

**Olinda
Ferny
Creek**

**Football
Netball
Club**

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A Massive Day- Now We Move On

We take our collective hat off to the small army of volunteers who worked tirelessly to ensure the eight matches of footy and netball , the Premiership flag unfurling and the big Life Members and Sponsors luncheon went off pretty much seamlessly.

Those at the pointy end put in a 12 hour day last Saturday.

Just to make sure it wasn't lost in the hectic schedule there were two super serious events that took place on the ground which we need to mention.

Our Women's Team and the Men's senior team stood alongside their opponents in a minute's silence for our daughters, sisters and mothers who have been the victims

of Gender Violence.



OFC, Pakenham and Monbulk players stood for a minute's silence in support of the AFL's program drawing attention to Gender Violence

OK- looking ahead-checking this week's program- as we head off in two different directions-

**9,00 U/18s Healesville v OFC
10.45 Women Healesville v OFC
11.25 D Grade Narre Warren v OFC
12.25 C Grade Narre Warren v OFC
12.30 Reserves Narre Warren v OFC
1.30 A Grade Narre Warren v OFC
2,20 Seniors Narre Warren v OFC
2,50 B Grade Narre Warren v OFC.**

Note- our women and boys are playing back to back at Healesville, and we always take the scheduled times under advisement because (as we saw last Saturday with the boys) there can be some late changes.

We love the challenge of playing footy and netball at Narre- let's embrace it !!!

NOAH'S ARC

Did anything sum up Saturday's game against Monbulk better than The Hawks errant 2.9 in the first quarter compared to Noah Desta's deadly goal shooting ? Noah booted four straight including a blinder from a seemingly impossible angle when he put some arc on the ball and split the big sticks. In contrast when Monbulk squandered a chance to take a significant lead at the first break OFC was never going to let them back into the game.



Looking Ford to a big future- Tom Ford (here with coach Dylan Wilson) played his first senior game against Monbulk. Ironically it was the same opponent as brother Ned played against in his first senior game last year. Tom is still in the U/16s.

A six goal victory is always going to produce plenty of highlights, so here we go in no particular order-

- it was a Shep masterclass as Scharenberg's ground work possibly surpassed his aerial dominance. He even kicked a goal from a ball up in the last quarter.**
- Noah's four straight. Despite his awkward kicking style he's probably the most accurate shot for goal in the club.**
- explosive goal kicker Mattie Rosier playing in the back pocket ? What ??? Nope, match selectors pulled off a winning change by shifting regular defender Dan Toma**

to the forward line alongside Matt. (rather than the other way around). Toma returned the favour with three goals.

- Josh Wallis had possibly his best game of the year. He probably had the better of the ruck duels and in the second half produced a dominant display around the ground.
- Seal, Lucas, Pat Rosier and Taylor running through the midfield all had good days. How big is that tank on the Shaggy Bull- he runs as hard in the last 10 minutes and the first 10.
- and while we are talking about Lachie T how many big guys play that well below the knees. He's always in the contest.
- Percy Hyett, another imposing display of strength and speed



What a bonus to have a fit Dylan Arnold back at the club. Here he takes a great defensive grab and he also applied the "spoils of the game" when he put his body on the line running back with the flight of the ball to punch the pill out of an opponent's hands.

OFC 17.9.11 Monbulk 10.17.77

Best Players- Francis Seal, Matthew Scharenberg, Lachlan Taylor, Daniel Toma,

Percy Hyett, Isaac Tonkin

Goal Scorers- Noah Desta 4, Daniel Toma 3, Matt Rosier 2, Rhys Cottam-Starkey 2, Matt Scharenberg 2, Sam Cuthbert 2, Callum Beattie 1, Mitch Wright 1.

Raising the Flag

Our creative "scribe in residence" Sacha Sullivan, captured the moment on Saturday when our wonderful women raised their 2023 Div One premiership flag -

Olinda Women's team unfurled their 2023 Premiership flag Saturday twilight in a jubilant ceremony . As the team lined up they were joined by the senior Men's side that had just dispatched traditional rival Monbulk.

Players that were part of that fairytale victory against Pakenham last year, but haven't rejoined the team in 2024 were there too. (Amazing) Grace Belloni. Paige (The Rage) Robinson. Tobi (Killa) Monkhorst. Georgia (Peaches) Stubs. Gee we miss them!

