

Old Geelong Football Club: Marking 50 Years 1954-2004

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LAST ROUND

In a nail biter at the Bentleigh Recreation Reserve the seniors game ended up with the scores level at full time following an after the siren shot to the Ogs. The reserves continued on their merry way notching up their seventh consecutive win and have now guaranteed themselves a finals berth. Another disappointing day for the clubbies going down to the second placed Old Trinity by 39 pts.

SENIORS

BENTLEIGH	5.9	6.10	8.13	9.15	(69)
OLD GEELONG	3.4	6.7	7.11	9.15	(69)

Goals: N.Betts 2, W.Paul 2, T.Fallaw, M.Vickers-Willis, D.Kimpton, T.Legoe, J.Fitzclarence.

Best: J.Hope-Johnstone, E.Bayles, T Betts, J.Fitzclarence, T Legoe, J.Malpas.

Rain and hail was forecast for Saturday, but as we arrived at the lovely suburb of Bentleigh, there was nothing but sunshine until we got out of our vehicles to find we had arrived at the second windiest ground in the VAFA (not far behind Williamstown). Everything was looking good at the start of the match with Ogs celebrating the return of our captain **Chris Stinchcombe** after a long break due to a knee injury, and **Will Paul** preparing for what was to be a memorable 100th game at the Ogs.

Unfortunately in the first quarter we were up against the wind and Bentleigh made full use of this kicking a couple of early goals putting us on the backfoot straightaway. But we fought back managing to snag a couple having us down by three goals at quarter time. For the third time this year we were down at quarter time, with the other times being unable to fight back to take a win, so we were looking forward to the challenge.



above: Tom Betts in hot pursuit of a balding Bentleigh player!



above: Henry Legoe gets off the ground

The second quarter, like most of the match was a scrappy affair, with Bentleigh playing very defensive footy and to their credit applying a lot of pressure on us all over the ground, reducing our “play on” style football. It also heated up a bit in this quarter as for the 20th time this year **Ed Bayles** was involved in an off the ball scuffle, due to being taken high after marking the ball. After the first half we came in almost even and not entirely happy with our first half, due to a lot of fumbling errors and lack of concentration. To make things worse we had also lost **Dinga Bell** and **Diesel Kimpton** due to injuries.

We started to play a bit better football in the third term against the wind, having run off the half back line thanks to **Hope-Johnstone**, and **McCarthy** starting to find some form in the forward line. With **Diesel** out, **Vicko** was pushed to centre half forward, leaving **Burbury** to create some magic at full forward. We had most of the ball but failed to put on scoreboard pressure.



With not much in it at three quarter time, we were looking good with the wind behind us, but this was not to be the case, which turned out to be a hard fought quarter and not much scoring. With maybe 10 minutes to go, **Tim Legoe** marked and goaled from 40m to put us in front, but this was not for long as Bentleigh responded with a mark in their goal square and goaled giving them a small Lead with not long to go.

The last five minutes not much occurred except for continuous ball ups, as we managed to slowly get it down to our forward line, and with less than 30 seconds to go the pressure got too much for Bentleigh with them kicking it out on the full in our pocket. **Jon Malpas** was keen to take the kick, but was pushed out the way for the left footer **Jussy Fitzclarence**. With one point in it, the siren sounded leaving a nail biting finish.



below: the "LESONATOR"

With the slightest of angles to work with, the umpire refused **Jussy** a run up. Once the ball left the foot our goal umpire **John Manton** knew he had a tough decision to make but it might have been a bit obvious if he signalled a goal, as it just managed to scrape through for a point, resulting in a weird feeling, a draw!



above: Diesel tries to steal the ball off captain Stinch whilst Ed Bayles keeps his eyes on the lookout for a fight!

RESERVES

BENTLEIGH	1.2	1.2	2.4	3.5	(23)
OLD GEELONG	1.2	5.6	7.7	8.11	(59)

Goals: S.Cole 2, S.Jones 2, M.Avery, T.Bayles, H.Lockie, D.Salter

Best: T.Waters, T.Bayles, T.Cannon, J.O'Hare, J.Morley, H.Lockie.

