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**Football
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**Most of the Club is off to Woori Yallock this week where the
Senior footballers will clash with the Flag Favourites.**

**Women's Footy is the outlier here- they are down in the flatlands
for a crucial game against Berwick Springs**

Note that we only play Mt Evelyn and Woori once so after this week we head to Emerald as we "turn for home".

10.45 Women @ Berwick Springs

10.45 U/18s

11.25 D Grade

12.30 Reserves

12.25 C Grade

1.30 A Grade

2.20 Seniors

2.50 B Grade

NB- "Bloodlines" will be taking a winter break next week

Massive Day Up Top.



The place was bopping on Saturday with hundreds on hand for the footy and netball, and of course David Noorda's 300th.

What a day it was with the kids kicking it off in perfect condition and taking it right up to ladder leaders Mt Evelyn and the women bookending it all with a hundred or so people still on hand to see the twilight game.

In between we had Noords playing his 300th match plus four games of netball and the Seniors taking the honours in what was essentially an "eight point game" against The Rovers.



On balance it was a sensational day



Over 900 games of footy and still counting- Tim Scott, Noords and Mick Scott.

Casey's Sensational 50-50 Record

Casey Seymour became our second woman (after Claire Hyett) to chalk up 50 footy games at the weekend. How many people knew, or remembered, Case had already played 50 netball matches?!



Lets go all the way back to August 2018- that's a young Samara Miller in the foreground- but check the background , it's a very young Casey Seymour. Both girls were playing their 50th netball matches.

Sacha Sullivan wrote this tribute piece-

Casey Seymour was one of the driving forces in getting the inaugural Women's team off the ground, and was named as the team's first vice captain, a position she held right up to OFC's fairytale Premiership victory last year.

A regular fixture in the Outer East Team Of the Year at Full Back, you could count the number of times Casey has been beaten by her opponent on one hand, and you'd still have a couple of fingers left over!

Casey has overseen the development of Olinda's backline in each season, and has basically been the backline Coach, on and off the field. She has also been a great liaison between the players and the Coaches, and has been an eager contributor to team selection meetings. Case has been just as eager helping out around The Club too, taking time out of her busy life to help with functions last year and apparel this year.

It has been mentioned that Casey started the chain that resulted in the goal that put Olinda in front in the Preliminary Final last year. What hasn't been mentioned is that goal came with 7 minutes left on the clock, and the ball spent those 7 minutes in Healesville's forward line as they bombarded the goals. Those in attendance could not possibly forget Casey in those 7 minutes as she fought like a demon, almost to the breaking point of exhaustion. When the final siren sounded no player was more relieved, and spent, as Case.



Casey becomes the first Olinda player to play 50 games of Football and Netball, an outstanding achievement, and a feat that may never be broken. Add to that the honour that Casey is one of only 2 players to win a netball and football premiership at Olinda. Casey's career Up Top has been truly miraculous. Thanks for everything you've done for us Case, and congratulations on a wonderful 50 games.

Mary Contrary About Netball Record ?



We managed to catch up with new mum Mary Taylor and baby Harriette Joan (Evo) Evans on Saturday

Mary confirmed that she's keen to resume her playing career at some stage and challenge again for the Netball Club Record.

Mary sits at 204 games- Rhi Pendleton went one game past her two weeks ago.

Did you notice who's in the background of this pic ? Former club great Garrett McDonald with his two daughters. Gaz didn't play alongside Noords because of a leg injury. Most of his contemporaries were limping after the game as well.

Seniors Win "Eight Point" Game

There was plenty at stake in the match against Mt Evelyn with The Rovers keen to tip us out of fifth spot.

A win would have put both clubs on 20 points, so there were a few anxious looks when The Bloods went in at half time seven points in arrears.

But after the break Matt "Shep" Scharenberg turned on another master class and Peter "Shaggy Bull" Lucas went to work.

OFC booted 5.10 in the last two quarters and incredibly held Mt Evelyn to just five behinds until they kicked a goal in the last 60 seconds and then somehow managed to dribble another ball through the sticks after the siren had sounded.

We had to settle for a 16 point win , but to be fair to the guys it felt more like a five goal victory.



