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**Football
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Club**

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- Matt Rosier ,Claire Hyett and A Grade netballers impact the All Star voting.

This week is a bye ! The following weekend we're (mostly) off to Wandin-

Friday 7 pm- Women v Belgrave @ home
10.45 U/18s @ Woori Yallock
11.25 D Grade
12.30 Reserves
12.25 C Grade
1.30 A Grade
2.20 Seniors
2.50 B Grade

Note- lets get along and support our women on Friday week at Olinda !! Notice the boys are playing at Woori- just up the road from Wandin- in the early match

ONE CLUB FOR SURE

It's sort of become a bit of a catch phrase, and even a cliché these days to brand your club "One Club" to reflect the sporting codes and range of teams.

Before that it used to be the "Family Club".

But if you want any evidence of how strongly our club is bonded, how we walk the walk, you only had to watch the D Grade netball on Saturday.

Running around the court and helping the Divas cover a few missing players were footy stars Martha Box, Lily Carlin and Ness Bateman.

Later in the day A Grade netballer Mera Pringle returned the favour when she laced up a pair of footy boots and helped our women's team in the heart stopper against Upwey. How did she go ? Mera was marvellous.



Footy star Lily Carlin helping out D Grade on Saturday. It seems no one told Lily

that "hardball gets" are not a netball stat.

That night the whole club- or at least the players- came together for a huge MAFS evening. These functions have a habit of leading to something longer term. Speaking of which congrats to two former OFC players Nick and Em-



Premiership player Nic Broomhall with someone that he and netball premiership player Em Groszek made together- little Xavier Nicholas.

Seal's the Real Deal

In the absence of injured skipper Lachlan Taylor and deputy Patrick Rosier youngster Frank Seal (Frank has just turned 21) was asked to step up to the plate on Saturday- and boy did he step up in a big way. The former OFC junior star led from the front with a roved goal and a stunning pack mark in the goal square to boot two majors in the first 10 minutes of the game

against Officer.

OFC never really looked back.

Frank finished with three goals and seemed to relish his time in the middle in the absence of Pooch and the Shaggy Bull. Goughy was also missing this weekend as he heads back to Portugal.



Beware "the shark"- Mattie Rosier perfectly placed to shark the ball off the pack and kick one of his three goals (making it 13 for the season)

OFC and Officer went into the match with four wins and three losses each and after last week's blow out at Berwick Springs a win was imperative. The boys duly delivered, or "Sealed the Deal" as someone remarked afterwards.

This week we are taking a different approach to the senior match- we asked some (anonymous) OFC members for their thoughts about what they saw -

- " we had a good spread of (winning) players in the first half. Frank and Percy on the ball really stood out. Jay-wol rucked well all day, Cal and Pat were solid in defence and Mattie kicked three good goals"

- " it was a day when the younger brigade stepped up to the plate big time. With so many experienced players missing Frank, Noah, Percy and Oakley consistently won the hard ball. Mattie was again a great target and Shep as usual matched his amazing ability with an outstanding work rate. I was also impressed by Brody's ferocious tackling and in and under play."

- " Seal and Rosier had big first terms to help us win that quarter. The second and third terms were an arm wrestle and , in a repeat of the Pakenham game, the visitors took the points in the last quarter. While the midfield and defence were strong we broke down at times bringing the ball into the forward 50. Jimmy Royle-Young stood out (again) and Sam Cuthbert was very influential early."

BTW- we held Officer to their second lowest score of the year (Narre restricted them to 28 points0

OFC 9.7.61 Officer 5.8.38

Best Players -Francis Seal, Percy Hyett, Mathieu Rosier, Oakley Jessop, Patrick Seymour, Callum Beattie

Goal Kickers- Francis Seal 3, Mathieu Rosier 3, Noah Desta 2, James Royle-Young 1

From the coach Dyl Wilson- "really happy with our progress so far this season but I know we are capable of more. We are still searching for those four consecutive quarters of Bloods footy, if we can find it we'll be hard to beat. We've also had a lot of changes each week and it's been pleasing that no matter who comes in everyone is putting team success first and looking to star in their role.

