

THE RED RAG NEWSLETTER

Glebe District Hockey Club Inc

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STATE TEAM SELECTION

On the June Queen's birthday long weekend at the New South Wales Championships at Homebush, the State team for the Australian Championship was selected with Aaron Nilan, Steve Cain, Buster Birmingham and Ken Wark from Glebe first grade forming part of the team. Congratulations, gentlemen, you are doing yourselves, your club and your state proud - good luck!

Further congratulations must go to fellow Glebe players, Craig Greaves, Pat McCann and Shane Nilan, who represented Sydney in the recent NSW Senior Men's Championships.

The Australian Championship competition, cutely called the Kookaburra Cup competition, will be played over a week at the State Sports Centre, Homebush, in early August. Some of the juniors and their parents should make the effort and go out and see how the experts play the game. The juniors may be able to incorporate some of the tricks they see the State players use into their own game on a Saturday morning.

KEN WARK - EUROPE TOUR

Glebe first grader, Ken Wark, is currently touring Europe with the Australian team. The team plays in Brussels and London before heading over to Amsterdam for the prestigious BMW Tournament. Glebe's other Australian player, Buster Birmingham, who has played for Australia on 160 occasions over an 11 year period, was left out of the team, together with 8 other regular players. Rumour has it that Australian coach, Frank Murray, is trailing some younger players on the fringe of permanent Australian selection to see if they are capable of making the top squad. Most people think Frank is cheapening Australian representation by adopting this approach. Making players earn Australian selection by superior play, not by nepotistic selections seems to be the prevailing view among Glebe club members..... What do you think?

BICENTENNIAL PARK STAGE TWO

The Bicentennial Park Stage Two civil engineering works are now well advanced and the site for the turned and enlarged Federal Park grass field is now complete. Hopefully the enlargement of the field will not commence until after the hockey season and will be completed before the 1995

season. A regulation hockey field is 100 x 60 yards and at present the Federal Park field is 88 x 55 yards.

PROPOSAL TO OPEN UP RAILWAY ARCH ENCLOSURES

Also proposed for the Bicentennial Park Stage Two is to open up the railway arch enclosures at both Jubilee Oval and Federal Park. This would mean that the club's clubhouse and its storage arch at Federal would be lost. Most members of the club are opposed to this proposal, so write to council and express your disapproval. St James Sporting Club, Glebe Hockey Club's predecessor, first acquired use of the arch in the early 40's. The Bing and Swing Junior Rugby League Club, a club formed from the St James Social Club rugby league team occupied the arch from 1950 to 1960 and when Bing and Swing became

defunct, the hockey club acquired the arch in 1960. If the Federal Park arch was lost to the club, a secure site close to the field would have to be found to store the hockey goals.

PLANS TO CLOSE TOILETS AT JUBILEE

To top it all off, on the proposed plans, the toilet at Jubilee, close to the clubhouse, is planned for demolition. People would then have to walk across the oval to the toilet block, 120 metres from the clubhouse, to go to the toilet. Over the years, the toilet on the other side of the oval has been a haven for homosexual activities, and sending young children over there would be less than desirable. Club members should write to Leichhardt Council and protest about the absurdity of the proposal, another example of fantasy over commonsense!

HISTORY OF THE GLEBE DISTRICT HOCKEY CLUB

The book on the history of the Glebe District Hockey Club is in the final stages of production and is due for release soon. It contains thousands of names of players, past and present, and stretches to about 200 pages with close to 50 photos. Buy a book and help the club financially, as well as giving yourself a great read.

VISIT BY TOM PEARCE

Tom Pearce, aged 83 years, a player in the first team ever fielded by the club in 1931, came out to the St George Junior Carnival on 19th June and met a few old friends. It gave Tom a great lift to see the club still thriving after 63 years. He was introduced to players and parents at the carnival and had his photo taken with the Under 13 team. Tom, a signwriter for 52 years, became the first Glebe player to be selected for Australia in 1938 and was the lynch pin of the first grade team in those early years.

INJURY FOR AARON NILAN

Condolences to Aaron Nilan, who dislocated a shoulder while playing for the Glebe first grade team against Ryde on 18th June at Homebush. Aaron will be out for eight weeks, but fortunately will be about, come semi-final time, to join in Glebe's charge for the premiership. Glebe have not won a first grade premiership since 1982, but the mood around the club is optimistic that 1994 could be our year.



JUNIOR BBQ

Come and enjoy yourselves at our Annual Barbeque

Jubilee Oval

Saturday 30 July

from 6.00 p.m.

