

THE RED RAG NEWSLETTER

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GLEBE HOCKEY CLUB ... CHAMPION CLUB 1994

Congratulations to all the junior players for the contribution that each and every one made to achieving this much sought-after distinction - winner of the Club Championship for 1994.

This is the first time since 1978 that Glebe has won the Club Championship, and even though it could be said that the Club has been building up to this distinction for a number of years, the fact is, that it was finally achieved by the players who represented the Club in 1994. So whether you are a Glebe Hornets or Vipers player, or a Redbacks player in Under 13 or Under 15, or a player who was in one of the teams that made it to the semis, you can be very proud of your efforts this year in contributing to the Club Championship. Everyone shares in this particular achievement.

Special mention should be made of the Under 15 Strikers and the Under 13 Strikers. As Glebe won the Club Championship by a mere four points from Sutherland, the efforts of both these teams - the Under 15s for going through the competition rounds undefeated, and the Under 13s in coming from fourth to second in the second half of the competition - deserve congratulations. Perhaps the knowledge that their efforts had a significant effect on the final points score takes away some of the disappointment of their finals losses. Club championship points are accrued only up to the end of the final round of competition - results in the finals series are not counted.

Glebe Senior Club were runners-up in the Club Championship, finishing a mere three points behind Sutherland after the competition rounds. This also was a tremendous effort, and we congratulate all the senior players for their contribution to the fine year that the Club has had.

SUMMARY OF JUNIOR TEAMS FINAL GAMES:

UNDER 11 STRIKERS:	PREMIERS "B" DIVISION 1994
UNDER 11 REDBACKS:	PREMIERS "A" DIVISION 1994
UNDER 13 STRIKERS:	FINALISTS
UNDER 15 STRIKERS:	GRAND FINALISTS - RUNNERS UP.

Congratulations to all these teams for their great efforts throughout the finals series.

Special congratulations to the Under 11 Strikers on winning the "B" Division Premiership in the second year of this division, and to the Under 11 Redbacks for their victory in the Under 11 "A" Division. The Club last won a Premiership in 1987, when the 13s and 15s both won.

FINAL POINT SCORE 1994 SEASON

UNDER 11s & UNDER 13s

UNDER 11s "A"	Played	Won	Drew	Lost	Bye	For	Ag	Pts	Pos
REDBACKS	19	15	1	-	3	74	2	37	1
SUTHERLAND	19	14	1	2	2	124	11	33	2
MOOREBANK	19	10	1	6	2	96	34	25	3
BANKSTOWN	19	7	2	8	2	27	56	20	4
ILLAWONG	19	5	3	9	2	23	26	17	5
UNDER 11s "B"									
STRIKERS	19	13	-	6	-	34	33	26	1
ST GEORGE	19	8	2	8	1	31	59	20	2
ROOTY HILL	12	7	2	3	-	22	17	16	3
RANDWICK	19	3	4	11	1	9	23	12	4
VIPERS	19	1	1	15	2	3	66	7	5
HORNETS	19	-	3	15	1	2	71	5	6
UNDER 13s									
SUTHERLAND	18	16	-	1	1	178	5	34	1
STRIKERS	18	14	-	3	1	115	17	30	2
MOOREBANK	18	13	1	3	1	130	17	29	3
ILLAWONG	18	12	1	4	1	73	9	27	4
SHARKS	18	7	2	8	1	48	53	18	5
ST GEORGE	18	4	3	10	1	23	88	13	6
STINGRAYS	19	7	2	10	-	37	94	16	7
BANKSTOWN	18	4	-	13	1	17	118	10	8
RANDWICK	18	2	2	13	1	12	87	8	9
REDBACKS	18	1	1	15	1	8	149	5	10

MATCH REPORTS FOR THE FINALS SERIES GAMES

All FOUR teams in Finals Series took part in the Major Semi-finals, as all four finished either first or second in the Minor Premiership.

Results of Major Semi-finals

Under 13 Strikers Lost 7-1 to Sutherland

The finals campaign of the Under 13 Strikers was a good illustration of Murphy's Law: if anything can go wrong, it will! On the day of the match, Leigh Brown reported in with chicken pox and was unable to play. Other players were reluctant to take his place in goal, so Glebe began the match without a goal-keeper, and Sutherland scored a goal within 20 seconds of starting the match! Although there was some spirited play for a short time in the first half, the morale and will quickly fell away and Sutherland ran out easy winners.

Under 15 Strikers Won 3-2 in extra time against Moorebank

Some critics would rate this game as the finest game in junior hockey this season. It was an absolute thriller from start to finish between two teams that had been very evenly matched all season. With five minutes to play, Glebe was down 2-1 and looking gone. Saul Rivers had scored the lone goal. But the team showed great fighting spirit, Wayne Benfield scoring with just minutes remaining and forcing the game into extra time. Glebe broke the deadlock with a great final goal to Sam Everist, sending the team straight into the Grand Final.

