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Super Saturday Coming Up

We are going to take a look at all that Anzac Day action at Upwey but first lets check ahead to this Saturday.

We've got the full "family" together for the first time this season. It's not going to happen very often so lets enjoy it.

PLUS our Life Members and Sponsors will be on deck in the afternoon AND we'll be unfurling that awesome Women's Footy Div One Premiership flag.

Here's the schedule

10.25 D Grade v Monbulk
10.45 U/18 v Woori Yallock
11.25 C Grade v Monbulk
12.30 Reserves v Monbulk
12.30 A Grade v Monbulk
1.50 B Grade v Monbulk
2.20 Seniors v Monbulk
4.45 Women v Pakenham

What jumps out at you ?? Two games (U/18 boys and Women's footy) are more or less Grand Final replays.

ANZAC DAY- Simply Amazing

This year the results mostly went against us at Upwey but the Anzac Day fixture is still an extraordinary occasion to be a part of.



Around 1000 people were on hand to see OFC and Upwey do battle in eight games of footy and netball on Anzac Day.

Our best results this year were in Mens/Boys Footy so that's where we'll start.

We Didn't Tip This. Or That !!!!

Fair to say there were some surprise results in the Seniors (for the wrong reasons) and the Reserves (for the right reasons) while the U/18s almost pulled off a stunning win, so we'll start with the kids.

U/18s Stun Their Supporters

Well we were "stunned" in a good way. For many OFC supporters this was the first time they've seen this side in action and what a treat it was.

Upwey was able to drop back boys from it's U/19 team to pad-out it's U/18s and our kids came up against a side that gave us some grief at junior level last year.

At half time it looked like The Tigers were dishing up a cold plate of revenge- they were 5.5. and The Bloods were yet to register a major score.

But rather than role over and accept the apparent inevitable belting they fought back big time.

Aden Bates stepped up with two crucial "on the run" goals while our defenders and midfielders worked their backsides off to restrict Upwey to just one behind.



Young gun Charlie Hooper dishes off to Tom Higgins.

Still three goals down at the last break , and with steady drizzle turning the game into a match of attrition which favoured the bigger bodied Upwey boys, a victory

still looked like a bridge too far.

Well apparently Campbell Hutchin and Bon Sullivan hadn't read that script because they booted a goal each and all of a sudden there was just six points in it and the OFC supporters were in full voice.

The fightback led to a hectic and desperate last five minutes as OFC worked frantically to come away with at least two points from the game. Sadly the siren beat them.

The kids mightn't have won the match but they won over the fans with an incredibly skilfull display of team oriented footie in atrocious conditions. We thought they were awesome.

From the Coach (Scott)- it was a game of two halves with Upwey adjusting to the wet conditions early and at one stage leading by 29 points.

With better use of the ball, and adjusting to the conditions, the boys came out hard in the second half led by the younger brigade Lenny Barry, Aden Bates and Lachie Tonkin.

It was great to the see the fightback by the boys and their never say die attitude."

Upwey 5.8.38 OFC 4.8. 32

Best Players - Aden Bates, Lennix Barry, Bon Sullivan, Lachlan Tonkin, Cassian Hine

Goal Kickers- Aden Bates 2, Bon Sullivan 1, Campbell Hutchin 1

Reserves- Nope, We Didn't Tip That

Well we sure didn't see this coming- we were playing against a team that wasn't far off beating Narre for the flag last year and had won it's first two games by around 130 points.

And here we were struggling for numbers and coming off a bad loss at Gembrook. So putting it all into perspective the upset win at Upwey was doubtlessly one of the greatest victories by the Ressies in many years.

The match started as many had tipped with Upwey slamming on five goals to our one major in the first quarter. At the break we were looking down the barrel of a major thrashing.

But incredibly The Tigers could add just another four goals for the entire match while we kicked another nine.
You've gotta love live sport !!!



What a team ! What a match ! Our Reserves celebrate an upset win in front of a big crowd at Upwey.

There were sooo many highlights in this match-

Jimmy Royle-Young hitting up brother Ethan for crucial goals (great to see Ethan back for his first game of the season)

Robbie Beekman's display of Keg Power as he broke two tackles to kick a major. KeegsThe Younger again roving the ball off the pack for a goal.

Ollie Clarke's sprint from half back to boot a stunner off the ground to put the sealer on the game.

