



## Glebe District Hockey Club Inc **NEWSLETTER**

May 1993

### SNIPPETS

Bruce "the Miggagong Mauler" Pink and his companion of long standing, Debbie Sander had a bonny, bouncing baby boy, David, born in March. Bruce was Secretary of the Club in 1972-3 and custodian of the sixth grade goal for many years. In recent times, Bruce has supported the Club by attending the innumerable Council meetings with regards to the synthetic turf proposal. Living within spitting distance of Harold Park, young David looks a best bet and special for the Minkeysquad of 1997..... congratulations, Bruce and Debbie! Like all ex-players, Bruce eagerly awaits his Red Rag every month during the season.

Aaron Nilan, Glebe's first grade left wing, played for the NSW under 21 team in the Australian Championship at Darwin in April ..... congratulations, Aaron! The side did not make the semi-finals, but everyone had a great time. Aaron is eligible for the 1994 side and might be able to have a bit more success on the field next year.

Coach of the first grade ladies' team, Les Wark, gets the poser of the month award for the tight, skimpy, shiny lycra shorts he now wears to training. He must have used a shoehorn to get into them. His body image must be fixed on many years ago when he was a swift, trim, taut inside right for Glebe and NSW..... sweet memories.

Glebe representatives Les Wark, Jim Oman, Craig Stubbs and Anne Wark met with Chairman of the Board of the NSW Harness Racing Association, Mr Lindsay Griffith and the Association's General Manager, Peter V. Landys on 22nd April to finalise leasing conditions for the proposed synthetic turf inside Harold Park. Immediately following this meeting The Harness Association, together with The Glebe Hockey Club met with Council to discuss the master plan submitted by Harold Park's architects to Council. It seems promising that a synthetic turf will be sited within the extended Harold Park track and there does not seem to be any major opposition to the track extension at this stage. The DA from Harold Park, including the Synthetic Turf proposal, will be presented to Council in May, but it is anticipated that work will not commence on the new track until February 1994, after the 1994 Sydney Interdominion Championship. At this stage it is looking good for the synthetic turf to be up and running for the 1995 hockey season, some nine years after the Club presented its first submission to Council for a synthetic turf. Billy Stubbs is in charge of organising the financial side of the synthetic turf and if you have any suggestions with regard to financing

the proposal, speak to Billy.

The history of the Glebe District Hockey Club is currently being edited by Marilyn Smith, Alex Crook's mum, and will be ready for printing in the very near future. A print run of approximately 500 copies is being envisaged, so Club members will need to be active in selling the tome. It is 150 pages long, includes over 40 photographs and has some fascinating bits about the history of Rozelle Bay, Jubilee/Federal Parks and Sydney Hockey, as well as a detailed history of the Glebe District Hockey Club.

The Wednesday night activities continue to thrive, and it is not unusual to have over 150 people through the Clubhouse, with parking being a problem at times. Bob Reddie, Mick Tapsell, Harry Wark Senior, Anne Wark, Cheryl and Jim Oman and helpers do a great job with the sausage sizzle. Good to see the regular customers coming back, discussing the good old days when they went to school at St James (we won't mention any names, Dennis) and enjoying themselves.

The news coverage in the local paper, The Glebe and Western Weekly, has been exceptionally good in recent weeks, largely due to the journalistic efforts of Molly and Les Wark ..... well done! With the turf proposal coming up, any publicity is good publicity.

The specifications for the proposed synthetic field at Harold Park have arrived and will soon be on display at the Clubhouse. Rod Hammett organised these for the Club at a fraction of the genuine commercial cost .... thanks, Rod! The specifications are similar to the plans used for the twin synthetic turf fields at Broadmeadow in Newcastle.

If any reader knows of ex-players or supporters who would like to receive a copy of the Red Rag, which is published monthly during the season, please give their name and address to Harry Wark.

Any reader who has a photo which they would like to see hanging on the Clubhouse wall, see Geoff Paterson. Geoff "President" Paterson feels, and most Club members agree with him, that a few photos would bring the Clubhouse to life and be a great conversation starter for the wine sippers around the bar.

Do parents feel that our junior teams should be graded on ability, or should the teams be selected to produce teams of comparable strength? In recent years this issue has been hotly debated at the pre-season selection meeting with points for and against the two alternatives. Anyone who would like to enter the debate and perhaps get their letter published in the Red Rag, write to the Junior Committee with your views.

Raine and Horne, Glebe, owned by Mr Richard Ware, has again pledged \$1,000 to

help defray junior expenses. Richard has given the Club money for many years... thank you, Richard! Remember, if you are buying, selling or renting out a house, try Raine and Horne, Glebe first. Support the company which supports our juniors and the youth of the area.

