



Glebe District Hockey Club Inc **NEWSLETTER**

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EDITORIAL

Two of Glebe Club's better junior players, Mary Wark and Melanie Cox, went to the Central Area Selection trials on 26 July in good faith, believing that they could be selected in Central and Sydney teams on the basis of their hockey skills. Club representatives believed this also. Once there, they discovered that they could not be selected for the Sydney teams. In the confusion, Mary Wark was still selected to play for Central, but Melanie Cox wasn't, despite the fact that she had showed considerably more ability than many of those selected.

The excuse given was that some women's associations somewhere do not allow boys in their representative teams.

A lot of club members would agree that one of the best features of junior hockey is that boys and girls can play together in the same teams, and that as a result, families can be members of the one club. I'm sure that this is one of the main reasons why families who have no tradition in hockey are initially attracted to the sport. In other words, it is one of hockey's best selling points.

The non-selection of girls in Sydney representative teams is an injustice. On top of that, it's very short-sighted if one is interested in the overall development of hockey. Many young hockey players will be children of parents were hockey players. But the sport will not flourish, or even survive, if these families are the only source of new players. People outside the hockey community need to be attracted to the sport. They will be - if boys and girls are treated equally. If they play together in club teams, they should be able to play together in representative teams.

It's easy for sports administrators to get caught up in the representative scene and neglect the grassroots - the broad base of players playing the sport at club level. For example, in the Under 11 Central Area competition this year, it's clear that the grassroots need urgent attention. Many clubs are struggling to field teams. The fact is, if the club teams are strong and thriving, the representative teams will be too. Let's get the priorities right.

The Glebe Club has always been proud of its family traditions. These have undoubtedly helped it survive the hard times and remain one of the most valued and valuable features of the club. We will continue to push for the involvement of families, boys and girls, at all levels including the representative level.

GENERAL NEWS

Phil Blee, the 4th grade goalkeeper has had to cut short his hockey season because he's started work on a fishing trawler at Nelson Bay. Phil was in his final year at Balmain High before he became a professional fisherman - perhaps cutting short a career as a roller-blade hockey player, considering his habit of coming to training from Mort Bay on roller blades, complete with backpack and hockey stick. The Golden Greek Mick Bougaikas has been enticed out of retirement to take over from Phil. Mick's a motor mechanic at Newtown and a cousin of the first grade keeper George Manou.

And in one of those incidents where you can't laugh till you know he's OK... Thomas Rolles, the White Under 11's goalkeeper, was trapped for a few minutes after a freak gust of wind blew over the goals in the match against Sutherland. Unfazed and uninjured, Thomas went on to make some splendid saves in the game which Glebe lost 5-1.

Wednesday nights at Jubilee have developed into Great Events. On 22 July there were 22 under 13's, 19 under 11's, 8 minkeys, 2 under 15's and 1 under 17 at training, supervised by 5 junior coaches and 4 junior managers. 25 parents (with 14 siblings) came to collect their children. Later there were approximately 18 women and 10 men training under the direction of Pat Nilan. Inside the club house were 5 selectors and 3 management committee members. Altogether, close to 130 people were involved in some aspect of club activities and the atmosphere was terrific. 75 gourmet sausage sandwiches were sold but nobody counted the drinks. Wednesday nights are a raging success - better value and better company than Glebe Point Road.

Hanna Oman, the winner of the shortest spit award in the dummy spitting competition at the junior BBQ had the misfortune to break her leg at

the St James Parish Picnic on 26 July. Hanna was buried under a pile of small bodies and an earth ball and emerged with a broken fibula. But the cast will be off soon and Hanna will be making her presence felt once again at the club house.

This year the numbers have been particularly strong, with 75 registered men, 45 women, 20 paid up social members and 130 registered juniors (including Minkey) making a grand total of 250 members.

