

**Olinda
Ferny
Creek**



**Football
Netball
Club**

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This week we're (mostly) off to Monbulk for a date with our long time rivals. Its "year 122" in the OFC- Monbulk rivalry.

9.00 U/18 @ Healesville.

11.25 D Grade

12.25 C Grade

12.30 Reserves

1.30 A Grade

2.20 Seniors

2.50 B Grade

4.45 Women @ Belgrave

The Boys Fire Up



OFC U/18s fired-up under the lights on a cold and (very) windy Friday night with another big win over Seville

How good was it to see Isaac "Heaney" Tonkin back in action on Friday just two months after his nasty collar bone injury during that ill fated match at Berwick Springs.

This game was remarkably similar to the previous encounter against Seville just a fortnight ago. We had 28 shots on goal to The Blues nine. Two weeks ago it was 23 shots to 10.

So to be fair the winning margin, particularly in this match, doesn't accurately reflect how much control we had over the game.

We note that U/16 player Tom Ford booted six, and we are sure he informed older

brother Ned about the goal fest, just in case Ned missed it.
The boys are in fourth place and play fifth placed Upwey twice in the last month.



7.15 last Friday night- it was so windy in the scoreboard the whole building was rocking

From coach Scotty- "Friday night footy in extremely windy conditions saw the boys put together a strong performance to come away with a comfortable win against Seville.

It was great to see Isaac Tonkin putting in a big game through the midfield after two months on the sidelines with that broken collarbone.

Blair Wilson and Cass Hine were mopping up everything in defence and Tom Ford put in a stellar performance up forward with six goals. With four weeks to go until finals it was a really important win for the team".

OFC 11.17.83 Seville 3.6. 24

**Best Players- Isaac Tonkin, Blair Wilson, Tom Ford, Cassian Hine, Lennix Barry,
Max Monkhorst**

Goal Scorers- Tom Ford 6. Samuel Blenkiron 1, Etienne Griersmith-Rowe 1, Charlie Hooper 1`, Tavish Aitken 1, Isaac Tonkin 1

Women Turn Heads AGAIN In Div One

Can you believe it was around this time 12 months ago that our wonderful OFC Women's team began to attract the attention of the other teams in Div One ?

Our steadily improving results had the other looking over their shoulders.

Could it be happening again ?

After that gutsy come from behind win over third placed Upwey last week this round we sent a huge shock through ladder leader Pakenham.

The match was played at Pakenham and we blitzed them in the first quarter, holding them scoreless BUT we kicked four straight behinds.

They eventually wore us down and won by just nine points but folks it looks like it's game on again !!!



"The Missile" taking off- Kyah Barry with a gutsy spoil while Maddy Collins admires the good work

Pakenham 3.1.19 OFC 1.4.10

Best Players-Madeleine Collins, Olivia Edwards, Vanessa Bateman, Kyah Barry, Lily Carlin, Claire Hyett

Goal Scorers- Olivia Edwards 1

[Get the lowdown on the Pakenham thriller from Sacha- check his report below](#)

Vale "Patty- Att "

It's with considerable sadness we confirm the passing of one of our favourite ladies- Life Member Pat Attwood.

Known by many as simply "Patty-Att" she became a Life Member way back in 1984 but continued to attend games for at least the next 35 years.



Pat Attwood with son Warren

Pat became involved with the club in the early 1970s when son Warren began playing in the U/16s.

She then followed her next son Peter and was heavily involved in canteen work and organising the weekly raffle.

However when the boys stopped playing she continued her passionate commitment to OFC and was a weekly fixture watching games from the forward pocket. Those

who know and love community sport will understand why Pat's involvement with us lasted until recent years when she could no longer attend games.

We missed her when she stopped coming, and we miss her even more now. As (two time) former President Michael Hill says " Pat was Olinda through and through".



Pat Attwood-half a century following the Red and White.

Daughter Wendy says Pat went into care three years ago and recently lost her sight after a stroke.

Up until then she still loved watching footy and was leading her footy tips competition this year !!

Vale Patty Att- the family will hold a private service

Rating the Senior Coach-

While most people are aware of the Herald Sun story rating the "first season" local coaches- and our own Dylan Wilson- not everyone could access the HS site- so here is what it said-

Revealed: The best first-year metro local footy coaches in 2024

From ex-AFL stars looking at the game through a different lens to those who have bided their time as an assistant. We've named the best first-year coaches steering local clubs with ease.