Aside from the footy it's a great place to be with great people and the energy has remained high all year. Go Bloods."



Meantime- wasn't it great to see four time Mick Scott medallist Marcus Hottes and his dad Ron at the match on Saturday. Hotts, pictured in the middle above, in playing for Creswick in the Central Highlands this season and had a bye.

It's Not Over Until The Lights Go Out

What a day Up Top !!

The kids were outplayed by a classy Healesville junior team but are so impressive with their individual skills and endeavour the U/18s are a pleasure to watch even when they are losing.

They started in the mid morning chill and rest assured "the chill" persisted all day. Bookending the big day was the women's match and what a game it turned out to be !!!

After hitting the front early against one of our arch rivals (Upwey) but then trailing for most of the match the women nearly snatched a sensational win in a frantic last few minutes of the game.

Red and White fans who went the distance of a long day were rewarded with a real heart stopper.

Sacha's report- and we're tipping it's going to be a breathless one- appears below.



OK, bear with us here, it'll be worth it, this may be OFC's goal of the year. Look to the left hand bottom corner of the grainy picture and you can just make out what looks like a player having a shot at goal from hard up against the boundary line. So yep that player is Olivia Edwards and she's kicked a left foot "banana" straight thru the middle from about 25m out. What a gun!! BTW Liv has 17 goals for the season and is footy's (men and women) leading goal scorer.

OFC 4.2.26 Upwey 5.1.31

Best Players- Olivia Edwards, Claire Hyett, Anna Hughson, Lily Carlin, Kyah Barry, Chelsea Wilson

Goal Scorers- Olivia Edwards 3, Charlotte Edwards 1

Reserves and U/18s- Its About The Depth, OK ?

So the Twos and the Unders went down but were courageous and at times very, very good in defeat.

Clearly in both cases a lot of it is about " player availability" because their playing lists, on paper, are very strong. However a variety of factors including injuries and demands from other teams (Seniors, school, Eastern R) means we have to take the performances on a week by week basis.

Starting with the Reserves they were up against a team that was bringing back a couple of Senior players from injury and had a couple of guys who'd been tried at the next level but fallen a bit short.

In contrast our devastating injury list means guys are continually getting elevated to the Ones. Let's just be thankful we have the players to promote !

Officer took the points pretty convincingly in the Twos. They were up by three goals at half time but their confidence was sky high which means the lesser lights start to run, talk and shine.

Officer's five goal third quarter burred the game as a contest.



Kaleb Foster took some good grabs and kicked two very handy goals, Kaleb hasn't played since Vermont juniors six years ago and is getting better every match.

OFC 5.5.35 Officer 15.6.96

**Best Players-David Noorda, Jack Lucas, Nick Marapas, Josh Yuki, Darcy Faulkner,
Kaleb Foster**

Goal Scorers- Kaleb Foster 2, Ayden Borden 1, Ben Watson 1, Daniel McNaughton 1

**Under 18s- the plus side of a challenging season is obvious- all the boys are being asked to step up in terms of individual capabilities AND as a team.
The guys have to shoulder a big work load each week and while they're not getting the result on the scoreboard they are learning heaps about the game.**



The U/18 footy standard is so good this year that the boys face continual pressure on their own "games" and as a team.

From the coach's desk- although the wins aren't coming I can see the improvement in performance. We are starting to get some real stability behind the ball and through the midfield. It's now just our forward connection that's lacking.

We can see that when we move the ball at speed and changes angles we're a hard team to play against, we just need to do this more consistently.

Cass Hine and Etienne Griersmith-Rowe continue to put together strong consistent seasons.

U/16 captain Lachie Tonkin, playing on a wing, put in an outstanding performance and his best game so far for U/18s.

Tavish Aitken, playing half forward, provided an option all day and Bon Sullivan put in a strong attacking display in the last quarter- thanks Scotty Tonkin

OFC 0.4.4 Healesville 9.9-63

Best Players-Etienne Griersmith-Rowe, Cassian Hine, Lachlan Tonkin, Tavish Aitken, Charlie Hooper, Bon Sullivan

ROC ME

Lots of people are still asking why Officer's netball is ROC and their footy teams are known as "Officer".