During the night of 26 July the club house was broken into. The very slender thief knocked out some bricks on the back wall and wriggled through a space 45 x 20 cm (we measured it). After making a considerable mess, he decamped with the under 11 goalkeeping kit bag containing Ken Wark's Seoul Olympic shirt and the bronze plaque with Ken's name on it, a small amount of money, chocolates and beer. After making his way to a bus stop, he was spotted by the local constabulary with the bag. This alert bunch of chaps knew him as a 19 year old drug addict and petty thief, and deduced that the large bag may have contained things that didn't belong to him. Ken Wark senior got a phone call about 2 am and the break in was discovered. All but \$20 of the money was recovered, but we lost about \$50 worth of chocolates. He'd had a go at the Aussie Rules club too, but they'd had the good fortune to put a cupboard in his way. Thanks to Ken Wark for the running repairs and to Cheryl Oman for cleaning up and to Harry Wark senior for picking up the goods from the police station.

And where was Roland? Long-time resident and full-time security officer at the club house, Roland the Rat, was obviously not on duty on that fateful night. A well-placed fang on a tender portion of the intruder's dopy frame would no doubt have sent him packing, but Roland had deserted. He'd been seen the previous Wednesday sitting dolefully

beside the rotting willow stump. Rumour has it that he'd been given the 'Sak' (as in Rat) by one of the Wednesday Wine Tasting Committee.

The Development Application for the Synthetic Turf Proposal at Federal Park Annandale will come before the Council on 1 September. Keep this date free and be ready to come along and support our cause - a show of strength at the meeting is essential for our success. YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU NOW. Discussions are continuing with Harold Park about a synthetic turf inside the proposed extended track, but we still need to push hard at Federal Park because we don't know if the Harold Park proposal will be accepted.

The date for the Senior Presentation Night has been set for Saturday 24 October. Come along and join the fun - get a table together and help to make the night a great success. Junior parents are particularly welcome, so ask your child's manager or coach for details. The venue is still being finalised.

Long Memories ... When Ken Wark was hit on the hand in the game against India at the Olympics, commentator Richard Aggiss opined: "Wark'll have his number. Ken Wark plays for the Glebe Club in Sydney. Glebe players have long memories."

Congratulations to Ken Wark and the Olympians.

The men's team weren't favourites this time, and it was a mighty game against Germany in the final. They played like champions and earned their reward - OLYMPIC SILVER.

STOP PRESS

Mary Wark has been selected for the 1993 Sydney Under 15 Representative Team. Congratulations, Mary!

MORE DATES ...

The Club Presentation Night will be held on Saturday night 24 October. Venue to be decided.

The Junior Teams Presentation day will be on Sunday 1 November, commencing at 10.00 am at the club house, Jubilee Oval. The presentations will be followed by a BBQ for all. Don't miss our final celebration of the 1992 hockey season.

The last competition game for the season was played on 8 August. 15 August was kept free for postponed games, but as there were no postponements, the semi-finals will be held on 22 August.

Congratulations to all those players who have completed their hockey season. The Glebe Club is proud of your efforts and spirit throughout 1992.

For those players involved in the semi-finals, Wednesday night training will continue. Make sure you are there, working hard on your skills, so that your team can play its best in the final series.

JUNIOR TEAMS REPORTS

Junior Representative Players

Under 11 Sydney team players Patrick Wark, Patrick Casey (Sydney 1) and Sandy Gittins, Ross Tapsell (Sydney 2) finished their representative commitments for 1992 with the under 11 Sutherland Carnival on 19 July. The carnival attracted 10 teams, many from the country, and was a great day of hockey. The final was won by the Sydney 1 team, who defeated Bathurst in a hard fought game.

The Central Area selection trials, the first step towards representing Sydney in 1993, were held at the Crest, Bankstown, on 26 July. Selected to play for Central area in the Sydney Selection trials on 15 August were:

Under 15 - Mary Wark, Graeme Burnell-Jones, Simon Bracht, Jason Bowden

Under 13 - Douglas Cronin, Sam Everist, Alex Crook, Anthony Wark, Robert Austen, Sandy Gittins

Under 11 - Patrick Wark, Mark Paterson, Ben Everist, Peter Wark, Thomas Rolls, Liam Casey

Congratulations to all players, good luck in the Sydney Selection trials and apologies for any omissions or errors.

Parramatta Carnival Report

On a brilliant sunny day on 2 August, three Glebe Junior teams took part in the Parramatta Carnival at the Dan Mahoney fields. Glebe entered one team in each division - under 15, 13 and 11. The Under 13 and 11 teams were made up of players from both the Maroon and White teams, and during the day many players helped out in the higher age divisions. Alex Crook as goalie probably played most games - about 12 in the day - but there were many close behind. All had a great day, with the Under 15's losing narrowly in the semi-finals, the Under 13's fighting hard in the

final to a 0-1 loss to a talented Northern districts side, and the Under 11's winning the competition.

