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**- Netball- Lets Get Around Them !!**

**- Senior Footy Back On Track**

**- Missing the "Swiss Miss"**

**- 2009 U/12s- Where Are They ?**

**- Monkhorst Makes Mark**

**This week-**

**10.45 Womens Footy**

**11.25 D Grade**

**12.30 Reserves**

**12.25 C Grade**

**1.30 A Grade**

**2.20 Seniors**

**2.50 B Grade**

**5.00 U/18s**

**NOTE- All matches are at Berwick Springs- except for U/18s who will be at Mt Evelyn for a twilight game.**

**Also note- some people got lost heading to Berwick Springs last year- there's a Mick Moreland Reserve soccer pitch and a Mick**

**Moreland Reserve footy ground. With due respect to Mick it would have been easier if he prioritised his sports. Also also note- this is a HUGE day for our youthful netball teams as they take on Berwick Springs with the chance to chalk up some wins- let's all of us- supporters and footballers ( women's and men) get behind them. If your match hasn't started, or has ended, go over and cheer them on !!!**

## **We'll Miss The "Swiss Miss"**

**What a nail biting way to finish the Saturday action with our Women footballers losing a thriller.**

**Since beating Pakenham in the Grand Final last year a strong rivalry has emerged between these two groups and at three quarter time it looked very much like the Red and White were poised to savour a much needed win.**

**But the women fell just short at the final siren.**

**A match highlight was surely the goal by Swiss exchange student Carol Schenk in her last game with us before heading home.**

**From the first time we saw her in action, during the practice game at Mooroolbark, we've been impressed with Carol's attack on the ball , and her fondness for putting it through the big sticks**



***Swiss student Carol Schenk scores a crucial goal against Pakenham***

**You can read the full Women's Match Report below. Don't forget to send us your address in Switzerland Carol so we've got somewhere to stay in Europe.**

**OFC 4.5.29 Pakenham 5.5.35**

**Best Players-Olivia Edwards, Lily Carlin, Charlotte Edwards, Madeleine Collins, Jacqueline Ring, Maeve Higgins**

**Goal Scorers- Olivia Edwards 2, Eloise Tyler 1, Carol Schenk 1**

## **Senior Footy- Our Depth Does It In Pride Round**

**With at least six players missing from the team which took the field in Round One , including midfield guns Pooch and the Shaggy Bull, there was some concern about how well we'd hit back following last week's shellacking at Narre.**

**Well those worries soon went out the door as we blitzed Pakenham in the first quarter kicking 5.7 to 1.1. We could quite easily have had eight on nine majors on the board at the first break.**



***Wowee ! Five first quarter goals including a Tom Hawkins special from Josh Wallis,#26, who grabbed the ball from a stoppage and duly saluted.***

By half time OFC had a commanding 45 point lead and the outcome of the match was pretty much decided.

However the two teams broke even in the third quarter and then in scenes remarkably similar to last year OFC put the cue in the rack and Pakenham, to their credit, ran amok in the final quarter.

Last year they booted 5.2 in that quarter , this year the Lions were even better with 7.1, to rob us of some important percentage.

BUT we still had 12 more scoring shots this year and won by 20 points and given that both teams went into the game 3-2 it was a huge victory for the Red and White. Now to the "depth issue". Gus Nelson received a late call up after Noah Desta went down with an infection.

Gus looks in great condition and has had a big year in the Twos- he certainly didn't look out of place in the Ones and provided a strong target up forward where he could have finished with a couple of goals ( Gus kicked four behinds).

Benny Watson, Brody-Stone Edwards and Jonty Scott are three other players who have spent time in the Reserves this year but stepped up brilliantly when we called on them.

Ben finished with three goals ( including a "gimme" from a shanked Toma kick that hit him on the chest at the top of the goal square !).

From the coach's desk- "in the context of the season it was a very important game for us and it was great to see the guys come out focused and firing. I thought everyone started well in their roles which was really pleasing considering we had five changes from the previous week.

Fuzz locked down Pakenham's star while Wowee killed it in the ruck and snagged a cheeky "Hawkins style" goal. Pat Seymour made great reads with the kick-ins and Shep dominated as usual.

Botchy has added a "give and-go" to his bag of tricks which spells trouble for opposition backlines

Finally a big shout out to Cam, Rhys and Gia who, despite injury, assisted on the bench and made sure things went smoothly"

OFC 13.20.98 Pakenham 11.12.78

Best Players- Matthew Scharenberg, Ethan Greenall, Sam Cuthbert, Francis Seal, Patrick Seymour, Peter Gough

Goal Scorers- Ben Watson 3, Matthew Scharenberg 3, Mathieu Rosier 2, Daniel Toma 2, Ben Watson 1, Brody-Stone Edwards 1, Mitchell Wright 1.

