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## EDITORIAL.

For the next few weeks the publication of your paper will be retarded by the absence of one of our editors, but with your assistance it will still be in circulation till he returns. Vic. Westacott has very kindly offered to write the 1st Grade Sports News and this will be a great help to us. Ray Griffiths our very keen 4th Grade Captain is writing for his team, thus we will be kept in close contact with these chaps, who so far this season have a splendid record, especially against Gordon after being a couple of goals down fought back and went on to win 4-3.

What we also need is some small items of General & Social News, if your ears pick up anything, don't hesitate to let one of us know. As we settle down more, I intend to add a few more items of interest to the paper, such as the Umpire's Corner etc.,

With the recent rain, which has deluged our playing fields and made playing conditions impossible, we were lucky to have a slight break in the weather on Anzac Day, but the 1st Grade played their second half in pouring rain.

Last Saturday our game against University was postponed, but from what I hear everybody thoroughly enjoyed themselves down at the Club House.

To-day we play University of N.S.W. so don't forget to,

Mark your man  
And play the whistle,  
THE EDITOR.

## SPORTS NEWS.

### 1st. GRADE V's WESTERN SUBURBS. 4-2.

Playing on a field that was short and narrow together with weather conditions favouring it, Western Suburbs gave the Maroon and Whites its toughest encounter so far this season. The score board at full-time read 4-2 in Globe's favour. But, once again the home side failed to produce the standard of hockey that enabled it to capture the premiership of last year.

West played above itself especially in the forwards, for they were successful in penetrating Globe's defence once in each half, although Tony Morley's goal in the first half was disputed by both spectators and players. For sure, Des Wise will have something to say to the halves and backs over these two goals before they take the field for their next match.

Our forwards combined slightly better in this match than in the previous one. The reason why more goals weren't scored was because in the first place, weather conditions and secondly, the ball failed to get to Ray Thorpe more often. On many occasions Ray was in a better position for a shot than those who tried to find the net from impossible angles.

Mr. B. Dunn, that versatile exponent of the game who replaced "Rosco" Needham as left half made a few errors in his co-ordinations with Greg. Harris, but over all acquitted himself rather well for the first time up as left half. However, "Desmond" will expect a little more from Bennett when he takes the field

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in the coveted inside-right position against University. As for the other new-comer to the side, Barry Goodrich, he appears to have the qualities to become an accomplished Hockey player, but needs coaching moroso on the tactics of defence. Here I feel sure Barry will need the assistance and guidance from the person who will play a big part in his game namely, Ken Wark.

#### 2nd. GRADE V's WEST.

During a lucky break in the weather, the "All Stars" ran on to a very bad ground and trounced Wests 11-1. Always constantly on the attack the forwards were hardly ever out of the circle for the duration of the game. Brian Howe showed outstanding ability with the stick, to run almost at will through the West defence. Every forward showed on the day that he is quite capable of scoring goals.

The "All Stars" had their line crossed only because of a misunderstanding between a couple of players, but thats how most goals are scored anyway.

Three quarters through the second half the umpire caused a stir when the whistle was blown for full-time, but soon had us back on the field when he realised his mistake.

The only criticism that I can make is about the full backs who are standing a little too square. If not corrected soon it will be a big flaw in the defence and put much pressure on it, especially against good teams. Glebe 1st Grade has always (as long as I can remember) played one up and one back.

#### 3rd. GRADE V's WEST.

This was the upset of the season, West had not won a game for 3 years, but this was their day.

Our boys never looked the same team that had won its last two games so convincingly, and even though Glebe had every chance they could not bridge the gap, and went down two goals to four. The defence played hopelessly, and the forwards were not able to finish any movements at all.

The ground certainly was not in their favour, but West also had to play on it. A defect at this early part of the season may make them go on to better things and settle down a little more. I still think these boys have the makings of a very good team.

#### 4th grade V'S WEST.

This team again showed it has a great pool of natural talent and were much too fast for Western Suburbs - scoring 7 goals to nil. M. Dries at Centre forward being outstanding scoring 5 goals. R. Griffiths and M. Letts giving him good support each scoring 1 goal each.

This team seems to be functioning better at each game, team spirit seems to be the dominating factor.

Special Mention: M. Dries, R. Griffiths, M. Letts., B. Howe, K. Irvine.

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1st GRADE V'S GORDON.

Looking at the result, 6-0 one would visualise this match as being an easy walk-over for the Maroon & Whites; but, believe me, this was not the case. The score at half time was a bare two goals to nil. Generally, the game was scrappy with few glimpses of brilliance. Ray Therpe, centre forward received not nearly as much of the ball as he would liked to have had when Glebe was approaching its opponent's circle. Together with this both wingers moved badly when in possession and at times found themselves hopelessly trapped in a corner with no way out, but a desperate hit. All in all there appeared to be very little team-work within the forward line.