All games were played in good spirit, and the competition was fairly even. Long time Glebe supporters Danny O'Brien, Bevan Ineson and Bob Taylor were on hand to help the players and cheer on the teams. Thanks to all those parents who helped out with transport on the day.

Under 11's

The carnival games gave players plenty of exercise, lots of hockey experience, and the fond memory of winning. Minkey players Kathleen Oman and Gabrielle Wark shared in the spoils and the fun, while Matthew Wark used his soccer skills to great advantage in the goal, making several great saves. William Warner and Mark Paterson from the Whites benefitted from the experience of playing with the old hands Patrick Wark, Patrick Casey, Sandy Gittins and Co. All players now have their trophies to remind them of how well they played on the day.

Glebe Under 11 Maroon

Sutherland Sharks 1 Aug
Jubilee Oval Won 3 - 0

This was a solid win by the Maroons against their probable semi-final opponents. The team was never really troubled in defence, and though the attack was at times scrappy, it should be remembered that the Sharks kept all players back in defence and made scoring difficult. First half goals to Patrick Wark and Melanie Cox had the game well in hand early while Liam Casey added to the tally with a good goal from an Andrew French cross in the second half.

Sutherland 25 July
Sutherland Drew 2 - 2

An enemy of good performance in any competitive sport is to believe that either you "can easily beat" the opposition or that "they will probably beat us". The Sutherland side has had the (to them unknown) advantage of giving this Glebe side the second impression.

The first ten minutes of play confirmed our worst fears, Sutherland 2 - 0 up after a couple of soft goals. Then Glebe got to work. Some determined tackling, good combined passing and Melanie Cox going for a run towards the circle soon gave Sutherland the message that Glebe was not going to be so easily beaten. The remainder of the first half was scoreless, with Glebe mounting several attacks, Sutherland holding their own and mounting a few campaigns towards the Glebe circle.

The second half was another tight tussle, with play swinging from one end of the field to the other, but Glebe looked the better side. Glebe took the attack into the Sutherland circle on many occasions and their determination bore fruit about 15 minutes into the second half when Patrick Wark took a shot for goal which deflected off a defender and found the net. The Maroons were jubilant but quickly settled down to their task once more. Within a couple of minutes Melanie found the net to give us a 2-all score. Sutherland were rattled by now, but worked hard to hold the Glebe attack. Full time came before any more shots at goal were taken. Ross Tapsell, Liam and Patrick Casey, Melanie Cox, Sandy Gittins, Rebecca Town, Andrew French and Patrick Wark all had very good games, demonstrating that they can dig deep when it's needed. Glebe now know that this Sutherland team is beatable - they didn't beat

them today but it shows that a win against this side is within our grasp.

Under 13's Maroon

Sutherland Lost 0 - 23

A game that didn't get off to a good start with 3 players unavailable at short notice. We took the field with 9 players and Sutherland soon took control of the game. Although our defence gave it their all, Sutherland started to score at will, camping in Glebe's twenty-five. Even though the side was soundly beaten they never gave up, showing what great spirit they have. Our regular goalie Callan Gilding was out with a rollerblade mishap and Robbie Austin volunteered to fill the gap knowing what we were up against. He put in a valiant effort.

Sutherland Sharks Lost 5 - 1

The game started at a brisk pace with the Sharks applying the early pressure, but the defence of our fullbacks Alexander Yuen and Nicholas Kelleher along with Damen Jones (goalie for this game) kept Sutherland scoreless until halfway through the first half. A short time later Sutherland scored their second goal, after the defence failed to clear the ball out of the circle.

Glebe started the second half with plenty of vim and we were rewarded with a good goal scored by Sandy Gittins. Sutherland fought back scoring 3 late goals. All Glebe forwards fought hard with Cameron Mackay and Rebecca Lawson having their best game. Special thanks to the Under 11's Patrick Wark, Ross Tapsell and Sandy Gittins for filling in.

