

THE RED RAG NEWSLETTER

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GLEBE HOCKEY CLUB... IS 1994 OUR BEST YEAR EVER?

Glebe Hockey Club has had some great years in its history, and the final curtain has yet to be drawn on this year, but despite these facts, we feel confident in saying that 1994 has been one of the great ones, irrespective of what happens over the next few weeks.

Consider the following facts (and in this list, we don't claim to list all the achievements of 1994):

- * All grades at both senior and junior level, men and women, have been very competitive. Many teams at present lead their competition.

- * The First Grade side recently won the State League Title in an absolute thriller over arch-rivals, Sutherland. The score: 14-13! After 4-all at full time, the game was decided by a penalty-flick shoot out. With Warren Birmingham and Ken Wark away on national duties, Sutherland were hot favourites to win the Final. This was a great effort against a team that the Sutherland Club consider is their best ever First Grade side.

- * All senior teams look like making the semi-finals, though there are some tough games in the next few weeks.

- * At this stage, Glebe looks like having a team in each of the major semi-finals of the Junior Competition. The Under 15 Strikers and the Under 11 Redbacks look like being minor premiers, and both are so far undefeated in their competitions. The Under 11 Strikers are leading the Under 11 B Division. The Under 13 Strikers have now moved into second place in their competition, after a strong 5-0 win over the previously second-placed Moorebank side.

- * Glebe now has the largest number of junior players of any hockey club in Sydney. As a recent article in the Sydney Morning Herald noted, it is the only inner city sporting club that is expanding - something of an exception to the general trend.

- * Though the points are very close, Glebe has an excellent chance of winning the Club Championship for junior teams. This is a wonderful achievement of which **every** player in the club can be proud, because everyone can rightly claim to have made some contribution to this goal.

- * Enthusiasm is still high, despite the

lateness of the season. Many players (more than we could take) were keen to get to the Lithgow Carnival. It was a case of first in, first served, so unfortunately some players had to be knocked back. Even so, seven junior teams plus the Under 17s went to the Carnival.

- * A record number of Glebe junior players have trialled for the South Harbour (officially Central-South) teams to compete against North Harbour. From these trial games, the Sydney teams for next year will be selected. Good luck to all participants. Names will be published later.

Our thanks to all those who have contributed to make this such a special year. First of all the players, who have, in the main, been a great credit to themselves and the Club throughout the year. There have been very few "incidents", and most games played in a very friendly, sportsmanlike way.

The Coaches and Managers have worked very hard and constantly. A very special "thank you" to them all for their efforts.

Lots of people have contributed behind the bar or in other ways at the clubhouse. Particular thanks to our regular chefs of a Wednesday night. And thanks to all those who have supported the Club financially - especially the Social Members and regular contributors in various ways.

SPECIAL THANKS to all supporters at the Junior Teams BBQ! This was a very successful night, despite the weather.

GLEBE AND SYDNEY UNIVERSITY JOIN FORCES

In an article this month in the *Glebe & Western Weekly*, it was revealed that traditional hockey rivals, Glebe District Hockey Club and Sydney University have "buried the hockey stick" and joined forces to help foster the development of the game in the inner west by offering a course of hockey education and training to several schools in the area.

LITHGOW CARNIVAL Sunday 21 August

Despite the fact that the Under 15 Sydney Selection trials took away some of the best players from the Glebe Under 15 and Under 13 teams, a strong contingent of teams made their way to Lithgow for the Annual Carnival - some by car and some by bus. Some even travelled the day before and spent the night in the clear mountain air.

Glebe entered one team each in the Under 7, Under 9, Under 13, Under 15 and Under 17 divisions, and a record three teams in the Under 11 competition. Eight teams in a Carnival this far away at this time of the season says lots about the enthusiasm of the players and parents. Carnivals are always a lot of fun, and certainly this one was no exception: no doubt all who went enjoyed themselves.

Last year we were spoilt at Lithgow with unusually warm weather. This year was more like the Lithgow we know. Icy winds blew across the fields for most of the day, with the sun only making brief appearances. Fortunately, the rain

SUPPORT THE GLEBE JUNIOR TEAMS IN THE FINALS!

