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EDITORIAL.



"Hello There"; we are back in circulation again for the season 1961, and our 15th. year of publication. So lets make it a bumper year in news and veivs for the paper, and also a successful season for us all on and off the field.

After a bye in the first round, the competition got away to a good start with our first grade defeating St. George 3-2. You can read more about this and other grades in the Sports News.

Also this season we have our long awaited club room, where refreshments are available for club members and their friends women are also welcome. So you can see that our flerin club money has not been wasted, but put back into something that can be enjoyed by every member of the club.

In this issue we have a start of the season address from our secretary Ray Thorpe on behalf of the president Noel Walker who is away in Melbourne.

The umpires corner will not be printed this issue, but should follow on next publication.

To-day we play Western Suburbs so,

MARK YOUR MAN

AND PLAY THE WHISTLE.

THE EDITOR.

A WORD FROM THE SECRETARY.

Another season has arrived and with it we hope a promise of brighter things. From the Clubs point of view the season promises much. We have a Club room and the free use of Jubilee on Saturday and Sunday mornings. It is our sincere hope to have 8 Junior teams playing in our own Comp. at Jubilee on Saturday morning. If we can make a success of this venture the Club will go from strength to strength. We will have touched new areas for players - Newtown - Leichhardt and Balmain and with this incentive it will be our own downfall if we let the opportunity slip through our fingers.

With regards to training things have never looked brighter. Wednesday night at Jubilee is a true training session for which we must thank Len Needham. If members give him their whole hearted support and do each exercise conscientiously as they can we would be the fittest Club in Sydney.

In conclusion I would like to welcome New and Old to the Club for the coming season. I hope each and every one has a very happy and successful year.

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SPORTS NEWS.1st. GRADE V's St. George.

This was a very pleasing result, the Glebe side running out the winners 3 goals to 2 in a very close contested game against the St. George Dragons. St. George opened the scoring with a very fine goal that seemed to wake up the Glebe side who equalized a few minutes later, and left the field at half time leading 2 goals to 1 a very happy position.

St. George after half time were playing much better hockey, but Ray Thorpe notched another goal to lead by two goals with twenty minutes to go. The Dragons really attacked from here on and were rewarded with a goal with ten minutes remaining- they were playing all over Glebe at this stage but with some very fine goal keeping and some determined defence they managed to stave off the attack and run out the winners. It is quite a shot in the arm to Glebe after being beaten by the odd goal over the last few years.

I thought the best player of the day was K. Wark, who really rose to the occasion and pulled off some very fine saving shots, especially near the edge of the circle. Pat Nilan showed improvement on last years form and should inject a bit of life into the forwards. Captain Ray Thorpe did very well, but I would like to see him stay in attack and not do so much defending - make the young blokes earn their keep- stay in position and score the goals.

The new members of the team, goalkeeper and left wing, combined well with the rest of the team and should be a big asset to Glebe this season.

I will close with congratulations to the whole side you have put Glebe's stocks back up where they came from.

2nd. GRADE V's St. George.

A vastly different side from last years premiers, but never the less still a strong one, and although beaten 4-1 by St. George, they were not disgraced as the winners had a little too much experience for them.

They never gave up at any stage and Sam Sing, playing his first competition game for us, scored the only goal. There is still a long way to go, boys, so keep your chins up.

Barry Goodrick played well as centre half, while Graham Gilmore played his usual hard hitting game as left full back, sometimes a little too hard.

3rd. GRADE V's St. George.

Congratulations on a very nice win over the strong St. George side, 2 goals to 1. The team was ably captained by Rucker Fox who played well for the first game of the season. The goal scorers were two new members to the Club, Bunning and Allan who showed some very great promise for the future.

The team combined very well for a side having the first game together and considering that some of the players were in strange positions but were able to adapt themselves well, and we should see this team well in the money towards the end of the season.