It was by coincidence rather than design that Saturday night's opponent would be that same Pakenham team, albeit with a couple of new stars added.

Pakenham wanted nothing to do with Olinda's celebration and busied themselves at the other end of the ground, warming up for the game.

When the final siren blew, Pakenham having comfortably accounted for the home side 7.11.53 to 4.5.29, Pakenham celebrated as if they'd just won a Grand Final themselves.

Perhaps the monkey is off their back, or maybe the monkey has just ducked outside for a smoke.

With 2 more home & away games plus finals to come, time will tell.



We keep saying it but how good is the twilight footy !! Backlit by the scoreboard Ruby Gillson pulls in a big grab against Pakenham. You can read Sacha's complete match report below.

OFC 4.5.29 Pakenham 7.11.53

Best Players -Lily Carlin, Olivia Edwards, Vanessa Bateman, Anna Hughson, Ruby Gilson, Madeleine Collins

Goal Scorers- Olivia Edwards 3, Eloise Tyler 1.

Diva's Deliver

Well we thought D Grade's great win on Saturday morning was a portent of things to come. Not for the first time, or the last, we got that wrong.

But still it was a perfect curtain to the huge day of footy and netball against Monbulk.

The Divas were only a goal up at half time but went right on with it after the main break.

Emmy van Duuren had her best match of the year and we also welcomed first gamer Sheridan Jeffs-York.

In just her second game Martha Box was also on fire shooting 19 goals.

OFC is in fifth place- just ahead of Narre who we play this week.

OFC 30 Monbulk 23

Best Players-Emmy van Duuren, Martha Box, Ruby Fleming

Goal Scorers- Martha Box 19, Samantha Mikulandra 11



D Grade- Tahlia has the ball on a string

A Grade had a tough ask against an experienced Monbulk outfit spearheaded by a former OFC premiership player Elly Stewart who shot 40 goals (which incidentally ISN'T Elly's biggest haul of the year).

OFC fell away after half time in this game as the match seemed to gather it's own rhythm with the Hawks full of confidence. On the plus side the Argoon sisters bookended the court and gave us some much needed experience.

OFC 32 Monbulk 75

Best Players- Eloise Argoon, Molly Argoon, Madison Wollaston

Goal Scorers- Molly Argoon 21 Harper Scott 8 Mera Pringle 3



Youngster Madison Wollaston was among our best- here she takes on Elly Stewart- a very familiar face to OFC people

B Grade- talk about a big day out for Sarah Seddon. She coached D Grade then played in the next game (C Grade) before taking the court again in the B Grade match where she was possibly our best player !

We noticed Marvellous Mera (Pringle) also dropped back from A Grade to help out and shot 13 goals.

What a huge step-up for Mera from winning the C Grade League award last year to becoming part of the backbone of our higher graded teams.

OFC 37 Monbulk 57

Best Players- Sarah Seddon, Emily McCall, Emma Van der nest

Goal Scorers- Caitlin Portarianos 20, Mera Pringle 13, Mickey Balzereit 4



B Grade- Dana, Mera and Jess also played in the previous game (A Grade)

C Grade- well we kinda knew it was going to be a tough day at the office when we saw our former A Grade MVP Lisa Boyle in the Monbulk gear.

Lisa played a major role in The Hawks runaway win-which only became "runaway" after half time when we began turning the ball over too often.

A match highlight was surely Rhianne Fraser's 24 goals in a losing team, taking her total to 89 in four rounds.

OFC 26 Monbulk 43

**Best Players-Sarah Kennedy, Rianne Fraser, Aleisha Mckay
Goal Scorers - Rhianne Fraser 24 , Mickey Balzereit 2.**



C Grade action in perfect autumn conditions

Reserves- Who IS that guy ?

Didn't #63 get the tongues wagging on Saturday morning !!! While lots of us welcomed Dom Woodfield back for his first game since 2022 it was another player that had the memory cells lighting up.

Chris Brown played 103 senior and reserves games with us before retiring in 2019 and here he was making a surprise and very welcome re-appearance.



We weren't too sure but the guy in the middle of the pic looked remarkably like Chris Brown ! In fact it WAS Brown, playing his first match in five years (and he was among the best !!)

Suffice to say OFC struggled for the first three quarters of this game- Monbulk don't have juniors this season and consequently fielded a blend of fast legs alongside some old heads .