MAJOR SEMI-FINALS Saturday 3rd September at MOOREBANK

(The Club could have
four teams participating
Come along on this day!)

MINOR SEMI-FINALS Sunday 4th September at SUTHERLAND

FINALS Saturday 10th September at BANKSTOWN

GRAND-FINALS Sunday 18th September at MOOREBANK

TIMES FOR SEMI-FINALS AND FINALS

8.00 a.m.	Under 13
9.15 a.m.	Under 15
10.20 a.m.	Under 11B
11.30 a.m.	Under 11A

TIMES FOR GRAND FINALS

8.00 a.m.	Under 11B
9.15 a.m.	Under 11A
10.20 a.m.	Under 13
11.30 a.m.	Under 15

Presentations to follow after the Under 15 Grand Final.

stayed away, ignoring the forecasts earlier in the week. Had it been wet, it would have been miserable indeed.

The mighty Under 7s were most impressive in their games, and ran very hard, despite the size of their shinpads! The spectators cheered themselves hoarse. Coach Bobby Fox was most vocal and excited, urging his players to great heights. They went on to win the final! Well done!

The Under 9s, featuring several new recruits, battled their way into the semi-finals after some stirring games in which they were capably advised by coach Danny O'Brien. Some hot individuals from the Lithgow Clubs finished their run, but they gave their supporters plenty to cheer about, and scored some excellent team goals during the day.

The Under 11 Redbacks, fielding a near full-strength team, won all of their games convincingly, scoring an excellent 2-0 win against Middleton, a very good team from Parkes, in the Final. The Strikers finished third in the competition, an admirable effort. A combined Hornets and Vipers team also played, acquitted themselves well, and enjoyed the day.

The Under 13s had two draws and a win before coming up against the Waratahs, the eventual winners of the competition. Under Harry Wark's usual astute and vocal coaching, the team played with pluck and determination. Goalie Leigh Brown made spectacular saves during the day, especially in the game against the Waratahs.

The Under 15s won their way through to the Final, despite some close matches, and came runners-up. They played very well as a team throughout the day under the eye of coach Amarat Pardhu.

The Under 17s began the Carnival with a closely fought 1-1 draw against traditional rivals, St George. The team then narrowly lost to the excellent, yet extremely arrogant Lithgow Hornets team, who scored a lucky goal near the end of the match. Glebe then lost 0-1 again, this time to Dubbo, which meant the team had to play the Hornets once again in the semi-final. Unfortunately, Glebe lost badly 0-4. The team was fortunate to play all their games on the Lithgow turf and to have the services of some of the Under 15 players, including Geoff Hammett, James Mosely, Aaron Oman and Wayne Benfield.

Our thanks to all the coaches, managers and supporters who helped make the day such a success. A special thanks to convenor, Jim Oman, whose thorough forward planning ensured that everything went smoothly.



JUNIOR NEWS

THE JUNIOR BAR-B-QUE

The Junior Bar-B-Que held on Saturday July 30 was an outstanding success from a financial and a social point of view. Despite a very cold and windy night, more than \$3,000 was raised.

It is very difficult to thank all those who gave not only their time but also their financial support to help guarantee the great success of the night. However, Harry Wark snr, Maureen and Geoff Paterson, Bob Taylor, Robert Wark and Warren Harvey deserve a special mention for their efforts.

More than \$500 of the total raised came from the proceeds of the raffle run during the evening. This was only possible because of the generous donation of prizes from some senior members of the Club: Ken Wark jnr, Stephen Hurst, Warren Birmingham and Damian Galuzzo on behalf of Galuzzo's Fruit Market of Glebe.

MATCH REPORTS

Glebe Under 11

Redbacks vs Moorebank 30 July
The Crest Result: 2-1
Goal Scorers: Tris Hardman, Mark Paterson

We produced a lack-lustre performance against Moorebank on the turf at Bankstown. The energy level appeared low and the team regressed to individuals hogging the ball and forgetting to pass or look for the gaps that would have made the game flow. We were lucky to stay on top with a 2-1 win, as Moorebank are not short in the skills department. It was good to see Troy umpiring and he made an excellent job of it.