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Dylan Wilson, Olinda Ferny Creek (Outer East)

Wilson's outstanding leadership qualities that he demonstrated throughout his long stint as club captain, including the 2017 premiership, have been on full display in his first season as coach of his beloved Bloods.

[He's got them 8-5](#), in fourth spot in Outer East league Premier Division.



Netball- We Catch Up With Our Young Captains

We thought the split-round break would be a perfect opportunity to catch up with the two young women who've been in the hot seat all season as co-captains of our A Grade team.

So stick with us as we check in with Ella Grigg and Harper Scott-



Our young A Grade co-captains- Ella Grigg and Harper Scott

What's been the biggest challenge of the captaincy-

Ella- trying to keep everyone's "positivity" up when it's hard to come across wins.

Harper- trying to lead and stand up for the team while simultaneously trying to find my feet in A Grade

Is the job tougher than you thought ?

Ella- I hadn't really thought much about the captaincy prior to the season because it came as a surprise

Harper- similar to Ella, it's not something I thought about so I didn't really have any idea going into it, but it's definitely been tough at times.

What's the most rewarding aspect of the captaincy ?

Ella- seeing how excited the girls are before each game regardless of what the outcome might be and knowing we've created an environment which everyone is excited to be around. Socially we all get on really well and have enjoyed Jake's coaching.

Harper- it's rewarding to see the improvement the girls have made throughout the year so far. We've been building and I'm excited for the future of the team. It's also great seeing the positive environment that is being created among the netball section of the club.

Where do you see us in 12 months ?

Ella- hopefully we add a couple of experienced players to the group and move up

the ladder.

Harper- with 12 months experience under our belts and hopefully adding a couple of experienced players we'll be really starting to challenge other teams

Who is the most colourful character of the group-the one who helps you through tough times ?

Ella- Mera is definitely the most colourful one in our group ! She's always a good laugh and shows up with a positive attitude. Also always pushes herself even when she's injured. Big team player. Its been great to see Mera come out of her shell in the last couple of years at OFC.

Harper- it's Mera of course. She puts everything into netball and always keeps things light and takes the sting out of any tougher games we've had.

Some thoughts about netball organiser Dana?

Ella- Dana's experience in life and netball has been invaluable to such a young group.

Harper- I really respect the way she has stepped up since the end of last season and how she's been running the netball side of things. We've been incredibly lucky to draw on her experience on and off the court.

You guys are only young but can you name someone even younger we should keep an eye on ?

Ella- keep an eye on Eloise Argoon who's exciting to watch in defence.. She's already showing leadership skills for the future. Hopefully she'll be back on court soon.

Harper- definitely Rianne Fraser in C Grade. I think she'll be pretty good in the years to come.

Some thoughts on your co-captain-

Ella- Harps has really deserved her chance in A Grade and her confidence at this level is only growing. She plays with a smile and it's great to see her enjoying her netball. It's been wonderful to be able to share this opportunity with another "young blood".

Harper- Ell is extremely feisty and competitive (ed.- a bit like her dad !) which is what I love about her. She always brings energy to the team and gives 100%. I have loved being able to lead with her this year.

If you were on Committee would you change anything around the Club ?

Ella- I would look to extend Jake's tenure at the Club as he's been the coach the club has needed. Keep Jake and add a couple of experienced quality players to the group

Harper- I agree with Ell, not so much a change but making sure Jake stays on board

in 2025. He's been super exciting for the Club this year and I can't wait to see what he does as he grows as a coach.

(ed.- decisions on contracts and recruitment are made by the Sports Management Group - which reports back to General Committee)

Thanks Ella and Harper- your thoughts were insightful and refreshing !

Front Entrance Changes

So what's happening at the front gate where a "bare frame" has replaced the old OFCFNC sign ?



Men At Work- hope these guys are getting danger money ! Andy Greenall and Ben Selby-Hele remove the old front sign.

The Back Story- a few years go ,during the planning for the new netball court, \$2000 was set aside by Hilltop for replacing the trees that would have to be removed . There was to be a significant "replanting". However because those plans were successfully challenged at VCAT- and the new court was built in it's current location- the \$2000 has remained unused in the Hilltop account. So Hilltop has decided to commit the money to "beautifying" our precinct.