But in the last quarter- when the pace had gone out of the game, OFC hit back with a vengeance.

Brown, Dave Noorda, Jonty Scott and Ollie Clarke combined beautifully in the last 15 minutes of the game as OFC pegged back the three goal Monbulk lead to just two points.

It was all one way traffic as the siren sounded and while we give out some kudos for a gutsy fightback we come away without the four points we badly needed.

We missed Ethan Royle-Young and Cam Horner, who were amongst our best the previous week at Upwey.

When this team eventually settles down we'll be a big handfull for every side.

A number of experienced players are filtering back through the team and we also hope to regain the hugely talented Tobeh Gaudion-Arrowsmith who's been missing because of hip surgery.



Jonty Scott- one of a number of players with senior experience bringing some polish to the Reserves.

OFC 6.3.39 Monbulk 5.11.41

**Best Players- Chris Brown, Brody-stone Edwards, Connor Keegan, Nick Marapas,
James Royle-Young, Kaleb Foster**

Goal Kickers- Oliver Clarke 2, David Noorda 1, Ayden Borden 1, Angus Nelson 1.

U/18s Hit Roadblock

It was an intriguing game of footie to open proceedings last Saturday - it's hard to put a line of comparison through these teams because two Woori boys had such an impact on the match.

One is a kid from the Vic Metro squad and the other is a key forward who kicked three goals in the Seniors the previous week but couldn't keep his place in the side. He also ended up playing Twos in the afternoon and bagged another couple of goals. These two guys dominated the match guiding Woori to a 32 point win. Otherwise it was probably a relatively even contest with both teams boasting an array of skilled young talent who time and again make good decisions. It was a great game to watch.

Bloodlines Match Highlight- Rylan Kay kicked three goals in just his second match for OFC- last season he played 12 games and kicked just the two majors. Great work Rylan.



Coach Scott Tonkin asks the boys to start stringing together their exciting passages

of clean footie.

From the Coach's desk " perfect weather greeted the boys for what would be a tough clash against a quality Woori side. Unfortunately OFC started slowly again and were playing catch-up most of the game.

The boys are playing some great footy in patches and just need to put it together for four quarters to become a real threat. Cass Hine continued his great start to the season moving through the midfield while the development of our deep backs has been fantastic . In particular Campbell Hutchin and Etienne Griersmith-Rowe repelled the Woori attack on numerous occasions.

OFC 7.6.48 Woori Yallock 10.20.80

Best players- Cassian Hine, Etienne Griersmith-Rowe, Campbell Hutchin, Rylan Kay, Charlie Hooper, Max Monkhorst

Goal Scorers- Rylan Kay 3, Aden Bates 2, Samuel Blenkiron 1. Kody Gates 1.

The Place Is Buzzing

Thank you to all our Life Members and Sponsors who packed out the Social Rooms on Saturday. It was a huge afternoon on the ground, on the court and in the Rooms.

How good was it to see the former Local Member/Deputy Premier James Merlino looking relaxed and enjoying the afternoon. (his weekend was capped off by a Hawthorn win over the Bulldogs. Who would have thought... certainly not Ian Taylor)



James Merlino was back with us for the luncheon on Saturday- and looking very relaxed indeed (but not as relaxed as the President who had a massive day on Saturday and appears to be asleep here. Rest assured it was just the camera capturing a momentary "blink").

Coach Theo "Peaking" ?

Well you can't judge a book by it's cover and nor can you judge a Greek guy by his quiet and easy-going disposition !

Can you believe our own Reserves coach Theo Zaharopoulos is about to star in the Channel 9 reality tv series " The Summit"



As if coaching the Twos isn't a big enough challenge, Theo has also been climbing mountains in NZ with Channel Nine cameras following him.

So what's it all about ? Here's the Channel Nine blurb-

In the rugged alps of New Zealand's South Island, a group of 14 strangers from all walks of life will embark on an epic adventure unlike anything they've ever experienced.

With their backpacks containing an equal share of one million dollars, the group must reach the peak of a distant mountain in just 15 days to win the cash they're carrying.

The hike to the summit is over 180 kilometres and will see the group start on river flats before clawing their way up a series of steep ascents, cliff faces and icy waterfalls. Then they'll hit the snowline where they must battle bone-chilling high altitudes before the final ascent to 8000 feet – The Summit.

Clearly Theo can't be in two places at once , and we need him at Narre Warren on Saturday. So yep the whole show is already in the can.

