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## EDITORIAL

Well, boys, here we are again, just as good and informative as the last issue - we hope. We were very pleased with the way the paper was read and accepted by all players (with a few digs at our controversial name). This reception has made us try even harder to bring out a better issue. Some players have come forward with articles for us to publish - but this is not enough; we want everybody to submit articles or ideas. Don't be shy!

Noel Walker has been kind enough to write a series of Hockey articles for us on Playing the Game. We have read them and think that they are very good, and advise every player, both young and old, to read them and try to follow his advice. Remember you can never know too much about hockey and it is only the keen chap who reaches the top.

On the field we have had a very successful fortnight, with all the teams winning their matches with the exception of 4th Grade, who lost one match. This feat brings us closer to the leaders, St. George in the Club Championship.

Also the Juniors are doing very well with the Glebe Police Boys in the under 14's and 16's leading in their competitions.

Come on "Reds", slay the "Dragons" and make the HEADLINES.

Play the whistle,

THE EDITOR.

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## S P O R T S N E W S

### 1st GRADE

Since we have started writing about these blokes they are certainly making the headlines. The (OY) stars made it 15 goals to 1 in the two matches. (Glebe 6 v Norths 1) and (Glebe 9 v Cremorne 0). The boy H. (Vegetarian) Wark, who we put on a diet last issue scored 8 goals (3 v North, and 5 v Cremorne). (Editor will sell the formula at a reasonable price). The game against Norths was very good with plenty of fast, open play, but towards the finish Norths looked a very tired team. It is good to see the defence working well and also a return to form by young Len Needham, who played well on the day. The game against Cremorne, after a fiasco of changing grounds, was played on a paddock, but the surroundings were very pleasant - one could have slept on the side-lines only for the continually banging of back-boards and the chipping of umpires - Remember, blokes, these fellows are doing the best for you and the game and the reason why a lot of umpires have been lost to the game is because - They go out to enjoy the game as much as you do - not to be continually heckled. Hope to have some good news in the next issue about St. George?

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## 2nd GRADE

The Seconds maintained their lead in the competition with wins against Norths (3-1) and Cremorne (4-1). Jimmy Kenny was back with the side, just shows, you can't keep a good man down. This team is now at full strength and going very nicely and is looking more like a premiership side every week. Pat Nilon, playing his first game with the team, acquitted himself very well. Steam Train Thompson is going well and is determined to keep on top as a goal scorer (don't forget to take the ball with you, Jack).

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## 3rd GRADE

This team had two good wins since our last edition (just goes to show the Power of the Press). 3-0 against Norths and 3-1 against Cremorne. Burnie Watson played well in deeping Norths out of the goal mouth and was a tower of strength to the side. Jackie Sutherland and Bob Needham are combining well and both are getting deadly in the circle. The game against Cremorne was started with only 7 men and by the time reinforcements arrived were already 1 goal up. A tower of strength was added to the side when Butch Butler donned the pads, only one goal being scored against in the match. (Ed. note - found out later this was the only shot at goals). Just goes to show that goal scoring by forwards overcomes all handicaps).

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## 4th GRADE

Yea! and it came to pass that Glebe played Gladesville at 2 p.m. on the Park known as Boronia or was it at 3.15 p.m. - that was the question? The main question is what was played there -- it certainly was not Hockey. Gladesville, the ultimate winners, profited by our halves and backs, who repeatedly left their forwards unmarked. V's Gordon at Burwood - A very welcome change from last week. The inclusion of Bob Needham and Don Graham gave added confidence to our forwards. Dick Callaghan, in the right wing, was a tower of strength with excellent centering shots -Burkey, our V.C., although inclined to wander a little, played well at centre half.

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## JUNIORS

Under 14's This competition is now well under way with three games having been played. Glebe Police Boys have so far won two games and drawn one, this leading them equal leaders.

Under 16's The Glebe Police Boys have carried their good record from the under 14's to their present competition and are playing very well, as results show. As they have played six games with 5 wins and 1 loss, this still leaves them outright leaders. Keep it up, boys.

### A Few Dates to Remember

Trials for Under 16 Sydney Team to be held at Centennial Park on 18th and 25th May at 9.0 a.m. Come on all you budding champions - go out and try for a place. Remember you've got to be at the trials to be picked.

Trials for Under 13's and Under 15's are set down for a date to be arranged.

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### WEST'S HOCKEY CARNIVAL.