Several of the junior teams have been fitted out with stylish new Glebe shirts. Players have two options with regard to these shirts. Option one is to pay \$20 and buy the shirt, which will become a "must have" item on Glebe Point Road in the not too distant future. Option two is to hand the shirt back at the conclusion of the season, for reuse in 1994.

Colleen Howe and Dina Murray were selected in the Under 16 Eastern Districts team. Colleen is Vice Captain.

### KARAOKE NIGHT 17 APRIL AT THE CLUBHOUSE

The opening social function for the 1993 season was a great success. Unfortunately the 4th, 5th and 6th grade games at Jubilee were postponed by the Council because of supposedly poor ground conditions, and this reduced the numbers slightly.

Robyn Wark works for Moby Disc, a company that provides jukebox music for the masses and got a great rate on the karaoke equipment, which helped keep costs low. There was a lot of talent on display during the night: the Robyn Wark, Maureen Paterson, Christine O'connor trio was popular; Col "Call me Elton John" Rochester, Mark "the optimist" Short, Glen "gravel voice" Barnes and Elaine "Streisand" Trodden were all prominent around the microphone. In the younger set, Liam Casey, Mark Paterson, Helen, Colleen and Gemima Howe all helped to entertain the appreciative audience.

Before the singing started, approximately 50 kids/adolescents played hockey, soccer, touch football, chasings, tips, hidings, etc. on the field, which entertained the serious drinkers outside the Clubhouse door. People from all grades, men and women, husbands and wives, uncles and aunts, boys and girls, ex-players and long-time supporters were there in force. At its peak there would have been at least 150 people in attendance, and with the cost at \$5 an adult and \$2 for children, including all the food you could eat and free entertainment, it offered outstanding value for money.

Harry Wark, Clubroom manager and his dedicated "bar girls" did a fantastic job on the organisational side, and the Club owes them a debt of gratitude ... thanks! Takings

were over \$1,000, with the net profit being approximately half this figure. Some of the revellers stayed into the wee small hours of the morning and sang the night/morning away. Financially, socially and in every other way, the night was an outstanding success. The dummy spitting was postponed to allow some of the big time spitters to get in a bit more practice before the big event. On the same night the Primadonna of the Year Award will be presented to this year's winner. As you can see, this is a night not to be missed.

## JUNIOR MATCH REPORTS

### GLEBE UNDER 11's

#### Under 11 (1) vs Under 11 (4)

17 April

Result: 9 (1's)—0 (4's)

Goal Scorers: Patrick Wark, Mark Paterson, Tris Hardman, Ben Everist

Both teams were a player or two short, due to the Easter holidays, but with a bit of amicable swapping of a team member, the game started with a few rapid goals. The first half saw the Glebe (1) team notch up 7 goals with Patrick Wark, Mark Paterson, Tris Hardman and Ben Everist getting their first goals of the season. After this initial flurry, the second half saw the Glebe (4) team contain their older and taller opposition, with our only scoring another 2 goals against them. Thanks to the Glebe (4) team for a determined first game and good luck to both teams for the next.

#### Glebe Under 11 (1)

BANKSTOWN

24 April

Result: 9—0

Goal Scorers: Liam Hibbert, Mark Paterson, Ben Everist

Our second game was played under sunny skies, on a well kept, fast pitch and resulted in another high scoring win for the Glebe U/11 first team. Liam Hibbert, Ben Everist and Mark Paterson piled on the goals, with Mark having a particularly strong game, knocking home 7 of the 9 goals. Bankstown played well, but were a younger team on average. There are going to be a few tougher games than this coming up and we need more focus on our team play and passing.

#### Under 11 (1) vs Under 11 (3)

1 May

Result: 10 (1's)—0(3's)

Goal Scorers:

Mark Paterson, Tris Hardman, Liam Hibbert, Tim Harvey, Ben Everist and Simon Kennewell.

The third team put up a very strong defence against the firsts, with some good saves from the goalie. However, the firsts had another high scoring game, resulting in a 10—0 win. Tim scored a good second half goal off a good pass up the wing, a good team

effort. Mark and Ben, as always, made the most of the opportunities, both scoring 3 goals this game.

Under the coaching of Harry Wark, the young group of novices are already showing improvement in their skills. This game saw all the Glebe (3) team players much less tentative and more willing to follow through after hitting the ball. Best players on the day were Gabrielle Wark, Amy Wark and Daniel Carey, with all the team playing to the best of their ability until the final whistle. A special thank you to referees Robert and Geoff, who explained decisions and encouraged the players during the game.

#### Under 11 (3) vs Moorebank

Moorebank Turf

17 April

Lost 0—11

This was the first hockey competition game for all but two of the team and there were plenty of "big match nerves" evident before the game. Some players were just petrified and others were just sick in the stomach, but after the game started the side settled down to the task in hand. Their Minkey experience stood them in good stead - eight of the eleven players were Minkeys in 1992 and their stick and ball skills were a credit to the Minkey coaching staff.