Theo's recruiting- great to see 2017 premiership player Brendan "BC" Cooling back in the red and white- Kaleb Foster (another former Vermont junior) also joined us as did impressive Monbulk youngster Jett Bolton.

Upwey 9.9.63 OFC 10.5.65

Best Players -Ethan Royle-Young, Ben Watson, Daniel McNaughton, Connor Keegan, Jonty Scott, Cameron Horner

Goal Scorers- Ethan Royle-Young 3, Ben Watson 2, Connor Keegan 2, James Royle-Young 1, Rob Beekman 1, Oliver Clarke 1.

(From the Scoreboard- OFC actually won by three points- in the final minutes of the match the Goal Umpire at the Upwey end waved the flag for a behind AFTER a free kick had been awarded to OFC. The ball was brought back into play from the pocket , after the free kick, and not from the goal square. Asked about this later the Goal Umpire replied the "third umpire" said the scores are correct. Clearly they

weren't- lucky there wasn't one point in it).

Seniors-There Is An Upside

Yes folks there IS an upside to this game (when Upwey turned a two goal advantage at the last break into a runaway six goal win).

OFC has had some sensational wins at Upwey over the last decade, and some bad losses when we went into the match as clear favourite.

On at least two occasions rather than letting the losses define our season we've fought back strongly and, in retrospect, the Upwey trip has been the season nadir.

Let's hope again this is the season low point too.

We're not going to rehash the game but taking a quick look from the Upwey perspective- the Tigers "rested" two defenders and a midfielder the previous week against Woori. The thinking was that if the players were cherry ripe the following match then they were more likely to beat OFC in the big Anzac game than salute at Woori (ironically Upwey was 15 points up in the last quarter at Woori- read into that what you will).

The other Tiger takeaway is the fact that seven or eight of their players on Anzac Day were boys from their powerful U/19 team two years ago. They had great pace and intensity.



Many thought the outcome of the game would depend on the Dan Waters- Pat Seymour battle (the two players at the rear of the pack). It didn't. Patrick held Waters to just two goals but Upwey still had a handy win.

From the coach - obviously a disappointing result but we had glimpses of how we want to play. Pressure and tackling was great in places and some of the play

through the middle was good to watch. Upwey was cleaner in the contest and rebounded well. We will keep building our brand and our strengths. We believe our best footy is as good as anyone's.

Upwey 11.11.77 OFC 5.10.40

**Best Players- Patrick Rosier, Matthew Scharenberg, Ethan Greenall, Francis Seal,
Mathieu Rosier, Percy Hyett**

Goal Kickers- Matt Scharenberg 4, Lachlan Taylor 1

ANZAC MEDAL- PATRICK ROSIER

NETBALL- Former Junior Stars Lead the Club

Two of our Under 17 graduates, Harper Scott and Ella Grigg, have been named co-captains of our A Grade team.

In yet another firm nod toward the future of our netball program the youngsters have been elevated with the solid support of the playing group and administrators.

Harper is the daughter of OFC legend Tim Scott, her brother Jonty is a senior footballer.

Ella's sister Millie is another youngster with a huge upside. Millie is playing B Grade.



18 year old Harper Scott - our youngest ever A Grade captain (left) with co-captain Ella Grigg (only a couple of years older than Harper).

A Grade- perhaps we should ask the League to ban third quarters ? Our girls are managing to stay "thereabouts" for a half a game but tend to come unstuck after half time. Incredibly they gave up 17 goals in the third quarter against Upwey and

**there's no coming back from that.
But as we know it's a work in progress.**

Upwey 57 OFC 34

Best Players- Natalia Moraitis, Madison Wollaston, Dana Millwood

Goal Scorers- Molly Argoon 14, Harper Scott 13, Mera Pringle 7

ANZAC MEDAL- Nat Moraitis



Nat Moraitis - Anzac Day Medal (with Upwey's Charlotte Davies)

B Grade- there was very little between the two teams but OFC was unable to bridge the 10 point gap that the Tigers established either side of half time.

Outscoring them in the last quarter proved too little too late.

How good is it to have Caitlin P back at the club- she throws herself into the umpiring then comes out and shoots 21 goals in B Grade.

