



Glebe District Hockey Club Inc **JUNIOR TEAMS NEWSLETTER**

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BBQ A GREAT SUCCESS

The Junior Teams' BBQ on 20 July was a great success, both financially and socially. Our sincere thanks to everyone who contributed to this success. It wasn't just the number of people involved, there was also a great atmosphere and a good time was had by all.

The raffle raised \$760. The Casey family cleaned up here, winning 1st and 3rd prizes. 2nd prize was won by B Stevenson. A 4th prize of an autographed hockey stick, which had to be won by a club supporter present on the night, was won by Jan Wall. Delighted son David, in the Under 11 Maroon Team, accepted the stick. Congratulations to all winners and thanks to all ticket sellers, and especially our supporters who donated the prizes. The 1st prize, a gas barbecue, was kindly donated by Joe's Barbecues.

The BBQ itself raised about \$900. Our thanks to all those who donated food - the meat by Harry Wark Senior, the vegetables by the Galluzzo family, and everyone else we haven't space to mention. Particular thanks to Maureen Paterson, Cheryl Oman and Maggie O'Sullivan for their work preparing the BBQ and to those who helped on the night.

For many the highlight of the night was the Dummy Spitting Competition! Congratulations to Alan Howe who won with a prodigious spit of 5.57 metres (accurately measured with a cassette container). He had intense competition from Eric "Chook" Fraser who as Bar Manager had advantage knowing the local conditions. This win is claimed as a world record for this type of dummy under adverse conditions - the atmosphere was particularly heavy and the spectators raucous, although the impartial adjudication of Geoff Paterson, Chief Judge ensured an honest result. For others the highlight of the night may have been sitting around the fire listening to George Campano sing and play the guitar, sharing a tale with old friends, cooking sausages at midnight or (if you are young) arriving home at 1 o'clock in the morning.

We are sure you all had a good time and thank you for your support.

ARTIFICIAL SURFACE UPDATE

Discussions have been held with the APIA Soccer Club about the possibility of Lambert Park becoming available and a synthetic surface built there. APIA at this stage will not be vacating Lambert Park, at least until they are able to secure a full-time lease of Leichhardt Oval. Due to the uncertainty over Lambert Park, it was decided to press ahead with a Development Application for Federal park. A landscape architect has been engaged to prepare the documentation for the DA to be submitted to Leichhardt Council. The approximate cost of this will be about \$4,000. Preliminary drawing should be available in the Clubhouse for Member perusal within the next few weeks.

LES WARK

COMPETITION TEAMS

Most teams have only a few games to go to complete their season with only the Under 13 Team assured of a place in the Semi-Finals. The Under 13's have been our most consistent and most improved side this season and we wish them well in the Semi-Finals.

REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS

Our congratulations to those players who will represent the Central Area in the Carnival at Moorebank on 18 Aug. After this carnival the Sydney Team will be selected. Good luck to all players involved.

PARRAMATTA CARNIVAL DAN MAHONEY RESERVE (4 Aug)

It was a glorious sunny winter's day, ideal for playing hockey. The teams assembled at 8.30 am and there was nonstop hockey until 3.35 pm. Most players left the ground exhausted. Each game was of 28 minutes duration and the practice was terrific.

Under 15's Although they didn't score a goal in their 4 matches, the Under 15's were always competitive and gave the opposition a good hard tussle. They never stopped trying and some of the short passing in the forwards was, on occasions, very impressive.

Under 13's This team played 3 hours of hockey in their 6 games and after the last one some had trouble putting one leg before the other! A playing record of 2 wins and 4 losses doesn't sound impressive but in a couple of them we had ample opportunities to win. There was too much down the middle play and the defence will need to improve their speed delivering the ball to the forwards. Our short corner defence needs some work before the semis - we gave away a few soft goals from corners in this Carnival.

Under 11's With 5 games played, the Under 11's reached the Final of the day and received a Runners-Up Medal. The team was a composite from the Whites and the Maroons, with some of the players not playing together before and the side lacked a little cohesion at times. Nevertheless, the side performed well and the players had a great day, even though they didn't manage to snatch the Final from Parramatta.

The Under 15's and Under 13's had only 10 of their regular players available and players from "down stream" came in to help. These younger "fill-ins" acquitted themselves with distinction, despite giving away many years to their opponents.