## Reserves- The Best Laid Plans

So sometimes even the best laid plans, the ones you've been thinking about all week, can come unstuck very quickly.

As late as Saturday morning the Reserves were still losing players to the injury-hit



### Seniors.

Even so with the U/18s enjoying a bye the Reserves coach Theo Z still had plenty of skilled and quick youngsters to call on .

What we didn't factor in was that Pakenham U/19s also had a bye and the Lions had likewise topped-up with some talented kids- one of whom kicked three goals on us before half time and almost broke the game open off his own boot.



***U/18 ruckman Max Monkhorst- playing in that role for the first time in Reserves- wow- what an emerging talent this kid is.***

After half time, when the sting was out of the game, Pakenham had three or four older guys who dominated the play and we just didn't have the talent and experience to go with them.

Some take aways- we mentioned former Vermont U/19 player Nick Marapas a couple of weeks back, this week he was running thru the middle and was clearly among our best. Watch this space !

Monkhorst, Charlie Hooper, Kit Sutton, Kyle Brand and Etienne Griersmith- Rowe from the U/18s all played Reserves- Kit and Etienne kicked goals.

**Nathan Woolley played his first game for us and came via Mitcham and UFTG Unders team.**

**This week we regroup and head to Berwick Springs.**



***Kit Sutton before his first game in the seniors ( Reserves). The U/18 player kicked a goal and was among our best.***



*How good was it to see young gun Tobeh Gaudion-Arrowsmith back at the club after some minor hip surgery. Can't wait to see him fit and on the ground in the second half of the season. He's pictured with the globetrotting Caleb Johnson*

OFC 7.4.46 Pakenham 18.6.114

Best Players-Ayden Bordon, Connor Keegan, Max Monkhorst, Kit Sutton, Nick Marapas, James Royle-Young

Goal Scorers- Nick Marapas 2, Kit Sutton 1, Ayden Bordon 1, Connor Keegan 1, Etienne Griersmith-Rowe 1, James Royle -Young 1

**Netball- Get Around The Girls !**



Our A Grade team threw 40 goals for the first time since round one- and held Pakenham to 56 which was our second lowest opposition total for the year. Putting the result further into context- we were down 0-14 at one stage so did well to claw our way back into the match.

Berwick Springs this week- and if we continue our form from the last three quarters against Pakenham we could come away with the chocolates.

Let's get around the girls !! Match starts at 1.30 !!!!

**A Grade- OFC 40 Pakenham 56**

**Best Players-Dana Millwood, Harper Scott, Molly Argoon**

**Goal Scorers- Molly Argoon 17, Harper Scott 16, Mera Pringle 7**



*A Grade -Cate Anderson and Eloise Argoon- getting a good work out in defence each week.*

B Grade- our girls came up against one of the two or three leading teams in this grade , and that's pretty much reflected in the scoreline.

We are looking for a much more competitive effort this week when we clash with bottom team Berwick Springs. Good luck girls !

**B Grade-OFC 36 Pakenham 64.**



**Best Players- Melanie Thomas, Ella Jonker, Sofia Mikulcic**  
**Goal Scorers - Caitlin Portarianos, Melanie Thomas 16, Emma van der Nest 2**



***B Grade- Emma Van Der Nest -looking for the big ball into the circle.***

**C Grade came up against the top team- the undefeated Pakenham- and we paid a price. The Lions applied plenty of mid court pressure and we struggled to get "good ball" inside the circle. Consequently they choked off our scoring.**

**Big week coming up girls !**

**OFC 20 Pakenham 49**

**Best Players-Mickey Balzereit, Rani Egan, Rianne Fraser**

**Goal Scorers- Rianne Fraser 13, Mickey Balzereit 6, Aleisha McKay 1**



*Charli Merrett on the move in C Grade*

D Grade- well the early game set the tone for the day with Pakenham's mid court and defence structures proving incredibly tough to get around. In fact the second top team restricted us to just 10 goals for the entire game. It's absolutely crucial we get the whole team working their backsides off this week for coach Sarah Seddon- lets go girls.

OFC 10 Pakenham 36  
Best Players- Emmy van Duuren, Jessica Day, Ruby Fleming

**Goal Scorers- Martha Box 6, Matilda Brewster 4**



*D Grade- Ruby Fleming and Anja Hulston*

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## **Women- We Lose a Pride Round Thriller**

The team has given Sacha a week off so the fabulous Lily Carlin has helped us out with this week's report





*Vanessa Bateman- having a great season- in the ruck. Note the tight "one on ones" among the utility players- wouldn't have seen that three years ago.*

Moving on from last week's loss, our girls went into the week optimistic and focussing on the positives. The message going in both sessions was to use the width of the ground more, overlap the wall and have clean hands with penetrating handballs.