We added another notch to our Club Stick, when the No.1 team brilliantly took this carnival out last Sunday. It was literally lifted out of the bag as we were down 1 nil to St. George in the quarter finals with about 10 minutes to play, and finished up defeating them 2-1.

WE had a very easy draw until the quarter finals, but from then on we had to get down to business as the scores indicate; St. George 2-1, Randwick 1-0 and Bathurst Waratahs 1-0. St. George's goal, being the only one scored against us all day.

As usual in the finals we had few followers, but did not let it deter us from winning. All round, I think that everyone enjoyed the game, whichever way it went.

The team combined and played well. Johnnie Whittle making his debut in the No.1 team and also Vince Halls, after a long absence made their presence felt. In the early rounds we were afraid Ronnie Payne would get cramps, but made up for his inactivity later on. The old horse Harry (Vegetarian) Warb must be given special mention as he seems to be improving with age and helped to pave our way to Victory.

Don't let your Pewters gather rust, boys, let's see them at the dance.

The No. 2. Team went well up to the quarter finals and were rather unlucky to be beaten 1-0 by Lithgow, as the game could have gone either way.

Jac'ie Thompson played a solid game in the forwards. Daryl Fishenden and Georgie Griffiths the full backs were pounding the pill up the field very well.

The No. 3 Team lacked a little experience and did not fair too well; but, keep it up boys, as it takes time; and with a little practice you too will be hard to beat.

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### UMPIRE'S CORNER.

Well last week's problem was easy, wasn't it? O.R., tell the truth, how many of you had to ask other players or umpires. (Editor asked two umpires - both panicked).

### ANSWER.

Onside Bully should be given on the spot where the ball landed in the goalkeeper's pad (See Rule 10(i) bearing in mind that it must be at least 5 yards from the goal-line.

### This Week's Hockey Problem:

How many players can possibly be offside at any given moment during the game? Is it:

- |        |        |                             |
|--------|--------|-----------------------------|
| (a) 22 | (c) 11 | (e) 1                       |
| (b) 21 | (d) 10 | (f) Everyone but Ray Thorpe |

If you know or find out the answer also find out the reason.

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Our sympathies are extended to John Waterson and his family in their recent sad loss of their Father. Mr. Waterson, an ex-hockey player and a strong supporter for Glebe in Goulburn will be long remembered by the many friends he made in the Glebe Club.

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## THE GAME.

This is the first of a series of articles, written, not to advance any revolutionary theories of play, nor to discuss complex tactics, but in the hope that it may be of some use to lower grade and juniors' teams and to promote discussion in team talks in the hope that your play both as an individual and a team may improve.

It is not a hard game to learn; and you don't have to be a first class player to thoroughly enjoy it; but it is a TEAM game. No game demands a greater emphasis on combination, team work and mutual understanding amongst players, than this game of Hockey.

I intend to deal with the fundamentals of the game, and the individual positions on the field. I would recommend every one to read the complete series, so that each player will know something of the duties of all the other players in the team, and so develop a better understanding.

### The Fundamentals:-

The golden rule: HOCKEY IS A PASSING GAME, not a hack, slash and bash. The best way to retain possession is to PASS THE BALL TO AN UNMARKED TEAM MATE. The best way to progress towards the opposing goal is to PASS THE BALL TO AN UNMARKED TEAM MATE. The best way to beat an opposing tackler is to PASS THE BALL TO AN UNMARKED TEAM MATE. Nor does it matter whether the pass is upfield or a short, sharp, cross field pass, or a short back pass, as long as there is no danger of it being intercepted. But, NEVER, NEVER clout it blindly towards the opposing goal for hockey is not a hit and run game.

### Hitting the Ball:-

All players should try to become adept at hitting, pushing, flicking and scooping the ball accurately, and at trapping the ball so that it can be brought under control instantly. The first essential for a hard, clean, accurate hit is to keep the head down and the eye on the ball. You may find it helpful to hit the ball when it is in a position opposite your left foot, for you will derive added power through having the left shoulder over the ball at the moment of impact. For greater accuracy you should try to have your left shoulder pointing in the direction of the hit. Never practice aimlessly but always endeavour to place a hit on a target.

### Trapping:-

Being able to hit hard and with accuracy, you must now be able to bring the ball under control when it is hit towards you. The object in learning to trap the ball is to be able to stop the hardest hit in such a way that it will not rebound from the stick but will come to rest immediately.