Conditions for the match were not ideal as winds more accustomed with Antarctica ripped across the ground. Having had a brief chat in the middle of the ground (and retreating to the rooms in fear of hyperthermia) it was evident that everyone was fired up for a good contest.

The match saw the return of **Hugh Lockie** from a week in the snow, **Jimmy O'Hare** from a week in the sun and **Stephen Jones** who was able to get away from work. With tales of Gallipoli ringing through the ears (courtesy of **Ben Dunn**) the match got underway with the Ogs kicking into what can only be described as a ten goal gale. Despite the difficult conditions we dominated possession with strong performances in the middle from **Tim Bayles**, **Chris Wilson** and **Tommy Cannon**. **Hugh Lockie** was also doing well in the ruck, providing a strong contest at every opportunity.



Despite some errant kicking the Ogs were level at quarter time despite having slotted only one major. Some good running off the half back line from **Anthony Dhillon** and **Tommy Waters** made for some attacking football.

What was meant to be the quarter where we would get the scoring going, proved a rather dull affair due to Bentleigh's unwillingness to try and score in the quarter. By placing three loose men in the Ogs forward line, and kicking the ball the minimum ten meters sideways, backwards and occasionally forwards, meant that the flow of football was severely affected. Despite this, great efforts from **Jimmy O'Hare** and **Jimmy Morley** meant that we were fully in control of the match by half time.

In a repeat of the first quarter the wind again played its part, but **Andrew Slattery** made some dashing runs up the wing and the veteran **Dan Salter** wound back the clock to kick a great goal. It would be remiss of any game commentator not to mention **Sam Cole** (or as he is known to all as Goalsa-trona-matrix) who unmarked in the goal square took a great chest mark and duly saluted with the kick. What was to follow will be forever etched in Ogs folklore [Refer later in the webnotes]. The form of the backmen was great all day, typified by strong grabs by **James Kilpatrick**, **Ian Munro** and **Ben Symons**.



The final quarter was much the same as the second with relatively low scoring and a large degree of frustration creeping into the match. Again with no one in the forward half of the ground Bentleigh crowded the forward line to make it difficult to score. However the hard work of the midfield to not let it go into the forward fifty (aside from some great work by the opposition umpire) meant that we were constantly attacking the goals.

left: Steve Jones flies for a mark in his return game to the Ogs

The win was a good one for the team in very trying conditions. What it did prove is that we are capable of holding sides and are getting better at playing in windy conditions. It has set up a big match this week against the undefeated La Trobe Uni - the stakes couldn't be higher. A win this week would greatly help our chances of finishing in the top two, something that is a big advantage come finals time.

A big thanks to **David Taylor VI** for coming to goal umpire last week. DT proved he is a smart man by insisting that every quarter he would umpire from the end that was into the wind. The rationale was that the wind would be in his back, so it would be warmer and less intensive. A thinker our **Dave!**

Additionally, just as we thought he had burrowed into the Como Hill permanently, the Wombat, **Lachie Stevens**, came out of hibernation to be the runner for the day. A cracking effort made even more impressive with a back up performance in the seniors. Seems that month of not drinking has energised the man, and we look forward to seeing him play this weekend, showing us the pace he is known for (approx 40km/h).

CLUB XVIII

OLD GEELONG	2.1	4.2	6.5	9.8	(62)
OLD TRINITY	5.1	9.4	12.4	16.5	(101)

Goals: J.Urquhart 2, S.Timms 2, J.Legoe, M.Hyde, S.Waters, G.Allen, H.Peck.

Best: R.Cutler, J.Legoe, G.Allen, T.D'Antoine, S.Timms, R.Imhoff.

Ogs put in a solid effort all day against the 2nd top side in our competition, but it was always going to be tough after the withdrawal of our skipper in Beetle Southey prior to the game. Young Kyle had managed to come down with gastro and put his health before his playing career in what has since been described as "a piss weak effort"! Although Old Trinity were able to consistently add to their tally we did not make it easy for them, as we kicked more than three times our score from the previous match. **Rich Cutler** clearly won his position of ruck all day, whilst **Jimmy Legoe** and **Greg Allen** were both strong in the middle. Other great contributors around the ground included **Timmy D'Antoine**, **Stuart Timms** and **Rupert Imhoff**. Highlight of the day came in the final quarter, when in heavy traffic **Mike Hyde** was able to snap successfully and take his career goal tally to one! Also some memorable goals from **James Urquhart** would have made the highlights reel.

