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EDITORIAL : Well, at last we have practically reached the end of the season, with only next week's grand Finals to go. Also, this is the last issue of the paper for the season, but we hope to be able to print a few in the off period.



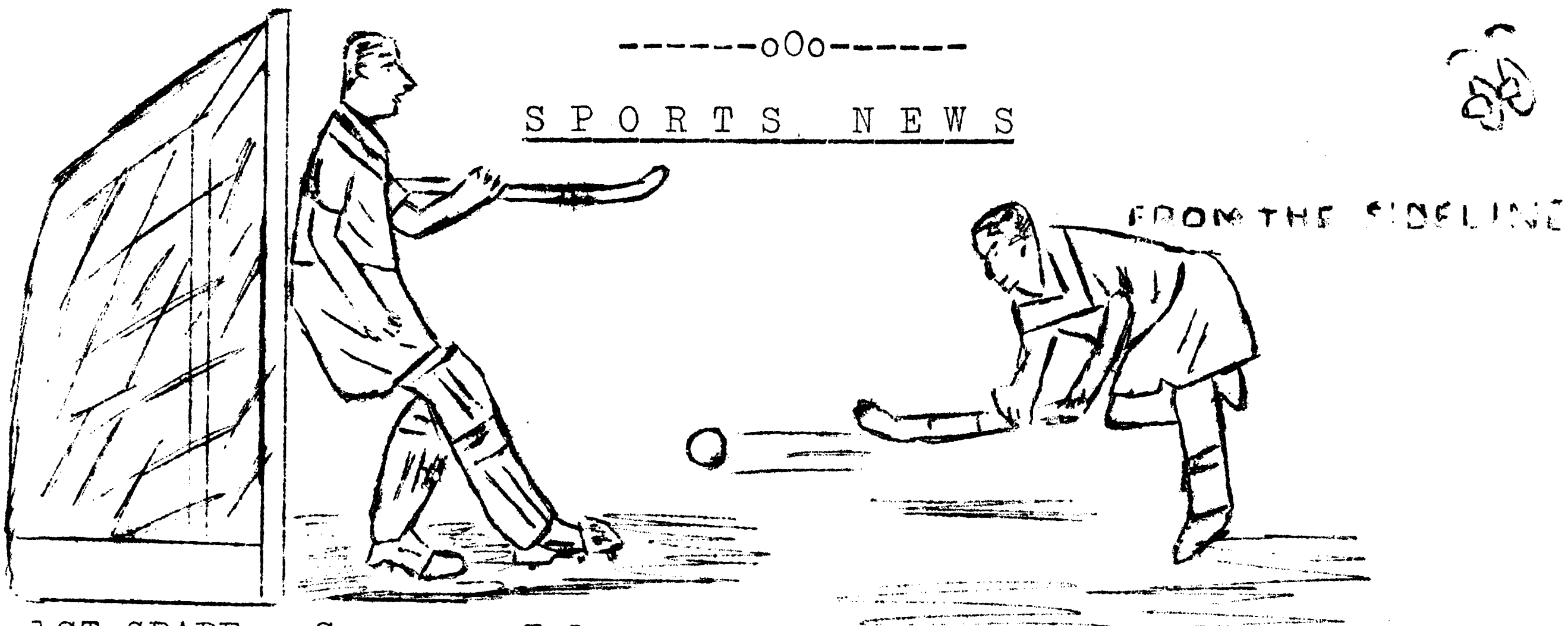
This issue we have another article from John Collett in Victoria who discusses the hockey down there and it is very interesting. Thanks, John. Also this week-end we journey to Bathurst to try and capture "The Coveted Trophy". It has been quite a while since a Glebe team has won a country carnival, so let's keep up our splendid record this year by taking out the honours.

Last week was a very good day for us with wins in the 1st, 3rd and 4th Grade Semi-finals. 2nd Grade were beaten, but still have another go next week. Also, we have won the Club Championship.

Well, that wraps us up for now, so Good Luck to-day, chaps and

MARK YOUR MAN, and PLAY THE WHISTLE,

THE EDITOR.



1ST GRADE v Cremorne 7-1

This game is hardly worth mentioning as it was a complete walk-over for the boys, even though Cremorne were first to net, but after this we really got down to business and from then on gave them no chance. J. C. replaced Acker Wark on the short corners after we were leading 4-1 and proved that he was just as straight as Harry as neither of them scored.

Semi-Finals - Ryde 1-0

A very hard game with Glebe only scoring in the last ten minutes (I think we were getting anxious about closing time), but we should have netted in the first half as a few Golden opportunities were missed. We cannot afford this, especially to-day against Randwick, and the forwards will have to be right on the ball. Both sides threw the pill around well and after the incident with Ken Wark and John Gibbons, Glebe seemed to realise that it was now or never, and the forwards produced some really good hockey, especially young Jimmy Grey who was having his first game with us for some time. He completely dazzled Ryde with his stickwork and cut their defence to ribbons. Keep this up, Jim and you will go a long way. Good luck to-day, chaps.

