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The absence of the paper during the last few weeks has been due to our postponed games during the "big wet". We all hope that from now on our season will go on uninterrupted by the rain. Although we cannot expect the playing grounds to recover for some time.

This week for the first time ever we are giving our Juniors a section of their own to be known as "The Junior Red Rag". This will be combined with our normal paper and will give the parents and ourselves firsthand knowledge of what is going on. This has been brought about chiefly by our hard working coaches; Vic Westacott, Barry Goodrich, Pat Milan and plus the keenness of the junior hockey players, who turn up each Saturday morning for their competition. We hope that they continue to show a lively interest in this healthy sport.

We also have a summary of the recent Foxall Cup game against Goulburn, which I believe was a thriller, with Sydney coming from behind and getting up in the last few seconds.

With our first Grades brilliant Victory over St. George last week in which they outplayed the "dragons" in every department and convincingly won 3-0. we must now start firm favourites for the title, with Ryde the only other danger.

The team is functioning very well and has a magnificent goal average of 35 goals for and 2 against.

The day was spoilt by the defeat of all other grades, a serious blow for the Club Championship. But, as the "dragons" know, we are not always "easy meat", and perhaps next time we can turn the tables. You can read more about the games in the Sports Section.

One item of interest is the Queen's Birthday Weekend, State Country Carnival, at Moorebank and Glebe has nine out of fifteen players in the No. 1 Sydney team, plus Barry Goodrich in the Colts. A total of ten, not bad.

Sorry nine reads eight; ten reads nine.

To-day we play Moorebank-Liverpool

So Mark your Man

And play the Whistle,

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SPORTS NEWS.

GLEBE V'S ST. GEORGE.

Well in this tension packed encounter the club's top 11, really brought home the bacon; "AND NOW!"

The teams performance on this occasion has well and truly given the St. George selectors their biggest headache for many seasons with a 3-0 defeat being inflicted upon their undefeated 1st Grade side.

The first session opened at an electrifying pace with both teams immediately on the attack. On settling down the "Dragon's" forwards "stole the show" for the first 15 minutes and took the game deep into Glebe's territory. But with excellent cover-defending the "Reds" held the "Dragon's" at bay.

An attacking movement by Roy Kurtz, the St. George right winger, was broken-up by Len Needham at the 16 yds line. Controlling the

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ball Len sent a pass up the left wing. After travelling for 10 yds. with the ball Vic Westacott changed play and sent it across field to Ray Thorpe, who was hovering on the half way line. With a devastating run Ray cleverly dribbled it through the "Dragons" defence. And with a shot from the top of the circle which gave Monroe the St. George keeper little chance, Ray drew first blood.

Play continued to see-saw for the remainder of the first half in which Frank Vanderputt gave an outstanding display in goals. Half time score; Glebe one, St. George nil.

The resumption of play brought about "the beginning of the end" for the "Dragons". For it was in this half the "Reds" really excelled and produced a standard of hockey which could only have been bettered by a representative team. Glebe's passing, trapping and co-ordinations were superlative.

Our defence led by Des Wise continually broke up St. George's movements and quickly put us on the attack. The halves demoralized the opponents with their trapping and speedy switches of play. It was obvious as the match progressed that the "Dragons" were running out of "fire". This became apparent when its inside forwards failed to tackle back, thus leaving our inside men to set up passes for the wingers.

The second goal came about when a breech was committed by a St. George defender inside his circle. The short-corner was hit by Ken Wark. However, Pat Nilan quick to realise the ball would be stopped by the keeper lunged out and deflected it into the net. From this stage onwards the "Dragons" were just a rabble as both wing halves allowed themselves to be drawn out of position. As a result St. George's defence appeared to be in the centre of the field, while Glebe attacked down each wing.