SUE JENKINS

Redbacks vs Sutherland 6 August
Federal Park Result: 0-0

Games against Sutherland always see us motivated and bring out the best in all the teams and this was no exception. Everyone played at their peak, resulting in an exciting and very watchable game - undoubtedly one of the best we've played. Against a strong Sutherland defence, we were unable to score that elusive goal, despite some excellent passing between the forward line up. Our defence was as equally determined, resulting in the nil-all draw. We remain undefeated, but the finals are going to be interesting!

SUE JENKINS

Strikers vs Vipers 16 July
Federal Park Result: 3-0
Goal Scorers: Melissa Newton, Jason McDonald, Matthew Wark.

Once again, a Glebe vs Glebe game, with a much improved Vipers team defending vigorously against the Strikers, making us work for every goal. Melissa Newton played a dogged game and pushed a goal in, to her great delight. Jason McDonald attacked well and scored our second goal, and Matthew Wark scored a beautiful goal, to bring our score to 3. Amy Wark, as usual, was a terrier in defence, chasing all balls, though very few got past her. Simon Wark would have to be the most improved player in the team, and is tackling well. Both Kathleen Oman and Amanda Cheong tackled well and passed the ball through to other team players. Thomas Walenkamp remains alert and ready in goal.

CHERYL OMAN

Strikers vs Rooty Hill 23 July
Moorebank Result: 4-0
Goal Scorers: Jason McDonald (2), Andrew Hammett (1), Andrew Cheong (1).

The Strikers arrived, keen and raring to go after being defeated by Rooty Hill in the first round. Within the first five minutes, Andrew Hammett scored his first goal. He continued to play well throughout the game, stopping many of Rooty Hill's advances. Jason McDonald then continued his usual great team play and scored a further two goals for the Strikers. A.J. ("the Ferret") Cheong then scored his first goal. A great team effort, with some good attacking play by Amanda Cheong, Gabrielle Wark and Matthew Wark. Louisa Hammett showed some tigerish play and Kate Walenkamp refused to allow the ball past her. A good team game!

CHERYL OMAN

Strikers vs St George 6 August
Gardiners Park Result: 2-0

It was a cool morning and then it got hot and the sky became a brilliant blue by the start of the game. It was always going to be a close battle, because both teams were undefeated. Glebe had a big cheersquad - about 20 people and 3 dogs. We were at full strength and looking forward to a hard game. The play went from one end of the field to the other, everyone running their legs off. Our coach, Robert, told us to push and pass to our team mates and that is what we did today. He was very pleased with us, as the whole team played well. Daniel scored both of the goals. We were very happy, as we are on top of the table. The other team was disappointed, but we tried hard and played as a team, and we thank our manager, Cheryl, for her encouragement.

MELISSA NEWTON

Strikers vs Hornets Jubilee Oval

13 August
Result: 3-1

It was a brilliant, sunny day. The ground was bumpy. The Hornets surprised us with their enthusiasm, and scored early in the game. This was their first goal in their first season, and they were very pleased and jumped for joy when Eugene scored that goal. We were pleased for them and remember our first goal, which seemed to take forever to come. They have improved greatly since we first played them. Our coach gave us a big talking to at half-time. In the second half, we passed the ball to each other and scored some good goals. It was a good team effort and we played well.

MELISSA NEWTON

Glebe Under 13

Strikers vs Sutherland Blues

9 July
Result: 1-2

Goal Scorer: Allen Morris

The Strikers lost against Sutherland in a 2-1 result. This was a much closer match than the last time we played them, although the Sutherland team were down two players. Glebe started off slowly in the first half, but improved during the second half, when Allen scored a good goal. Up in the forwards, Patrick Casey and Melanie Cox played well, as always, and Max defended strongly. Unlike the Sutherland players, whenever any of the Strikers were injured, they were up on their feet in no time and kept playing. Leigh Brown, for the second time in goals, stopped two of Sutherland's attempts at goal. Emma Brockway and Peter Wark on the wings had a good game passing the ball across into the circle whenever they had the opportunity. But too many of the balls went down the centre into Sutherland's possession. Over all, the whole team played well and looks forward to meeting and beating Sutherland in the semi-finals.