Noah "Deadly" Desta took another Mark of the Year contender and finished with two goals, including this one which he's thrown across the boot when he was at right angles to the sticks.

There were plenty of take aways, here's some of them-

- Luca Smith played his first game for the season (he's been committed to school footy on Saturdays) and had an immediate impact
- Mattie Rosier wasn't named in the best but his ferocious attack on the ball was noted by fans of both teams.
- Josh Wallis is enjoying a stand out season but literally had some mountains to climb against much bigger opponents. Refusing to concede he turned the ruck duels into a footy version of Wrestle Mania.



Josh and "Deadly" Desta had their work cut out against the bigger Mt Evelyn ruck brigade but wrestled their way to a break even result

OFC 10.14.74 Mt Evelyn 8.10.58

Best Players- Percy Hyett, Matthew Scharenberg, Ethan Greenall, James Box, Sam Cuthbert, Peter Lucas

Goal Scorers- Matt Scharenberg 3, Noah Desta 2, Ethan Greenall 1, James Royle-Young, Luca Smith 1, Matt Rosier 1, Percy Hyett 1



Bloody hell guys, who's got the ball ?? Dyl Wilson is looking for a target down field while most of the others are still looking for the ball- the Head Coach lined up for two quarters alongside Noords in the Reserves and, well, the picture tells the story.

Kyah The Flyer v The Zed Man

What a great little story this is !

Two of our "True Bloods" found themselves on opposite teams last week- as coaches.

Women's star Kyah Barry and Twos coach Theo The Zed Man both look after primary school teams..



Kyah and Theo- and the winner was ? The one with the more expensive magnet board.

Kyah coaches Bayswater North and Theo is the footy mastermind at St Simons.

Our footy snout tells us the St Simons kids prevailed. However Kyah would do well to check the St Simon's team list ! The Zed Man is the master of "working the phones" and we wouldn't be surprised if he roped in a couple of Vermont Primary kids.

Meantime- huge congrats to Kyah who played her first match for Eastern Ranges at the weekend.



Grace Belloni (left) takes her OFC team mate Kyah Barry under a wing at the Eastern Ranges.

BTW the Eastern Ranges girls have played eight games this season and Grace The Gun has been in the best players six times. Ranges are second on the ladder.

Netball- Let's Take A Deep Dive

Netball Vic luminary Richelle McKenzie helped us out with some coaching at the weekend and was good enough to share her thoughts (pics by Casey Credlin) -

Olinda came up against a physical and experienced Mt Evelyn this week.

A grade started the game well with plenty of movement in the goal circle and accurate shooting from Harper and Mera. Dana provided her usual drive at WA, with Jess and Nat playing their respective roles well.

Ella was able to slot into the centre court when a change was needed. Eloise and Maddi combined well in defence, until unfortunately Maddi had to leave the court in the final term due to a heavy knock. Mt Evelyn's strong physical style of play along with their experience was a challenge for our younger players. Unfortunately Olinda was unable to sustain the first quarter momentum.

OFC 29 Mt Evelyn 66

Goal Scorers- Harper Scott 21, Mera Pringle 4, Melanie Thomas 4



A Grade- There are no free avenues to attack so Jess McCall goes back to Eloise Argoon.

B grade also started well. Again it was another physical contest. It was probably one of the best games B grade have played this year, particularly in the 3rd quarter

which they only lost by 5. Mel led by example as Captain and playing coach for the day. Cate was adjusting well in defence on her tall opponent. Unfortunately Sofia left the court injured in the second half of the game with Ella coming into defence and working well with Cate. Final score 72 – 34.

OFC 34 Mt Evelyn 72

Best Players- Cate Anderson, Emily McCall, Melanie Thomas

Goal Scorers- Melanie Thomas 15, Caitlin Portarianos 13, Emma van der Nest 5



B Grade- Mt Ev were in our face all afternoon- Sofia Mikulcic looks for some movement in the middle.

C grade also went down to Mt Evelyn with Rianne gaining valuable experience in the circle against a physical defender, shooting 24 of the 31 goals. The defenders did well to keep Mt Evelyn to only 56 goals.