THIS WEEK

Round 14 sees Como Park playing host to La Trobe in a triple header with the Club XVIII kicking off proceedings not long after the sun comes up! This fixture last time round saw **Moose's** men come away with the four points after a big win.



This will be followed by a top of the ladder clash in the reserves where **Dunny's** side will be looking to extract revenge after narrowly losing to them in round 5. With the home ground advantage and solid form leading into this week, there is a big opportunity to inflict the university side with their first loss for the season and get a stronger grip on a top two position.

The big game of the day sees **Michael Lockman's** entourage take to the field at 2pm for what will be a big game in determining the structure of the final four come season end. With La Trobe being the strongest side outside the top four at the moment, the task will not be easy. The Ogs managed to come away with the points last time the two sides met and will be looking to make up for the unexpected draw last week.

AROUND THE CLUB

Big weekend down at Como this Saturday with the traditional Ladies Lunch being held upstairs at 12pm, which will be followed later that evening by the Miss Ogs 2004 Pageant. With a few late withdrawals it has been left to **Will Paul, James Abbott, James Hope-Johnstone** and **Richie Herd** to battle it out for the prized "Miss Ogs" title. We are looking to get a huge crowd down to the event, so ensure to inform all and sundry of the evening and lets get Club Como cranking to a new level!

With footy trip now confirmed, it is time for the players to help out in the fundraising stakes. A major part of this assistance is required in ensuring the "Ogs Reverse Raffle 2004" is a big success. The event has been slightly altered this year, with 200 Tickets up for sale this year at a price of \$100 each. There are big prizes up for grabs with money being returned to the first ticket drawn as well as the last ten, culminating in someone walking away with the grand prize of \$5,000. Each player will be given some tickets to sell to themselves, family members, work colleagues, friends, etc. An example of the ticket is shown below and contains all the details of the big day scheduled for Sunday 12th September down at Club Como:

 Ogs Reverse Raffle 2004 Tickets \$100 each Drawn Sunday 12th September 2004 at the Clubrooms Como Pavilion First ticket drawn 1.00pm 200 Tickets Only	Prizes Last ticket drawn wins \$5,000 2nd last _____ \$1,000 3rd last _____ \$ 700 4th last _____ \$ 200 5th to 10th last _____ \$ 100 1st drawn _____ \$ 500 NAME: _____ ADDRESS: _____ PH: _____ No. 001	 Ogs Reverse Raffle 2004 Tickets \$100 each Last ticket drawn wins _____ \$ 5,000 2nd last _____ \$ 1,000 3rd last _____ \$ 700 4th last _____ \$ 200 5th to 10th last _____ \$ 100 1st drawn _____ \$ 500 200 Tickets Only Drawn Sunday 12th September 2004 at the Clubrooms Como Pavilion First ticket drawn 1.00pm No. 001
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At the time of printing these notes there is still no word from **Tim Bayles** as to whether his wife Kirsty has given birth. We wish the Bayle's all the best, with the delivery expected any day now.

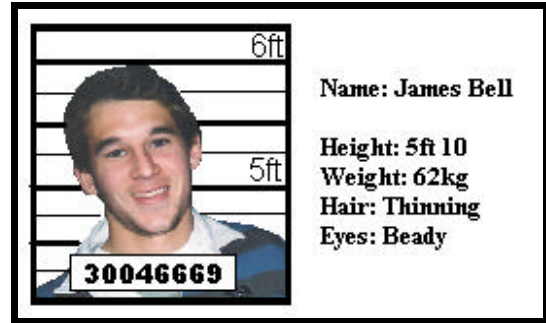
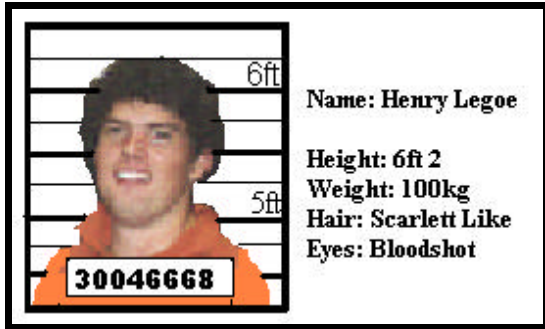
With **Killer** taking back the role of the official clubman in coming weeks to give **Baylsey** a chance to bond with his newly born, we wait in anticipation to see if the lines will continue to creep in at Como Park. Over the past months, the lines have gradually moved in and we are not sure if this is to suit Tim Bayles in close playing style or whether he is just sick of running the full perimeter of Club Como at training. Well done Baylsey and good luck to Killer for the remainder of the season