There were plenty of parents and supporters at the Carnival who enjoyed the day almost as much as the players.

MATCH REPORTS

GLEBE UNDER 15's

Sutherland Sharks (13.7.91) Won 2 - 1
This was a very pleasing win against the Sutherland side as we felt we should have won the last time we played. It was good to see the results of training under Danny O'Brien on Thursday evenings and the Team coach Mark Short on match days. The team played very good hockey and teamwork and commitment was there. We were unfortunate not to win by a greater margin, but still a very good win. Best and Fairest was Adam Campano.

Sutherland Blues (20.7.91) Lost 4 - 0
Although we lost this match it was probably the best defensive effort we played this year and against the very strong Sutherland number 1 side. We continually frustrated

MATCH REPORTS Continued

their attack and at half-time we were down 1 nil. Luck ran against us in the second half and although we were eventually beaten 4 nil, that was no indication of the game. In a very good defensive effort, Karen Bowden stood out to be named Best and Fairest.

27.7.91 Bye

Bankstown Gold (4.8.91) Lost 4 - 0
Once again a stout defensive effort against the leaders of the competition. With only ten players we were always going to get it tough, but we had as many scoring chances as the opposition. We didn't capitalise and also let in a couple of soft goals. There were good games from Jeremy Gray, Ben Farrawell and Helen Howe, with Helen Howe being awarded Best and Fairest.

MARTIN HOWE

GLEBE UNDER 13's

Parramatta Won 11 - 0
This game was transferred to The Crest after Jubilee was declared unplayable following a week of rain. For the first 10 minutes it appeared the Parramatta were going to be as competitive as they were in the first round when we beat them 5 - 2. However, after a slow start Glebe put it all together and in a brilliant exhibition of teamwork literally cut Parramatta to shreds. At half-time we led 5 - 0 and it was clear they had no answer to a team that was in great touch. Glebe went from strength to strength and hammered home a further 6 goals. It would be unfair to single out any one player for special mention as this was a team effort in every sense of the word.

St George Won 5 - 0
Although missing a couple of key players and the unfortunate loss of another player through injury, St George put up a very spirited performance at Gardiners against a Glebe side that carried on where they left off the previous week. By half-time we led 5 - 0 and the game was well and truly won, allowing us the luxury of moving Alexander Crook from goal to play for the Under 11's. Jason Bowden played kicking back and other player given the chance to play in unfamiliar positions so they could develop all round hockey skills. It was only some brilliant saves from the St George goalie that stopped the Glebe tally being higher.

In two weeks the Under 13's have scored 16 goals with none against and cannot miss out on a Semi-Final berth.

JIM OMAN & BOB TAYLOR

GLEBE UNDER 11's MAROON

Moorebank (13.7.91) Lost 14 - 3
This game was at Moorebank as Jubilee was unfit due to heavy rain. We played the game with only 10 players because of holidays and sickness. An added disadvantage was not having a goalkeeper. The result wasn't as bad as it seems at first. Moorebank have 4 very skilful players very much at home on the turf and they scored some excellent goals. Glebe never gave up and never stopped tackling in our true tradition. David Wall had his best game of the season and made some good runs towards the Moorebank goal. Owen Macindoe acquitted himself well at right-half and his tackling and passing have improved since the start of the season. Anthony Wark was always dangerous in the Moorebank circle and with some could have added to his hat-trick. Despite the score, Moorebank did not have it all their own way and we were able to penetrate their defence and score 3 goals. With a tighter defence, a goalkeeper and a full team the score will be closer next time we meet. Thank you Corrie Kelleher for a fine job umpiring and Mrs Maggie O'Sullivan who continues to supply oranges and water, very much appreciated by the team.

