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Rowe and Darcy Faulkner and 2nd best on to Ollie
Clarke.**

We are off to Pakenham this week, with two very important

exceptions- the boys are in action at Olinda on Friday night and the women begin their finals campaign at Seville on Saturday

Friday 7.00pm U/18s @ home v Healseville

11.25 D Grade

12.20 Women's Final v Upwey at Seville

12.25 C Grade

12.30 Reserves

1.30 A Grade

2.20 Seniors

2.50 B Grade

This Week's Headline

There's no shortage of lead stories this week with OFC women in red hot form leading into the finals and the U/18s losing a gripping encounter against Upwey but our choice is to run with something very special that happened during the Senior's sensational five goal win over Upwey.

Break Out Game for Youngster

After the previous round's humiliation at Monbulk there was a lot riding on the Upwey match . The race for the finals all of a sudden began tightening-up just as we were set to play The Tigers for the Community Bank Shield in one of the biggest Home and Away matches of the year.

So clearly the victory alone was a big story- it puts us back on the same number of wins as fourth placed Upwey (9) and keeps us eight points clear of Mt Evelyn, the bottom team in the top six.

But Saturday gave us something extra, a bit of mayo on top, and it was served up by U/16 player Aden Bates.



Youngster Aden Bates turned the Upwey match on it's head with a three goal quarter.

Many OFC fans followed Aden through last year's U/17 finals when he was a key player in the team despite being in the U/15s.

So we knew what he was capable of , could he produce it in the Firsts at such a young age?

Until this week he's been "serviceable and creative", without ripping it up. Then all of a sudden he cut loose against Upwey with an extraordinary three goal cameo in a helter skelter 15 minutes in the second quarter.

The goals were all roved off the packs, it was a classic "small forward " performance.. Aden could have made it four majors but slipped while taking a set shot in the last quarter.

It was Aden's seventh game in the Seniors and the first time he's been named in the Best Players. Now that his team mates have seen what he's capable of expect more balls, and more goals, to come his way.

OFC 13.9.87 Upwey 7.10. 52

Best Players- Francis Seal, Matthew Scharenberg, Noah Desta, Peter Lucas, Aden Bates, Isaac Tonkin

Goal Scorers- Matthew Scharenberg 4, Aden Bates 3, Noah Desta 2, James Box 2, Lachlan Taylor 1, Francis Seal 1

Meantime- who is the kid Romy Schauble is holding ? He's currently a senior player... Clue, clearly his dad barracks for Richmond-



OFC Women Finding Form At Right Time

For the second week in a row OFC has held their opponent goalless and this time, against Berwick Springs, we also ran amok up forward with our biggest score of the

year.

We kicked 12.10 and held the visitors to just five behinds in front of an enthusiastic twilight footy crowd.
It's interesting how quiet the Clubrooms were after the Senior's big win over Upwey because so many people are heavily invested in the women's footy and were outside watching the action.



Turnover Time- OFC's defensive pressure was a huge factor in the win

For the OFC women a new season now begins- it's the start of our finals campaign and we play Upwey in the Elimination Final on Saturday afternoon at Seville.
It's mildly annoying that most of the Club will be at Pakenham and won't get to see our women in action but realistically there's no easy solution which is fair to all clubs.

OFC 12.10.82 Berwick Springs 0.5.5

Best Players-Olivia Edwards, Lily Carlin, Charlotte Edwards, Madeleine Collins,
Amalija Kostich, Anna Hughson

Goal Scorers- Olivia Edwards 6, Charlotte Edwards 2, Madeleine Collins 2, Amalija Kostich 1, Eloise Tyler 1,

You can read the "must read" Women's report from Sacha below.

Music Trivia With Brian Nankervis-update

We're still waiting for a couple of tables to organise themselves so THERE MAY BE
SOME SEATS still available.

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Rianne Fraser v The Weapon.

A few weeks back we pointed out that C Grade youngster Rianne Fraser and Women's footy star Olivia "The Weapon" Edwards were the best placed in the whole club to challenge for the League goal kicking/shooting awards.