OFC 31 Mt Evelyn 56

Best Players-Rianne Fraser, Sarah Kennedy, Aleisha McKay

Goal Scorers- Rianne Fraser 24, Mickey Balzereit 6, Aleisha McKay 3



C Grade- Molly Jones dishes off to Sarah Kennedy

D grade again had a good first quarter only down by 5, in a low scoring game. It was great to see Ms Versatile- Martha Box among the best players . Also good to have Tahlia Credlin back in business and she'll improve on this outing. Tahlia pulled up well- so welcome back from the knee injury !



D Grade- Sam gets on the end of a long ball into the circle

OFC 6 Mt Evelyn 21

Best Players-Emmy van Duuren, Jessica Day, Martha Box

Goal Scorers- Samantha Mikulandra 4, Matilda Brewster 1, Martha Box 1.

Thanks to those players who played in 2 games across the day adding valuable assistance to their respective teams.

The netball teams are young players who are learning and growing in confidence each week against the more experienced teams. In sometimes difficult situations they continue to strive and work hard.

Attendance by all at trainings to continue to develop the essential skills will see growth in this young and enthusiastic group of players.

Thanks Richelle- let's head to Woori this week looking for some strong results.

Noords "B.O.G." in 300th

So David Noorda proved something we all know about him anyway- he's one of the best players in the whole Reserves competition.

He was desperate to bring home the bacon in his big game against Mt Evelyn but sadly it wasn't to be.

Interestingly a brief lapse of concentration resulted in a 50m penalty and a goal to the opposition. Mt Evelyn then quickly kicked another on the back of the "gimme" and that was essentially the difference between the two sides at the end.



David Noorda leading the guys out- note the "rebranded clubrooms" sign



Age shall not weary them. OK, maybe just a little bit. Left to right-Dom Woodfield, Chris Brown, Ben O'Neill, Shaun Grogan, Nick Broomhall, David Noorda, Richie Mannix, Dyl Wilson and Ryan Wilson

We also need to send a big shout out to Noord's regular team mates who battle alongside him every week. As special as the occasion was this match was not an exhibition game and a crucial four points were on the line.

The longer the game went on the more the young guys stood up. Jack, Connor, Ethan, Ollie, Ayden , Daniel, Darcy and a few others ran themselves to a standstill but couldn't bridge the gap on the scoreboard.

OFC 5.5.31

Mt Evelyn 7.8.50

Best Players -David Noorda, Jack Lucas, Connor Keegan, Ayden Bordon, Ethan Royle-Young, Oliver Clarke

Goal Scorers- Ayden Bordan 2, David Noorda 1, Kaleb Foster 1, Ben O'Neill 1

Juniors Send Shock Through Top Team

What a way to start the massive day Up Top with the U/18s, fresh from their upset win over Woori Yallock outplaying the top team Mt Evelyn in the first quarter

But then two things happened- OFC lost it's midfield general Charlie Hooper to an

ankle injury and the Mt Evelyn coach gave his players a rev up.

They dominated the second quarter and only wayward kicking stopped them locking away this game by half time.

Incredibly with our backline and midfielders applying heaps of pressure The Rovers inaccurate scoring continued in the second half when they didn't kick a goal.



Zach Seal celebrates a last quarter goal- and all of a sudden The Bloods are back in the match.

Mt Evelyn left the door slightly ajar for our boys and they ran at it with plenty of passion.

Incredibly a Zach Seal goal reduced the margin to just seven points and it seemed for a moment that The Rovers were staring down the barrel of just their second loss for the season.

We would like to be able to say the siren beat us , but that would be unfair to the better team on the day.

However we can take plenty away from this match. Let's check the Coach's notes - *This result showed the continued improvement this group has made during the season after losing to Mt Evelyn by 10 goals in our last meeting. Only a lapse in the second quarter saw Mt Evelyn kick away as we actually won the other three quarters of the game on the scoreboard. The improved accountability by all players didn't allow The Rovers any space to carry the ball.*

It was a really balanced team performance without any individual standouts this week. It's pleasing to see everyone making a contribution. Scotty T.