Sutherland Blue (20.7.91) Lost 10 - 1
Sutherland are the best in the competition and a defeat of this size against a team of this calibre is no disgrace. Glebe never stopped trying and kept tackling right to the last. We did have scoring opportunities and could have scored one or two more goals. Alexander Crook, the Under 13's regular goalie played for us and acquitted himself well. Full-backs Sandy Gittins and Tom Wingfield tackled and ran all day. Owen Macindoe continues to improve. Pat Wark at centre-half covered a lot of territory although he needs to pass the ball more to the corners rather than down the middle to the oppositions centre-half - a small criticism in an otherwise outstanding game. Kate O'Sullivan is not frightened to take on bigger, faster, meaner opposition forwards and made her presence felt. Mark O'Sullivan made a couple of 10 metre bursts - great for one so young. Cameron Mackay continues to improve and Mark Paterson (the baby of the team) made some good effective tackles and play of the ball. Ross Tapsell, inside-left, was effective in the forwards but needs to drop back just a bit defending 16 yard hits and helping the full-backs. This applies to inside-right David Wall as well but he made some good runs. Given the right opportunities in the circle, David has the capacity to score goals. Anthony Wark was always dangerous in attack and also ran out well on the short-corners - although Sutherland had at least 10 or 12 corners, they failed to

convert one of them. A good team effort, only beaten on the day by an older, more skilful, well drilled opposition. It was nice to here the words of encouragement players gave each other in this match.

Moorebank (27.7.91) Lost 1 - 7
Moorebank are a very capable team and to restrict them to a 6 goal winning margin on their home ground was a good effort on our behalf - we made them fight for every goal. A pleasing feature of this game was the exhibition of dribbling skills by the younger members of the team, Mark O'Sullivan, Kate O'Sullivan and Mark Paterson - skills developed at Wednesday night training and not previously utilised. Alexander Crook, the Under 13's goal-keeper who is eligible to play for the Under 11's, effected some good saves and kept the score down - the last time we played Moorebank was without a goalkeeper and we conceded 14 goals. Sandy Gittins worked hard in this game and none of the opposition forwards could outrun him. Ross Tapsell (normally inside-left) played left-half and acquitted himself well. David Wall continues to improve at inside-right and relayed the ball effectively to Anthony Wark at centre-forward. Owen Macindoe's work rate in improving and with a good dose of the flu played well. Cameron Mackay tried hard all game, playing to his potential. Pat Wark was a little sluggish early in the game but his enthusiasm picked up as the game progressed - with concentration over the full game, he would be an outstanding player. Anthony Wark scored 1 goal and narrowly missed two more. He was a constant threat to the Moorebank defence and his hitting of the long corners was excellent. Even with Nicholas Kelleher and Tom Wingfield out sick the side performed very well. We score goals even against the best teams in the competition which is a pleasing feature of our play.

Sutherland Sharks (3.8.91) Won 2 - 0
In the 1st round Sharks beat us 3 - 1, in the 2nd round it was a 0 - 0 draw and in this game at Jubilee we beat them 2 - 0. These scores emphasise the improvement of the team as the season progresses.

We played without a goal-keeper and most critics gave us only an outside chance to win. Tom Wingfield and Nick Kelleher returned after sickness. Nick played as kicking-back and had his best game of the season. Tom was quick and repeatedly won the ball and pushed it up to our forwards initiating many Glebe sorties. Sandy Gittins at right-back was like the Scarlet Pimpernel - everywhere and really stamped his mark on the game. Mark O'Sullivan has shown enormous improvement and played another good game repeatedly tackling players years older and

winning the ball. Kate O'Sullivan positioned herself well and tried very hard recovering from a nasty ball to the knee. Owen Macindoe's work rate has improve 500% and is most effective on the right-wing. Pat Wark threw himself into the game and was a tower of strength at centre-half in one of his better games of the season. Cameron Mackay's ball and stick skills have made a gigantic step forward in recent weeks. Ross Tapsell, inside-left, made some incisive runs and on several occasions looked as if he might score. David Wall at inside-right also had a couple of golden opportunities to score, but lady luck deserted him. He made some decisive runs in attack and passed the ball well to Anthony Wark who involved himself well in the game. His teammates and Glebe supporters were delighted when he scored his first goal midway through the 2nd half. Our win was truly a team effort, one of which the team can be proud. Carole Wark umpired for us and Maggie O'Sullivan continues to bring oranges and water for half-time. Thank you both.

HARRY WARK

GLEBE UNDER 11's WHITE

St George (13.7.91) Lost 3 - 2
The team started this match at Gardiners Park very slowly and by half-time were down 3 - 0, with St George well and truly in control. In the second half the backs pushed the ball wide, keeping it away from the better St George players, and Danielle Casey, Liam Hibbert and Douglas Cronin put in fine performances to turn the tide Glebe's way. The two goals scored in this period were a just reward for some fine play.