Well in 1977 the footy-netty clubs from small communities of Officer, Rythdale and Cardinia amalgamated and became know as ROC.

However in later years, as Officer has grown from a farming community on the outskirts of Melbourne to a fully fledged and hectic suburb, the Footy club has chosen to revert to the original name.

However the netball club, as a sperate entity, has stuck with ROC.

NETBALL- Youngsters Shine

It was always going to be a tough day for our netball teams who were still on a high after the big day out at Berwick Springs the previous week.

A Grade lost by a significant margin but young co captain Harper Scott probably had her best game of the season with 19 goals (she threw 23 the week before, but that was against the bottom team) .

At the other end of the court teenager Madison Wollaston also had one of her best outings in 2024.

OFC 36 ROC 60

Best Players-Madison Wollaston, Jess McCall, Harper Scott

Goal Scorers - Harper Scott 19, Molly Argoon 12, Mera Pringle 5.



Madison Wollaston and Eloise Argoon defending- Madi had one of her strongest games of the year.

B Grade- the scores reflect the fact that we were playing against a strong outfit, a team that has lost only two matches this season AND we were a bit short of layers. Sarah Kennedy helped D and C Grades to big wins last week- this week she found herself up in B Grade.

On the plus side- the scoreboard could have been even more painful if not for the tireless work of Cate Anderson and Sophie Mikulcic.

OFC 32 ROC 71

Best Players-Sofia Mikulcic, Cate Anderson, Melanie Thomas

Goal Scorers- Melanie Thomas 16, Caitlin Portarianos 13, Mickey Balzereit 3



Sarah and Caitlin look on as Mel Thomas scores one of her 16 goals- Mel has shot

110 goals in seven B Grades games in a consistent season.

C Grade- here's an interesting stat- we lost this match by 15 goals (after a very close first quarter) but despite that one-sided scoreline Rhianne Fraser had a bit of a stunner with 33 goals. This has shot her past ROC's Alanna Vallas into second place on the list of leading scorers in C Grade . In a tough season Rhianne's goal shooting is proving to be a club highlight.

OFC 37 ROC 52

Best Players- Rani Egan, Sarah Kennedy, Aleisha Mckay

Goal Scorers- Rhianne Fraser 33, Mickey Balzereit 4

D Grade- boy did we think we were in for a great afternoon while watching the opening quarter of this match ! With some of our footballers helping to make up numbers we went goal for goal against ROC until that first break. After that it was a bit like the main ski run at Mt Buller, all downhill.

With play maker Jess Day missing and Sarah Kennedy needed in C and B Grade we just didn't have the experience to put four quarters of pressure on ROC.



Footballer Ness Bateman steps up for D Grade.

OFC 15 ROC 41

Best Players-Matilda Brewster, Ruby Fleming, Emmy van Duuren

Goal Scorers- Matilda Brewster 7, Sam Mikulandra 6, Anja Hulston 2.

From the Head Coach Jade Hederics- while we had no wins this week there are still many things I'm proud of as a Coach. Rebuilding is no easy task, it takes a sense of maturity and perseverance, which these girls have in spades. Earlier in the week we had a Culture Building session where we took some time to reflect, unite around a shared purpose, embrace new ways of thinking/working, value different experiences, promote belonging , redefine what OFC Netball "is" and the direction we're going.

Ultimately we know that the future is uncertain however through defining our core values we can start to have a sense of pride and identity and reinforce these by celebrating the small wins each and every week.

Womens Footy- Match Wrap

from Sacha Sullivan

Olinda Women's team fell just short by 5 points in an entertaining tussle with fierce rivals Upwey at home on Saturday night.

Having been afflicted with the same injury/illness curse that has plagued the Senior Men's teams, the Women's side had only 17 of their 32 listed players available, pulling in netball prodigy Mera (MFP) Pringle at the last minute to answer the S.O.S.

Olinda has played all 3 teams above it on the ladder in the last month, and has led at quarter time in all of those games, but losing all 3. It was the same story on Saturday as Olinda burst out of the blocks with a first minute goal to the stellar Olivia (The Weapon!) Edwards, a clever snap around her body on her left. This was to be just a preview of Liv's brilliance.