Under 11B Strikers Won 2-1 in extra time against St George

This was a close tussle between two evenly matched teams. At full time the score was 1-all, and it looked as if that would be the final score as both teams tired. Daniel Jenkins, however, had other ideas and came up with the winning goal. St George then went on to play Rooty Hill in the final, which they lost when Rooty Hill came out of defence to score a late goal.

Under 11A Redbacks Drew 1-1 with Sutherland

No result after extra time and "sudden death" time. Glebe progressed to the Grand Final as the team were Minor Premiers. Another very tight game between two teams that had matched one another all season, Glebe apparently having the early supremacy,

and Sutherland getting closer to Glebe as the finals drew near. Andrew Crawford was the lone goal scorer in this match.

As a result of these matches, only the Under 13 Strikers were left to play in the Finals.

Results of Final

Under 13 Glebe Strikers vs Moorebank

This game was played at Bankstown Turf on Saturday 10th September. Moorebank came into this game, having beaten Illawong 2-1 in the minor semi-final. Their undoubted strengths were their centre-forward, Troy Sutherland, and their goal-keeper. These two brilliant individuals stood between Glebe and a grand final berth. The perceived wisdom was that if Glebe could play a good team game, the game could be won. Glebe had beaten Moorebank by the odd goal in both of the competition rounds. However, the problem for the Glebe players was whether they would back up very well after the disaster of the previous week. This question was soon answered. Glebe settled into stride fairly well, and despite their usual slow start, looked to have much of the better of the play. Leigh Brown was back in goal, and the team played with some skill and confidence. However, Moorebank were given a penalty stroke after what looked to be a fairly innocuous foul in the penalty area. 1-0 to Moorebank. In the second half, Glebe came out and played some of their best hockey of the season, and at this point in the game were clearly superior, with many chances to score goals. Unfortunately, only one was actually converted into points when a short corner was put away by Melanie Cox, and at full time the scores were locked at 1 all.

Play in extra time was very even, then the Moorebank centre forward made one of his typical dodging runs and found the net. 2-1 to Moorebank. Glebe fought back hard, and Melanie Cox again found the net after a great through-ball. Unfortunately, she was judged to be outside the circle! End of match and end of season. The players could be justifiably proud of their efforts in this game - they bounced back well after the debacle of the previous week and were very unlucky to lose the match. Moorebank then went on to defeat a lacklustre Sutherland in the Grand Final.



Results of Grand Finals

These games were played at Moorebank Turf on Sunday 18th September.

Under 11 "B" Division

Glebe Under 11 Strikers vs Rooty Hill

Won 2-1 (Amy Wark 2 goals)

The Rooty Hill team had entered the competition late, and were a team of very mixed abilities. All are young and will play Under 11 again next year. One excellent player had made the difference in the final against St George, and it was thought that if Glebe could contain this player, victory might be theirs. The Glebe players, on the other hand, were mostly into their second year of hockey, knew one another well, and had developed some good team play. It was a close and exciting game, but Glebe held the upper hand early, and two goals from Amy Wark set up an excellent 2-0 lead at half-time. However, Rooty Hill lifted their game in the second half, and were rewarded with a good goal from a short corner to make the score 2-1.

The remaining fifteen minutes of the match were nail-biting moments, especially for the parents of the players, but Glebe held on to win, with a great contribution from Matthew Wark, especially in defence, which earned him the award as the most valuable player in the Grand Final. Following is a list of team members:

Thomas WALENKAMP	Goalkeeper
Michael WARK	Right Back
Andrew HAMMETT	Left Back
Louisa HAMMETT	Right Half
Matthew WARK	Centre Half
Kathleen OMAN	Left Half
Amy WARK	Right Wing
Melissa NEWTON	Insight Right
Daniel JENKINS	Centre Forward
Jason McDONALD	Inside Left
Amanda CHEONG	Left Wing
Gabrielle WARK	Interchange
Simon WARK	Interchange
Andrew CHEONG	Interchange

Robert WARK	Coach
Cheryl OMAN	Manager

Under 11 "A" Division

Glebe Redbacks vs Sutherland

This promised to be a great match after the 1-all draw in the major semi-final and the players did not disappoint the spectators - who, by the way, were mostly Glebe supporters. Sutherland went into the match with the best attacking record and a boast from their convenor (made earlier in the year) that

they were certainties to win the competition. Glebe went into the match as undefeated minor premiers, and boasted the best defensive record in the competition - only two goals scored against them all season! It was a classic confrontation, which probably helped confirm the old adage that great defence wins major matches.

