ello repeatedly looks dangerous at full forward and there will doubtless be a bag for her at some stage during the season.

Miss Football Lily (Laser)Carlin continued to prowl the ground with her ball use, game sense and tackling a standout. Maddy (MadDog) Collins was back to her brutal best , and had stints at centre-half forward and the ruck. Mads’ ability to break tackles and pump the ball long is unmatched, and those opponents who know she’s close are rightfully nervous as she tackles for keeps.





Ness (Burgers) Curnow (nee Bateman) continued her fine early season form . Ness' game vision in traffic is exceptional, as is her assured ball handling. Charlotte

(Webby) Edwards continues to show flashes of brilliance as she edges towards a breakout game for her new club. Her synergy with sister Liv is amazing and harkens back to the Krakouer Brothers in the 80s, where they have the innate sense of where their sibling is on a football field without even looking.

Olinda believe they have the 2 best back flankers in the competition, Kyah (The Missile) Barry and Anna (Goanna) Hughson are fast, skillful and clever, their run-and-carry and ball use unparalleled .

Ruby (Barb) Gilson had a very solid game, with a bunch of quality forward entries, especially in the second half.

The last quarter was even on the scoreboard, Belgrave scoring 1.1 for the quarter and Olinda 7 points. Olinda's forward entries had greatly improved by this stage, and the team was unlucky not to capitalise, finishing the game 14 points in front.

Special mention to Olinda's Youngbloods who continue to improve every week.

Aurora (Razor) Edge was knocking on the door of Olinda's best in just her second game of senior football as was Charlie (Chucky) Humphries.

Sisters from another Mister, the Snake "I"s India (Bruiser) Griffiths and Illyah (Chopper) Reid are going to be scary footballers well into the future. The 2 are frighteningly fast and strong, and get heaps of ball in contested situations, rarely losing their feet.

Very special mention to (Swiss Miss) Carol Schenk, an exchange student from Switzerland who has taken to our great game like a duck to water. Carol will be able to tell those back home she has played well in the best game in the world.

Olinda travels to the Cauldron at Upwey in the marquee twilight spot on Anzac Day this Thursday. They will need to be at their ferocious best to beat an Upwey team hell bent on regaining their spot at the top of the competition.

## **ALL STAR AUCTION UPDATE-**

Some big vote winners this week- Cass Hine, Ayden Bordon, Maddy Collins, Ruby Fleming and Kyah & Lennix Barry helped The Missile Factory shoot to the top . Talk about a bargain !!



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**PLAYER AUCTION 2024**  
**WEEKLY WINNERS – ROUND 2**  
(Based on Play HQ Best players)

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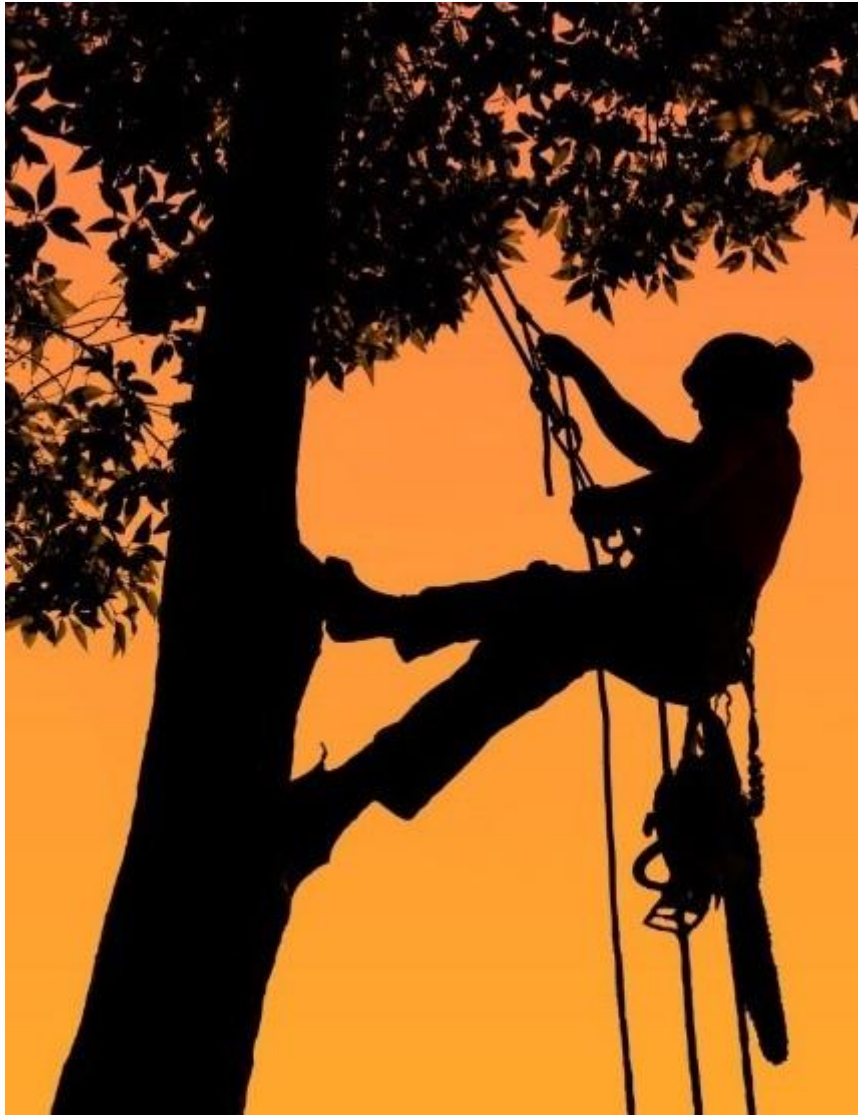


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