

Glebe District Hockey Club Inc
NEWSLETTER

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CLUB NEWS

VALE TOM "DIGGER" TAYLOR — Tom Taylor died on 22nd June, 1993 at Prince Alfred Hospital, aged 77 years, from a cardiac condition which had troubled him for many years. Tom's brother, J.W. Taylor, was a founding member of the St James Sporting Club in 1929, and the first treasurer of the Glebe District Hockey Club which was founded on 20th December, 1932, from the St James Sporting Club hockey team. Unfortunately, J.W. Taylor died in 1946 of a heart condition at the young age of 33 years. Tom's mother and father were devoted supporters of the Hockey Club and team selections, management committee meetings and many fund raising nights were held at their family home at 3 Boyce Street, Glebe. Esther Taylor, "the orange lady", became a life member of the Hockey Club before she died in 1952, and her husband, William, was Club Patron for eight years until his death in 1953. Tom was an "artist" with the stick and played his first game for the Club in 1934, represented in the 1939 NSW seniors and won many first grade premierships in the dynamic Glebe team of the 40's. Ken Wark Snr and Digger Taylor were the fullback combination in the Club's 1947 and 1948 premiership winning first grade teams. Tom played 212 games for Glebe before he retired in 1948, aged 33 years. A hard but fair player was "Digger", who strove for personal excellence and was supportive and encouraging of his teammates. For most of his working life, Tom was a welder with the PMG, cum Australia Post, cum Telecom. He was born at a cottage hospital in Glebe Point Road and lived all his life in Glebe, for the last 43 years in Arcadia Road. To his wife of over 50 years, Mona, and his four children, the Club extends its deepest sympathy.

THE PLANS for the Harold Park track extension which include the Hockey Club's synthetic turf proposal have been approved by the Harold Park Board of Directors, the TAB Track Development Fund Board and the Minister for Sport, Mr Downey. The proposition lies on the desk of the Premier of NSW, the Honourable Mr John Fahey, for his perusal before the official announcement is made and the DA

submitted to Leichhardt Council. If all goes to plan, the track extension and associated redevelopment will commence late 1993 or early 1994 and should be ready by the end of July 1994. If the Club can raise the money, a water based turf is the preferred option, but of course, everything depends on the Club's financial backers. If anyone has any suggestions re financing the turf, see Bill Stubbs, who is the member of the Turf Committee responsible for arranging the "bickies". The Club is fortunate in having someone of the calibre of Bill Stubbs overseeing the financial arrangements, as he has spent all of his working life in this field.

CONGRATULATIONS to Steve Cain (23), and Aaron Nilan (19), members of the Glebe first grade team who were selected for NSW at the State Championship in Goulburn. Aaron clawed his way up from the Glebe Under 10 replacement bench to the NSW team. He can be seen down at the lower grade fixtures at Jubilee at times, playing in the "scratch" games with the kids, who reckon they "beat him pointless and that he has got a lot to learn". The U/15 team are positive that Aaron is blind when he umpires their games, although Aaron reckons that he is just playing the advantage! Steve came to the Club from Port Macquarie four years ago. Steve is a valuer with the National Australia Bank and Aaron is an apprentice carpenter, following in his dad's footsteps.

THE THREE TEST series between Australia and Germany, played at the State Sports Centre, Homebush late in June provided the hockey devotee with some superb entertainment. Over 3,000 people attended each of the three tests which saw a tense, exciting struggle between the two teams, with Australia winning the first game and the remaining two games drawn. Ken Wark, Glebe's first grade fullback, played extremely well for one and a bit games, before some bumblefooted German forward fell all over him and broke one of his ribs. It was an unfortunate accident, as it meant that Ken could not play in the July Tournament of Champions Trophy in Malaysia. Still, as Ken has played over 130 games for his country, and is currently playing at the height of his powers, there seems little

doubt that "Big Ears" will be back in the Australian team soon. Colin Brown won the "Barracker of the Series" award for his effort at the Sunday Test - he had the crowd in stitches with his witty, humorous remarks. The Kiwi umpire was often red-faced, but I could even see him laughing at times! Who said Kiwis did not appreciate good humour?