Sutherland made some great early breaks, with right winger and former Glebe player Mark O'Sullivan prominent. The Glebe defence met every challenge thrown at them, with Mark Paterson making a spectacular save on the goal line after keeper Matthew Jenkins had made several saves before being beaten. Tim Harvey, Rowan Kelly and James Hurrell were making some good runs down the wings, so the attack was not all Sutherland's way, but Sutherland certainly had most of the territory. Then a breakaway run was neatly finished off by Andrew Crawford, and at half time the score was 1-nil to Glebe. This pattern of play continued well into the second half.

The defensive line was simply outstanding, with Liam Casey and William Warner prominent. In the final ten minutes of the second half, Glebe really asserted its superiority. Mark Paterson converted a short corner after sustained pressure, and narrowly missed another one. This was a great victory, well deserved after the fine season the team has had. Liam Casey won the award as the most valuable player in the Grand Final. The team comprised the following players:

Matthew JENKINS	Goalkeeper
Liam CASEY	Right Back
William WARNER	Left Back
Daniel CAREY	Right Half
Ben EVERIST	Centre Half
Rowan KELLY	Left Half
Tim HARVEY	Right Wing
Tristram HARDMAN	Inside Right
Andrew CRAWFORD	Centre Forward
Mark PATERSON	Inside Left
James HURRELL	Left Wing
Nick O'CONNOR	Interchange
Kylie LAWSON	Interchange
Geoff PATERSON	Coach
Sue JENKINS	Manager
Maureen PATERSON	

Under 15 Division

Glebe Strikers vs Moorebank Lost 5-1 (Anthony Wark goal)

This always shaped up as the toughest game for Glebe to win, as the two teams had little between them in all games previously played, including the nerve-tangling semi-final, where the Strikers probably played their best game of the season. The game was very even initially, with Glebe looking the better team

around the paddock, but Moorebank very threatening once inside the circle. The first goal to Moorebank came after one such scramble, with the Glebe defence having difficulty clearing the ball away from the area. Moorebank were very tough in defence, not allowing the quick, skilful Glebe runners, (the strength of the side), any latitude. Moorebank gained many short corners in this period, and had a disallowed goal from one of them. Glebe attacked brilliantly out of defence, Sam Everist making a great run before passing to Anthony Wark, who scored a great goal. Unfortunately, this was to be the only time the Moorebank defence was really caught out. Another short corner followed, this was converted, and Glebe went into half-time down 2-1. After resuming, Glebe put together some good passes and looked threatening at times. Sam Everist missed from the side after the defence looked beaten.

Moorebank were soon after awarded a penalty stroke, which Alex Crook saved brilliantly. Some thought this let-off would mean the tide would change, but the relentless pressure on the Glebe defence inside the circle continued, and three short corners resulted, eventually, in a further three goals to Moorebank. Though the scoreline did not reflect the closeness of the match, Moorebank certainly had Glebe's measure in this game, with their set-piece short corner game and rugged defence in control of Glebe's running game. The team consisted of the following players:

Alexander CROOK	Goalkeeper
Mary WARK	Right Back
Joel RIVERS	Left Back
Yuri SCHIMKE	Right Half
Geoffrey HAMMETT	Centre Half
Kristian HAIG	Left Half
Douglas CRONIN	Right Wing
Sam EVERIST	Inside Right
Saul RIVERS	Centre Forward
Anthony WARK	Inside Left
Simon BRACHT	Left Wing
Wayne BENFIELD	Interchange
Aaron OMAN	Interchange
Geoff BENFIELD	Coach
Gary CRONIN	Manager



**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE
UNDER 11 STRIKERS
AND THE
UNDER 11 REDBACKS
PREMIERS 1994!**

AND THANKS TO...

Thanks also to the many supporters who turned up on Grand Final Day to cheer on the Glebe teams. Glebe easily had the most support of any club for its players. The old Glebe spirit shone through on the day. In his speech at the Presentation, Central Area President, Jim O'Hearn, praised the Glebe club for its development of hockey and held the Club up as an example to other clubs. It has been a great year for the junior teams, and everyone involved deserves to be thanked for their part in making it such a success - but particularly the players, the coaches and managers.

AND IN PARTICULAR, WE WISH TO THANK

1994 must count as one of the most successful in the history of the Club's junior teams, and there are a great many people to thank for their contribution to this success. It is not possible to name everyone, and we hope that there is no major omission from the list below:

To our sponsors, large and small, who have helped us throughout this year, especially those sponsors who have helped us over many years, such as Raine and Home, Galluzzo's, etc.

To all those supporters who took out social membership this year. Your contribution does make a big difference, and helps us maintain the tradition of not charging players a registration fee.

To all the coaches, thanks for your time and effort this year. There is no doubt that, thanks to your efforts, the players are more skilful and have a better understanding of the game of hockey. The Club as a consequence is now very competitive on the field, and deservedly won the Club Championship this year. In particular, we thank the coaches for their contribution to team spirit, in helping to ensure that all players get a fair go and enjoy their hockey.