One of the first steps was to replace this sign-



The old "stakeholder club sign" at the front gate- time to go.

Clearly we needed a new sign to inform people about the stakeholders at Olinda Reserve and when we mentioned this to the Shire of Yarra Ranges they suggested that rather than erect an extra sign we replace the front gate one.

The front gate sign was itself ageing and cracking with a couple of the original supporting brackets almost rusted through.

So- in the next week or so a shiny new sign will greet all visitors to our very special ground.

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Womens Footy-

from Sacha Sullivan-

OFC's Women's team suffered their first loss in 4 weeks, going down to League leaders Pakenham by 9 points, in arctic conditions at Pakenham on Saturday morning.

The Olinda girls come away from the loss confident that they can match it with the best in the competition, having more scoring shots than their higher ranked opponents, and leading the contest until halfway through the second quarter, when Pakenham piled on 2 goals in a minute, effectively swinging the tide. In fact, Olinda had the bulk of possession in the first quarter, and was unlucky not to have a decent lead, kicking 4 points for the quarter, one a poster.

The Bloods were only 3 points down halfway through the last quarter, and were in the game right to the end.

Some of Olinda's fast run and carry was on display and it's a sight to behold when it happens, but as the game wore on and conditions deteriorated the game became an in-close battle, with the ball spending long periods on the deck in dispute. Olinda won most of these battles last week against Upwey, but were not as effective in stopping Pakenham from clearing the ball from contest. Pakenham's fitness and work ethic really stood out, and they were able to surge forward when they won the ball, or surge back when they lost it, meaning that The Bloods were continually outnumbered at either end.



Blunting "The Weapon" ? Not quite- at times almost the entire Pakenham backline was focused on shutting down Olivia Edwards

One victim of Olinda's inability to get back and assist, was Olivia (The Weapon!) Edwards, who not only endured a tight tag for the entire match, but at times had to deal with up to 5 opponents on her own. Now we all know Liv is a star, and would be backed to win most contests she gets to, but these odds would challenge even the best of the best. One comical moment of the game was seeing her little sister Charlotte (Webby) chasing Liv's tagger around in circles, trying to protect her big sister. Bless you Webby, you've got a big heart! Webby is one of Olinda's little "Angry Ants" in the mould of skipper Claire Hyett, and she is constantly getting thrown around but cracking back in and giving the aggression back with interest. As for The Weapon, don't think for a second that she lowered her colours. On the contrary, she was Olinda's only goal scorer, a lovely drop punt set shot from deep in the pocket in the third quarter. In the last quarter, as Olinda held the ball in their forward half desperately trying to score, Liv was the most dangerous, overhead marking which had proved nearly impossible in the wet, windy conditions, and delivering quality passes to her teammates. She was very high up in Olinda's best and that is a great measure of her effort and talent.

Another great positive to come out of the game was the continued improvement of Olinda's backline. The backline has been unsettled all year and been decimated by injuries. They are starting to really gel as a unit , to the point where on the weekend Martha Box("X") Box, Illyah (Chopper) Reid, Anja (Onions) Hulston, Kyah (The Missile) Barry and Maeve (Nightlife) Higgins all had 0 goals kicked on them by their direct opponents. All of Pakenham's 3 goals were kicked by their midfielders drifting forward.

Martha started the season at full forward, but volunteered to take the newly vacated full back spot 3 games ago, and is yet to have a goal scored on her. This is firming as the positional move of the year! It might be challenged by the move of cult hero Anja (Onions) Hulston transforming from tagging midfielder to dour back pocket.

Onions was tasked with standing Pakky livewire Tianah Vandesteeg, who beat Olinda off her own boot in round one last year. Onions held Tianah virtually kickless Saturday.

Kyah (The Missile) Barry has recently got back to her best form, but sacrificed her game for the second week in a row, nullifying the opposition's most dangerous small forward. Not just the opposition's most dangerous small forward this week, but the Competition's! Aiesha Kolaritsch is leading the League goal kicking (our Weapon not far behind in second) with 35 goals, averaging 3 goals a game. Aiesha kicked 7 last week, and 4 the first time she met The Bloods this year, and had not been held goalless since round one. This all makes The Missile's Herculean effort in keeping Aiesha goalless on Saturday all the more impressive, and it is a great notch in her belt. An impressive highlight of Kyah's game was her spoiling, her second spoil a spectacular air-born effort stopping a certain mark. She would be very annoying to play against!