#### FIRST HALF:

Pakenham had the ball locked in their forward 50 for the opening minutes, pressing their wall up the ground while us Bloods looked to use the corridor on the way out. When we did manage to get inside 50, we looked far better and cleaner (aside from a few minutes of soccer). Kyah and Maeve were working well together to keep the ball forward and use the width. Claire, Charlotte and Ness were also working constantly



to keep it forward. To break our lead, Pakenham picked off a few goals from our poor decision making leaving us 14-21 down at half-time.

#### **SECOND HALF:**

The half time message was to simply “STOP KICKING IT DOWN THE GUTS!” We had the legs, we had the speed and skills to keep it forward if we just kept it wide and away from their intercept markers.

Our midfielders noticed that the Pakenham ruck would tap into the same spot and were able to get into the groove of winning some clearances. Five minutes in, Liv kicked a goal to get us a point in front after the Bloods kept relentlessly winning contests and working as a team to get it forward. After some goals and behinds from both teams, just like her sister, Webby kicked her first goal for the Bloods to again put us a point ahead! The hope and the fight didn't drop once!

As the bloods went into the final break we were in Pakenham's heads, winning some free kicks from some hot-headed mistakes. In the fourth quarter, both teams kept bombing the footy back and forth in hopes of running into a goal. Pakenham set up defensively very well and forced contests knowing they'd have a marking advantage. Liv was very handy working the ball forward and taking the game on to give us some opportunities.

With seven minutes to spare, Pakenham kicked a goal to put them six points in front. Olinda needed to WORK! Our mids dropped back in hopes of getting some clearances but Pakenham got to the end of nearly every kick. Sadly our relentless forward entries for the last few minutes didn't pay off and they walked away with another win. Credit to the bloods for truly making them work for it!

At the end of the day, we are consistently building our footy on and off the field. While there's a clear target on our backs after winning a premiership from 4th place, if there's one thing our girls know how to do it's to never give up.



*The Three Amigos- Phoebe Dixon, Carol Shenk and Maddi Collins*

**SPECIAL MENTIONS (LOTS TO PICK FROM):**

- As she rolls into her second year of senior footy, Liv is truly on fire this year. Put her in any position and she'll be there waiting. She makes every possession count whilst always hitting the scoreboard. Liv's last quarter was amazing, she fought to give us plenty of opportunities and is getting physical in the contests.
- Webby (Charlotte Edwards) is quickly finding her groove after adjusting to senior football. Although her height, she plays as if she's 6'7! She covers pretty much every skill set, and she dominated the home deck Saturday night, laying huge tackles and taking on three players at a time. Charlotte is blossoming.

- Prior to the game our leadership group announced a new team award (which we are waiting for Phoebe to rename), to pass onto a player who played according to our values (intent, support, resilience and unity). Maeve Higgins claimed the first one easily. Given a difficult tagging role on Pakenham's young gun forward #35, Maeve never left her back shoulder. Despite her opponent's distasteful attitude, Maeve held her chin high, staying composed with slick handballs and making #35 fight for every possession.
- Every week Mads Collins is looking more comfortable back at her home club, crashing through packs and playing hard gutsy footy with her new tricks (the handball). We love and trust Mads at every contest!
- After leaving the Bloods beer pong function night as BOG, we wished Carol a farewell as she returns to Switzerland this week. With a Volleyball background, Carol surprisingly picked up the sport very quickly! She's such a gutsy player, throwing herself at the ball and taking strong marks. We're thrilled she got to pick off a cheeky goal to cap off her football season. You're always welcome back Carol, you'll be greatly missed!!

## What Do Rhys, Botchy ,Lachie and Ben Have In Common ?

This is a great trivia question- do you know the answer ?

In fact we can also add Stu Horner's name to the list of Lachlan Taylor, Ethan "Botchy" Greenall, Rhys Cottam-Starky and Ben Watson.

The answer- the guys were team mates in our all conquering 2009 U/12 premiership team- and they're still in the Red and White ( Stu is "nominally" in a Bloods jumper)

We're in the process of adding one of the Premiership medallions- and the 2009 story- to our new trophy cabinet in the foyer ( along with the other big story from that year- our amazing triple premiership feat )



***2009 U/12 Premiers- if you look closely beneath the base of the trophy there appears to be a head squashed in the middle of all the celebrants- any idea who the little guy is ?***

**There are some wonderful pieces of memorabilia- and stories- inside the cabinet so take some time to check it out.**



***The cabinet is starting to fill up- although we still have a few items to add, including the 2022 A Grade ball ( from that remarkable one goal win over Narre- just sayin')***



We thank the family of former President and Life Member George Higgs for donating the Trophy Cabinet.

George and Jeannie Higgs had a general store in the Main St of Olinda in the 1950s before heading to Queensland to live.

