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EDITORIAL :



We hope our paper has outgrown its infancy by now, and with gradual improvements each issue has reached a stage where it is well printed and thoroughly enjoyed by all members. Its one big purpose is to keep us in closer contact with each other and to tell us of the comings and goings of the Club.

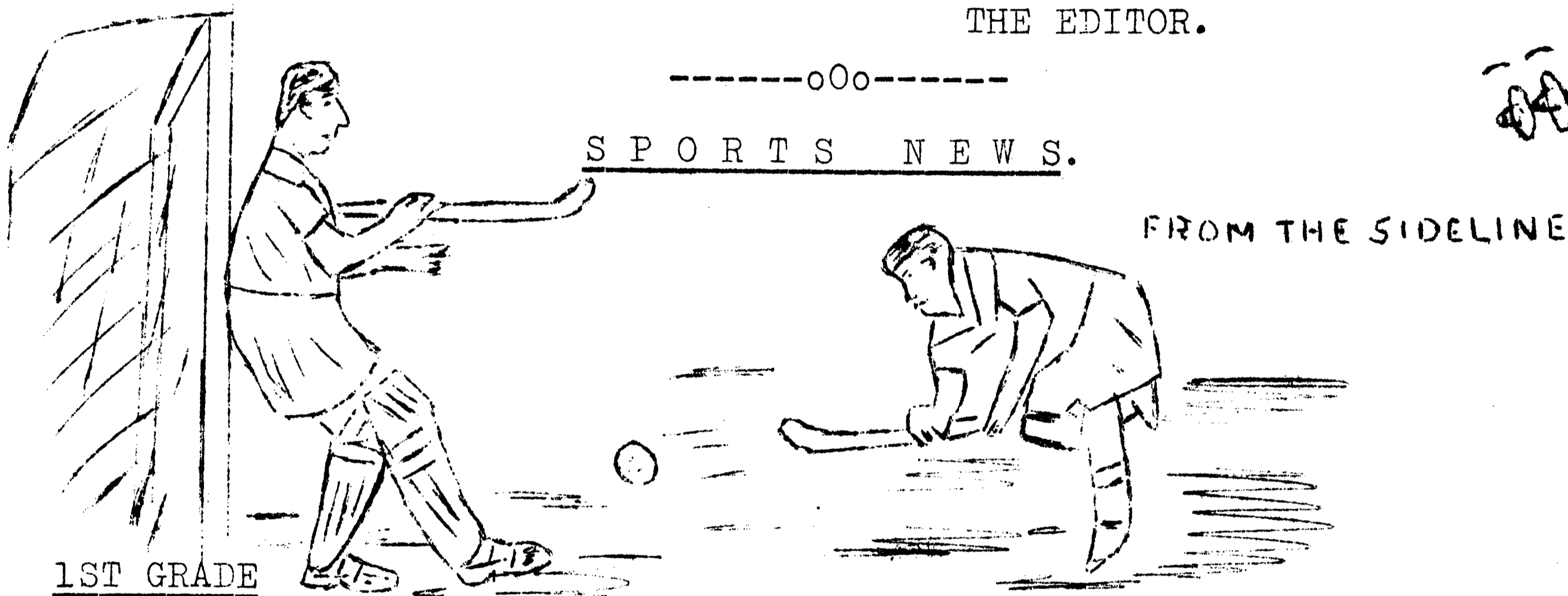
So make sure that you get your copy each issue and if you have any ideas let us have them.

Tom Pearce once again writes for our paper, giving us his birds eye view of the game against Saints last Saturday week. Thanks, Tom. Ray Thorpe is also continuing his articles on the "History of the Club". They are very good; you will probably agree with me when I say that I personally look forward to reading them each issue.

How many of you Champion Hockey players are correctly guessing our Umpire's question each issue? The editor isn't doing too good.

This week we play Moorebank-Liverpool and this Club has given our 1st Grade two of its hardest games this year. So let's try and rectify it this week chaps,

Mark your man,
and Play the whistle,
THE EDITOR.



1ST GRADE

Well, the big game against St. George was a little disappointing being a 1-all draw, leaving this team dragging 1 point behind the leader, St. George.