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4th. GRADE V St. George (8th April)

This game was the only official match of the day and proved to be quite a good one, Glebe being the winners 5 goals to 2 against St. George. The game was a good one to watch from the spectator's point of view and held interest up till the final bell. Glebe, although scoring 5 goals, missed many opportunities in the circle, when a little flick shot would have found the net, they went for the big hit, causing balls to fly in every direction but in the goal. The game was also improved by having two very official looking umpires - Messrs. Wark & Thorpe.

The outfit worn by H. Wark was designed by "Dier" with socks thrown in by Balmain Police Boys - it is an exclusive creation - so lay off (patent pending).

All the team played well and it was good to see a team function as well, after all some of the members were having their first run. Yogi Bear did a good job in goals and assured me the ones he missed were caused by snow blindness. H. Wark, Junr, played well for his first game with the big boys and with J. MacParland beside him, he should be a big asset to the team later on in the season. Other juniors in the side showed very good potential and should be a tower of strength in future years.

V. Briars (15th April)

Fourth Grade were badly beaten by Briars, a vastly superior team. 9 goals to 1. Our defence was practically useless against constant attacks down the wing with the left winger playing beautiful back stick shots that would have made any 1st grader feel proud. It was pathetic to see a Glebe team playing so bad; the forwards playing one man short and Don West injured, failed to follow up shots at the goals. The halves were more interested in trying to score goals than in defence. If we are to win games, or even enjoy the games in which we are defeated, the team must play the positions and understand the job that they are supposed to do.

Our thanks go to H. Butler, for taking a whistle and showing that he has a firm grip of the rules (that's right, the rule book hasn't been out of his hands since the game finished).

CLUB HOUSE NEWS.

The opening of the Club House proved a big success, the ladies voted it a wonderful improvement and our thanks must go to Ray Thorpe, particularly, for the work he has done to provide the ladies with a cup of tea, soft drinks and chips etc., making a very congenial atmosphere for members and wives.

Don't forget this is your Club, anything you can give, suggest or help will be very welcome. The popularity of the Club House has proved itself by the number of members, who attend for refreshments after the game and lends itself to a much more congenial atmosphere than the local Pub.

It was decided at the last management committee meeting that the Club will close at 6.45 p.m. on Saturdays - this will give the committee time to clean up and get home at a reasonable hour. Also, we asked the co-operation in the returning of glasses, cups etc., to the counter as soon as you have finished, this will cut down the work chasing these items by the workers.

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Club House News (Contd):

Members are also reminded that any visitor that they bring along to the Club room are their responsibility, and if any member of the management committee sees fit to reprimand them or ask them to leave it is that member's duty to carry out the order.

 A WORD FROM THE CLUB CAPTAIN
H. Wark.

He would like to remind all players it is their responsibility to find out where they are playing each Saturday, what time the game is (and be early) and if anything happens during the week and you can't make it give the Secretary a ring at MW4903 we can't afford to send teams on the field short.

TRAINING. Wednesday night ---7.0pm. at Jubilee.
 Sunday Morning ---10.0am. at Jubilee.

JUNIOR PLAYERS. 9.0'clock Jubilee out in the park we want all the players we can get so lets get busy and try and bring one along.

In closing don't forget that dress is as important on the field as a hockey stick, Glebe is renowned for the way all teams are turned out and we want to keep it up. It is up to you.

GENERAL NEWS.

This year the State Championships are being held at Lismore on the far North Coast. Nominations close on 30th. April. So if your interested see Ray Thorpe for nomination forms.

If anyone has some old Hockey Circles that they dont want please send them to us.

BOUQUET CORNER.

CONGRATULATIONS TO.

Jean Ryan -----A baby boy.
 Pat Rogers-----Also a boy.
 A future full back???

Seems to be catching doesn't it. Any prospective members?

RAFFLE.

Winners of the chicken raffled on the

8th. T. WOODHOUSE.

15th. T. WOODHOUSE. R. THORPE.

There will be three more raffled this week. So bein on it.

Thats all folks,

See you next time.

The Editors

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