Special mention again this week must go to Captain Courageous Claire (Bear) Hyett who is back to her ferocious best and a unanimous best on ground for The Bloods on Saturday. Pakenham tagged Claire in the Grand Final last year, and she got some very close attention Saturday, at one stage being viciously slung head first into the ground. Anyone who's played on Claire know how dangerous it is to poke The Bear (literally!), and it immediately elevates her performance. Bear was as fearless and brutal as we've seen her on Saturday, and this should be a great inspiration to her teammates and a stern warning to the rest of the Competition.

The Bloods head to Belgrave on Saturday at 4.45, and will use the last 2 games to fine tune their game and settle positions heading into finals

ALL STARS

Only 2 teams played but worth the exercise.

The Missile Factory owned by the Women's team saluted this week, very well represented with vote getting games to Kyah Barry, Cass Hine, Lennix Barry and Maddy Collins.

Horrible conditions both games



OLINDA ALL-STARS
PLAYER AUCTION 2024
WEEKLY WINNERS – ROUND 14

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A.Kostich-Angerson, M.McCheynne, C.Seymour \$350

2nd – THE MOUNTAIN MARAUDERS
Owner : Bruce Wilson \$600

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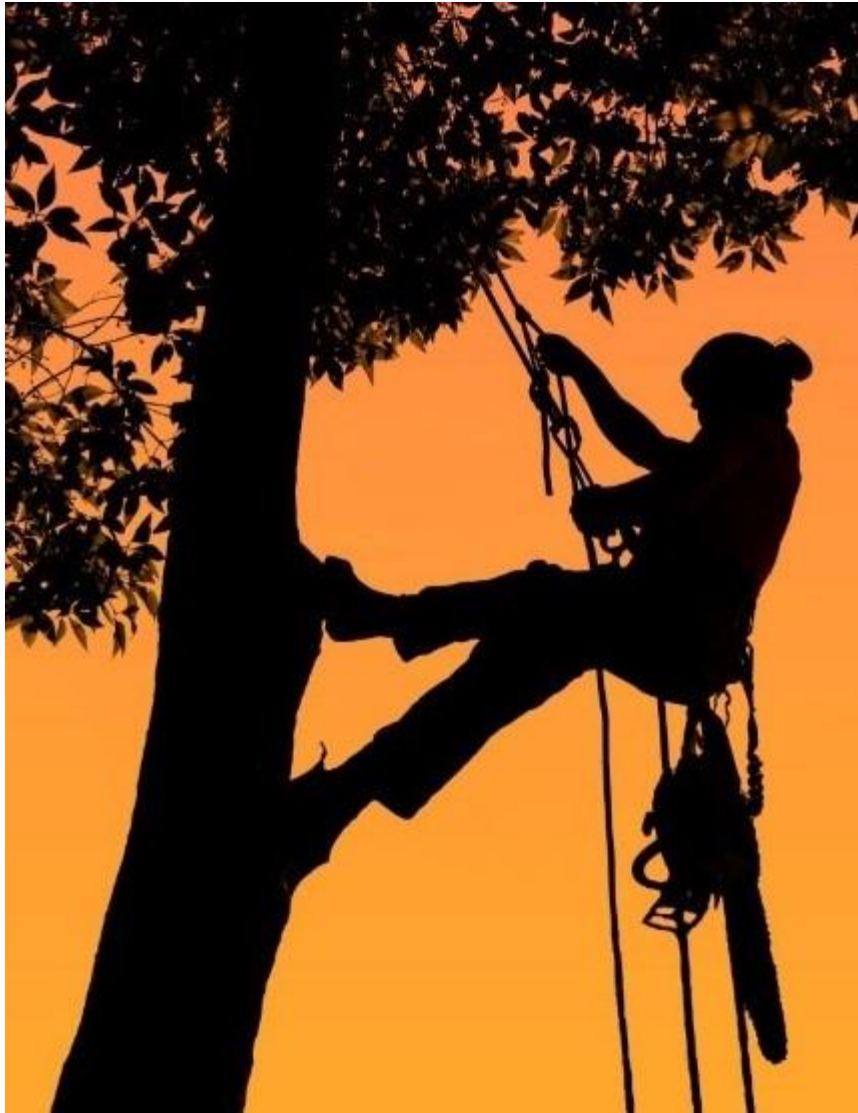
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