Upwey 44 OFC 37

Best Players- Melanie Thomas, Emily McCall, Emma Van der Nest

Goal Scorers- Caitlin Portarianos 21, Mel Thomas 16



B Grade- Jess McCall already having a great season. She's setting up links in B Grade (above) and also helping in A Grade

C Grade- on paper this looks like a significant loss but the score blew out in the last quarter , we were just five down at the final break.

Upwey is second on the ladder so perhaps we can take something from the match.

Big push this week girls against traditional rival Monbulk !!!

Upwey 33 OFC 24

Best Players-Sarah Seddon, Mickey Balzereit, Mia Westmore

Goal Scorers- Rhianne Fraser 21, Mickey Balzereit 3, Aleisha McKay 1



C Grade- Rani Egan battling against the ball deluge that came her way in the last quarter.

D Grade- our first loss and, a bit like the Senior footy, we did not see this coming. It was a showdown between two undefeated teams and the writing was well and truly

on the wall in the first quarter when the home team outscored us 11-3. There was a collective "gulp" among the fans, including Cath Credlin who had come along to watch her two grand daughters.

On the "plus" side, it was great to see cricket star Martha Box playing her first match for us !

Martha is the cousin of Senior's centre half back James Box .

Right- that was a reality check for us- let's reset for the Monnie match.

Upwey 28 OFC 14

Best Players- Casey Credlin, Casey Patterson, Martha Box

Goal Scorers- Matilda Brewster 6, Martha Box 4, Samantha Mikulandra 4.



Youngster Matilda Brewster in GA- in her first year of senior netball Matilda has

already shot 39 goals in just three games.

WOMEN'S Footy- We Fall Just Short-

by Sacha Sullivan.

OFC's Women's team headed to the cauldron at Upwey for their twilight Anzac Day clash, fighting bravely but succumbing to the Tigers 5.3.33 to 3.3.21.

The Dome at Upwey should be renamed "Lily Carlin's Living Room" so comfortable and at home she is at the venue. Miss Football collects Anzac Day medals and Coaches awards for fun, and it was her fourth best-on-ground at the venue from her last five visits. Lily Laser was in everything all game, whether under packs inside or smooth running and ball use outside.

Olinda came out firing and had a very impressive forward entry in the first 20 seconds that looked dangerous. Unfortunately a free kick at centre half back for Upwey followed by another at centre half forward put Upwey skipper Alex Bantock within scoring distance. Bantock's first of her 3 goals at the 1 minute mark put Olinda on the back foot, and they would be chasing the home side for the rest of the evening.



Under the lights at Upwey- come and see the women take on Pakenham under our

own lights this Saturday.

The Bloods would level up with the it's most brilliant passage of play for the evening at the 7 minute mark. Ruby (Barb) Gilson sprinted down the Eastern wing and pounded a long ball into centre half forward. As a couple of handballs out of the pack found an Upwey player on her own, seemingly out of nowhere came (Swiss Miss) Carol Schenk at full speed, nailing the Upwey player in a brutal tackle and earning the free kick.

Carol is on loan to the Country and the Club from Switzerland, and was playing in just her second official game of AFL football. Smart cookies those Swiss, because Carol sensed the moment and walked quietly off as if she hadn't even been there, leaving Phoebe(BigDog)Dixon to pick up the ball.

Phoebes is a former leading goalkicker and full-forward for The Bloods, but has had to help out with the ruck duties this year in the absence of Chelsea (Big Kahuna) Wilson. Phoebes has been pestering the Coaches for weeks to be moved forward such is her love of a "snag". As BigDog lined up from the centre square none at the ground thought she was a chance of making the distance.....except Phoebes. The ball thundered off her boot with the booming sound that only a perfect drop punt makes, and flew high and straight, splitting the middle of the goals mid-post high. The Olinda Coaches stayed in the Upwey social rooms late into the evening and were constantly being interrupted with the question " who was that girl who kicked that goal?!" Welcome back BigDog! The fact that the Dixon Family is (Swiss Miss) Carol's sponsoring family during her stay in Australia made the moment that more special.

Upwey would goal again at the 11 minute mark, due to a freak occurrence when the ball hit the foot of their leading full-forward and straight into the arms of the descending goal-sneak Jess Occhipinti. She would goal again 5 minutes later when swopping onto a loose ball unattended by any Olinda opponent.