Another goal from a set shot shortly after to her Krakouer sister Charlotte (Webby) Edwards had the ground buzzing. Unfortunately 2 goals in quick succession to the Tigers drew the scores back to level pegging.

Re-enter The Weapon.

It seems like the more we pump up Liv's tyres, the better she plays , so we're going to keep inflating. At the 9 minute mark Liv was involved in one of the most virtuosic displays of forward craft you're likely to see. A stoppage was created in the left forward pocket up at the Golf Course end of the ground, near the boundary line.

Nessy (Westside) Curnow (nee Bateman) put her hand up to contest the ruck, and Liv set up behind her, goal side. As the umpire shaped to throw the ball up, and with her tagger hot on her heels, Liv sprinted around the contest to the boundary and Ness tapped the ball straight into her arms. Not breaking stride Liv threw the ball on her left and kicked a freakish left foot chanana (Checkside/banana) right through the big sticks from 25 metres, Amazing!!

Unfortunately this would be Olinda's last score until the final quarter, and they would continue to toil while they watched Upwey score 3 goals . Upwey went into 3 quarter time with a 13 point lead, but the scene was set for a nail biting finish.

At the 3 quarter time huddle, the Coaches challenged the players to rally, run and carry, and take the game on to try and steal the win.

The players responded emphatically, and the last quarter was played with a finals-like intensity, hard gut running and frantic defending.

At the 90sec mark Olinda showed an example of the fast, slick end to end ball movement that got them into the Grand Final last year. Starting in the backline, Miss Football Lily (Laser) Carlin affected a desperate smother and earned a free kick from the ensuing scrum. Lil drilled the ball down the line into the hands of Nessy Westside who wheeled around and pinpointed a pass to Captain Courageous Claire (Bear) Hyett who took a strong overhead mark just forward of centre. Claire played on quickly and switched the ball to the opposite flank where The Weapon took a beautiful contested clunk. Liv powered past her opponent on the mark and fired a long (right foot this time!) bomb towards goal. This whole passage of play took no longer than 20 seconds, the ball travelled the length of the field, and the only time it hit ground was as Liv's drop punt bounced through the goals. The crowd and the players erupted and the atmosphere instantly intensified.

Both teams bombarded their forward lines, and while Olinda were creating chances, Upwey could not penetrate Olinda's ferocious defence. Casey (The Vault) Seymour is at her best with her back to the wall, and was excellent marshalling the backline.

Anna (Goanna) Hughson, Anya (Onions) Hulston, and Illyah (Chopper) Reid had multiple chase down tackles in the last stanza and it was inspiring to watch. Chopper had switched with Kyah (The Missile) Barry, Kyah having a devastating effect with her fast running on the wing. Illyah was just as impactful in the back pocket, not just keeping Upwey's most dangerous small forward goalless, but monsterring her at every opportunity. If Olinda has a movie made of it's season, it should be called Fast and the Furious '24 starring Illyah (Chopper) Reid (with a host of co-stars!).



"Good anja". Anja Hulston turning herself upside down in the quest for a thrilling win over Upwey

In the middle, Claire (Bear) Hyett continues to build, and is playing some of the best football of her career. Claire's ball use by hand and foot, as well as her overhead marking and game sense are the best they've been, and she is becoming increasingly dangerous and impactful.

Miss Football Lily Laser dragged herself out of her sickbed to play the game (and inexplicably played a game of netball in the morning too!). Lily was struggling to breathe during the game and was noticeably sore. You would excuse a mere mortal for taking herself to the bench or parking herself in a pocket, but not Lil. Her drive to play the game, and play it well under any circumstance is stronger than any virus , and she was in everything, racking up contested possessions, tackles and quality disposals.

Olinda continued to enjoy having Chelsea (Big Kahuna) Wilson back in the side, and she was incredibly valuable all across the ground with her aerial work and clearances.

Charlotte (Webby) Edwards has become exceptionally reliable, has sure hands and rarely wastes a possession.

Heckle&Jeckle Nussy Westside and Ruby (Dukes) Gilson had great games, tackling

hard and distributing well by hand and foot.