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, JULY 3RD, down at Jubilee Oval, was a throwback to the "good old days". The 4th grade game against Randwick, which Glebe won 2-0, featured fisticuffs, a headbutt and some marvellous acting. Discretion prevents me from saying more. Fortunately, no one was injured. Andrew Goodrick, who is not noted for his deep and meaningful analysis of life, said "it was all because the Randwick player was a woman trapped in a man's body" — ask Andrew for the nitty gritty of this little expression. It provided fantastic entertainment for the spectators, of whom there were about 100, and a good time was had by all. The old stagers at the game said it was like a Sunday School picnic compared to what happened a few years ago!! To quote one old timer, who was sipping on a tin of Dr Toohey's wonder elixir at the time - "the trouble with the players of today is that they are all a bunch of cream puffs!"

THE PRACTICE GAME between the Under 15's and the Under 13's at Jubilee on July 3rd was eventful for poor old Alex Crook. He fell awkwardly and sustained a greenstick fracture of the lower end of his left radius and ulnar bones (forearm fracture). He will have his arm in plaster for six weeks, followed by a three week period to mobilise things again. Alex loves his hockey, and the pain of the injury was as nothing, compared to the disappointment of being told that he will be out until next season. His teammates in the U/13 (1) team were also disappointed, as they fancied themselves as an outside chance for the premiership. Our condolences, Alex - rest assured you will be back better than ever in a month or so's time!

ON THE EVENING of Saturday 11th July, hoons drove a car from the car park behind the Carpet Warehouse

onto the Federal Park hockey field and proceeded to do "wheelies", skids and slewing manoeuvres. As it had been raining for the previous week, the surface was water logged and easily cut-up, resulting in many deep wheel tracks over the field, particularly at the canal end of the ground. These acts of mindless vandalism are despicable and spoil the sporting pursuits of many hundreds of people - let's hope the offenders will refrain from repeating the offence!!!. If you know who it is, encourage them to stop!! Full credit to the ground staff at Jubilee, who did their utmost to repair the damage.

KEN WARK, Glebe's current Australian player, helped Shane Nilan and Pat McCann conduct the U/17 training at Jubilee on 14th July and the devotees loved it. Some Australian players are getting \$12,000 per season to play, but not Ken - he plays for Glebe for the enjoyment that it brings. The great strength of the Glebe Club is that people like double Olympian Ken and triple Olympian Pat Nilan continue to foster the juniors and contribute to the welfare of the following generation. They get no monetary reward, their buzz comes from the reward of a job well done, a rare motivation in an increasingly material world. Thank you, gentlemen, for your efforts - you are an inspiration to the rest of us in the Club, stimulating us to contribute what we can, when we can.

TOWARDS THE END of Wednesday night training on 14th July there were three louts mouthing off from the grandstand at the people on the field. They then moved across to the railway viaduct above the Club House and amused themselves by throwing rocks down at people as they left. The following morning, Jim Oman, junior convenor, went to the Club House to arrange some equipment for the week-end games and found that there had been another break-in. Presumably the three louts had broken in after the Club was locked up on Wednesday night. They took the usual haul of beer, coke, chocolates, wine and spirits, carried out in the Club's three plastic garbage containers. This time, the 3rd time this year the Club has been broken into, the microwave was stolen and the stock losses were greater than on previous occasions, but fortunately there was no money in the till. The thieves knocked out a few of the sandstock bricks which constitute the backwall of the Club to gain entry, as per usual. The Club is looking into measures to increase the security arrangements under the arch - all

suggestions will be gratefully received. There is a reward to the person who provides information leading to the apprehension of the criminal.

JUNIOR MATCH REPORTS

GLEBE UNDER 11'S

Under 11 (1) vs Sutherland

12 June Result: 0-5

Playing on a turf surface, the game got off to a quick start, with Sutherland scoring their first goal against us in the first few minutes of the game. From then on Glebe gave Sutherland a run for their money. We were unlucky not to score off one of the two long runs from our "flying" right wing, Tim Harvey, and from some good mid-field play from Tris, Peter and Mark. Peter, Matthew and Rowan defended solidly and Ben made the most of the hit outs, with some strong, well-positioned shots. For a while it looked like a 2-0 game, until towards the end of play, when Sutherland made three goals in quick succession and revealed our biggest weakness in defence - no goalie.

Under 11 (1) vs Under 11 (2)

19 June Result: 4-0
Goal Scorers: Patrick Wark, Peter Wark, Matthew Jenkins, Tim Harvey.

Glebe (2) put up a very determined defence against us, and it took us a while to break through their determination. Glebe (2), however, were up against some experienced players, with both Patrick and Peter Wark scoring solid goals. James Hurrell never gave up on the left wing and was unlucky not to break free of some dogged marking. Tim was lucky to score off a deflection from the opposition and Matthew's season was made when he scored whilst playing right inner for Tris and William, Liam and Ben made sure our goal mouth was well defended.