Glebe after a sizzling goal, scored by D. Wise, in the first 10 minutes, led all the way and on many occasions were unlucky not to score, up to the last 10 minutes; when St. George scored off some very doubtful play on the top of the circle - seen by everybody but the umpire (after all Keith Leeson was only waving his Hockey Stick at a friend on the side-line). Bad luck, fellows, but I must congratulate you on the absence of talk and the good spirit in which this game was played - keep it up, there's still the Final to be played.

The game against Easts 3-nil win to Glebe was another very poor spectacle and I think that we should endeavour to play better HOCKEY against these weak sides. It seems that we try to play their type of game rather than our own (after all the 3rd Grade beat the same team 2-nil when they were fresh). Harry Wark was taken off the field when that hulking 'brute' Roy (should have been sent off - fancy doing that to our Harry) put his shoulder out, but I'm glad to say he's back to normal and ready to take on all comers this week.

2ND GRADE

Well, the boys finally had their unbeaten run broken by St. George, though I thought that the team played well - St. George were that little

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bit superior. The game from the spectator's point of view was voted the best of the day, as right up till the final bell it was hard to say how the game would finish. The Glebe forwards lacked that fire and dash in the circle that is needed to win this type of game (see Dasha Dunne). Score 2-1.

Glebe against Easts was another shock - 1-all draw, after Glebe scoring a goal 7 seconds from the start they couldn't find the net again; and it was only some very fine goal-keeping by Jim Kenny that stopped Glebe being beaten. Well, right-oh boys, you are only 2 in front now, so settle down and play Hockey - remember the Club Championship.

3RD GRADE

Well, the two good wins put this Grade 4 points in front - nice going. St. George were their first victims - 2-nil. The game was a battle of tactics, with everybody helping the umpires with the decisions; but I thought the effort put up by Bennet Dunne in not answering when spoken to by Tommy Pearce for a full 35 minutes was a classic and to show his appreciation to Tommy, Dasha used him as a spring board to score the final goal. Donny West's effort in knocking over three well-known members of the ladies committee on the side-lines was not well received (you ought to see the bruises they won't show me). However, all the husbands concerned wish to tender their thanks, Don, they've been wanting to do that for years.

The next game against East, a 2-nil win, was a Shamozzle. Easts tried to talk us out of it but the two umpires voted it the worst game ever. The 'winge' that went up when Glebe scored their first goal brought tears to the eyes of the most hardened spectators. However, when George Collett scored with a dashing goal, right down the centre (he left them speechless), the game came to a dismal finish.

4TH GRADE

V. Briars -- A patchy game played on an excessively bad ground resulted in another victory to "the legion of the lost". Excellent play in the full-back by "Gus" to Jack McParland really pulled us out of trouble many times. Leo Hackett on left wing was the only real attacking power; while the halves were bustlers in attack and defence.

V. Mosman -- In an exceptionally fast, hard-fought game, all-all draw was a good result as indicating the standard of play.

Mosman have an excellent 4th grade team and in the first half only good defending for Glebe by "Gus" Angus in goals saved the day - In the second half we came good and from a scrimmage Wally Wilson scored whilst lying on the ground. Allan Halls ('the Keg') was again unlucky; whilst the combination of Leo Hackett and John Loader improved immensely.

JUNIORS.

ONCE AGAIN --- NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE.

CANBERRA v SYDNEY MATCH

The Sydney game against Canberra at Gladesville on Sunday, 20th July saw an easy win for the Sydney side 4-1.

The game was not a very good one as the opposition being very weak did not produce good hockey.

