

Glebe District Hockey Club Inc

NEWSLETTER

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EDITORIAL

Individual letters to Leichhardt Council are needed *NOW* to support our Development Application (DA) for the synthetic surface.

The DA for the synthetic surface for Federal Park will shortly be before Council. It is imperative that we convince the Council that there is a groundswell of public opinion in favour of the surface being built. For this reason, we need as many personal letters (as distinct from many copies of the same letter) as possible to be sent to the Council. We need every single player (children & adults), every parent, grandparent, sympathiser, Glebe Hockey Club supporter, boy-friends, girlfriends — all interested parties — to write in support of the proposal. Apathy will sink our bid for the surface. So please, make the effort to compose a letter, however brief, stating your support.

Address all correspondence to

The Mayor
Leichhardt Municipal Council
7-15 Wetherill Street
LEICHHARDT NSW 2040

ACT NOW AND DO NOT DELAY!

18 of the 19 schools in the area have written support for the proposal and 1500 local residents have signed a petition supporting the idea. However, there are groups and individuals opposed to the idea and we need to keep reminding the Council that the majority favour the concept, and that we're the community.

There is no doubt that a synthetic surface will be a great benefit to the whole community. It can take heavy use and is an all-weather surface. No more cancelled or postponed games due to rain! For the game of hockey, it has the obvious advantage of allowing a true run of the ball. All competition hockey of third grade and above is now played on synthetic surfaces. For our young

players to develop in the game it is essential that they have experience on synthetic turf.

The Glebe Hockey Club has been trying since 1986 to get a synthetic surface built. Many venues have been suggested. They have all come to nothing and our best hope lies with Federal Park. Support the Club in its endeavour to obtain the surface and thus help it to secure its future and enable it to continue to serve the local community.

We all have a debt of gratitude to the many people who have worked hard to obtain this synthetic surface, beginning with the pioneering work of the late Keith Paterson. Recently, many members have put in a lot of time and effort on behalf of the whole Club. But now we need *EVERYONE* to do a bit, so please begin by writing a letter of support.

If our Application is to be successful, we have to keep reminding the Aldermen that the proposal has popular support.

CONGRATULATIONS KEN WARK!

Ken, who captained the NSW Team at the recent Australian Championships, has been selected for the Australian Olympic Squad for Barcelona. At the Australian Championship, Ken won the

player of the series award, meaning of course that of all the players at the tournament Ken was judged to be the best. It is a rare honour and it is fabulous to think that the Glebe Club has been able to produce such an outstanding talent. Not so long ago Ken was learning to play hockey at Jubilee with all the other kids!

A Marine Fitter by trade, Ken first played for Australia in 1985. At the 1986 Australian Championships in Sydney he was given the player of the series award and to my knowledge is the only player to have been given the award twice. Later in 1986, Ken played in the Australian team which won the World Championship in London. He represented Australia at the 1988 Olympics and has played for Australia on close to 150 occasions. In 1990, Ken played for Australia at the Tournament of Champions competition in Melbourne and was elected for the World Team, meaning he was one of the best 11 players at that tournament. His father, also Ken, played for Australia from 1952 - 54. Young Ken helps with the Glebe Juniors when he can and in 1989 was our Canteen/Bar Manager. His contribution to the Club does not stop when he comes off the field and he is a superb role model for our younger players.

Ken... Good Luck!

Harry Wark

JUNIOR TEAMS BBQ DAY

Saturday 20 June

**EVERYONE — SENIORS & JUNIORS, BOYS & GIRLS,
MEN & WOMEN, OLD & YOUNG, HOCKEY SUPPORTER & FRIEND**

KEEP THIS DATE FREE!

This is one of our major Social and Fund Raising days.
A chance for the whole Club to get together.
There are games at Jubilee all day,
with the Senior men's lower grades at home in the afternoon
and the Junior games in the morning.

**SPEND THE DAY AT THE CLUB,
OR JUST TURN UP FOR THE BBQ AT 5 PM**

MATCH REPORTS

GLEBE UNDER 11 MAROON

MOOREBANK 4 April
Moorebank Turf Drew 4 — 4

The team began confidently and quickly notched up 2 goals, scored by Melanie Cox, before the Moorebank defence realised how good a player Melanie is. Moorebank have some brilliant attacking players and they soon struck back to trail 2 — 1 at the half-time break. Early in the second half, Moorebank's superior attack saw them race to a 4 — 2 lead and things did not look good for Glebe. But a great fightback by the whole team led to Melanie scoring another two goals, levelling the scores. The final ten minutes of the game was a thrilling contest in which the ball went from one end to the other with neither team able to score the winning goal. It was during this period that all players lifted their effort and put in a good display of team hockey.