Under 11 (1) vs Moorebank

17 July Result: 1-3
Goal scorer Patrick Wark

On a very soft pitch at Federal Park we played a tough game against Moorebank Unfortunately we did not make the most of our opportunities. Despite very determined play on the left wing from James the follow through by the forwards was not there and we were further handicapped when Tris was injured, putting us down one player. Our defence worked very hard to contain some very

skilful Moorebank offensives and Matt had his goalie skills put to the test. The score reflected a lack of determination on our part and some weakness, with Mark and Tris injured, in our forward line up.

Under 11 (2) vs Under 11 (4)

5 June Result: 2-1
Goal Scorer: Liam Casey

On Saturday, 5th June, Glebe (2) played Glebe (4) at Federal Park. Unfortunately, Glebe (2) won the game, 2 goals to one. This was not a true indication of the play. Glebe (4) played most of the game in Glebe (2)'s half but were not able to capitalise on many scoring opportunities, whereas Glebe (2) scored two goals from two strong breaks in our half. Glebe (4) must remember to play as a team, keep our sticks down, and remember to mark opposition players. The game was played in a friendly way with Liam Casey scoring our only goal. Our defence and attack in the first half were very good and at half time Glebe (4) led 1-0. Our organisation during the 2nd half brought lapses of concentration, allowing goals to be scored against us. Congratulations, Glebe (2), for an exciting game!

Under 11 (3) vs Under 11 (2)

12 June Result: 0-3

Although the sky was blue and the sun shone, it was a miserable day, as a gale force wind swept across the ground, making conditions most unpleasant. For the most part, the game was close, tense, evenly fought and exciting. There was little between the two teams, except that the (2)'s took their goal scoring opportunities better than the (3)'s. It was a free-flowing game, which saw the play frequently move from end to end and there were a few tired little bodies at the end of the game. The Williams sisters, Elly and Moira, had strong games in defence for the (2)'s and repulsed many of the (3)'s promising raids. (2)'s players, Sarita Ibbotson, Kara Jones and Steven Kaylinger are improving, involving themselves more and becoming increasingly confident with each game. Chris Reddie, Anthony Charlton and Andrew Crawford are the most experienced players in the (2)'s team and have played a large part in taking the team to 4th place on the competition ladder out of ten teams. Daniel Carey was everywhere for the (3)'s and Melissa Newton made some promising runs. Gabrielle Wark had her best game of the season and wingers Amanda Cheong and Louisa Hammett were prominent in many

of the (3)'s attacking raids. After nine games, the (3)'s have fashioned themselves into an effective outfit; the rate of improvement has been unbelievable. There is still a tendency to hit the ball back into the melée when a well directed hit or push to the corners is the preferred option. This is a small criticism of a side that invariably plays to its potential and every player contributes to the team effort.

Under 11 (3) vs Randwick

19 June Result: 0-5

The game was played at a windy Heffron Park against a Randwick team which joined the U/11 competition mid season. Randwick has not had a junior team in the Central Area Competition for about 8 years and is trying to rebuild its junior strength. This was an inspiring team effort by Glebe against a team whose players were much older and bigger than themselves. Four or more of the Randwick team were over age; one chap was in fact 14 years old. Gutsy, tenacious, gritty and whole-hearted were words frequently heard from parents on the side-line. It was a team effort, with every member of the team lifting their game in response to the challenge. Tom Wallenkamp, at goal-keeper, pulled off some spectacular saves and his performance lifted the players around him. Amy Wark, Brooke Schuberg, Michael Wark and Andrew Hammett at the back were outstanding and some of the more timid, retiring members of the team, such as Kathleen Oman, Amanda Cheong, Louisa Hammett and Kate Wallenkamp had their best games of the season. It was encouraging to see Kathleen, Amanda, Kate and Louisa using the skills which they have acquired at training and developed as the season has progressed. Gabrielle Wark and Melissa Newton made some long incisive runs in the forwards and back-tackled well, with Andrew Cheong being his usual terror-like self. Glebe spent most of the game under siege in their own 3rd of the field, but stuck to their task with great spirit and determination, thrilling the 12 or so Glebe supporters on the sideline.

