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EDITORIAL:

Today is the biggest day of the season, it's what competitive sport is all about, "Winning". Lots of people say that it's participating not winning that counts, well that's O.K. as winners cannot do without losers, but winners are remembered.

Sport is a civilised way of waging war. Two sides take the field and do battle, and sometimes draw, but ultimately there can be only 1 winner.

So as Editor writing for the entire Club, I wish 1st, 2nd, 4th and 6th grade the "ULTIMATE". A win for each of these teams would cap another successful season for the Club. Although 3rd and 5ths made the preliminary finals only to go down they were not disgraced, with 7th grade in their first season being beaten in the semis.

The Rag I feel was the success story of the year, we had articles from all over Australia especially from Western Australia through Trevor Vandeput. Also Martin Howe, Royce Jenkins and all others who contributed. Other people who assisted me were Fred Letts, Carol Letts and my wife Pat whose typing made it all possible.

We look forward to 1978.

THE EDITOR.

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INSIDE the results of the 1977 Player of the year competition.

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Trevor Vanderput (no stranger to the paper) comes up with a very interesting article on Umpiring, and it makes very good reading. It seems umpiring is a problem everywhere.

"UMPIRES"

Over the years there has been a lot of player, coach and spectator criticism of the umpiring standards. As an ex-player and ex-coach some of my observations may be of interest.

Attitude: Most of the time we seem to attract people with the correct attitude but every now and again we are inflicted with "little Hitlers". The umpire that races about threatening all and sundry (players and spectators!!) The guy who takes a savage delight in sending players off to prove who is boss and to award penalty strokes out of the depths of his imagination.

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Ideal; The ideal bloke is the fellow that feels he is helping the players have a good game and that he is there to supervise that the rules are not flagrantly broken, to the disadvantage of either team.

Spirit of the Rules: Some of our newer Umpires find it hard to interpret the spirit rather than the "letter" of the rule. More discussions after games would be an advantage to both players and Umpires. Talk to the Coaches - don't preach!

Amateur: The sooner we can afford to pay Umpires the better we can demand a higher standard. At the moment these dedicated men in white take all the abuse and don't get a penny for it. Players are interested in improving their game (skills etc) when do we ever see the younger (never) Umpires offering to umpire friendly matches pre-season? I remember when Graeme Ashly was a lot younger he was always at the grounds wanting to 'help out' and umpire friendly games. He has learned not to get involved with any personalities and has empathy with the players. The players respect him for this and he is considered one of the States top umpires now. Graeme is now an International Badged Umpire.

Advice: Don't worry about being too dogmatic about the exact spot from where the free hit should be taken, don't be incensed with the sticks rule on free hits or centres from the wings. Try and curb your own feelings when a player "explodes". We know its hard at times but remember your heated action can completely ruin a game. Players generally tend to accept umpires that mix with players, not hold themselves aloof. Learn your hand signals and use them. It's terrible to see an umpire with apparently both hands held out; each pointing in different directions (this is a poor habit and occurs when the inexperienced umpire points to "where" the foul took place with one arm and points the direction of the free hit with the other. This leads to confusion and frustration but more important loss of confidence of the players.

This is intended to be constructive and I do hope no replies are written in to rubbish me. I was an Umpire (of sorts!!) and gave it away because of the abuse and non-enjoyment of my umpiring (by me!!) so I know how it feels. Lets show a bit more empathy towards each other Player - Umpires - Coaches.

I like this Umpires philosophy - from Hockey Circle 1977 -

"After an experience like the Olympics I will still indeed be going back to umpire at club level. Irrespective of the standard, umpiring is challenging, it renders a service to players and above all it is a good excuse to have a beer with friends in the 3rd half of the game."

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ROYCE'S CHOICE

The boys tell me that "nose" Mutton rolls more cars than Rothmans roll cigarettes - look-out Mutto, Bill Stubbs might sign you up for Rothmans.

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Congratulations to Darryl and Anna Seed on the occasion of planting another "Seed".

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While on the subject of "babes", you are no doubt aware that Marty and Peter "Flick" Howe's wives - Marg and Ros are also in the family way. It has been suggested that this is the reason why both Marty and Peter have had restricted visits to the club house this year. But when Peter gets out on Wednesday nights he certainly makes the most of the opportunity - 1p.m. - 2.30a.m. - 3a.m. etc.

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The "roaring 20's" night was a rip roaring success and its good too see the club members getting right behind the social committee for a change.

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Undoubtedly the star of the night was Mr. Brown who relished at the opportunity to dance to the old roaring 20's music. He was justly rewarded with a bottle of champagne for his performance. Well done Mr. Brown!!

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It was good to see one of our new members parents - Lex McPhee - come all the way down from Lismore to watch firstly Lex and then Glebe in the semi-final. Another far North Coast boy!!