This was an excellent opening effort by the team and the players can only improve as they develop their teamwork.

GLEBE UNDER 11 WHITE

BANKSTOWN 11 April
Jubilee Oval Won 4 — 0

This was an exciting day for the Club's newest and youngest competition team. They began the game nervously, chasing the ball all round the park. By halftime they had settled down and their positional play had improved. Although the score at this stage was nil-all, Glebe looked more likely to score. Then Thomas Rolls made a long run and scored the first goal. The players' confidence rose considerably and some good team play followed. Mark Paterson showed the value of experience with two good goals and intelligent field play. Emma Brockway (1) and Andrew Crawford (2) were the other goal scorers and showed good pace and promise, and the whole team was very pleased to start the season on such a high note.

GLEBE UNDER 11 DERBY WHITE V MAROON

Jubilee Oval 2 May

In the local derby, the "older" Maroon team had too much experience and strength for the "younger" White team and won 11 - 0. Nevertheless, the White team again put in a good effort and showed a lot of promise. Mark Paterson was again solid and James Hurrell worked hard all game and made some good runs. Both Anthony Charlton and Thomas Rolls made some excellent saves in goal. William Warner tackled fearlessly in defence. In fact all the White team worked hard in defence, but had difficulty taking the ball forward from hits, though in one great effort they did force the maroons into a short corner. There was tendency for the maroons to take the ball straight down the middle, a tactic which will not succeed against the stronger teams. Players also tended to "go themselves" instead of passing to a team mate who was unmarked. New player Andrew French fitted in well and made some good runs down the wing. Goals were scored for the Maroons by M. Cox (3), S. Gittins (3), P. Casey (2), R. Tapsell (2) and P. Wark (1).

GLEBE UNDER 13 DERBY WHITE V MAROON

Jubilee Oval 2 May

In another local derby, White began the game extremely well and led 7 - 0 after only 15 minutes of play. On the whole, the goals came after a good build-up between the halves and forwards rather than from individual play. After the initial shock, the maroons lifted their game and kept tackling and became more competitive as a result. Some of the maroons tended to float around the edge of the action rather than involving themselves in the thick of play, but all the team are regulars at training and seem to enjoy playing. For the Whites, Kym Rizzo had a good game and Eddie Johnson was a real terrier in seeking out the ball. For the Maroons, David Wall and Robbie Austen kept trying and Alex Yuen and Nicholas Kelleher worked hard in defence, but their best player on the day was probably Lindsay Griffith who kept tackling throughout the game. Goal scorers for the Whites were S. Bracht (9), A. Wark (3), G. Hammett (2), A. Oman (2), E. Johnson (1). The game was played in a good spirit and the players are a credit to their coaches and themselves.

GLEBE UNDER 13 WHITE

St GEORGE 4 April
Jubilee Oval Won 10 — 2

Seven members of this team were in the Under 13's last year and four players moved up from the Under 11's. Two new players, Sam Everist from Shepperton Victoria and Martin Smith from Canberra, have added considerably to the playing strength.

Glebe had a good first half and led 7 - 1 at the break. The team has an excellent forward line that can score goals, but the problem in this game was that everyone wanted to get in the act. This meant that at times the team had 9 forwards, one defender and the goalie Alex Crook. When the team used the short passing game — trying to find a team-mate with controlled nicely weighted pushes — it looked good. Putting the head down and trying to hit the ball straight down the ground will not

GLEBE UNDER 13 MAROON

MOOREBANK 4 April
Moorebank Turf Lost 14 — 0

At the start of the game only eight Glebe players had arrived, insufficient to mount any sort of contest against the strong Moorebank side. After halftime, the Under 11 Maroon players who arrived early for their game went onto the field and helped out.

There is a solid core of young players in this team who enjoy playing together, but who are still relatively new to the game. Hopefully, the team will have a full complement of players each week and will improve their teamwork and skills as the season progresses to be a force to be reckoned with next year. The spirit within the team is good, keep it up!

DRAW FOR JUNIOR TEAMS

Some players have lost the April RED RAG with the Competition Draw.
We have had some more copies run off. If you need one, see Mick Tapsell.

be successful against better opponents. From defence, the ball has to be kept wide and the quick hit taken. Despite these problems, the team put in a good performance and should give all other teams in the competition a run for their money. Our goal scorers were S. Bracht (3), A. Wark (3), D. Cronin (2), A. Oman (1) and G. Hammett (1).