How far did Theo get ? Did he share any of the million bucks ? He's sworn to secrecy so we'll have to tune in on Sunday night.



A pic from the 2024 series of The Summit- recognising that young men are inclined to take risks we are imploring the U/18s not to try this at home.

Women's Footy-

Here we go with Sacha's "must read" report from the weekend-

The Lions jumped the home side, goaling in the first 30 seconds, and having 3 goals on the scoreboard at the 5 minute mark.

This would always be a tough lead to reign back to for the Bloods, but they will take some solace in the fact that they lost the next 63 minutes by a mere 6 points.

Olinda had some great passages of play throughout the evening as they continue to hone their movement of the ball.

Unfortunately some loose checking of a couple of Pakky's new guns would ultimately be the difference.

Olinda had a few chances but finally registered a major at the 13 minute mark when Maddy(MadDog) Collins won a tough contest and fired out a handball to the running Eloise(Ello) Tyler who kicked truly from 25 metres.

The same tough contest saw Amalija (Mars) Kostich-Angerson put her body on the line and receive a knee in the ribs for her trouble. Those who have had bruised/cracked/broken ribs understand the pain and discomfort, and we all hope Marsie is feeling better soon.

The second quarter would see Pakenham goal quickly again within 50 seconds, and again at the 2 minute mark. While Pakky peppered their goals in search of their next major , Olinda would get the ball down their end at the 9 minute mark.

A slick handball out of the pack by (Westside)Ness(Burgers)Curnow(nee Bateman) to Charlotte (Webby) Edwards saw her fire a pass onto the chest of guess who in the forward pocket? Yes, her Krakouer sister Olivia(The Weapon!).

The Weapon went back and threaded the needle from the angle in a great piece of play.



"The Weapon" kicks one of her three big goals.

Liv and Miss Football Lily (Laser) Carlin are Olinda's answer to Lennon-McCartney, Jordan-Pippen and Lillee-Marsh. The pair have been in Olinda's best 2 players in all 4 games so far this year. Saturday night was Lily Laser's turn for best on ground, after her Anzac-Medal winning display last week. Miss Football would have had double-figure tackles for the evening, some absolutely brutal. Coupled with sure

marking and her customary laser-like kicking would have her stand out as Olinda's best.

The Weapon wasn't far behind. She is Olinda's most reliable overhead mark which belies her small frame. Her skills on both sides are elite as is her radar-like relationship with the centre of the goals. Liv has kept Olinda in every game this year and her 3 goals on Saturday night continued that trend.

Sister Webby was not far behind either and racked up marks and effective kicks. Webby's progression is a must-see as she continues to improve at senior level. Her breakout game is just around the corner and it will be something to behold. Father Bryce, also Olinda's runner for the season, has done an amazing job teaching his girls the game, as both are fluent on both sides with an astute game sense.

Olinda swarmed their goals for the last minute of the quarter, and Ello Tyler's snap from the boundary line that hit the near goal post had the crowd gasp!

The third quarter was clearly Olinda's best as they outscored Pakenham 2 goals to 2 points.

Olinda scored its first of 2 goals at the 7 minute mark when Webby Edwards thumped the ball into centre-half forward. As a Pakenham player swooped on the ball, she was nailed in a tackle by Ness Curnow. As Ness Burgers sent the ball into the forward pocket, Ruby(Dukes)Gilson fired a handball out of a pack to The Weapon who kicked a classy snap around her body.

The best was yet to come, and it involved the same 4 players....

At the 11 minute mark, Casey (The Vault) Seymour kicked out wide along the boundary after a Pakky point. Putting her head over the contested ball, Webby Edwards won the free kick. Webby has the innate ability to force her opponents to give away 50 metre penalties, and this would be her second for the night, putting her at centre-half back. A precise kick out wide to Lily Laser saw her drill a pass onto the chest of Westside Ness out wide on the flank. What followed was the highlight of the evening as Ness put the ball up to the top of the circle and thundering like a freight train came Ruby(Dukes)Gilson who leapt into the air, her opponent on her heels, and marked the ball at its highest point. RubyDukes' marking and clever ball use was a highlight all night, earning her the nickname RubyDukes! Let's hope the nickname sticks as well as the footy to her dukes!! RubyDukes guided the ball into the pocket where The Weapon took on 3 Pakky opponents, winning the free kick and slotting the goal. A great team passage of play.