Well there's been a lot happening since then. Rianne missed three matches (based on her weekly average that's about 70 goals) and has fallen back to third on the C Grade list.

In contrast Olivia had a lean trot (by her lofty standards) over the last few weeks but brought that to a sensational end on Saturday with a booming six goals against Berwick Springs.

So The Weapon remains in second place on the Outer East list, she's 12 shy of Pakenham's key forward but remains OFC's best.



Rianne Fraser, back in action over the last two rounds- playing C and B Grades

Can You Name These Netballers

Last week we mentioned the upcoming 10 year reunion of our first netball premiership team.

Our 2014 Divas will be getting together at the Social Rooms on 17/8 (second last round).

Last week we asked you to name the two women in the pic who are still playing in 2024.

Our first correct reply came from Mr Owen Millwood of Boronia. Well done Owen. Spool down for correct answer-



Our two 2014 stars still playing in 2024 are- Nic Millwood and Romy Rankin (Schauble) who have both helped out this year.

152 Games Straight- and Then...

Where do we start with the U/18 result ?

Gee it was a great game, but we lost and the implications of that are significant.

How about we start here-for the first time since he played in the U/10s as a seven year old Bon Sullivan missed a game of footy because of injury. Up until last Saturday it was 152 games in a row !!!

And given that Bon has been a prime ball mover and among our best players in nine of the 13 games this season his absence, in a game of small margins, was significant. When we were on top in the first half we just couldn't put Upwey to the sword.

Anyway ,we move on. A big shout out to Will Meyer who played his first game for the senior club and kicked a crucial goal.



U/16s kicked three of our four goals, including one from Lachie Tonkin. It was a harbinger of what was about to happen on Sunday when the kids beat Mt Evelyn.

OK- lets hear from coach Scotty- A disappointing eight point loss in a game we controlled for most of the time. Barring the third quarter, when the boys were outscored three goals to nil, we played the sort of game I know we are capable of. Again it's been the consistency for four quarters that has cost us, and it's been a common theme during the season.

Etienne Griersmith-Rowe was again fantastic and just continues to play consistent , quality football.



Etienne Griersmith-Rowe- among our best players nine times this season

U/16 captain Lachie Tonkin played his best game of the season in /18s and was hard around the contest as he continues to impress with his growth as a midfielder. Todd McKay also continued his improvement across the backline with his attack on the contest.

So we are no win a position where we must win our last two games to have any chance of playing finals. We know our best is good enough, we just need to put it together for longer.

The boys pay Healesville this Friday night at home- lets get along and support them.

OFC 4.10 .34 Upwey 5.13.43

Best Players- Etienne Griersmith-Rowe, Lachlan Tonkin, Max Monkhorst, Todd Mackay, Tom Higgins, Kody Gates

Goal Scorers- Rio Neish 1, Will Meyer 1, Lachlan Tonkin 1, Etienne Griersmith-Rowe

The pics above were supplied by Trevor Currie- to check out some of the best pics in community sport go to our Facebook page -

<https://www.facebook.com/OFCFNC>

Trev took pics of all four footy matches and at least two of the netball games.

Onions Without Tears

In terms of points on the board it's doubtlessly once of the toughest seasons ever for our netballers, but incredibly you wouldn't know it.

The atmosphere around the four teams has been incredibly resilient and even positive despite the bleak scoreboards.

It was evident again on Saturday when Onions stepped in to help D Grade and for a moment there, with only a couple of goals in it at quarter time, it looked like an upset was looming. But Upwey needed this win to lock away a finals berth, which they have pretty much done now.



D Grade- "it's yours Tilly "... "no, I think it's yours Onions".

OFC 21 Upwey 42

Best Players- Matilda Brewster, Martha Box, Emmy van Duuren

Goal Scorers- Matilda Brewster 11, Sam Mikulandra 10

C Grade- after glitching Monbulk's finals campaign last week the question was could C Grade repeat the dose against another finals aspirant - Upwey.

If you only saw the first quarter , with scores tied at nine apiece, you would have gone away thinking it's game on" here. Wrong. The Tigers came out snarling in the second quarter and in fact it was pretty much game over by half time with OCF eight points in arears.