A great time is had by all

This is the Junior's major fund raising activity of the year

So come along and help us keep our tradition of NO junior fees

HOCKEY WORLD CUP

Don't forget the men's World Cup, to be played at Homebush in November, so get your tickets now! Eleven of the best teams in the world will be competing and the tournament promises to be most entertaining. Junior players learn an enormous amount by watching the champs perform, so, parents, how about taking the kids out to watch a few games?

CONGRATULATIONS TO.....

Simon Booth, from the Under 17's, on making the NSW Under 17 team for the Australian Championships in Sydney in September. Also, congratulations to Steven Sherwood, who played an important role in the Sydney 1 Team, who took out the State Championships in early June at Tamworth.

THANK YOU TO OUR SOCIAL MEMBERS...

Thank you to all the following who have become social members of the club. We've tried to include everyone.

Gayle ADAMS
Stephanie BARRETT
Colin BOOTH
Helen BOOTH
Geoff BORTFIELD
CAMPANO Family
Estevan CASALES
John COLLETT
Diana CORKERY
Keith CORKERY
John CULLEN
Caroline DAY
Jan EDWARDS
EVERIST Family
Bob FOX
Castelliui GUILLERINO
HARDMAN Family
Anne HIGGINS
Steven HIGGINS
Colin JONES
Pam JONES
KAYLINGER Family
Christine KIRBY
Benjamin LAWLER
Chris McDERMOTT
MACINDOE Family
Roger MORIS
Graeme MOSELEY
Chris NEWTON
Mike NEWTON
John NILAN
OMAN Family
Bruce PINK
RIVERS Family
Freya SMITH
Mick TAPSELL
Bill TURNER
Kluuk WALENKAMP
Greg & Julie WEBB
Eric YUEN

If you want to help by joining the current list of social members, you can do so by simply paying \$20 and filling in an application form (available in clubhouse). If you have already become a social member, but your name does not appear in the above list, please advise Jim Oman or Mick Tapsell.



JUNIOR NEWS

NEWS ON THE COMPETITION

(i) The Under 11 Sutherland Sharks (composed mostly of over-age players) will from now on be playing in the Under 13 competition, possibly as the Sutherland Stingrays. This will mean that there are THREE Sutherland teams in the Under 13 Division, and only one in the Under 11 Division.

(ii) There will now be no bye in the Under 13 competition. Teams will now play the Sutherland Stingrays in the round that had been the bye.

(iii) The Under 11 Division will shortly be split into an A and B Division. The top five teams in the table above will be in "A" Division, while the bottom six will be in "B" Division. (Note that Sutherland Sharks are omitted).

CENTRAL AREA AND SYDNEY TRIALS

Because of a mix-up with turf bookings, it appears likely that the Central Area trials and the Sydney Area trials (North Harbour vs South Harbour) will now have to be held after the senior competitions have finished - that is, sometime in September.

ST GEORGE CARNIVAL Sunday 19th June at Gardiners

This was a great carnival for all concerned and especially for the Glebe teams. A record number of teams (23) turned out, the weather was magnificent, the carnival was well-run by the St George management, the company was excellent, there was plenty of exciting hockey to watch, and if you tired of watching the hockey, you could brush up on your knowledge of commercial aeroplanes as they climbed into the sky above you.

Many parents remarked later on what a good time they had, and how well their children slept that night! For many of the young ones, it was their first taste of a carnival, and no doubt they will want to take part in more. Carnivals are a quick way to improve hockey skills.

All of the Glebe competition teams took part - a feat in itself, and a good sign that all players are enjoying their hockey, irrespective of the result of the game. Well done, all Glebe players - you did us proud on the day!

Special thanks to all who helped out on the day - to all the regular coaches and managers who came, and to those such as Les Wark, Colin Brown and Robert Wark, who stood in on the day. One of the reasons the carnival ran so smoothly was because the teams were so well organised. Thanks also to all those who at various times in the day kept the BBQ going. Though on this occasion there was no blazing table, the food was very well cooked.

SUMMARY OF RESULTS

Under 11

Early in the day, the Vipers and Hornets played a thrilling nil-all draw. The Redbacks started slowly and took some time to find their form, but were soon on their merry way, scoring an early win against the Strikers. The Under 11s played in two pools (one of which appeared on paper to be much stronger than the other), with the first two teams from each pool advancing to the semi-finals. Combined teams from Goulburn and Wollongong took part but, under the rules of the carnival, had to give a goal start to a Club team. The Strikers went down 2-1 to the combined Goulburn side - a good effort.

The Glebe Redbacks won their way through to the semi-finals where they defeated Northern Districts 2-0. The Final was a thrilling game of high standard hockey against the combined Wollongong side. The final score was nil-all, which meant that, under the rules, Glebe Redbacks won the competition. Well done, a superb effort!