OFC 4.5.29 Mt Evelyn 3.19-37

Best Players- Mattias Sleeth, Tom Ford, Aden Bates, Bon Sullivan, Lachlan Tonkin, Zachary Seal

Goal Scorers- Zach Seal 2, Aden Bates 1, Todd Mackay 1

Women's Footy- Into The Twilight Zone

Here's Sacha's "take" on the Women's game



*The middle of winter and perfect conditions for footy, who would have thought ?
Maddie Collins lines up from 35 m out.*

Our Women's team went down to nemesis Healesville in disappointing fashion on Saturday night, losing the lopsided contest by 44 points.

Healesville deserves plenty of credit, as they were ferocious in the contest and desperate to arrest a 2 match losing streak, the first such streak in it's history.

Inside it seemed every Olinda player was tackled, every kick smothered and every handball spoiled or intercepted. Outside Healesville players were continually allowed to run unmarked, and the field was a constant wave of red jumpers.

OFC would not score the first of it's 2 goals until halfway through the last quarter, while Healesville had piled on 8 goals and a swag of points to that stage.

Olinda's fortunes during the game were further hampered by the loss of regular backs Laura Clarke and Maeve Higgins to injury.

At least we finished the match on a high of sorts, kicking the last 2 goals and winning the last quarter.



What happens next ? Yep, Lily pivots at full speed and wrong-foots her opponents allowing her to take the ball back into the corridor

The game's biggest highlight came at the 11 minute mark as Lily Carlin swooped on a loose ball on Healesville's half back line, and blasted off like a rocket, taking a

bounce through the centre and firing the biggest drop punt of her life into CHF. As the waiting pack collapsed on the ball, a clever handball came out from Phoebe Dixon into the hands of Leah Steen who booted a booming kick through the goals post high.

It was premiership hero Leah (The Lion)'s first game since the Grand Final, and she took up just where she left off, intercept marking and long thumping kicks out of defence. Leah's rejoining of the team was very welcome, all are hoping we'll be seeing more of her as the side looks towards securing a finals berth.

Overall the team will put the game down as a "mulligan" or the rock bottom loss it needed to refocus.

The refocusing will need to happen quickly as the team dusts off the GPS to travel to Berwick Springs next Saturday, the Bloods main rival for last spot in the finals.

OFC 2.2.14 Healesville 8.10.58

Best Players-Lily Carlin, Claire Hyett, Olivia Edwards, Vanessa Bateman, Charlotte Edwards, Leah Cody

Goal Scorers- Leah Cody 1, Madeleine Collins 1.