Under 11 (3) vs Bankstown

26 June Result: 0-5

This was a game played in two parts. In the first half the team lacked any zing, zip-zip, sparkle, energy, life, fizz or that magic ingredient that makes a team play well. It was frustrating standing on the sideline watching the team play at half-pace, watching the sky and showing a distinct lack of determination, grit and the

good old fashioned Glebe spirit. Bankstown scored 5 goals in this half and without a very solid performance from Tom Wallenkamp in goals, the score could have been much higher. Tackling and running into position seemed to be a thing of the past for the team. The 2nd half was completely different, like chalk and cheese. A good old fashioned "rollicking" in the kindest possible way from the coach and manager at half time performed wonders. No goals were conceded in this half and territorially Glebe may well have had the best of the play. Determination, the will to win, the commitment and tenacity which the team usually display had returned and the team were on a roll. Andrew Hammett, Melissa Newton, Gabrielle Wark, Daniel Carey and Louisa Hammett made some incisive runs into the Bankstown half and at times Glebe looked as if they might score their first goal of the season. Brooke Schuberg displayed great grit and tenacity by playing a good, wholehearted game, despite a flare-up of her asthma; you cannot keep a good girl down. Let's hope the side takes up from where they left off in this game and put their miserable first half performance behind them.

Under 11 (3) vs Moorebank (2)

10 July Result: 0-3

Once again "Harry's Hellraisers" gave their all until the final whistle. This team haven't scored a goal this season but have never given up trying. They are a little group to be proud of. Our defence was good but we are still learning to push forward and support the attacking players. As always, all players tried hard but our best players on the day were Andrew and Louisa Hammett, Thomas and Kate Wallenkamp and Brooke Schuberg. Thank you to Les Wark for standing in as coach for Harry.

Under 11 (4) vs Moorebank

10 July Result: 1-3

It was a fast and action packed game against the strong and competitive Moorebank team. Glebe (4) were disadvantaged by the lack of a goalie and were down another player for part of the first half. Moorebank managed to score one goal in the evenly contested first half. The second half was just as exciting as the first. Glebe almost scored a few goals but several scorching shots were saved by Moorebank's goalkeeper. Moorebank regrouped and managed to score two goals early in the second half. Down three nil we just had just about lost hope when Rebecca Howe, playing centre half

grabbed the ball and made a skilful and determined dash for the circle. She shot and the ball went straight into the goal! We were on our comeback but unfortunately the match was nearly over. There were no more goals scored by either team. The player of the match was Liam Casey with excellent work in defence. The whole team played well and kept trying right to the end.

GLEBE UNDER 13's

Under 13 (A) vs Sutherland Sharks

5 June Result: 11-0
Goal Scorers: S. Everist (4), A. Wark (3), D. Cronin (2), K. Haigh (1) & S. Gittens(1).

In slightly wet conditions and on the relatively long grassed field at Sutherland, Glebe played a good team game, using the ball intelligently and sharing the workload. As usual, Nick Kelleher was solid in defence and his improved distribution skills are turning defence into attack. Ross Tapsell and Kristian Haigh played good matches in the halves, while Robbie Austen and Andrew French are continually improving and created opportunities for the other forwards to score the goals. Sam Everist and Doug Cronin showed great skills with controlled short passing which led to goals.

Under 13 (A) vs St George

12 June Result: 8-0
Goal Scorers: M. Cox (3), S. Everist (2), A. Wark (1), P. Casey (1) & D. Cronin (1).

On another cold day at Gardiners Park, Glebe put together a spectacular first half to lead 7-0 at half time. Excellent passing with first time touches and spreading the ball wide opened up St George and the forwards capitalised on their opportunities. Melanie Cox and Robbie Austen kept pushing forward, creating numerous chances. Unfortunately, the second half lacked the cohesion of the first and although many goal scoring opportunities were created, few were taken. Kristian Haigh and Andrew French, both of whom were playing out of their normal positions, stopped any St George raids, while Patrick Casey and Douglas Cronin worked tirelessly at inside forward.

Under 13 (A) vs Bankstown

19 June Result: 3-0
Goal Scorers: M. Cox (1), A. Wark (1), S. Everist (1).

This was the most disappointing match of the season, with the team forgetting about teamwork, passing and

keeping the ball wide. The match was played on the new Bankstown artificial surface, but Glebe tried to play a crude grass style of hockey (the sooner our artificial surface is built, the better). Due to our poor passing, Bankstown often had breakaways, but fortunately the fullbacks, David Mullins and Nicholas Kelleher, were solid as usual and stopped any raids. The wing halves, Ross Tapsell, Patrick Wark and Kristian Haigh kept the ball up to the forwards but only Melanie Cox pressured the Bankstown defence. The team must put more thought into short corners, as at least 20 were awarded and none were converted.