Defensive pressure from Charlotte Rickards

OFC 32 Upwey 39

Best Players -Rianne Fraser, Sarah Kennedy, Mickey Balzereit

Goal Scorers- Rianne Fraser 25 Mickey Balzereit 8

B Grade-the girls have been consistently more competitive over the last month and led in this match for two quarters, in fact we turned for home in the last quarter with a one goal lead over Upwey.

But we picked the wrong time to have our most quiet quarter of the game- and the seven goals we threw were never going to be enough and we lost a thriller by two.

It's great to see youngster Millie Grigg among our best again.



Em McCall sending a long ball into Rianne

OFC 42 Upwey 44

Best Players-Millie Grigg, Rhiannon Pendleton, Emily McCall

Goal Scorers- Rianne Fraser 16, Melanie Thomas 14, Caitlin Portarianos 12.

A Grade- she hasn't lost it ! Thanks to veteran Nic Millwood for filling in again this week- she shot an invaluable 21 goals. That makes it 44 goals from her two A Grade games this season. That's pretty amazing when you consider her pic appears above in the D Grade premiership photo from 2014. It's been quite the journey.

Nat Moraitis was probably our best player again- we can't wait to see how the MVP voting pans out. Nat has got to be right up there.



Nic Millwood- she's still got it- 21 goals

OFC 38 Upwey 61

Best Players- Natalia Moraitis, Dana Millwood, Jess McCall

Goal Scorers- Nic Millwood 21, Harper Scott 12, Mera Pringle 5

Ressies Outgunned

Well we figured it was going to be a tough afternoon for the Reserves with half a dozen good players missing from our side which upset Upwey earlier in the year.

And so it proved.

However it was not the total blowout on the scoreboard we feared- at least not until three quarter time, when we were 10 goals in arrears.

It was all downhill in the last 20 minutes with Tiger veteran Blair Sheppard kicking four goals off his own boot.

Darcy, Ollie, Gus, Boydy and Chris carried the flag and Kaleb Foster was handy yet again.

Let's move on and focus on Pakenham



Kit Sutton's strong work overhead means he's a regular in these pages- he and Sammy Boyd (#38) were helping out the Twos.

OFC 1.5.11 Upwey 17.15.115

Best Players- Darcy Falkner, Oliver Clarke, Chris Darling, Kaleb Foster, Angus Nelson, Lachlan Boyd

Goal Scorers- Ben Watson

Women- Big Finish to Home and Away Season

From the desk of Sacha Sullivan

Olinda Women's finished off the home and away season in fine style with a commanding win over Berwick Springs in their farewell game as part of the AFL Outer East. Olinda kicked their highest score for the season 12.10.82 and also held their opposition goalless for the second week in a row, BS recording just the 5 points. Olinda is playing it's best football of the season, tough in the contest, and fast and precise when they get clear. Every player is contributing which is vitally important for the Elimination Final next week.

The game itself was a very even performance, the home side kicking 2 goals in the 1st quarter, 3 in each of the 2nd and 3rd quarters and 4 in the barnstorming last. Strangely, Berwick Springs jumped The Bloods at the start of the game and Olinda did not touch the ball at all for the first 3 minutes. BS would rue missed chances, managing 3 points in this time, especially when Olinda kicked into gear and got the ball up the other end for an opening goal to Eloise (Ello) Tyler. Olinda's lead would only grow from this point.



Claire Hyett- was too quick for the visitors

There were some standouts:

Olivia (The Weapon!) Edwards – In simple terms, was the star. The highest ranking

individual performance of the season, Liv was in everything all over the ground, hard contested work, strong marking, and lethal passing. Liv capped off her dominant night with 6 spectacular goals, and all who watched were in awe.

Miss Football Lily (Laser) Carlin – In any other game, would have been best on ground, and Lil's hard tackling and laser kicking was invaluable. Some of the strongest memories of this season will be Lil bursting clear of contest, taking a bounce or 2, and firing a wormburner onto the chest of her teammate. One of the most impressive characteristics of Liv and Lil (Thelma & Louise) is that they get better as the game goes on, and both put on an absolute clinic in the last quarter.