Sam Cole took onfield celebrations at the Ogs to a new low on Saturday after kicking what could be seen as the sealer on Saturday. After slotting one through the big sticks he yelled to **Danny Salter** "Pull," Salts then released a couple of imaginary clay pigeons into the air, to which Goals Coles then shot them down with his 12 gauge a la Hawthorn dud Mark Williams. Sam's opponent was quick to remind him that he was in fact playing D2 reserves and should refrain from such outbursts. What will the Slaw produce in the coming weeks?

Sunday morning saw **Greg Allen** wake up wondering just how big his night had been. Apparently Greg stumbled home after a big night in Geelong and slipped into bed..... with his Grandma. Who knows what he was thinking but thank god he didn't bring a girl home otherwise it could have been a very awkward situation.

Whilst on the subject of waking up in strange places, the front page headlines in Sunday's papers read:

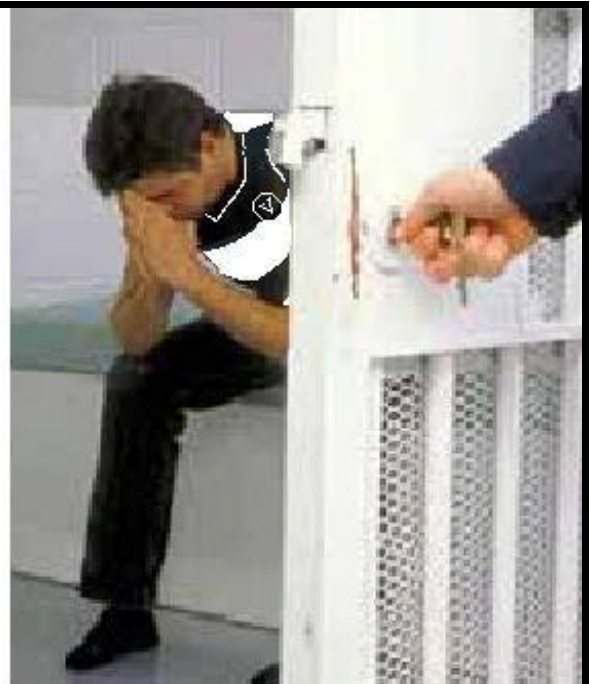
OGS CELL-EBRATE – two senior Old Geelong Footballers found themselves spending the night in the confines of a Spencer Street precinct, alongside a native Australian and a Richmond supporter in what can only be described as an act of madness. Mug shots of the two players in question have since been released and neither of the two have been cited on the training track since.



DING DONG ON KING STREET - Jamie Bell implicated in late night King Street brawl in what he has since described as a “huge wake up call”. The exclusiveness of this story saw pictures of the evenings events being sold by the paparazzi, of which we managed to get this one:



BEFORE



AFTER

Dinga has since expressed outrage that this minor incident over the weekend could see him banned from attending the 'Gentleman's Afternoon' at Como in a few Sundays time. For those of you who attended last year, Dinga, along with **Fairy** and **Jimmy Paul** really made the day a success. If the ban is upheld, Jamie has threatened to miss this week's game with a completely fabricated 'knee complaint'.

Other stories to grace the inside pages of Sunday's edition of the "Old Geelong Times" included:

THAT KICK - Juzzy talks about the one that got away.

LEGOE BOYS FIND TROUBLE AGAIN - After another drunken incident on Saturday night we discover that booze and brawls seem to follow the Legoe boys wherever they go.

ONE LEG AND STILL KICKING - Simon O'Brien a likely return to bolster Ogs stocks after a serious medically condition nearly cost him his leg.