A speedy recovery for Julian Reynolds who has a fractured arm.

Under 13's Glebe White

Sutherland 19 July
Lost 6 - 2

Sutherland averaged 13 goals for and 0.6 goals against for the first round of the competition and are the stand-out team in the Under 13 division. For this game we were without Martin Smith on holiday in Queensland and Geoff Hammett on holiday in England. Pat Wark from the Under 11's played for us and acquitted himself with distinction.

Sutherland had Glebe under intense pressure for the first 15 minutes but we were able to hold them out by a combination of good play and good luck. Alex Crook our goalkeeper had an excellent match and saved our bacon on numerous occasions in the first 15 minutes. In the space of 14 minutes Sutherland had scored 4 goals, 3 from corners, and we were in danger of being overrun. Sutherland have a very professional corner combination and everything went right for them. On the stroke of half time Anthony Wark made a half break in the inside left alley after receiving a beautiful early ball from Simon Bracht. The ball was then crossed to Sam Everist standing just outside the circle in the inside right alley who moved the ball quickly into the circle and took a prompt shot which resulted in a goal. It was one of the best goals we have scored this season and it lifted the side's morale.

In the second half Glebe came alive early and Anthony Wark scored a well taken goal after good work by Aaron Oman and Doug Cronin. This made the score 4-2 and Glebe were motoring. Midway through the half Glebe started to get on

top of Sutherland and had several golden opportunities to score but the ball went just wide of the goal. During this phase of the game Glebe showed grit, determination and tenacity. Towards the end of the game we tired a fraction and Sutherland were able to score 2 more goals. The team spirit is good and the team is well-behaved on and off the field.

Lewis McKeown, Mary Wark and Kim Rizzo did well in the halves and the back three of Simon Bracht, David Mullens and Pat Wark acquitted themselves well. Simon was probably one of the best players on the field, as was Mary Wark. Aaron Oman and Doug Cronin worked hard all day and Anthony Wark and Sam Everist were always dangerous up front.

Sutherland Sharks 25 July
Jubilee Won 3 - 0

The game was keenly contested and Sutherland Sharks made us earn the 3 points. Glebe always looked as if they would win but it was not until 4 minutes before halftime that the first goal came. Sam Everist put a copybook cross in from the right wing and Doug Cronin at inside left took a well timed first timer which sailed past the keeper. Aaron Oman had several good shots in the first half and was only stopped by excellent goalkeeping. David Mullens had a good game at fulback and was always safe and reliable. Sutherland were able to exert pressure on us but were unable to convert this. There was too much emphasis on the big hit and too little attention on the controlled push to an unmarked team mate.

In the second half the team played better with Mary Wark and Kim Rizzo standing out. Kim has exceptional recovery ability and opposition forwards find it difficult to pass her. The team looked good when it transferred the play quickly from one side of the field to the other. The Sutherland defence was stretched and holes started to appear. Anthony Wark scored from one of these "changes of play" early in the second half when he positioned himself well and received a beautiful cross ball from Aaron Oman. Our third goal came as Sutherland threw players forward to try and get back into the match but left themselves exposed at the back. After breaking up a Sutherland attack, fullback Martin Smith delivered the early ball to the forwards and the poor Sutherland goalie found himself on his lonesome, confronted with four Glebe forwards. Aaron shot from the edge of the circle and found the net, ending any chance of a Sutherland victory. Simon Bracht played well despite being stricken by the flu and Eddie Johnson had his first game back after breaking his thumb.

The lesson to be learned from this game is that we need more short passing and control, less hit and hope. there are times when the ball needs to be blasted but not all the time. In the 50-50 tussles for the ball we need more determination to try and tilt the odds 60-40. All in all it was a competent display by an improving side.

Parramatta 1 Aug
Dan Mahoney Won 4 - 2

This game was the worst game Glebe has played this season. It was characterised by a lack of commitment, determination, enthusiasm, and enjoyment. The team just seemed to be going through the motions and there seemed to be a decided lack of interest. None of the old Glebe spirit was present in this game.

Parramatta only had 9 players but Glebe failed to spread the ball wide and take advantage of their

superior numbers. There was too much bunching, too much ball watching, not enough work and not enough back tackling. We have to take up appropriate field positions both across the field and the length of the field otherwise the team lacks balance and poise. We have to read the game and keep the brain tuned into what is going to happen next, not put the mind in neutral and be several seconds behind what is happening.