The ball headed back to the centre and an exceptional clearance from Olinda found the ball back in the arms of BigDog Dixon as the siren sounded. Maddy (MadDog) Collins had tapped the ball down to Lily(Laser)Carlin, who dodged and weaved through 4 Upwey opponents to feed off the handball to Ness(Burgers)Curnow (nee Bateman) who fired a pass to Olivia(The Weapon!) Edwards at centre half forward. The Weapon then laced out a perfect pass to the leading Dixon who slotted the goal after the siren...great footy! Olinda went into quarter time a respectable goal behind on the scoreboard.



The end of an amazing day- post match presentations after the women's match- ANZAC MEDAL to Lily Carlin

Olinda would go goalless in the next 2 quarters while Upwey would score a goal in each quarter . The Bloods threw everything at The Tigers in the last quarter but could only manage a goal to The Weapon who continued her heroics from the last 2 weeks in another classy display.

Ness Bateman gets better each week in her new spot in Olinda's midfield. Maddy Collins was tough all night continually driving herself through packs, often head first! Kyah Barry and Anna Hughson prowled their half back line and repelled many attacks.

Ruby Gilson is a player, when she has the ball, something good happens. Rubes controlled her wing all night, running hard and delivering quality ball.

Special mention to Jacqui(The Giant Slayer)Ring who has taken on the no.1 ruck spot with aplomb, and is rarely losing a tap.

Upwey 5.3.33 OFC 3.3.21

**Best Players-Lily Carlin, Olivia Edwards, Madeleine Collins, Vanessa Bateman,
Phoebe Dixon, Ruby Gilson**

Goal Scorers- Phoebe Dixon 2, Olivia Edwards 1

ANZAC MEDAL- LILY CARLIN

Don't forget -Olinda unfurls it's 2023 Premiership flag this week at home against vanquished grand finalist Pakenham who will hell bent on avenging that grand final loss

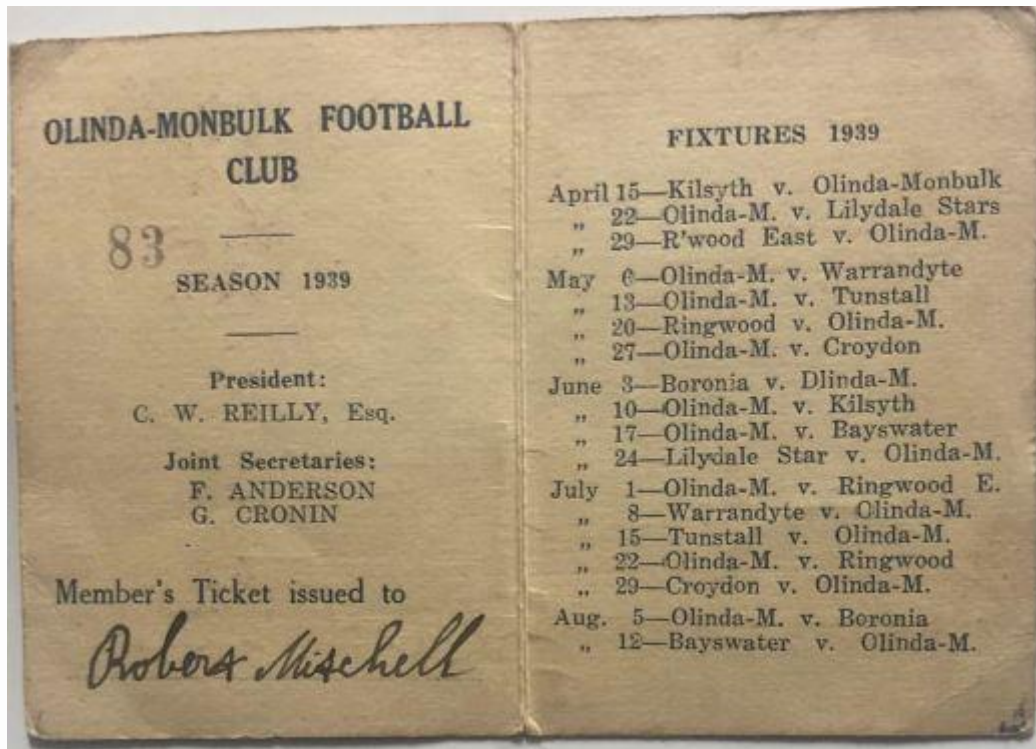
Monbulk- Olinda Amalgamation ?