Other players including Aurora (Razor) Edge, Charlie (Chucky) Humphries and Martha ("X") Box contributed well in the stirring last quarter.

How did it all end? Olinda held Upwey scoreless in that last quarter, and managed to peg the difference back to 6 points. With 30 seconds left, ("X") Box earned a holding the ball free kick deep in the pocket on the boundary line, and cleverly threw the ball to Webby Edwards, then ran off. Webby lined up from 30 metres on the boundary line and kicked a towering drop punt. All at the ground rode it's trajectory and were sure it was going in....as it crashed into the near goalpost. So close, but a thrilling finish none the less.

Olinda played a fantastic brand of football in the first and last quarters. The goal in the second half of the season will be to keep that standard up for a full game.

King's Birthday bye next weekend, with the next game Friday week at night, home vs Belgrave.... a must watch!

All-stars update

Weekly winners for round 8

The Weapon's Bullets owned by (Auction) Andy Greenall came out on top, thanks to BOG's to evergreen David Noorda and the 4th BOG in a row for Olivia (The Weapon!) Edwards. Big votes for Matt Rosier helped too.

The Taylor Swifties saluted for the first time since round 1 (congrats!!) mostly due to the improving form of Captain Claire Hyett, but also an anomaly that is a first in the All-Stars short history....all 3 best players name in the A-Grade netball game were owned by the Swifties!!! (Ed. the Swifties "know and love" their netball)

As an aside, the only team yet to salute are Ross Seymour and Liam Smith's team "Luca's Livewires" but they came in 4th this week so they're getting closer!