Charlotte (Webby) Edwards – Her best performance since her masterclass in the pre-season game vs Mooroolbark. The most annoying of Olinda's mosquito fleet, not to us, we love her, but she seems to have a knack of getting under the opposition's skin. Webby had a rough night, being sling tackled head first into the turf, somersaulted out of contests and the target of a couple of kicks to the head. Captain Claire would have looked upon her protégé with pride, because Webby's game simply elevated, and she was brilliant all over the ground but especially in front of goals. Webby kicked 2, with another (supposedly) touched on the line. Her 1st was a spectacular left foot snap that we are used to seeing from big sister Liv.

The second, a long range boomer on the 3 qtr time siren, a result of a 25m penalty....from a BS player trying to kick her in the head!!

Maddy (MadDog) Collins – Mads has many qualities, but consistency might well be the greatest of them, and she was again in Olinda's best. Mads' toughness was on full display Saturday night, but most pleasing was her willingness to bring her teammates into game with clever handballs and passing. Mads capped off a great game as a mid-size forward with 2 impressive snap goals.

Amaliya (Mars) Kostich – Angerson - Marsie's best game for 2 years, and a pleasure for teammates, coaching staff and supporters to watch. Marsie was marking everything, tackling every opposition member near her, and kicking beautifully, her first goal for the year a long range delight.

Anna (Goanna) Hughson – Kickstarted The Bloods Saturday night, and was dominant in the first half. Incredibly reliable, it is rare that the ball goes near her and doesn't end up under her arm as she runs off to deliver precisely. Anna has added overhead contested marking to her arsenal which should be a warning to every opposition.

Captain Courageous Claire (Bear) Hyett – The heartbeat of the side, with co-captain Lily Laser repeatedly sets the tone with fierce tackling and work rate to get to and

impact every contest.



Jacqui Ring in the ruck- she stepped up after Chelsea was signed by Port pre-season and has risen to the challenge giving Simon another "on ball option".

Jacque (The Giant Slayer) Ring – There will have been at least 6 times this season that Olinda's Coaches have commented that Jac's played her best game of the year, and Saturday was the latest. Quite possibly the side's most improved player, Jac spent large portions of the game in the ruck, and her tap work was as good as it's been, generating many quality clearances. Around the ground, Jac used her strength to tackle at every opportunity, and was taking strong overhead marks.

Ruby (Dukes) Gilson – Has staked her claim on the 2 pieces of land on either side of the centre square, better known as the wings. Roams between the arcs at will collecting and delivering classy disposals to her forwards and fellow mids.

Illyah (Chopper) Reid – some of her runs are breathtakingly fast, and when she takes off shows no fear of what's in front of her. Watch this space....

Kiah (Strapper) Burgess – 4 intercept marks in the backline the most since Leah Cody in the Grand Final last year, incredibly important and virtually non-existent in the early part of the season. Martha ("X") Box is also taking intercepts down there,

and extends her goalless streak since taking the full back mantle.

Olinda's backline – 3 weeks in a row that no opposition forward has goaled.
Extraordinary!

A very impressive rehearsal for next week's cut-throat final against Upwey.

If the Olinda girls continue to play this standard of football, Upwey will find them
very hard to stop.

Junior Finals- OFC Win Three From Three

Wow what a sensational first week of finals for OFCJFC !
Making it even better was the fact that we hosted the games in perfect conditions
at Olinda.

The Under 11s , coached by Tim Francis, opened proceedings with a do or die clash
against Woori Yallock.

Although the Red and White had a heap more inside 50s and scoring shots (at half
time it was 1.5 to 2.0) Woori would not go away.

Goals in the second and third quarters put us ahead but The Tigers stayed in the
game right until the end.

Under 11s go straight through to the Grand Final this week and will play Emerald.

OFC 3.7.25 Woori Yallock 3.0.18
Goal Scorers- Will Francis 2, Finlay Peterson 1.



U/11 semi final- what happened to the good old days when 10 year olds would be talking to each while they watched the canteen action ? These kids are laser focused and have a real feel for the game.