Under 13 (A) vs Under 13 (B)

10 July Result: 12-0
Goal Scorers: S. Everist (5), P. Casey (3), P. Wark (2), A. Wark (1) & D. Cronin (1).

The local derby was once again an entertaining match, with all players from both teams totally committed. The experienced (A)'s were able to dominate the midfield, with Anthony and Patrick Wark cutting out the (B)'s attack. Robbie Austen and Andrew French played well on the wings and enabled Sam Everist and Patrick Casey to score the goals. However, Damen Jones played a great game, saving many goals. Non-stop games from Alexander Yuen and Brooke Richards for the (B)'s was typical of the spirit of the team.

Under 13 (B) vs St George

19 June Result: 0-10

St George carried on where Sutherland left off the week before, making sure of their early opportunities. Tristan Roache-Turner, having his first full run in the fullback position, improved as the game continued. St George applied plenty of pressure, making it hard for the Glebe forwards to get into any rhythm and they spent most of their time helping defend. The players on the side have to start believing in themselves and play as they train.

Under 13 (B) vs Sutherland Blue

12 June Result: 0-19

Playing Sutherland on their turf was always going to be hard. Their team just had too many skills. A pity that a good team like that had to lower themselves to sledging during the game! Throughout the game Glebe played well in patches, but couldn't carry on with some promising moves, so most of the game was played in our twenty-five. Once again, the backs had

plenty of work to do, but seemed to drop off as the score mounted. Maxwell Francis seems to save his best for the turf, but unfortunately was replaced through injury in the 2nd half.

GLEBE UNDER 15's

Under 15 vs Moorebank

19 June Result: 2-2
Goal Scorers: Colleen Howe (1), Simon Bracht (1).

The week started off badly for James McDonald, who injured himself by tearing a tendon in his hand when he fell during a basketball match. He will be missed by the team and we all wish him a full and hasty recovery. The game against Moorebank was always going to be a tough one, as we have been beaten twice by this team previously. The Glebe team played OK in the first half, but we did not take full advantage of our opportunities up front. We were unable to force a penalty corner in the first 30 minutes against a team without a goalkeeper during that period. 1-0 down at the break, we started off slowly in the 2nd half and soon found ourselves trailing by two after a controversial Moorebank goal. Down to 10 players for a short period, the game seemed to be slipping away, but with 12 minutes left to play, a long ball found Colleen Howe up high, who ran the ball from the quarter line into the circle and fired the ball into the corner of the goal - a great right winger's goal! The team immediately hit top gear and only two minutes later scored another goal after a cross from Colleen found Simon Bracht, who slapped the ball into the net. The last ten minutes were a tense struggle, Moorebank throwing everything at us, and Glebe keeping them out and trying desperately to post another goal. Christian Campano in goals had an excellent game, making a couple of fantastic saves. Jason Bowden, Wayne Benfield and Mary Wark also had solid games. The team really played well in the last twelve minutes and one wonders what they could achieve if they could play like this for the full 60 minutes.

Under 15 vs Sutherland (1)

26 June Result: 1-4
Goal Scorer: Colleen Howe.

Sutherland scored an early goal to lead 1-0 and had most of the play in the first half. Our brightest passage of play (in the whole match) came soon after, when Adrian McDonald ran down a Sutho defensive hit and hit a great cross from left wing, which found Colleen in the circle.

She hammered the ball into the goal and Glebe went into the break at 1-1. The 2nd half was all Sutherland and we reached the attacking circle on only a few occasions. Thanks mainly to Christian Campano in goals, Glebe kept Sutherland out for a while, but with so much of the ball, Sutherland were always going to score and they did by running in thbank (2) 10 June closing stages of the match. Our forwards were not given much chance to show their stuff, as we could not get the ball out of our own half for most of the match. Poor hitting of the ball by everyone, lack of teamwork and strength in defence were our downfalls. We need to work on these things at training!!

GLEBE UNDER 17's

Under 17 vs Bankstown

5 June Result: 0-5

In only our second preliminary round game this year, Glebe succumbed to a very professional and skillful Bankstown side, which has been our nemesis for more than six years. This game was played in a no holds barred manner, and unfortunately for us, it was Bankstown who came away with a good, hard earned victory. At the moment there are evident problems in our defence and a number of missed chances in the forwards are not helping our cause much, but these are early days yet, and there is definitely enough talent in this side to push hard for a spot in the semi-finals.



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