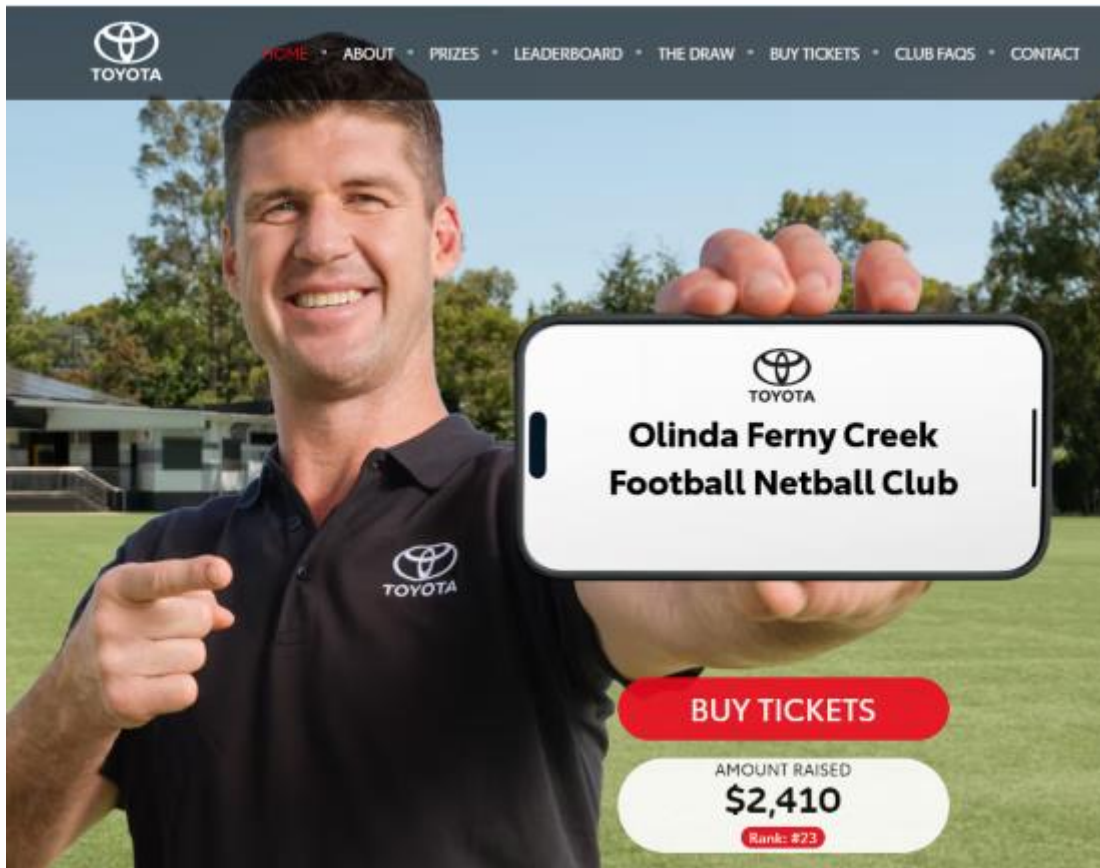


GOOD FOR FOOTY RAFFLE-

It's on again !!! This time we are coming from way back in the pack- we are currently #23 among community clubs Australia wide.

Let's see if we can't climb up the ladder over the next month- tickets are only \$5 each and all the money goes to our club (thank you Toyota !) Heaps of prizes, including three cars, to be won.

Click on the link below- get involved and help push the Mighty Bloods up into the top 10.



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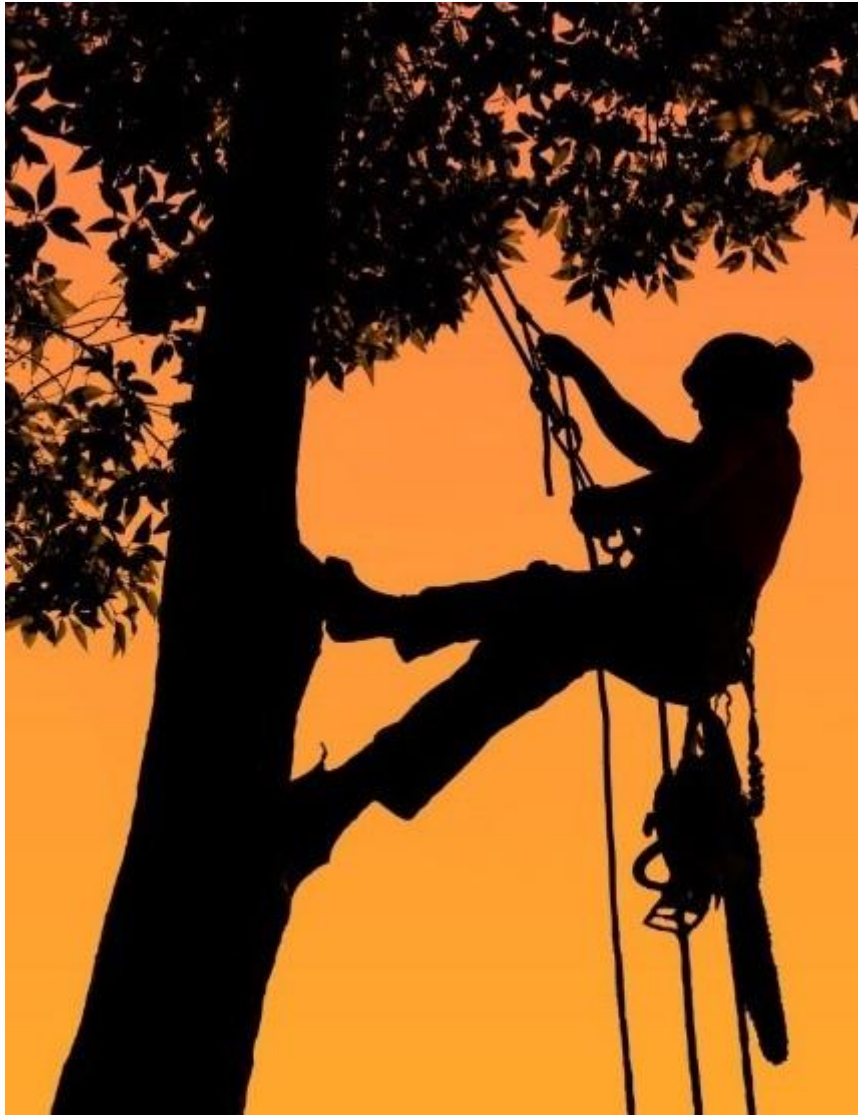
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