Moorebank were an older, more experienced team and were suited to the synthetic turf style of play. Louisa Hammett, Amanda Cheong, Gabrielle Wark, Rebecca Towns and Kathleen Oman played in the forwards with Andrew Hammett, Kylie Lawson, Daniel Carey, Michael Wark, Brooke Schuberg and Andrew Cheong playing in the defence. The side improved as the match went on and restricted Moorebank to three goals in the second half, a very creditable performance. In fact, Glebe looked on a couple of occasions as if they were going to score, but the attack broke down at the crucial moment. All players played to their potential, kept their minds on the game and were a credit to the Club — they looked terrific in the white strip.

The plan for this year is to keep tackling, tackling, tackling. Keep the ball wide and run swiftly with the ball when given half a chance. Many parents attended the game and this helped to lift the spirits of the team ..... thanks for coming, your moral support was invaluable. After the game, team spirit was high and a note of optimism pervaded the post-match team talk. This augurs well for future matches.

#### Under 11 (3) vs Under 11 (4)

24 April

Result: 0(3's) —4(4's)

It was a pleasant autumn Saturday morning at Federal, with the playing surface in good condition and the weather fine and mild.

The local derby was keenly contested between two teams who train together on Wednesday evenings. Despite the cordial relationship between the players from both

teams, the game was hard fought and competitive, making good viewing for the 50 odd spectators in attendance. More than twenty parents attended and were entertained by the developing skills of the players from the two teams. From the sideline, it looked as if the players were enjoying themselves and playing the game with the sportspersonship for which the Club is famous.

These two teams will not win a lot of games this season, but they will certainly develop their hockey skills, their interpersonal skills and learn the essentials of sportspersonship in a team environment, which, in the end, are far more valuable than a premiership trophy. Liam Casey scored a couple of good goals for the 4's and the girls, Emma Brockway, Emma Cullen, Alix Higgins and Catherine Asquith involved themselves in the game. First time players James Casey, James Kelly, Hugh Fowler and Peter Buckwalter are showing rapid improvement and Nicholas O'Connor has taken on where he left off last season.

The Glebe 4's thoroughly deserved their victory but the 3's made them work every inch (centimetre) of the way. Amy Wark, Kate Walenkamp and Melissa Newtown were having their first premiership game with the 3's and enjoyed the experience. All the forwards made some promising dashes with the ball, with Kathleen Oman, Amanda Cheong, Louisa Hammett and Gabrielle Wark being prominent. The two Andrews, Hammett and Cheong, together with Michael Wark and Daniel Carey were a tower of strength in the halves. Brooke Schuberg, our reliable full-back, is developing a good hit to go with her good stick and ball skills. The 3's played to the best of their ability, but on the day the 4's were just too good.

### GLEBE UNDER 13's

#### Under 13 (A) vs Sutherland Sharks

17 April

Result: 23—0

Goal Scorers: Sam Everist (11), Douglas Cronin (5), Anthony Wark (5), Robert Austen (1), Patrick Casey (1).

As the score indicates, the match was little more than a training run, particularly as Sutherland had only 8 players. Fortunately, the players played as a team and did not try too often to score individual goals. A goal scoring bonanza by Sam Everist was the result of good passing by the halves and forwards. Kristian Haigh, in his first competition match, played very well, contributing both in defence and attack.

#### Glebe Under 13 (A) vs St George

24 April

Result: 8—1

Goal Scorers: Douglas Cronin (3), Anthony Wark (2), Sam Everist (2), Melanie Cox (1).

A good, solid team effort resulted in a good win. The team exhibited some rustiness as players were required to play in different positions. However, goals were scored at a steady rate. Far more goals were missed



than scored. The defence was solid, with Sandy Gittins playing well and Alex Crook doing all that was required in goals. Anthony Wark and Douglas Cronin dominated the mid-field for Glebe.

## Glebe Under 13 (A) vs Bankstown

1 May Result: 10—0  
Goal Scorers: Anthony Wark (5), Sam Everist (3), Melanie Cox (1), Patrick Casey (1).

An easy victory was claimed against weak opposition, although probably more goals should have been scored. Any attacking raids were competently handled by the defence with Nicholas Kelleher dominant. Ross Tapsell and Patrick Wark continued to cut off the mid-field and fed the ball to the forwards to keep the pressure on Bankstown. Melanie Cox and Andrew French continually pressured the defence and opened opportunities for goals to be scored. The team will need to improve concentration and make greater use of the inside forwards if it wishes to defeat the best teams.