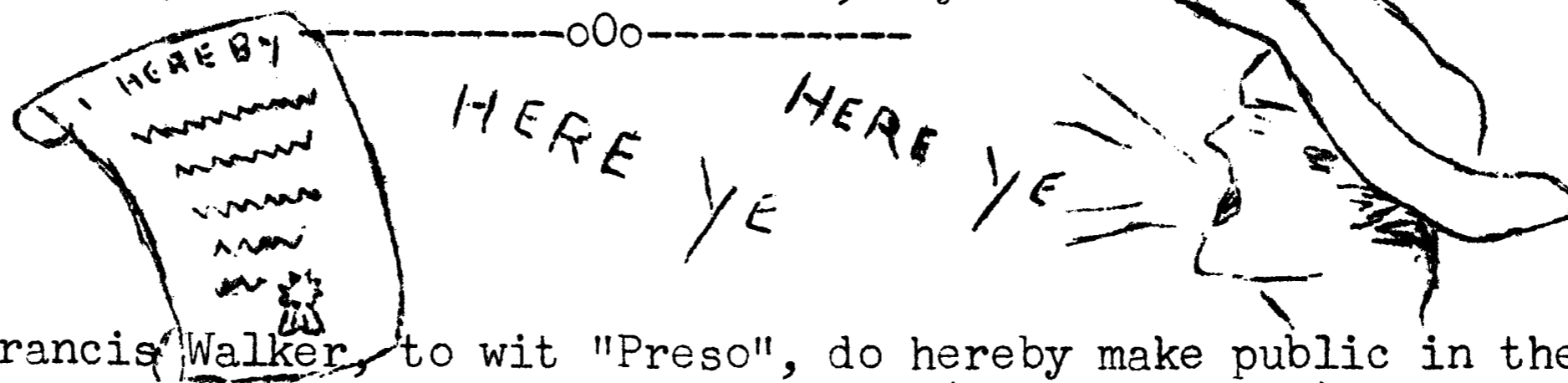
The Sydney Colts v Canberra Colts saw the defeat of Sydney 6-5. (They were not playing cricket, either). The results show that the defences of both sides were very poor.

CANTERBURY CARNIVAL - Sunday, 27th July, 1958.

Well, here is something to write about. It all happened one bright Sunday morning - outside Glebe Post Office - time 8.30 am. - three hopefuls, "Tantrums" Needham, "Cruiser" Thompson and young Fred Letts - and no signs of all the rest that nominated. After a War Dance (performed by "Tantrums") they took the trail to Parry Park to do battle - running into Max Jeffs, W. Stubbs, J. Buckley, The Editor (always on the spot), George Griffio and also (probably slept the night) 'Hack and Slash' Dunne. After a conference of 10 seconds, they decided they would play on. A few East men were conscripted and pads borrowed and so on to victory - 8-nil first game.

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More conferences - 'Who do we hate most in the area?' - unanimous vote - "Butch" Butler- 'Let's get him out of bed'. No sooner said than the Editor was on the spot again with the sleepy-eyed player. The team is getting stronger - 10 men - we were a moral after another couple of wins the debonair gentleman, Ron Payne, (who came out for a look) was conscripted. We had to play an Exhibition Game at Bankstown Showground against Canterbury, so Ron was just in time - so, off to the Showground, and a 4-1 victory. Highlight of the game was a running commentary by young Fred Letts over the mike - well done, Fred. Also, I must mention the 3 goals scored by "Tantrums" Needham in this game (ask him all about them, if you have an hour to spare). After dragging the boys back to Parry Park to play the semi-finals against Ryde, things were getting serious, but a few needles were produced by various team members and the team was back in fighting trim to defeat Ryde 1-nil after extra time. Well, all that stood between the team and trophies was the Randwick team. More needles, and team talks, and threats by Captain Needham, and so into battle. After surviving 10 minutes battering - that little angel, Bennet Dunne, produced a brilliant goal. After the Captain and various forwards had finished kissing little Benny the game proceeded with Randwick trying to get the ball on the field and Glebe trying to keep it off - So, on to victory, receiving of trophies and congratulations by all and sundry. I would like to thank Frank Clark, of Easts Club, who did great honours to his borrowed Glebe shirt as full-back with the team. Thank you, Frank. After the game an impromptu victory party was held at Butch Butler's place, and we wish to thank the cheer squad for providing the "chow" -- and, so ended another good day for Glebe -- Well done, boys.



I, Noel Francis Walker, do hereby make public in the official organ of the Glebe District Hockey Club, ("The Red Rag"), a challenge to the team as graded No. 1. by those respected gentlemen (The Selectors), to meet the ACE team as graded but No. 3. by the same gentlemen.