Remember - inability to trap the ball is one of the greatest weaknesses. Nor can any player develop his game without this ability, no matter what other talents he may possess. Again, let me stress the necessity for keeping the head down and the eye firmly glued on the ball. Keep your stick straight by pointing your left elbow towards the approaching ball. Incline the stick so that the top of the handle is slightly in front of the bottom of the stick. This will help to prevent a rebound if the ball is travelling fast. Remember, to become expert in the art of trapping demands constant practice.

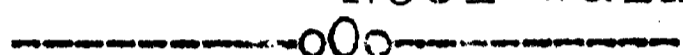
The Push Stroke:-

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This stroke requires a fair amount of practice. There is no backswing to the stick, yet the stroke must be accurate and strong. The strength comes from the correct use of the weight of the body and the momentum caused by moving in the direction in which the ball is intended to travel. The hands should be about six inches apart. The left hand acts as a sort of brace and guide, while the right hand pushes the stick through the ball. Get well down to the ball and follow through and try to keep the ball on the ground. You will do this by closing the face of the stick slightly. The flick or scoop into the air is performed in much the same way except that you turn your wrists slightly from left to right and thus open the face of the stick so that the striking surface will get under the curve of the ball and thus lift it into the air. The flick is easier to learn than the push but the latter is much more valuable.

Remember:- GOOD HOCKEY IS PLAYED ON THE GROUND. Keep the ball on the ground all the time with true, crisp, accurate, rolling passes, and you cannot go wrong. Enough for now; in the next issue, I will deal with Back Play.

Noel Walker.



SCORE TABLE :

This Issue we are publishing, for the first time, a SCORE SHEET, showing how the first four teams, in each grade, are going in their competitions.

We are going to publish it every month, so that each player can note how his team is going. Do you notice that all our teams are in the first four, let's keep it that way - but try and get your team to the top of the list, and so help the Club Championship.

	<u>Played</u>	<u>Wins</u>	<u>Losses</u>	<u>Draws</u>	<u>Goals</u>		<u>Points</u>
					F	A	
<u>1st. Grade:</u>							
St. George	7	6	-	1	32	9	13
Glebe	7	4	1	2	33	14	10
Moorebank-Loverpool	7	3	2	2	24	28	8
Ryde	7	4	3	-	19	13	8
<u>2nd. Grade :</u>							
Glebe	7	5	-	2	22	10	12
St. George	7	5	1	1	21	10	11
Ryde	7	4	1	2	19	16	10
Randwick	7	4	3	-	16	15	8
<u>3rd. Grade :</u>							
St. George	7	7	-	-	28	5	14
Ryde	7	3	1	3	16	11	10
Randwick	7	3	2	2	14	10	9
Glebe	7	4	2	1	20	10	9
<u>Minor 'B' :</u>							
Northern Districts	7	6	1	-	25	4	12
St. George	7	4	1	2	19	17	10
Glebe	7	5	2	-	13	11	10
Randwick	7	3	3	1	30	20	7



Club Championship:

ST. George	75
Glebe	63
Ryde	53

Leading Goal Scorers :

H. Wark	15
R. Thorpe	11
R. Needham	8
JS. Thompson	7
I. Southwood	7

SYDNEY V's PAKISTAN.

An excellent game in which the Sydney team rose to the occasion, and a very high standard of hockey was witnessed. The Game resulted in a 3-1 win Pakistan, and except for a couple of penalty bullies the score would have been much closer.

The match was a real crowd thriller and "Twin-letoes" Pakistans' star inside left made some brilliant break-throughs, Ken Wark kept him quite for most of the game. Ken was one of the best players on the field and proved beyond doubt that he is still the best back in Australia to-day, both in attack and defence. Victor Westacott also distinguished himself, and it will not be long before he reaches the top. Keith Gleeson (St. George) played an exceptionally good game as centre half, and these three players were heard to be congratulated on their game by the Pakistan players.

COLTS V's MALAYA.

This game resulted in an easy win for the Sydney Colts, who in the second half took charge and outplayed the Mayayan Students. They did not disgrace themselves however and had many shots at goal, but the Sydney goalkeeper played very well and stopped most of their shots.

George Collett, Roger Fox and the on the spot selection of Maxie Jeffs, proved themselves worthy of selection.

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THE EDITOR,   ---  PAUL ROGERS.