MOIRA WILLIAMS

Strikers vs Sutherland Sharks

16 July
Result: 6-0

Goal Scorers: Melanie Cox, Allen Morris, Patrick Casey, Patrick Wark

Playing with no goalie, the Strikers won 6-0. Glebe's score could have been improved, due to the amount of opportunities we had at goals. Patrick Casey scored an elegant back-stick goal in the second half. Peter Wark, on left wing, had one of his best games of the season. Rebecca Howe had a good game at right half, succeeding in a lot of her tackles. Emma had a few good runs up the right hand side of the field and was quick to get the ball back into the circle whenever it went astray. Tristan was open a lot of the time when he played left wing, but didn't get the ball as often as he should have, because we didn't get the pass out wide enough. The defence was good, the Sharks only

getting the ball past a couple of times.
EMMA BROCKWAY

Strikers vs Illawong

30 July
Result: 1-0

Goal Scorer: Allen Morris

We had been looking forward to a re-match with Illawong since they beat us quite convincingly in the first round. Illawong came out firing, putting us on the back foot, but an inspiring save by Leigh Brown in goals lifted our spirits. The flying Ross Tapsell made some good runs and passes down the left wing, while Emma Brockway and Rebecca Howe had strong games on the right wing. As the match progressed, we began to take greater control of the game, but it still took us a long time to put one in the net, with Allen getting a touch of a sideline hit from Patrick Casey. Elly, Moira, Max and Patrick Wark held the Illawong attack out all through the game and Peter Wark played well, filling in for Melanie at centre forward. This was an important win for us, as it cemented our spot in second position on the ladder.

PATRICK CASEY

Strikers vs Moorebank

13 August
Result: 5-0

Goal Scorers: Allen Morris, Patrick Casey, Melanie Cox

After beating Moorebank 2-1 in the first round, we were all out for a tough game. But the game was not as tough as expected, because Moorebank's star player was not playing. We got off to a good start with Allen Morris putting us in front early. As tempers flared in the first half, the score was 2-0 at the break. A great shot from Pat Casey put the game out of reach for Moorebank, as he, Allen Morris and Melanie Cox got us to a 5-0 thrashing, which puts us outright second.



Glebe Under 17

Glebe vs Burwood Briars Homebush 2

2 July
Result: 13-0

Goal Scorers: Simon Booth (5), Jason Bowden (4), Steven Sherwood (2), Graham Burnell-Jones (1), Adam Campano (1)

As the score suggests, we totally outclassed our opponents, Burwood Briars. Our Glebe team went on a goal scoring fest, totalling 13 goals. Simon and Jason played very well, putting in a combined total of 9 goals, and Graham scored his first Under 17's goal.

Glebe vs Northern Districts Homebush 2

9 July
Result: 4-1

Goal Scorers: Simon Booth (2), Ben Howe (1), Christian Campano (1)

Glebe played considerably well against this Under 15 team (they decided to put an Under 15 team in the Under 17 comp). Northern Districts also played well, but couldn't match our experienced frontline attack. Except for a scuffle on the sideline, Glebe played well as a team, and scored some good goals against the classy Northern Districts team.

Glebe vs Sutherland Sharks Homebush 1

16 July
Result: 5-0

Goal Scorers: Simon Booth (2), Jason Bowden (1), Adam Campano (1), Christian Campano (1)

Steven Sherwood's recent spate of yellow cards ended during this game as he managed to keep his temper and didn't get sent off. Congratulations, Stevie! Sutherland played extremely well, even though they couldn't put a goal in. We held back their ever pressuring attack and managed to put in five nice goals. We had a few problems with an over-technical ref, but we excluded him from our minds and played a strong game.

Glebe vs St George Bankstown

23 July
Result: 2-1

Goal Scorer: Simon Booth (2)

We started the game well and in the course of the first half Boothy managed to put away a brilliantly played short corner which deflected off the top of the goalkeeper's body into the net. Our form dropped off and in the second half St George scored, while our defence quarrelled in a terribly played defensive short corner. We continued playing badly, missing many easy shots in front of the goal. In an extremely tense last 10 minutes of trying to put away that final goal, our faithful Boothy put the ball in the back of the net to take us to a 2-1 win.

IMPORTANT HAPPENINGS TO COME

For the launch of the
History of the Club

Under the Arches

A special event will be held

also

JUNIOR PRESENTATION

and

SENIOR PRESENTATION

Keep watching for information