The teams third goal ensured us for victory. "Charlie" Brown, who was having a "picnic" on the right wing, picked up a pass and centred the ball for Ray Thorpe, who found the net with a solid drive. Incidentally, I noticed "Charlie" positioning himself for the "big Sydney scoop"; bad luck "Charlie" save it for the big-time (Bathurst on Sunday). All in all, but for the gallant displays of Tom Pearce and Keith Leeson the score could have been doubled.

2nd GRADE V'S ST. GEORGE. 2-5

The "All Stars" beaten 5-2. Well this was a shock to the players as they were expected to have the easiest game, but St. George proved otherwise, and were helped by the fact that Glebe had not played for three weeks.

The team as individuals played well, but there was no teamwork at all. One noticeable fact from this game was the Glebe side is playing to Sterotype hockey, there is no variation in their play. The worst offenders in this case, I found were the halves who passed the ball straight ahead instead of occasionally passing the ball across the field. Dennis Lisk is playing well generally, but he must learn to vary his passes, throwing a few into the corners for his wingers to chase and thus opening up the play. Glebe's forwards in the circle were terrible, if St. George had of had as many opportunities as we had I would hate to think what the score would have ended up.

3rd GRADE V'S ST. GEORGE 1-5.

Well third grade were soundly beaten by St. George 5-1; on the form shown here this will not be the last time they will be defeated. Right from the first whistle the team was beaten for the ball by the St. George team, waiting for the ball to come to them instead of meeting it halfway. The forwards will have to work harder and the inside forwards must come back and help their backs. I noticed in this game a few times the St. George forwards attacking Glebe's goal

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and there was not one Glebe player between the circle and halfway, the defence being in the circle and the forwards all on the other side of halfway. This type of play will never win games as you cannot keep a team out if you cannot clear the ball away from your own twenty five.

4TH GRADE V'S ST. GEORGE 5-0.

Well, Glebe suffered its first defeat in this grade last Saturday, being completely outplayed by St. George, who won, 5 goals to nil.

The whole team on Saturdays showing, will have to improve, if they want to WIN GAMES. Special mention must be made to the Goalkeeper in this side, namely C. Brown. If it was not for the fine goalkeeping by this player, the score could have been much greater.

The 4th Grade must remember that there is one Captain on the field, not eleven; so in future please remember this.

GLEBE TROUNCES UNIVERSITY OF N.S.W. 1st GRADE 9-0.

Having registered 3 goals in the first session, Glebe, with a "powerhouse" finish notched another 6 goals before the final whistle ended play.

While exploiting an unorthodox style of hockey university held the home side for a short period, that is, until "Charlie" Brown slammed home our first winner. From that goal onwards the Reds never looked back as Des Wise pounced onto a "loose-un" in the circle and sent the score onto 2-0. The third goal eventuated from a short corner which was converted by Ken Wark.

A prominent feature of this half was the competency of Glebe's cover defending and the manner in which our boys backed one another up. On many occasions the ball was missed or wasn't trapped dead owing to the deplorable condition of the field. However, it appeared as if the ball would have to go through at least 3 players before it was completely missed.

With the resumption of play after interval Glebe wasted little time in putting the pressure on the oppositions defence. Our forwards with a "lean and hungry look" played havoc with Uni's defence, almost netting at will. At this stage, emotionally influenced by the trend of play, Arthur Rolls "made the scene" with his advise to a rapidly depleting University; "mark Ray Thorpe". This advise was ridiculous, as Glebe is fortunate in not having to rely wholly and solely upon one player. In any case, why not mark Pat Nilan as he was responsible for 3 goals in this half.

From a tactical point of view the forwards will need to improve a little particularly when the pass from inside right to inside left is required. Not once during the entire match was this pass thrown. Whereas both Pat Nilan and Rosco Needham are achieving great results from the pass as a change of play also as a condition saver.

2nd GRADE V'S UNIVERSITY OF N.S.W. 5-0.

Glebe continued on their winning way against Uni. and appear to be running into a real premiership side. They are starting to combine well with each other even though they should have beaten Uni. by more goals than they did. These goals that they are missing now are going to be costly later on.