2ND GRADE v Cremorne

Cremorne played very well and we were hard pressed to win and the forwards missed many easy opportunities to score, especially one chap who after missing a shot, was laughed at by a kookaburra who seemed rather amused. But nevertheless the boys won.

Semi-Finals - Ryde 0-2

This was only the second time that this team has been beaten this year, but Ryde were a little too good. Again the forwards played badly with the exception of Billy Stubbs who is playing very well. Two easy shots at goal were missed in the first half. You will have to wake up in the Grand Final you chaps. Greg Harnis played very

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well in defence and has played good hockey all this season. Play a little harder, boys and you'll win.

3RD GRADE v Cremorne 3-2

This was a ragged game in which Glebe missed many opportunities to score. This side seems to be missing Harry Butler as the scores seem to be indicating - 3 draws and a 3-2 win, so it may be well that he will be playing to-day.

Semi-Finals - Ryde 2 all draw

The gentlemen trotted on to the field half an hour late and looked like playing all afternoon, as an extra half-hour had to be played and Glebe won on being Minor Premiers. It was a very even game and either side could have won it although Glebe were a little unlucky as they scored with only five minutes to go and then had to go and let Ryde net, but it was a good goal to Ryde. Keith Riley, Don Graham, Noel Walker and Slasher Dunne played exceptionally, and the team played well and should take out the honours to-day against Saints. Good luck, chaps.

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UMPIRE'S CORNER

Answer to last week's question

- (a) During the taking of a Penalty Bully.
- (b) When the ball is outside the circle.
- (c) When he hasn't got a stick in his hand.

This week's question

Is it possible under any circumstance for two goalkeepers to participate in the one Penalty Bully?

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THE TRIP TO GOULBURN

After our easy victories against Cremorne the boys (and girls) set out for Goulburn with happy spirits and arrived there without mishap. At the hotel we were shown to our rooms and the manager took a dislike to a couple of characters and gave them the key to the LADIES..... We were given the freedom of the pub and promptly set out for the lounge where we drunk steadily until invited to the Workers' Club to "cool" off, where several members got blotto. After being kicked out of the Workers they proceeded back to the hotel and drank more beer until the late hours of the morning.

NEXT DAY ?????

And so the crowd turned out to watch the Champion Glebe team "spreadeagle the opposition". The result, two draws and a 3 nil loss. The boys got lost in the long grass and could not (see) find the ball. And we finished last. After the Carnival the Workers' Club put on a free keg for us and many of the chaps did not lose an opportunity to empty it, especially Bennett Dunne who lapped it up. On the way home Kevin Weekes put his foot on the brake pedal at 60 and kept doing 60, whereas all his passengers who seemed to be sleeping suddenly woke and were ready to jump out the door, but all ended well. They had to get a cab from Camden and arrived home early for work.

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4TH GRADE.

V. GORDON - a hangover from last week against improved Gordon team resulting in a very close draw. Come on boys you must buck up or else;

Semi-Final against Gladesville, resulted in a narrow 3-2 win to the "Legion" team, Down 2 nil after 10 minutes play the team rallied well. An excellent goal by Ken Weekes and a perfect short corner shot by "The Keg" put us 2 all at half time. A scrimmage on Gladesville goalline about 5 minutes before full time with Wally Wilson scoring put us in front. Then after desperate work in goals by "Studley" and the fat man "(on fire)" shepparding attackers off the ball while it went over the back line we emerged the Victors and on to the final to do battle with Mosman.

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HISTORY OF THE GLEBE DISTRICT HOCKEY CLUB.

Part V.

1947 again saw us with the First, Second and Fourth Grade Premierships. The First Grade team consisted of a majority of the premiership side of 1946, strengthened by the presence of three newcomers to the Club, in the persons of Bill Lord, goalkeeper, and Ken and Harry Wark. Under the capable guidance of that youthful veteran Bill Ryan, the team remained undefeated throughout the qualifying rounds. Up till now it was probably the strongest Glebe team ever fielded. The average age of the team was approximately 22. Many of them are still playing First Grade, and playing really well, so imagine their form and ability in 1947.'

Jack Quinlan made a welcome return to the game and captained the Third Grade. This year we had presented the Association with the J.W. Taylor Memorial Cup and Jack had set his heart on winning it in the first year for which it was competed. His spirit was infused into the remainder of the team, who did their utmost to make his wish possible. However, it was not to be; but the effort remains. They defeated the Minor-Premiers, Liverpool, in the final by 1 goal to nil. Unfortunately, in the Grand Final they were surprisingly defeated by a big margin. To-day, once again, our Third Grade are playing the Final for this Trophy... Good Luck, boys.