As for the halves and backs their game was off, but not once did the entire defence falter and allow a goal to be scored against it. Obviously without the consistency of Ken Wark and Des Wise our defence might have been pierced.

As well as both teams playing a "below average" standard of Hockey, I felt that an incorrect decision given by an umpire led to Des Wise's mishap. A breach was committed by Gordon's right back who prevented a goal from being scored, thus, a penalty flick should have been awarded. Fortunately for Des and Glebe the accident was not as serious as it might have been.

On the bright side of the game probably the most outstanding feature in the match was Pat Nilan's solo run in which he completely cut Gordon's defence to pieces and was justifiably rewarded with a goal. For the opposition, Gordon's left inner made many constructive bursts but found no support in his forwards. However, to date our 1st Grade has established quite a commendable record scoring 17 goals with nil against and with only two matches played. At this rate we should topple the 100 goal mark and even better last year's average.

2nd GRADE V'S GORDON.

This was another easy game for the seconds and we are indeed fortunate to have some of the easy clubs to play first up, as it gives the players a little more time to settle down and play good team hockey.

Playing on a very fast ground for the first time this season some players found it very difficult to be in position to receive a good pass.

The game itself did not develop into a good spectator match, as the "all stars" were not unduly worried and ran out easy winners.

3rd GRADE V'S GORDON.

Once again this team proved itself a powerful combination, by slicing through Gordon early in the game to net three quick goals. Vince Wyer played extremely well and always looked dangerous when in the circle. Also Cliff Boyd and Jack Thompson were once again well in the fore, giving the goalie a very worrying time. The Defence gave Gordon very few chances to penetrate and when they did, Studley's pads were too wide to let the ball go into the net. If this side can keep the good work up you can chalk another premiership.

GLEBE 4th GRADE V's GORDON.

This game was a good one, especially from a spectator's point of view. The team led by R. Griffiths ran to an early lead of two goals, both of which were netted by centre forward D. Dries. Gordon, early in the second half took command of the game when it goaled twice. These two goals come from experience the Gordon forwards possessed as they launched numerous attacks by using short-passing methods.

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However, Glebe rallied again and using tactics which required the utmost from each member ran out winners 4-goals to 3.

The team as it stands would be extremely hard to beat and it is hoped that it is kept in tact for the entire season.

Special Mention:- D. Mills, N. Irvine, D. Dries, R. Griffiths.  
Merit Ward:- The whole team.

4th Grade are fortunate in having a spectator at their game in Pat Nilan and he is giving his bird's eye view of the game: against Wests:

Congratulations to the side on their showing against West. They didn't know when to stop 7-0. nice work. They started one man short so young Col Brown slipped on the pads and played a slashing game (something in the Vanderputt style).

The team with a very capable captain in Ray Griffiths wasted no time in opening its account with Mick Dries dribbling past the kicking back and making a good goal.

The ball was worked well between the forwards concentrating on trapping the ball first and controlled passes. They all combined well with halves and backs and results - Mick Dries 4 goals totaling 5. Mike Letts 1, Ray Griffiths 1. (plus a few around the corner). Keep it up.

A special mention must go to Ron Irvine at C.H. on his tireless game ( I think he's as nippy as the R.L. star). Also to Ray Hall on the R.W. for his determined runs, and good centering of the ball.

The defence was very sound in both wing halves; Howe and Hulme and in the backs. Cormack and Weekes, who was knocking them down like a beauty, (the Bear made a hasty exit after the game, and not for the shower either). The students are next on the list so keep that record clean.

Club Captain - Pat Niland

#### SOCIAL NEWS.

Robert Brown's 21st Birthday get together at the Club House was a little beauty. I can speak for everybody who attended that it was a very enjoyable night. We must congratulate Mr & Mrs. Brown for the wonderful spread and very nice way it was laid out. Any more members turning 21 ???

While I am on the subject Robert just brought himself a new car, and already has it full each Saturday with his own special cheer squad. Any players wanting a lift will have to sit in the baggage compartment.

#### HOT NEWS:

Last Wednesday night one of the speediest wingers in Rugby League turned up at the Foxtooth. Yes, none other than Ronnie Mack along with team mate Laurie Fagan.

#### GENERAL NEWS.

Our last two weeks Tamworth Raffle Results are printed below.

1st Week	P. Connell	G.P.O. Sydney.
2nd "	J. Rogers	Toongabbie.
		See you all Later,
		The Editors,
		F. LETTS, P. ROGERS.