3rd. GRADE V'S UNIVERSITY OF N.S.W. 3-1.

Glebe had a very easy game here the closeness of the scores not indicating the way the game was played. This team now seems to be settling down into a good side with Max Jeffs, being a tower of

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strength to the team.

The forwards will have to wake up though as they are not working for the ball, expecting to be given the ball in front of the goals with no one to beat.

4th GRADE V'S WEST 7-0.

This team is playing the best hockey in the Club at present. On a rain soaked field last Saturday they completely outplayed the opposition in all respects.

A total of 7 goals were scored by Glebe against nil by Wests.

Mick Dries played splendidly in the centre forward position, and provided the inside forwards with scoring chances.

The scorers were R. Griffiths 4, A. McKeown, N. Pye and R. Chan 1 each.

I feel that this team would be more than a match for a certain third grade side, and would welcome the opportunity to prove same.

FOXALL CUP:

Glebe was represented by seven of its First Grade members in they Sydney team to play Goulburn;

D. Wise (Captain), K. Wark (Vice Captain), L. Needham,
R. Brown, G. Harris, P. Nilan, V. Westacott.

Played at Gladesville on a damp field, with one area of the pitch very muddy, which was hazardous for both teams.

The Goulburn forwards always very fast and running onto the ball, were first in opening their account with a goal mid-way in the first half, after a very even start with C. Forward R. Harvery netting.

Within two-three minutes the Goulburn forwards were back at centre field after scoring a goal which resulted in a misunderstanding in the defence W. Grainger scoring. I thought the Goulburn players took the honours for the first half although it was a very tight game, but not much aggression from the Sydney forwards.

Within 2 minutes of the start of the 2nd half Bob Brown netted one of the most unusual shots I've seen for a long while, after that they Sydney forwards seemed to inspired and played good hockey to score 2 more goals; I. Speeding and P. Nilan netting and 1 from K. Wark, (corner) 0.

Goulburn rallied to score with Errol Bill putting in (one of his goals.) The Goulburn forwards made many assaults on our goals, but a good defence kept them out.

With $\frac{1}{2}$ a minute to go Goulburn forwards stormed on our goal, and it was unfortunate that the goalie Eddie Brickford was badly injured.

From the club and from all team members we wish you Eddie a speedy recovery.

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PANTHERS V'S DEVILS 4.5.63.

This game was the opening match of the competition. Panthers winning 2.0. Although both teams played well the Panthers were a little too strong in scoring their two very nice goals, with good forward movements. One goal resulted in four of the forward line handling the ball, and Greg Howe netting (not a bad effort for these young boys). Keep up the good work and listen.

The following week was marred by rain and games were postponed, so they boys were given a talk on the game, rules, positions, etc., (with a few bright sparks amongst them). Last week the Panthers were to have played the Tigers, but I think Saturday morning interfered with "Cracker Night" with only one game resulting:

Untouchables 2 ; Devils 1.

GENERAL NEWS:

TAMWORTH RAFFLE:

The latest news in our weekly raffle of a Baked Dinner is a BRIDE DOLL to be raffled separately and drawn at a later date. I had a preview of it the other night and believe me its well worth winning and Mrs. Joyce Wark is to be thanked and complimented on doing such a lovely job of dressing the doll.

DANCE:

A move for our Annual Dance with St. George is well under way and it should not be long before a date is set.

GENERAL MEETING:

A General meeting has been called by the Management Committee in June, regarding a change in the style (design) of our hockey shirt. A sample shirt has been purchased and can be inspected by members, as they can form their opinions. An official letter will be sent out informing you of the date place and time.

I suppose you have noticed the improved printing of the paper in the last couple of issues. Well you and the Editors have Molly Wark to thank for it. She very kindly consented to do the typing during my absence. Thanks Molly.

See you all later,

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