SYMONS TAKES ON COACHING ROLE – in what can only be described as an early attempt at recruiting, Ben Symons was overheard trying to convince a 120kg bullocking rover to head home with him from the Arcadia last Saturday night.

STICKY TAPE MAN - In a James Hird type story of courage, Dave Taylor considers risking career to raise OGS ruck stocks by returning from serious knee injury early.

RETURN TO PLANET OF THE APES - Grills to make come back to Ogs training track on Thursday night

THE PRINCE MAKES HIS MARK - carrying a hamstring into the game 'the creep' once again impresses at Prince by wooing his target home.

SHORLEY MORLEY - James Morley firms as big contender for 2004 reserves B&F after another strong game against Bentleigh.

DAD: DON'T DISCOUNT ME - father to be Tim Bayles says he is still in the hunt for the B&F.

HOLLYWOOD AND BACK - the long road back from injury for Chuggs Atkins.

Quote of the week (although horribly taken out of context) was this one from Daniel Salter after Tuesdays training:

"When I was young I played with my balls every night".

SEPERATED AT BIRTH

He earned the nickname on footy trip in 2002 for his actions, and now he is doing everything he can to hold onto it. Club XVIII skipper, **Beetle Southey** has gone to the extent of matching his alter-ego by styling his hair and leaving a tuff down the open forehead, in attempts to be mistaken for the "Road Trip" actor. The striking resemblance is so strong that **Greg Allen** is pictured here with the real Beetle, but thinks he is sharing a hug and a beer with the real Hollywood superstar!



PLAYER PROFILE

Name: Simon O'Brien

Also known as: Obbie, Ray, Gottlieb, Liota, Rayminator & Oggy.

Age: 28

Went to: Both GGS and GC

Occupation: Finance Analyst for Telstra

Lives in East Melbourne, overlooking the "G"

And originally from: Geelong

Married/attached/available/desperate: Available

Career with OGS: 1996 U 19's, 2002-04

Awards at OGS (if any): 19 from 22 at the Arc last year, Ressies runner up B&F, Most goals in under 19 game for the Ogs (10)

Preferred playing position: Somewhere not too far from the big sticks

Perceived football strengths: Come off the bench and get a kick

weaknesses: Blanket statements and poor clothing

Best player seen at OGS: JLo and Tom Carty were pretty special one weekend in Warrnambool

Highlight of Career:. Ressies Grand Final last year and Vickos 100

Favourite Food: Bedi's Chicken Butter Cream

Music: Coldplay

Place: Point Lonsdale has always been kind

Film: Empire Records

Fantasy: Being out till 7am

Restaurant/pub etc: Have always had a soft spot for the Diggers

League Club followed: Cattery

Other major interests/hobbies/achievements: Just joined Barwon Heads Golf Club so that should cover off on that

If I were stranded on a desert island, the five things I would take with me are:

1 The Nugget Stevens Bar and patrons

2 Newtown Pizza

3 Miss World Beauty Contestants

4 Surfboard

5 MCC pass for boxing day and Grand Final

If I could have any job in the world it would be: One which doesn't include Mondays

As a child I really wanted to be (when I grew up): Owner of Baggy Green and a Brownlow

The things I like most about myself is: Loyalty

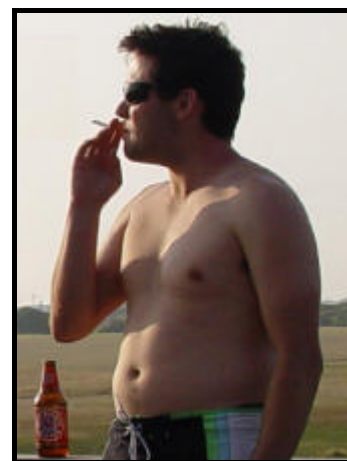
What makes me cringe/angry is: My speech at Danny's 21st

Future plans – say for next three years: Work and Football

General Comment about how you see the Club: In the right direction

Its strong points: Great bunch of people and good off field group

Needs to improve/change: Too much gets left to too few



Once again, thanks to **Steve Hope-Johnstone** for supplying the photo's used in this edition of the webnotes.

Peter Lemon will take back the reign as chief webnote writer as of next week, so if you have any news/stories/photo's that you feel are webnote worthy email him at peterl@peregrineadventures.com