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We all know that Harry Wark Senior is not an avid fan of Ian Cooke even when Ian played for Glebe. This love was further aggravated when Cooke transferred to North Sydney and Harry takes every opportunity to remind everyone that Glebe dont need him. Well - at the semi final Glebe V's North Sydney, Harry gave Cookie a true farewell to New Zealand by constantly reminding him of his presence on the side-line and the more goals Glebe scored the more Harry's smile widened and the louder his voice became. At least Harry enjoyed himself!!!

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Oh! I must not forget: The captain of the 7th grade advised me that Charlie Cremin notched his first goal several weeks ago. This is Charlie's first season and you will always find him at training on Wednesday nights and at the clubhouse or at social outings. Even though 7th grade are out of the semi's Charlie continues to train and gives one the opinion that he is keen to improve his standard and also play a higher grade next season. Keep it up Charlie the club needs more players like you.

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A rumour has it that Greg Corbin might join Bob (Sticks) Bartlett and Bob Hollywood at Wests next season. Nobody is quite sure of the figure mentioned but one member suggested that he will be given control of Wests canteen - what canteen??

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This might be old hat but anyway you will recall that Harry Wark Junior was married on 6th August but still played most of the 1st grade game v's Uni N.S.W. Before Harry left the ground he was advised that his

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best man would be late because of a foot-all match preceeding his had entered extra time thus delaying the start of his match. Quick to think, Harry organised another mate to be best man. Well you wouldn't read about it the original best man turned up along with the substitute and Harry was honoured with 2 best men!!

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Who was the "special" guest at the clubhouse the other night. I am sure that the person concerned worked at a Chinese restaurant. Anyway - what happened in the end.

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It was disappointing to learn that the night recently organised for the N.Z. boys was poorly attended. I am told that social members and friends easily outnumbered the boys going to N.Z. and also Glebe members. For what its worth, the boys tell me that they had a great night and quite a substantial amount of money was raised.

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Paul Rogers flew all the way back from the Gold Coast for the 5th grade semi-final. As you <sup>know</sup> Paul is captain of the side and came back to lead the team in this important match. Well would you believe that Paul was involved in a mellee and temporarily suspended and the team also lost!!!

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Any ladies or friends desiring to play hockey next season will you please advise Jocelyn Jenkins as quickly as possible to enable preliminary arrangements to be finalised.

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PLAYER OF THE YEAR COMPETITION.

Congratulations to BENNIS BROWN for winning the Player of the Year Competition. He started the season in 3rd. Grade and his consistent play soon saw him in 2nd. Grade where he continued to "Sock it to em".

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The Final Points Score is:

D. BROWN	29	R. TAYLOR	12	G. HOWE	8
W. JARDINE	27	I. MUTTON	11½	B. DUNN	7
G. SHIRLEY	26	JAMIE HOWE	10	P. JENKINS	7
P. ABBOT	20	P. PUCKRIDGE	13½	V. FERRARI	6½
I. HARVEY	19½	S. CASEY	11½	C. SMITH	6½
I. McKAY	18	G. MANOU	9½	G. PUCKRIDGE	6½
W. STUBBS	17½	T. COWAN	9½	H. McDONALD	6½
D. SMITH	17	H. WARK(Snr)	9½	W. SULLIVAN	6½
D. SEED	17	R. DIVINEY	9½	M. ATTERTON	5
V. HOWE	17	G. BELL	8½	C. SAVA	5
H. WARK	15½	B. PINK	8½	K. KIPP	5
G. KIRKLAND	15½	M. HOWE	8½	C. BROWN	5
P. ROGERS	15½	K. WARK	8½	G. LISK	4½
B. McPHEE	15½	N. ANDERSON	10	P. HOWE	3½
P. NILAN	14	JOHN HOWE	8½	E. BEAME	3½
T. MARTIN	14	R. BROWN	10	J. MCDONALD	3½
G. CORBEN	13½	C. McINTOSH	11½	R. McDONALD	3½
P. CASEY	12	G. GILMOUR	8½	B. HOWE	3½
L. WARK	12	R. BIRMINGHAM	8	R. WARK	3
A. HOWE	12	R. JENKINS	8	P. O'RANCE	3
J. JENKINS	11½	G. WARK	10½	J. SERRO	1½
G. PATERSON	15½	G. MANOU(Jnr.)	8	V. WESTACOTT	3½
				B. HOWE	1½
				J. NELMES	1½
				G. HOLMES	1½
				L. NEEDHAM	1½

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A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY: St. George do not have a team in any Grand Final.

In all my years of association with hockey I cannot recall Saints not having a team in any grade of the Grand Final, and I think it is rather sad. Glebe and St. George have had a long association I for one would like to see them improve on this years effort.

The Editor.

DONT FORGET. For your Ball Tickets se ROYCE JENKINS TO-DAY.

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DONT FORGET. TEAM CAPTAINS WRITE **YOUR** TEAM REPORT WHILE IT IS STILL FRESH IN YOUR MIND AND GIVE IT TO FREDDY LETTS.

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