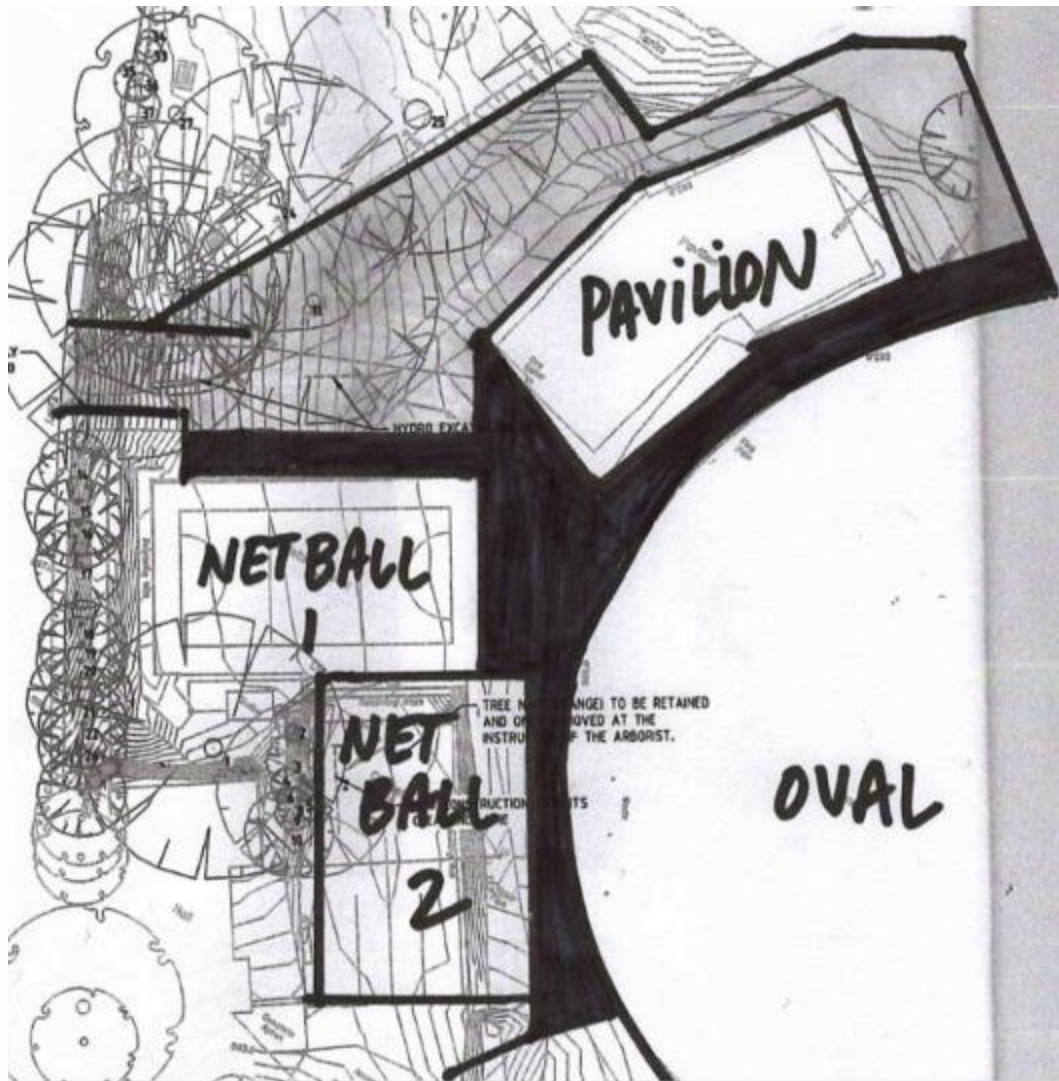
OFC Wins \$45k Grant.

We thank local MP Danielle De Martino for giving us the heads-up about the Victoria Government "Tiny Towns" grants- and for her letter of support.

The \$45,500, plus the \$11,000 that Hilltop and the Clubs are tipping in, will allow us to lay asphalt from the start of the new netball court , near the ground entrance, to the far end of the pavilion.

Parks Victoria had planned to complete these works, and also asphalt behind the pavilion, IF funds allowed. Unfortunately the money didn't stretch that far and Danielle and the Clubs have filled the breach.

We thank OFCFNC President Ben Selby and OCC president Dave Ardley who drove the campaign to fund these works .



Asphalting works are set to begin in the last week of July- areas shaded in black will be sealed.

Meantime Hilltop will hold it's AGM on Wednesday 3 July. All executive positions will be declared vacant. Its understood the current executive, Rick Wall, Dave Ardley, Lynda Sharp and Lisa Shaw will continue in their roles if there are no other candidates.

Hilltop is the umbrella organisation for all the local sporting clubs and is responsible for the facilities the clubs currently enjoy.

Footy at Kalorama ?

We are indebted to our good friends at the Mt Dandenong Historical Society for these two pics from the early 1950s.

The team pic is of the OFC Reserves team- but what's the venue ?

It doesn't look like Olinda, check the second pic of Tom Hartley. This can't be Olinda because the conifers in the background are on the wrong side of the Oval (unless the goal square is somewhere we've never seen it).

Paul Jones and Ian "Woolly" Jones have suggested it's the old Emerald ground and when you check the opposition players in the second photo they could indeed be wearing Essendon colours.

But why are we in black shorts and our opponents in white ? And if we are playing at home but not at Olinda could these be the only pics we have of footy at Kalorama ?

Another of the old timers, Max Peel, remembers playing for the Reserves at Kalorama when the Seniors were playing at Olinda (Max was only 14 at the time and told his mum he was going to boundary umpire- invariably the Twos were short of players!!)