Playing such sublime footy and going into three quarter time 11 points down, Olinda's Coaches backed their team to overrun their opponents in the last , but it wasn't to be, Pakky kicking 2.3 to 2 points to ice the game.

Olinda will keep working and an improved defensive effort will be required against arch nemesis Healesville away on Saturday morning

10 Juniors Named in League Squads

Congrats to the kids who have made the Outer East League squads. OFCJFC is well represented, especially the /14 girls and boys. See if you can spot some familiar names-

U/13 Jack Ford

U/14 girls Lucy Cremean, Reagan Seamer, Lulu Rayner, Lili Denovan

U/14 boys Spencer Garratt, Jye Aitken, Fletcher Brown, Jesse Desta

U/15 boys Rio Neish.

GOOD LUCK TO ALL THE KIDS

all stars update-

The winning team in R4 was Franks Fighters which is owned by the Lucas clan (Chris, Pete and Jack).

With Frank Seal, Sarah Seddon, Campbell Hutchin and Ruby Gilson voting strongly in the matches it helped the "Fighters" get over the line.



and a footnote from Sacha- The Mountain Marauders are formerly Squad 9, Sam's Samurais

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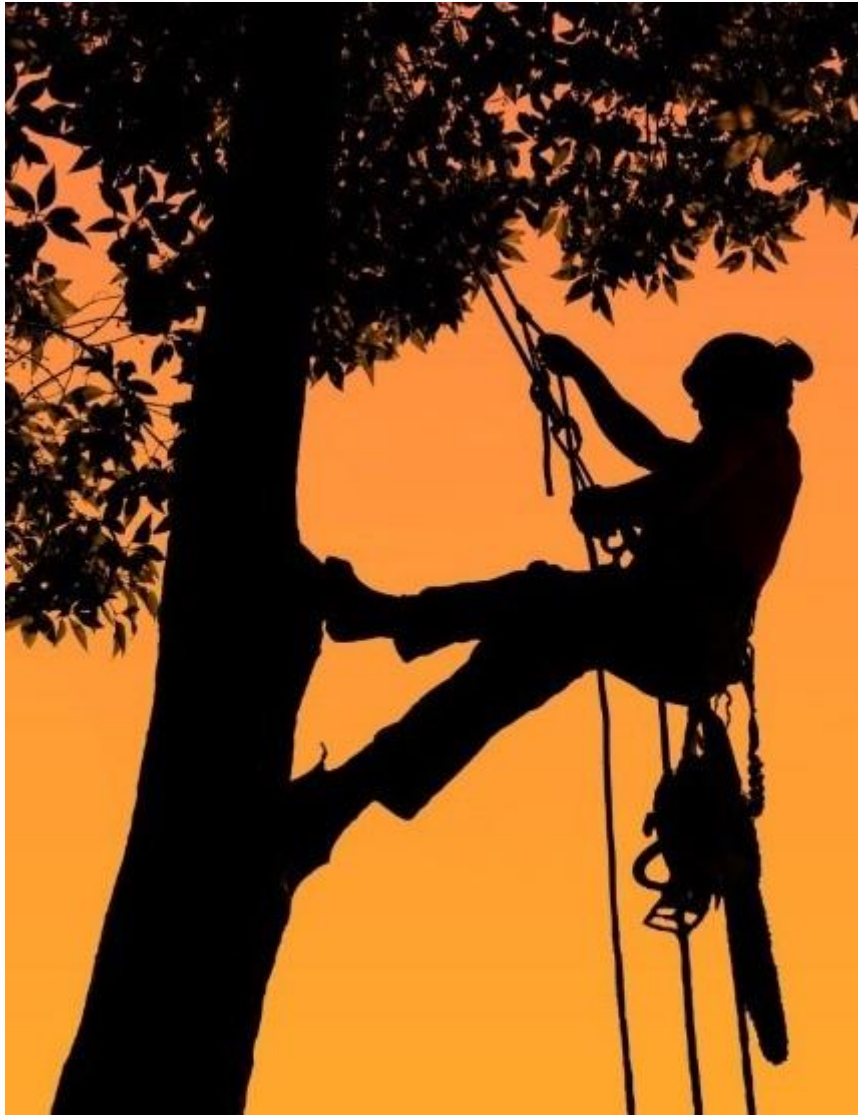
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