Yep- it really happened in 1939 when the two clubs were short of players as "war loomed in the not too distant future".

Just to clarify it was the Olinda club, and not Olinda-Ferny Creek, which merged with The Hawks.

Ferny Creek's illustrious and colourful history came to an end in 1934 (but of course was resurrected after WW2 when Olinda-Ferny Creek was born).

We have covered the Olinda-Monbulk story before ,but for those who have forgotten it- the "combine from the country" took it right up to the suburban clubs in the Ringwood and District competition.



The draw from the 1939 season- Olinda-Monbulk took on- and beat - most of the suburban clubs. Note the club called "Tunstall".

Olinda- Monbulk had a sensational season in 1939- they made the finals but went out in straight sets.

A highlight of the season- besides the finals appearance- was a home game against East Ringwood in the first week of July. It snowed so heavily that the match started late and was called off at three quarter time as darkness enveloped the players..

Olinda- Monbulk dominated the match kicking 6.12 while the poor blokes from the suburbs could barely register a score and finished with 2.1.

So a big welcome today to our friend/foe/teammate- they've been all over the years- Monbulk FNC.

And lets not forget our rivalry stretches all the way back to 1902- 122 years and counting- and is one of the great rivalries of Victorian footy.

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ALL STAR AUCTION UPDATE-

**Just three weeks in and Lily's Legends- owned by Lukey Hill,
Goughie and Dyl Wilson- has saluted for the second time.**

So who got them home this week ?

BOGs to Lily Carlin in the Women's and Aden Bates in the U18s.
Votes to Percy Hyett, Dana Millwood, Bon Sullivan and Emma
Van Der Nest.

Looking like the team to beat at this early stage.



OLINDA ALL-STARS
PLAYER AUCTION 2024
WEEKLY WINNERS - ROUND 3
(Based on Play HQ Best Players)

1st - LILY'S LEGENDS
Owners : Luke Hill, Peter Gough, Dylan Wilson \$950

2nd - THE MISSILE FACTORY
Owners : Lily Carlin, V.Bateman, M.Box, L.Clark, R.Gilson, C.Hyett,
A.Kostich-Angerson, M.McCheymne, C.Seymour \$350

3rd - THE WEAPON'S BULLETS
Owner : Andy Greenall \$600

Mental Health- An Issue For All Of Us.

In the weeks ahead you'll see some A3 noticeboards appearing around the rooms with some important mental health messaging. "Hilltop"- our sporting clubs representative group- is financing the initiative which will include continual "messaging updates".

OFC President Ben Selby-Hele has also pointed us towards a local non-profit group which may provide some answers or support for those needing it. The company is called "Trek"- and here's some of what they offer.-



Trek Learning Centre- a not-for-profit organisation working to reduce impacts of childhood harm, ill mental-health, isolation and vulnerabilities for children and young people through programs that support Empowerment; Growth; Change.

As a brief overview:

The Pathways to Healthy Manhood/Womanhood Programs offer families, carers or important adults-:

1. 8-weekly evening sessions with their child or important young person exploring issues that are impacting health, wellbeing, belonging, responsibility, safety, relationships, being vulnerable and difficult conversation.

The 8-weekly sessions provide a rich and deeply connected opportunity for parents/carers and important adults to develop new ways to engage & connect with their young person, establish a way forward, build a trusting relationship where things can be shared within new frameworks and establish an intentional support network that will help them do the important work of stepping their wonderful young person into healthy adulthood.

2. 3-day camp. The camp is the cream, the cherry and the sprinkles on top of the important groundwork that has been laid over the previous two months culminating in the marking with intention the moment the young person steps from childhood into young adulthood. Filled with much fun, gravitas and ceremony the camp signifies a new dawning of change in the young adults' lives as well as those that surround them.

3. Reunion Day. An opportunity for the young people & adults to check back in three months after the camp, to re-connect with the group that shared a once-in-a-lifetime moment.

4. **Delicious and nourishing meals, snacks and drinks to be provided across all elements of the program- no one will be hungry or disappointed!!**
5. **A strong team employed through Trek Learning Centre who meet all child-safe requirements and who have a wide range of qualifications in: teaching, psychology, therapeutic trauma recovery, social work, mental health, facilitation and group work.**
6. **Significant support for families as they walk alongside & partner their young person towards Healthy Adulthood.**
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