Cupid was very busy with the Club in 1947. Four members joined the exalted ranks and took the title of "husband". They were H. "Butch" Butler, Bill Lord, V. Mahony and Bob Needham. Two more started timidly on the matrimonial path and announced their engagements. They were those well-known travellers Kel Dickey and Bill Ryan. 1947 saw also these members become "poppas" for the first or subsequent time - Jim Kenny, Leo Murdoch, Fuzzy Pitt, Max Steedman, Digger Taylor and Harry Wark.

Looking back, 1947 was a busy year.

1948 saw the continuation of district hockey under a somewhat new scheme. All district clubs were required to enter three teams in the major competition: 1st, 2nd and 3rd. grades. Social, non-district or subsequent club teams were embraced in a minor competition. In this, our fourth team was graded in minor 11.

Following on the successes of season 1947, our teams rose to great heights and exceeded our wildest dreams by winning the first, second and third grade premierships and the Minor 11. Premiership. This also was the first year the Brian Halse Memorial Trophy - for Club Championship - was competed for and which we duly won. The first grade team was once again beaten in the semis, but won the Grand Finals. For the first time in the Club's History we entered an Under 16 team in that competition. To make these teams a success somebody has to be unselfish and give up their Saturday afternoons, travel with the lads and all look after their equipment etc. - at that time the Club had such a person in the late Vince Halls Senior. Without his help and guidance it would have been impossible to field a team. As most members of this team had never handled a hockey stick before the commencement of this season they acquitted themselves very well by winning their way into the semi-finals, only to suffer defeat by St. George, the ultimate winners by 2 goals to 1. Some of the members of this team were J. Liversage, Paul Scott, Len Needham, Bob Rodgers, Don Campbell, P. McCormack, E. Hennessy, Noel Williams and Alan Halls.

Country Carnivals, always an attraction, still lured us. A large party ventured to Goulburn by bus in an endeavour to win our first country carnival. However, such was not to be achieved. The No.1 reached the semi-finals of the consolation only to be beaten by a penalty bully; it is worthy of mention that this team did not have a goal scored against it during the whole carnival. A trip to Bathurst by fourteen members under the leadership of Messrs. Walker, Murray and Robertson saw the club have their first success at a country carnival. This happy band of players were successful in winning the Henderson Shield by defeating Bathurst Fremantles in the final 1 goal to nil.

Two members celebrated their marriages - Bill Ryan and Ken Wark.

Reg Mathews became the proud father of a girl and Wilfred Murray - a son.

That's all for now, folks,

RAY THORPE.

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On the 23rd August the semi-finals of the VAHA were held. Under the Victorian method of playing final series, the leading team (minor premier equiv.) plays the second team, and the third team plays the fourth team. The winner of 1 and 2 goes direct into the Grand Final, the loser plays the winner of 3 and 4 in The Preliminary Final. Both the top two teams at the end of the competition rounds have "the double chance" - there is no minor premiers right of challenge by Grand Final as was the case in Sydney when I last played for Glebe.

In the A1 Grade, Power House defeated Camberwell (back to its no-goalie line-up) 1-0 per penalty bully, and Essendon 3 defeated last year's premiers Elsternwick). Camberwell will meet Essendon next Saturday, the winner to play Power House in Grand Final.

In A1 Reserve Grade, Footscray defeated the writers club, Fairfield 1-0 in extra time to go into the Grand Final and also into A1 Grade 1959. Brunswick 5 defeated East Malvern 1 in other semi. Winner of Fairfield v Brunswick will also go into Grand Final and A1 Grade 1959.

The other Fairfield team in the semis, A Minor Zone 1, qualified to play Ivanhoe in the preliminary final, winner to meet Kew in Grand Final.

A few more facts on Victorian Hockey:-

There are no residential qualifications, except that only Camberwell residents may play with Camberwell. So if you know of any players moving to Melbourne, ask them to contact Fairfield Club first, please.

Generally speaking, lifting of the ball is "out", particularly lifting into the circle. Umpires generally are very strict on this point, under the dangerous play rule. Until last year "time-off" could be called by any player for injury - a rule that was abused by defending teams, forcing the Association to rule no "time-off" unless serious injury.

Incidentally, it is hoped that a Fairfield team will visit Sydney next Easter for the St. George Carnival, and, if possible, play a match on the Sunday v Glebe if this can be arranged. This visit will indicate the standard of Melbourne Hockey.

JOHN COLLETT.

A question for "The Brain"

Dear Brain, I believe a Melbourne team is making a special case in which to take back the St. George Carnival Trophy. What should we do?

"Worried Trophy-Holders"

Answer to "Worried Trophy-Holders"

Don't panic! Having the case made is the easy part - filling it will be very hard to accomplish, especially when the umpires will all be from N.S.W. and very proud of our 'Harbour Bridge', so those boys from "the Muddy Yarra" will have no chance.

The Brain.

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THERE WILL BE ONE MORE SHORT ISSUE OF THE PAPER

WELL THIS IS IT CHAPS

GOOD LUCK

THE EDITOR

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