Doug Cronin scored a couple of good goals in the first half from the 8 metre zone after the ball was crossed from the right. Five minutes before half time Parramatta scored a goal after about 5 Glebe players displayed halfhearted application to trapping the ball. The ball must be trapped and possessed in defence, it should not be slapped to the opposition. With a minute to go before halftime Parramatta had a good shot which looked in for any money but Martin Smith came from nowhere to save it on the line.

After halftime Simon Bracht scored from a short corner variation and Eddie Johnston scored a nice field goal (Eddie's second of the season). With the score at 4-1 we had the game won but this did not stop Parramatta having a couple of promising raids into the Glebe circle and one of their shots hit the post. Alexander Crook, the keeper, stopped a good shot but from the ensuing melee a penalty stroke was awarded which Parramatta converted. When the final whistle went it was a blessed release for everyone, players and spectators. There were a few loose comments between several members of the team which will have to stop. Every member of the side is trying his or her best and derogatory comments are insulting and show a distinct lack of courtesy.

Let's lift our enthusiasm and involvement for the remainder of the season and show a bit of that good old Glebe fighting spirit that's so evident in this side at its best.

Glebe Under 15's

Sutherland 4 July

What a great effort to only lose 1 - 0 against the very strong Sutherland side, after an 8 - 0 loss only two weeks ago. The team showed the old Glebe spirit and gave their all. In a very entertaining game the score was 0-0 with only one minute to full time when Glebe conceded a corner and goal.

It would be almost impossible to pick a best and fairest from this game as everyone put in 100% effort, but a special mention must go to newcomer Adam Tozer who showed that he could be a very good acquisition to the club.

Parramatta 1 Aug

This was our first game for a month due to school holidays and the competition structure. Unfortunately we went down 0-4 but this was due to lack of match practice and TRAINING. When we played the ball wide to the wingers Tam Sherwood and Colleen Howe we were at our best, but we fell down by consistently playing to their strength up the middle.

SENIOR TEAMS (MEN)

Matches against Sutherland on 8 August

1st Grade
With only four matches to go, 1st Grade played hard against Sutherland to try and maintain its position in the top four. Our first goal by Glen

Barnes and another by Aaron Nilan gave us a good start. Unfortunately at half-time Sutherland were ahead 5 - 2. After a fiery second half, Sutherland came out winners at 5 - 2. Glebe 1st Grade is now just one point outside the top four.

2nd Grade

Struggling to hold first place on the ladder, Glebe started well against Sutherland when Pat McCann scored in the first five minutes. At half-time Glebe kept its 1 - 0 lead. Six minutes into the second half, Glenn Dunn scored to give us a 2 - 0 lead. Unfortunately Sutherland evened the score to a 2 - 2 draw just minutes before full-time.

3rd Grade

We tried hard against Sutherland who are top of the 3rd Grade ladder. The final score was 3 - 1 down, our only goal scored by Grant Martin. Even with this loss, 3rd Grade are still in the top four.

LOWER GRADES REPORT

Glebe vs University at David Phillips Field
Matraville 18 July

4th Grade won 4-1 5th Grade won 2-0
6th Grade drew 1-1

4th Grade played some good hockey in this match and won going away. If Adrian Howe had fine tuned his rudder the score could easily have been 8-1. Steve Casey won the players' Man of the Match award and Graham Noak also had a fine game on the right wing.

5th Grade scored an early goal after right wing Peter Mitchell sprinted the ball into the circle and pushed strongly past the keeper. The second goal followed a 70-metre move with Jason Rowswell passing to Harry Wark, from here to Peter Mitchell who crossed strongly to Captain Vern Howe. Vern made no mistake with a beautiful deflection which left the keeper stranded. The half time score was 2-0 and the side hung on in the second half to get the points. Col Brown the keeper gave his usual polished display.

6th Grade did well to draw with the leaders and were probably unlucky not to win. They had a goal disallowed, a hotly disputed decision. 34-year old Robin Crowhurst (one of the babies of the team) played, adding thrust up front, a quality lacking in many of the team's previous encounters.

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