## Glebe Under 13 (B) vs Moorebank

17 April Result: 0—18

Not the best of starts to the season going in against Moorebank on the turf with a lot of new players playing their first game. Simon Patterson, a new player, made a couple of early breaks down the right wing, off-loading to Rebecca Lawson and David Wall, only to have the play break down. From then on, Moorebank took control of the game, with Glebe standing back of tackles they had started. Peppering our goal, Lindsay Griffith played well, saving many goals. Half-time score: 12-0. Starting the second half with more commitment from all players, they kept the score to 6. In the second half, Alexander Yuen and Damen Jones tried hard in the backs, breaking up many attacking moves.

## Under 13 (B) vs Sutherland Blue

24 April Result: 0—12

Although another win for the opposition, the team put in a big effort. Once again the backs had to work hard to clear the ball out of defence, but being under so much pressure, it was only a matter of time before goals came. Being a new team, we will have to learn to hold and control the ball more. Tessa Haberfield tackled well in her first game, as did Lewis McKeown and Maxwell Francis. Rebecca Lawson and Rebecca Towns never stopped trying all through the game.

## Under 13 (B) vs St George

1 May Result: 0—10

Game Three and still improving, with two of our most experienced players out. We took the field with a new-look defence, with Owen Macindoe and Maxwell Francis taking up the challenge in the fullback spots. We started putting the pressure on early in the game, with runs down the left side involving

Simon Patterson, David Wall and Tristan Roache-Turner, only to have St George stop many promising moves. The difference in the sides was the St George centre forward, who scored 8 of the side's 10 goals.

## GLEBE UNDER 15's

### Under 15 vs Liverpool

17 April Result: 3—1  
Goal Scorers: Aaron Oman (2) and Colleen Howe (1).

An excellent win first up for '93. Coaches Shane Nilan and Patrick McCann (current first grade players) were pleased at the result but showed some concern of our mid-field passing. Aaron Oman, at inside right and Colleen Howe, right wing, played well in scoring all our goals. In defence Lee Casey and Mary Wark stood out as the best defenders. Thanks to Christian Campano for electing to don the goal pads this year — he shows great potential.

### Under 15 vs St George

24 April Result: 4—0  
Goal Scorers: Simon Bracht (3), Aaron Oman (1).

Although we won this game 4—0, the score should have been much greater against a weaker opposition. Once again our mid-field passing let us down and coach Shane Nilan showed concern and made several tactical moves to overcome the problem. James McDonald had an excellent game at left half and in the forwards Lee Casey at left wing had some fine moments. Simon Bracht at centre forward showed good determination in scoring 3 goals.

### Under 15 vs Sutherland Sharks

1 May Result: 3—1  
Goal Scorers: Colleen Howe (1), Adrian McDonald (1), Jason Bowden (1).

This was our third win in succession, and augurs well for the season, especially when it was against a Sutherland team. At times we played some really fine hockey but were a bit disappointing with our finishing off in the goal circle. Graham Burnell-Jones showed really good tackling skills at right half and never stopped trying. Both backs, Martin Smith and Mary Wark played well but must hit the ball hard at all times. Colleen Howe scored a smashing goal and Jason Bowden scored a good goal after some really good lead-up work.

## GLEBE UNDER 17's

### Under 17 vs Moorebank

Moorebank Turf  
17 April  
Result: 2—5  
Goal Scorers:  
Brook Atkinson, Adrian (AJ) White

The Glebe U/17's first match of the season started at a roaring pace and we were looking all over Moorebank in the early stages when AJ casually slammed home the opening goal after a promising attacking move. The game was tight for the most, but Moorebank scored the majority of their goals in a short ten minute period in which players were trying out new positions and the field inevitably opened up and their quick forwards fully capitalised on the situation. Brook scored late in the game to make the score look more respectable. Helen Howe had her usual strong game and as team captain, led by example. Steven Sherwood, our newest import from Bankstown, has already settled easily into the Glebe format and is already proving to be the backbone of the team with a huge workload. We are also lucky to have Dean Benfield, the Sydney Number One goalkeeper, on our side. Also, thanks to the several U/15's who turned out to "fill out numbers".

### Under 17 vs Bankstown

24 April  
Result: 1—5  
Goal Scorer: Brook Atkinson

This match was destined to be tough from the start as Bankstown has always proved a formidable foe and our team has failed to beat them once — since our early beginnings in the U/11's, which seemed to be an eternity ago. Bankstown also has three recognised State players as well as countless Sydney representatives and they started well, putting heavy pressure on us early in the match. The use of the grass ground while turfs at Bankstown and Homebush were still being constructed should have given us a better chance to compete, but we were a bit slack and basic mistakes, such as those concerning trapping and hitting, saw us lose touch with this strong side. Brook Atkinson once again continued his strong form and scored a good goal, showing his value in the present Sydney Number 2 side. Karen Bowden and Ben Howe had particularly strong games. Ben Howe, in particular, showed his worth after being relegated to the bench in our previous game. Over all, it was a good team effort and we are all itching to play the mysterious Penrith team at the newly constructed Homebush turf next week.



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