BANKSTOWN 11 April
Jubilee Oval Won 17 — 0

Bankstown, with only eight players, could not provide much opposition. Glebe scored the first goal within a minute and it became clear that the Glebe defensive players were not going to get involved in the game unless they had a stint "up-front". Unfortunately, this does not help good positional play. At times, Glebe players were able to string together four or five passes and looked a very professional outfit. The ball moved from the left wing across to the right wing in flowing fashion. Some of the forwards shot for goal from impossible angles, when a well-directed hit to a better positioned team-mate would have been a better option. Goals were scored by A. Wark (5), A. Oman (4), D. Cronin (3) and G. Hammett (1).

The team has a three-pronged plan for the season: tackle, tackle, tackle and don't let the opposition run with the ball; use the swift counter attack — a quick free-hit to ensure quick delivery from the defence; use the full width of the pitch, keeping the ball wide and don't just slog it down the centre.

GLEBE UNDER 15

The team has made a good start to the season with solid, hard fought wins over St George and Sutherland Sharks and a loss to the strong Bankstown side.

The game against Sutherland sharks was held on 2 May at Jubilee Oval and was keenly contested and tight, Glebe won 1 - 0. Karen Bowden at fullback had a great game and repulsed many of the Sutherland attacks.

SENIOR TEAMS (MEN)

1st GRADE The team made a good start to the season with a 4 - 3 victory over Sydney University, a game in which new player Glen Barnes scored a hat-trick. Glebe then went on to defeat last year's premiers Sutherland

3 - 2 in a very fast and free flowing game. Aaron Nilan and Steven Cain played with great enthusiasm and overwhelmed their more experienced opposition. In the next game, Glebe went down to the University of NSW.

2nd GRADE No information, but it seems that they lost the first two games.

3rd GRADE No information

4th GRADE A definite premier-ship threat. So far one draw against Moorebank and three wins. Although clearly the best team against Moorebank (no bias!), the side had to jag a goal at the death to snatch a draw from the jaws of defeat. Many of the team members should be in Second Grade, but an aversion to training and love of the good life prevent them moving up the ranks. Danny O'Brien, down from First Grade last year, is in sparkling form and keeps the average age of the team respectable. Marvellous Martin Howe is the Captain, Motivator, Fee Collector, Club Life Member and Under 15's Coach. The team's 9 - 2 victory over North Sydney on 2 May was, according to one expert, the best performance by this grade in 10 years. The passing, working of the ball and teamwork were a joy to behold.

5th GRADE The side has three wins and a loss and on its day is capable of beating anyone. Vernon Howe is the Captain and dry wit of the side, while Andrew Goodrich, since returning from the Old Dart, has added some polish to the team. The side is a mixture of youth and experience, with the younger ones providing the legs and the old fellas the brains. Shooting for goal is not one of the team's strengths; in most games the result is in doubt until the final whistle. This team is outstanding for its after-game celebrations under the arch at Jubilee.

6th GRADE So far the side has had one win, two draws and a loss. Pace and youth are not qualities possessed by the Sixth Graders, but there is knowledge present in abundance. If only the body could do what the mind wants this side would be an unstoppable force. The players in this team can only manage a certain number of steps in a season and apparently are considering winding themselves up for a while to prepare for the semi-finals.

UNDER 17 No information.

SENIOR TEAMS (WOMEN)

Before the official commencement of our season, the Eastern Districts Women's Hockey Association held their opening day Carnival. Glebe won the Division "A" Final. Congratulations to all those girls who participated in the Carnival throughout the day.

At the completion of the second round of the competition, Glebe remains undefeated in all three Grades, with strong wins over Randwick and Easts Rugby. The Turf competition commenced on 12 April and resulted in a 3 - 2 win for Glebe District Hockey Club over Glebe Sports Incorporated.

The Easter Raffle has been won by one of Molly Wark's friends with the other prizes won by girls from other clubs.



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A SOCIAL MEMBER
OF THE CLUB YET?**

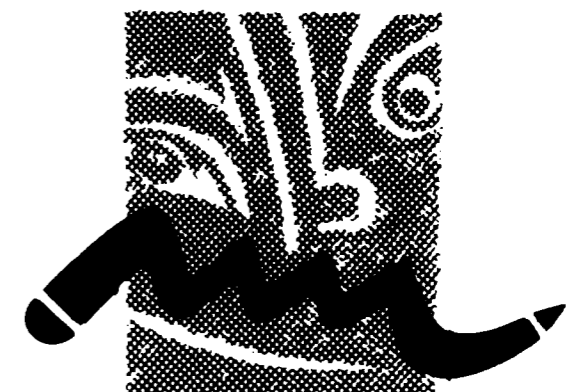
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