George was also a well known figure in the Lions Club- his decision to bake and sell cakes at Xmas led to a world famous "Lions Club Xmas Cake" annual charity effort.

## PIC OF THE WEEK



***"Mate I think you've given me a lobotomy"- emerging young junior talent Etienne Griersmith-Rowe- playing his first match in the seniors- and clearly this is not the full pre match picture.***



*That's better- after being named among the best players in the last two U/18 matches Etienne showed showed great poise and awareness in the Twos- and chipped in with a goal.*

## **PIC OF THE WEEK #2**



How is this for Club commitment- Chris Box-a popular former OFC coach- turned up early so he could study the price list ahead of his stint in the Canteen on Saturday, Chris is the dad of mobile big man James .

## All-stars update

A huge game from the amazing Dana Millwood helped the "Franks Fighters" team regain the lead in the All Star face off.

Some others in this team- footballers Lily Carlin, and Charlotte Edwards and netballer Sofia Mikulcic also had big matches and attracted votes.





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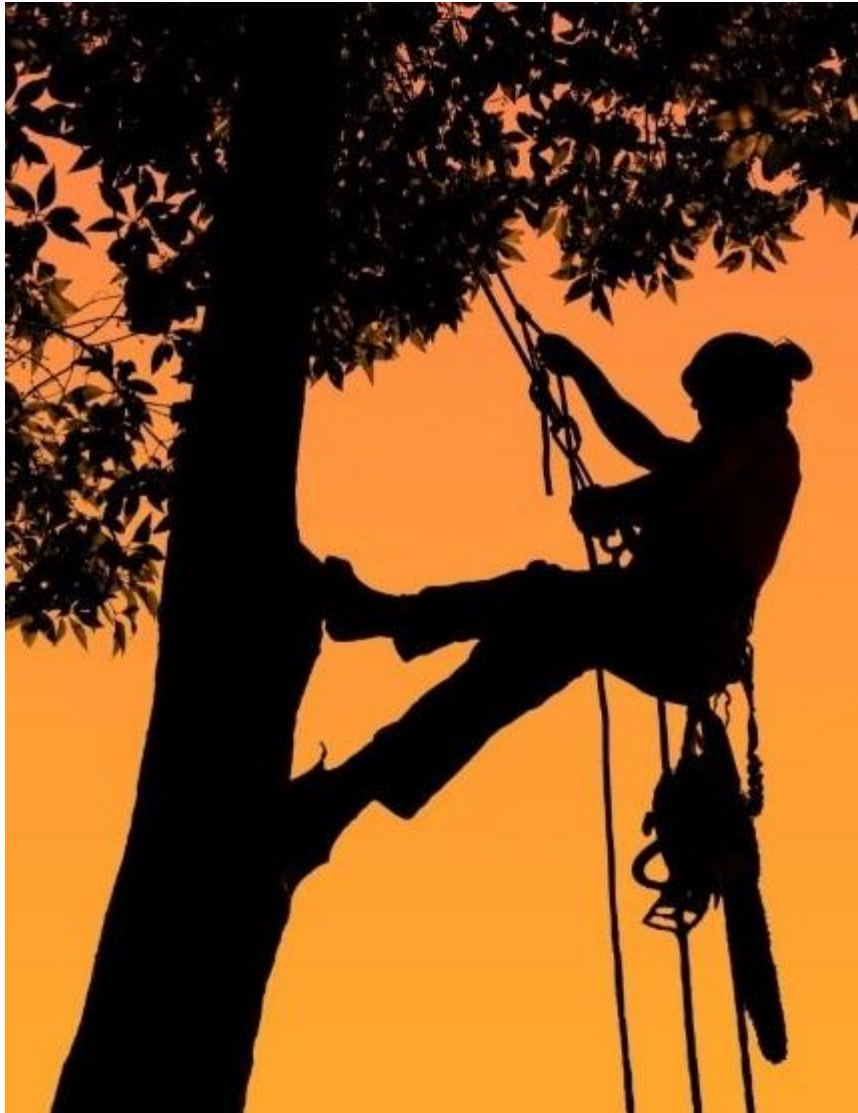
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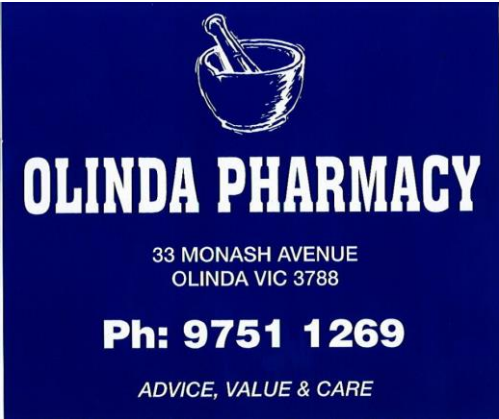


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