Sutherland Sharks (20.7.91) Lost 8 - 1
It is very difficult to match the Sutherland sides on their home turf and the Sharks proved far too good, dominating most of the play. Our attempts to move the ball wide did not have much success and the side had very few opportunities to score. Patrick Casey injured his foot and, although he completed the game, his strong running from the half-back line was sorely missed. Douglas Cronin, who has been in fine form in recent weeks, scored the goal for the Whites.

Bankstown (27.7.91) Won 2 - 0
At The Crest the team began this game confidently and soon had the Bankstown defence under a lot of pressure. We dominated the first half and were rewarded with two goals, both of them scored by Douglas Cronin. In the second half, our standard of play dropped a little and this allowed Bankstown to launch many more attacks, but the defence with Joshua White and David Mullins prominent held and Bankstown finished the game scoreless.

St George (3.8.91) Lost 4 - 2
St George once again proved too good for us at Gardiners Park. Douglas Cronin once again scored both goals for the Whites

BEVAN INESON

MINKEY

The Minkey season this year has been a major success, thanks partly to the to the good weather but mainly to the enthusiasm of the players and their parents. Since the Club began Minkey some seasons ago the number of players has increased every year and it is not uncommon for around 35 players to attend sessions on Saturday mornings. The children range in age from 3 to 11. Many of the children have shown substantial development in their hockey skills over a couple of months and are keen to keep on improving. It is very pleasing this year to have a number of people from both the men's and women's club assisting with the coaching. Sessions run from 10 to 11 o'clock on Saturday mornings and all children are welcome to attend.

PETER BUSCH

SECOND GRADE

Since the last report, the Second Grade have had losses to North Sydney and Liverpool and have been struggling to find the goal mouth. However, the trip to Sutherland must have done some good because in this game the team found their long lost form and scored an impressive 3 - 1 win. More attention by individuals to their own game has helped the team as a whole. Good form has been shown by Brad Goodridge, Geoff Busch and Pat McCann and the inclusion of Les Wark and Tony Poljak has strengthened the team. Les Wark scored 2 goals in this game and claims that one of them was the goal of the season. (Coach Geoff Paterson blames an inexperienced goalkeeper.) Our current position is 4th, two points behind the 3rd placed team with four rounds to go. From here on we must concentrate on the task ahead and build up good co-ordination on the field. Best of luck to Brad Goodridge when he goes away with the State Under 17 team on 17 August. Craig Greaves has had to pull out of the squad because of injury and his place will be taken by Aaron Nilan.

GEOFF PATERSON

SENIOR TEAMS REPORTS

FIRST GRADE

With only a couple of games to go to the Semi-Finals, the Glebe 1st Grade side is a clear 4th and should make the finals. Injuries to key players have not helped our cause. Colin Greaves has a broken collar bone and Mick Diviney a broken foot. We wish both players speedy recoveries. Ken Wark will also be a major loss to the Glebe side when he goes to Europe with the Australian team. However, although the 1st Grade side will feel the loss of these fine players, we are sure those that replace them will give of their very best and show the fighting spirit for which Glebe is renowned. When things are difficult, this is where Glebe players are most determined. The fighting spirit and will to succeed has seen us win against the odds in the past - by trying to the end we have won games that appeared to have been lost. We wish Ken Wark a safe trip with the Australian team and remind him to keep his passport and money in a safe place this time! Congratulations and best wishes to Brad Goodridge and Aaron Nilan who are representing us in the NSW Under 17 team at the Australian Championships. Good Hockey!

LES WARK

CENTRAL AREA SELECTION TRIALS

The following players were chosen to represent the Central Area at the Sydney Selection trials to be held at Moorebank hockey fields on 18 August.

Under 17 Scott Shepherd, Adam Farrawell, Matthew Bass

Under 15 Ben Howe

Under 13 Simon Bracht, Alexander Crook, Geoffrey Hammett, Anthony Wark, Aaron Oman, Douglas Cronin

Under 11 Patrick Casey, Patrick Wark, Ross Tapsell
(This team is probably still short of players.)

NOTE: These Sydney teams play in 1992, so the players listed above must be under the respective ages NEXT YEAR.

Congratulations and good luck to all these players.

Under 11 & Under 13 games start at 9.30 am on 18 August
Under 15 & Under 17 games start at 10.30 am