Our U/14s are also through to the Grand Final but have a week off after a super impressive 37 point win over Mt Evelyn.

This team is coached by some of our Senior players and has gone through the season unbeaten.

They look to be an even more polished unit than the team which won the grand final last year.

Jesse Desta had a day out with four goals.

OFC 9/11.65 Mt Evelyn 4.4.28

Goal Scorers- Jesse Desta 4, Hugo Fishburn 1, Jarrah Bellemo 1, Kadin Jonston 1, Benjamin Gowan 1 Spencer Garrett 1

(BTW- Jesse has kicked 70 goals for the season)

Our U/16s also played Mt Evelyn, and this win, along with the Seniors big victory over Upwey, were probably the two best stories of the weekend.

We need some back story here- there are two divisions in the U/16s and we found ourselves in the top division after the "grading games".

At the end of the Home and Away season we had won just four games and had been beaten twice by Mt Evelyn, so The Rovers clearly went into the Elimination Final as

favourites.

But our boys were sensational and led 3.8 to 1.4 at half time, Would Mt Evelyn launch a comeback after the break ?

A better question might be " would we let them mount a comeback?"



Rio " finds his niche"- Rio Neish in the ruck- he also played in the U/18s the previous day and kicked a goal.

In short- we poured on five goals in the second half to Mt Ev's three and ran away

with the game.
It was a sensational effort by the boys.

OFC 8.15.63 Mt Evelyn 4.5. 29
Goal Scorers- Jett Boote 3, Aden Bates 2, Lachlan Tonkin 2, Tom Ford 1



U/16 coaching bench- the win was a wonderful reward for maintaining the self belief and spirit in a sometimes tough season.

The U/16s now go through to a preliminary final against Wandin. The Doggies are to the under 16 competition what we are to the under 14s, Undefeated and pretty much unchallenged. Which means that, psychologically we've got absolutely nothing to lose. BUT there's a huge potential upside for the players both individually and as a group.

One Of These Guys Should Go To Specsavers

Last week we featured a pic from an OFC v Monbulk game when the players were barely recognisable in the mud.

We suspected it was from a famous match in the mid 1990s when OFC could manage just one goal for the entire game. But recognising that "accuracy" in reporting is sometimes important we called for feedback.

One person, who shall remain un-named (although his lion heart efforts in the ruck this year in the Seniors have been a true eye-catcher) told Bloodlines the pic clearly featured Laurie Jacobs, Jake Murphy, Hoffa, Butters and Simon Leone and was

most likely taken in the 2011-15 era. Hmm, Well here's the pic again -



So Tim Scott has a different view- he says he actually played in this game in 1996 and remembers it vividly!!

Steven Rose was missing with injury so Tim played at CHF.

In the first two minutes of the game OFC kicked a ball out on the full near the right hand point post (clubrooms end).

Monbulk brought the ball back into play and the guy kicked it straight to Tim who was standing on the mark.

Tim then booted a left foot goal and the Bloods were off to a great start. Sadly it was the only goal we kicked that entire afternoon !

Tim says the pic features- Brad Ritchie, Mick Tzimokas, Cam Tudor (kicking), Cam Brindley (maybe) and Mark Dengerink (maybe).

Monbulk historian Armin Richter has shed further light on the pic-the three Monbulk players coated in mud are Guy Calcagno, Jason Fraser and Ian Kidgell. "Funny enough you had beaten us at Monbulk in Round 1 by 34 points (104-70) "

Armin and Jay Colee are in the coaching box in the background and appear to be hiding under blankets.



If you look closely you can detect that the BOG on that difficult day was a Monbulk player- the award went to Aaron Mitchell. Tim says "Mitchy was a terrific player, very hard to tackle, particularly on this day".

Armin generously supplied a few other scorelines from over the years when Monbulk kept us to just a single goal. We thank Armin for drawing our attention to these unfortunate scorelines but have chosen to publish one of our favourites- July 9. 1910- Ferny Creek United 14.29 def Monbulk 1.5.