This meet is to be decided in the form of a game called "Hockey", controlled by gentlemen in white, called "Umpires", and witnessed by numerous unpartisan spectators. Though we think, the result be not in doubt, we will do battle at a ground to be agreed upon and to take place on Sunday, the seventeenth day of August in the year nineteen hundred and fifty eight at 10.00 am.

All side wagers, of which we hope there will be many, can be agreed upon between now and the affixed date, in the presence of an arbitrator.

For, and on behalf of the Champions,

Noel F. WALKER.

P.S.

It hath come to my ears that 'tis said in some circles that the ACE team hath welched on a clash with the team graded No. 2, but I know nought of anything official in this respect.

Far be it, that such accomplished and sporting gentlemen as we, should do such a thing. Suffice it to say, that when we have unmercifully disposed of the old brigade, we will be only too happy to annihilate all and sundry in turn.

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U M P I R E ' S C O R N E R .

ANSWER TO LAST WEEK'S PROBLEM --- A Goal.

This was a controversial question several years ago and it was finally referred to the International Board for a decision. They stated that the incident fulfills all the requirements of a goal and should be ruled as such. It's no skin off anybody's nose if they didn't get that one correct.

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION --- "May a Penalty Bully ever be awarded for a breach outside the circle?" - "If so, when?" -- Warning Don't answer that one too quickly.

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JACK WORLEY.

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COMMENT ON THE GAME AGAINST ST. GEORGE

By Tom Pearce

History at least, would be satisfied with last Saturday's result, having rid itself of that fit of "hiccups".

Both teams I feel should be happy also with the result for there is no doubt that both teams can really turn it on when in the mood.

Play generally was fast, hard and rugged - neither side "giving anything away".

The reds were the first to score and though Des Wise never hit it as he should, much to the disgust of Joe and the St. George supporters, the ball floated into the top corner of the net. From the sidelines it appeared that Joe thought the ball was well off line as he never made any attempt to go for it.

From this stage on the Glebe players seemed to slow down and depend upon defensive play. Whether this was to a plan or that the setback woke the Dragon up, I would not be prepared to say.

To my mind the Reds almost gave the game away, because practically the second half was devoted to desperate defensive tactics. The Dragons goal, also could be termed a fluke, but I will say they deserved some success, for they pounded the Reds defence the last fifteen minutes.

The defence of both sides was excellent. Never have I seen both Ken and Jack on their game at the same time. Ken in particular had a grand day - his vigorous tackling and anticipation was the Ken of former days, which made him one of the best backs ever produced in Australia. It's a true saying that most stars are temperamental - how very true!

The Red halves as usual were splendid in defence and because they worked so hard it was evident they never had time to shine in attack. Len Needham I thought was slightly off.

Ron Payne again was like a rock in goal and made many nice saves - how's the teeth, Ron?

The forwards didn't appear to function as well as usual. Des Wise still maintains that vitality and definitely strengthens the right side. I don't know whether Des knew it or not, but he was practically playing a fourth half the latter part of the match.

Ray Thorpe and "our Harry" as boisterous as ever but didn't receive any breaks. Young Gray again proved he has potential. A question - why does he have to hit a ball so hard when he centres? If he has been instructed to do so, so be it. Having such a nice hit I feel he should also attempt to vary his passes to suit his inside and centre forward.

The game again wasn't without incidents - the "umps" had quite a day speaking to certain players.

Frank Murray wasn't playing this match, so Harry had to pick on someone else - hence Ray's stick "taking off" (luckily his hand wasn't with it). They tell me "our Harry" has a trade-mark upon his ----- and the Dragon didn't bite him either.

Summing up it was a most even game and from a spectator's point of view a tense and exciting climax.

Perusing your Red Rag gives me the impression that the Glebe players look forward to these clashes each time as do the Dragons.

Reading the growth of the club sent me digging into that old oak chest for antique photos etc. and I spent a happy hour reminiscing.

Thanks Ray for your kind remarks and I would like to say that I am very proud of my association with the St. James and Glebe Club for, loving hockey as I do, they were the happiest years of my career.

TOM PEARCE.