Under 13

The Redbacks had a hard fought draw against Bankstown before succumbing to the other teams, but they did play all day without a goal-keeper. The Strikers won their way through to the semi-finals, along the way fighting out a memorable nil-all draw with Sutherland. In the semi-finals, the Strikers defeated Gordon 2-0, and then backed up immediately in the final against Sutherland, losing 1-nil in the dying minutes to a somewhat controversial goal.

If anything was learnt from this carnival, it was that the Strikers are capable of extending the strong Sutherland side, and, on their day, of beating this team. There was nothing in the 40 minutes of hockey played between the two teams at this carnival.

Under 15

The Redbacks opened their account with a draw against Bankstown Northern Districts, and then narrow losses against St George and Moorebank. This team has a lot of talented players and is travelling along very well. Though they failed to make the semis, they put in very creditable performances.

The Strikers, coming from a very late night after Aaron Oman's party, were expected to fade as the day progressed. But they showed great resilience and plenty of team hockey skills to make their way undefeated into the semi-finals, where they defeated Northern Districts. Their team passing throughout the day was a joy to watch, and a good lesson to the younger players on how to play the game. In the final, the Strikers defeated Moorbank 1-0 to claim the competition.

At the end of the day, Glebe had won two of the competitions and finished runners-up in the third. This was a great achievement, but, most importantly, all players turned out well, gave of their best and enjoyed the day.

THE NEXT CARNIVAL.....

LITHGOW on Sunday, 21st August. The competition at this carnival is tougher and the distance to travel much further! So think about it... You will most likely also have to provide your own transport, since most families make a day trip of it and have little extra space in the car! Some even stay overnight. WE NEED TO KNOW DEFINITE NUMBERS FOR THIS CARNIVAL BY THE END OF JULY. Registration is to be paid in advance.

OVER-AGE PLAYERS

The debate over over-age players continues at the Central Area Hockey Association meetings. Central Area is now asking for written submissions to be sent in before the next meeting, and a decision for next year will probably be made then. Do you have any opinions? If so, please talk to Jim Oman or Mick Tapsell. Glebe has submitted a paper to all clubs and discussed in some detail at the last meeting on 21st June. However, we are getting to the point where some decisions for next year will have to be made. The feeling in some clubs is that the whole issue is too complicated and too open to abuse, and therefore the simplest solution is to ban all over-age players. Do you agree?

(At the moment, Glebe has seven over-age players throughout the eight teams, hardly a huge number. In accordance with Central Area rules, none of these players are in the strongest team in their age group. If there were no over-age players, the club would POSSIBLY field one less team).

SYDNEY UNDER 15 NEW ZEALAND TOUR

Congratulations to Wayne Benfield and Aaron Oman, who were members of the Sydney Under 15 side that retained the Trans Tasman Trophy in the annual clash against Auckland. Played on 21st May, this match was the culmination of a one week tour of the North Island of New Zealand.

Prior to this, the boys took part in a tournament at Whangarei, playing against a number of regional teams. Sydney was able to obtain a big psychological advantage for the Trans Tasman Trophy by beating Auckland 1-0 in the final.

The following evening, the two teams faced one another again for the all important trophy match. The game was a thrilling affair, with the very big and skillful Auckland team throwing everything at their smaller opponents. At the final whistle, the scores were

locked one all. However, as Sydney were the current holders of the trophy, the result meant it stayed in Sydney hands. Well done, boys! The report from the team coach and manager was that your play and general behaviour on tour brought great credit to our club!

COMPETITION TABLES (as at 19th June)

UNDER 15

Glebe Strikers	17
Moorebank	17
Sutherland Blue	12
St George	10
Bankstown	8
Glebe Redbacks	6
Liverpool	2

UNDER 13

Sutherland Blue	18
Illawong	15
Glebe Strikers	14
Moorebank	13
Sutherland Sharks	10
St George	8
Bankstown	6
Randwick	4
Glebe Redbacks	3


UNDER 11

Glebe Redbacks	20
Sutherland Blue	18
Moorebank	16
Bankstown	13
Illawong	11
Sutherland Sharks	10
St George	8
Glebe Strikers	8
Randwick	7
Rooty Hill	4
Glebe Vipers	4
Glebe Hornets	3

(Some points above may not be accurate, as some results had not been forwarded to the Secretary of Central Area).

The GOOD NEWS is that at this date, the Glebe Club was leading the CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP for Junior Teams. This is something that ALL PLAYERS can be very proud of. Keep up the great effort.

Congratulations also to the U/15 Glebe Strikers and the Under 11 Glebe Redbacks who at this time are leading their competitions.



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COME ALL**

to the running of the

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GLEBE DISTRICT
HOCKEY CLUB
PACE**

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HAROLD PARK PACEWAY
FRIDAY 29/07/94

COST: \$40

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betting hostess, parking

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