Early 1950s- the Reserves are wearing black shorts so they're playing at home. But it doesn't look like Olinda.



Tommy Hartley showing more interest in the photographer than the footy game. Tom was the great uncle of the Rankin twins. In the background do the conifers look like Kalorama ?

ALL STARS- The Competition Is Taking Shape.

The Legends have done it again. They had the year's highest scoring round last week, and got an even higher score this week!

Best on grounds to Lily Carlin and Percy Hyett, and big vote getting games from Aden Bates, Bon Sullivan, Charlotte Edwards, and Sarah Kennedy.



Noords Got So Excited On Saturday He Bought More Of These-You should get on board too.

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Some more for the scrapbook-



Benny and the Jet- former skipper Ben O'Neill (second from left) flew in from Perth just to play alongside good mate Dave Noorda . Nick Broomhall and Shaun Grogan round-out the group.



Noords with mum Catherine and father Fred



Hot damn it's Big George Azzam- with a special edition Noords t-shirt

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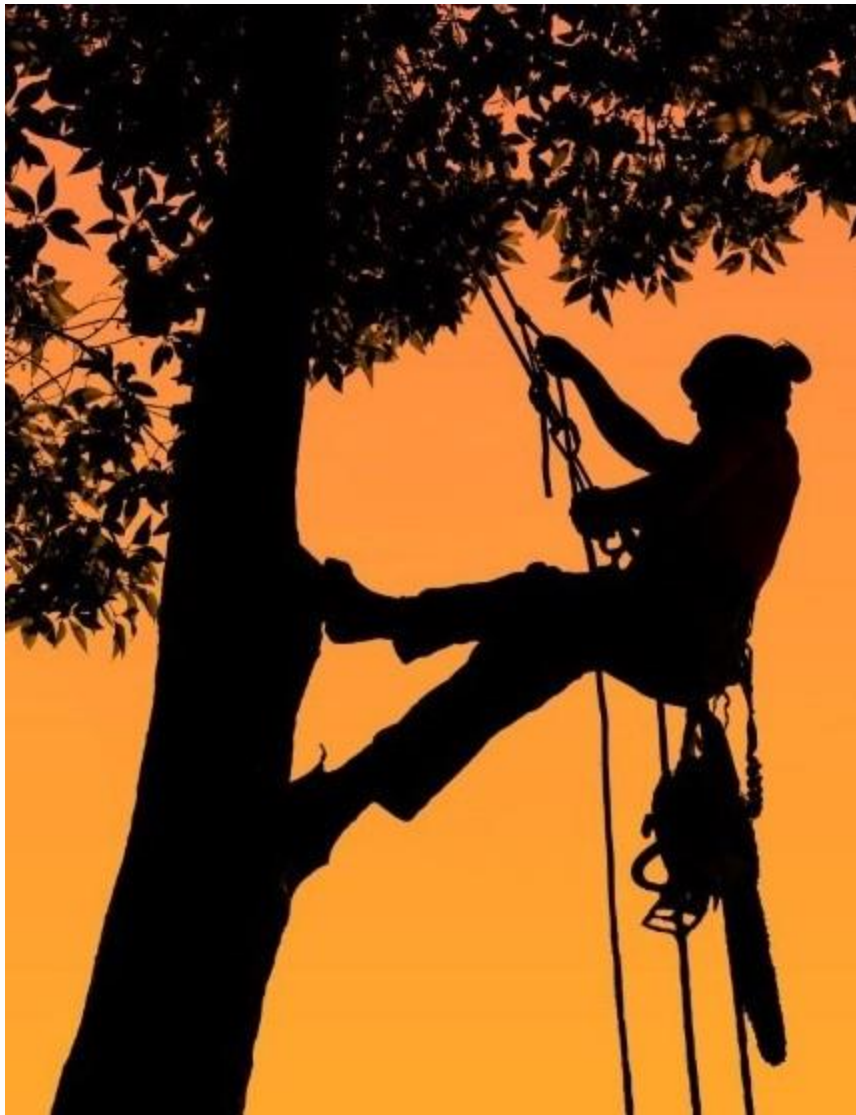
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