That match was played at Breens Paddocks- near the junction of Sherbooke Rd and Mian Rd (Tourist Rd).

The Story Behind The Snow

We also had a story last week about Belgrave and Monbulk playing in the snow at Olinda in 1952. What the heck was going on ?

Again we thank Armin for shedding light on this story.

In the 1950s Reserves games were staged at opposing grounds, if that ground was available.

In 1952 Monbulk Seconds played three home games at Olinda, when the opposition grounds couldn't be used.

I bet a lot of guys regret at least one of those matches-



Monbulk Reserves playing a "home game" against Belgrave in the Olinda snow in 1952. The boundary umpire (extreme left) looks like he's ready for a hot cup of tea,

All Star Voting

Weekly All-Star winners, Luca's Livewires making a late charge at the title, with BOGs to Etienne Griersmith-Rowe and Darcy Faulkner and 2nd best on to Ollie Clarke.

Their skipper is back next week after a month's lay-off so anything's possible.



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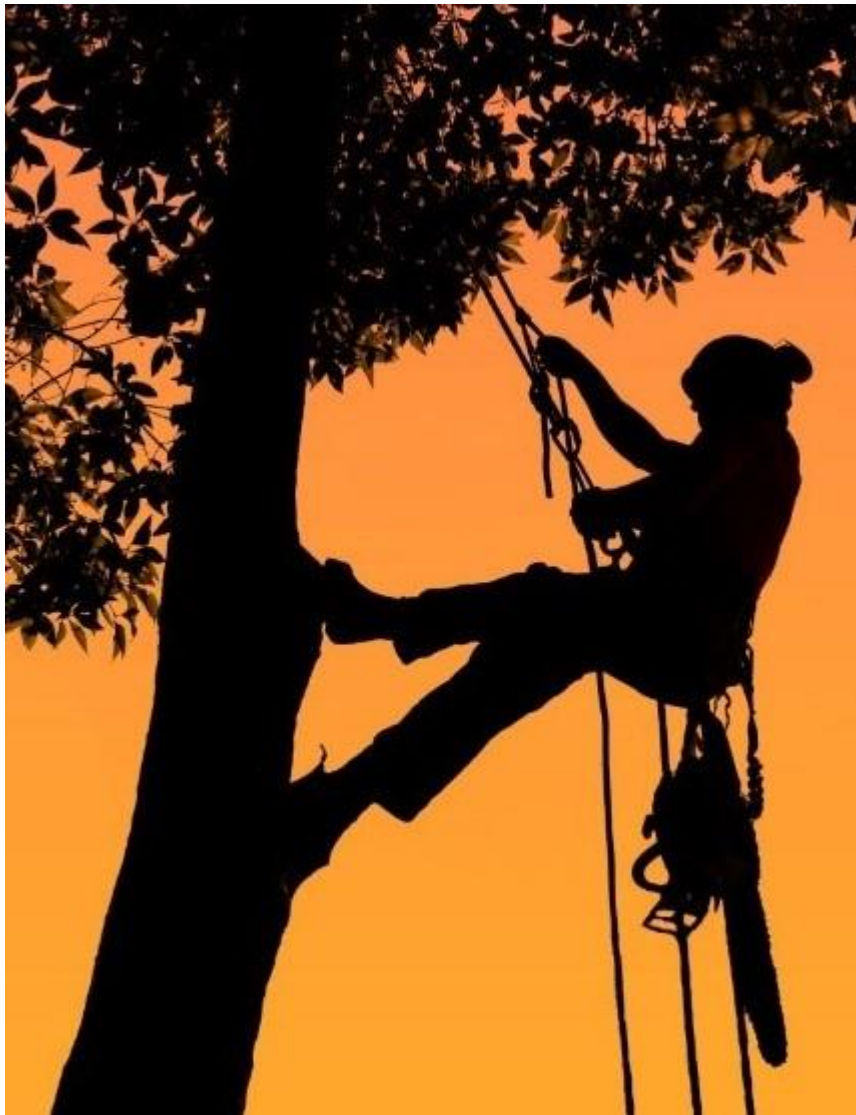
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