To all the managers, who have done such a thorough job throughout this season. The competition does place some unusual demands on managers, especially when draws are re-arranged, games re-scheduled, etc. Because of our large number of teams and the divisions in the competition, the problems of managers this year were more complicated than usual. The fact that everything has gone well this season is due in no small part to the good managers the teams had. Well done!

To all those who helped out in the clubhouse. Trading there has been better than ever. A lot of people worked hard here, but perhaps special mention should be made of Maureen Paterson and Anne Wark for their tireless efforts, and of Harry Wark Senior, our clubhouse manager.

Our Wednesday night chefs have done a great job this year. Roger Morris, Les Kaylinger and Ron Cheong have all

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worked hard and consistently on this job, and we thank them for their generosity. The new BBQ stove has also been a great success this year, and a lot safer than its predecessor!

To all those parents who regularly helped out with transport to away games. Hockey does make big demands in this area, and we are very grateful to those who backed-up regularly to support the players by taking them to games.

To all the players, especially to those who have worked hard on their skills by attending Wednesday night training regularly, a big thank you! You are the backbone of the club at the present, and its future. And this year you have contributed to our most successful year for some time.

To Carole Wark, for her work in training new umpires from amongst our junior players. This is an initiative which we hope will continue next year, as we strive to improve the number and quality of our umpires.

To all those adults, former players and parents who helped out with the umpiring of games this year. This is often not an easy job, and we thank you for your efforts and commonsense.

To Michael Newton, who once again did a great job as unofficial co-ordinator, organiser, etc. for the Minkey. Your assistance here was greatly appreciated. Thanks once again to Peter Busch and his team of co-workers for the great job done with the Minkey. This work, perhaps more than anything else, has led to the increased numbers of juniors playing hockey.

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE WHO CONTRIBUTED NEWS ITEMS, MATCH REPORTS, ETC. TO THE "RED RAG" IN 1994. WITHOUT YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS, WE WOULD BE OUT OF BUSINESS. THANKS ALSO TO LISA CAMPANO, WHO HAS "KEYED IN" THE INFORMATION THIS YEAR, AND TO EDDY CROOK FOR EDITING AND PRINTING OUR NEWSLETTER.

UNDER 17 "B" DIVISION MAJOR SEMI-FINAL

10 September
vs St George

Result: 5-1

Goal Scorers: Jason Bowden (2),
Adam Campano (2),
Steve Sherwood (1)

In the first half of the game, both teams fought incredibly hard to gain possession and the defence from both teams was given a thorough workout. On our first short corner, Adam Campano pushed the ball to Christian Campano, who deflected it back to Adam, who then hammered it into the goal: a Campano combo! The tension grew when A.J. was sent from the field on a breach of the rules and Christian Campano for a bad tackle. The team was left with nine players on the Ryde surface until half-time.

After a stirring speech at the half from Arty, Glebe knew what they had to do, and on their first movement up the field, Steve Sherwood scored a great goal. After another bad tackle, our centre forward, Christian Campano, was sent off again and was dismissed from the game for good. Bad luck, Christian! Another fantastic goal followed from Jason Bowden, who outclassed his opponents, with his experienced style. Adam and Jason scored at the end of the game, to top off Glebe's goal-scoring rampage. Full credit to the forwards and halves, as they used skilful teamwork to execute their goals. A great effort from the team, without Simon Booth (second grade duties), saw Glebe hammer St George in the major semi-final, 5-1. Many felt there was a great chance that Glebe was going to be up against them in the Grand Final.

UNDER 17 "B" DIVISION

GRAND FINAL

Glebe 4 defeated St George 1

Goal Scorers:
Christian Campano (2),
Simon Booth (1),
Steve Sherwood (1)

The Glebe Under 17s "B" Division side began an eventful day for the Glebe Hockey Club by convincingly defeating St George 4-1 in their grand final. As it happened, perfect sunny weather accompanied the game, setting the mood of quiet confidence within the Glebe camp. The players had a good warm-up session before the game, and the team came out with all guns blazing from the starting whistle. Glebe attacked immediately, and it was not long before the team's most brilliant player, Simon Booth, made a great run and crossed in to the diving centre-forward, Christian Campano, who slammed the ball into the goal. Glebe were 1-0 up. With A.J. White and James McDonald having great games at left and right half, they were able to supply continuous ball to our main strikers, Simon, Christian and Jason.

Adrian McDonald had undoubtedly his best game of the season, showing good quality skills and some very good attacking surges and crosses. Graham Burnell-Jones and Tim Colquhoun also made good use of what possession they got, considering the limited playing time they had. It must be said that our back line had a great game. Steve Sherwood was confident and strong as always, and has been important in helping to establish better physical toughness within the team on the field. A.J. had another typically strong game and Andrew Davis, our goalkeeper, showed that he has potential by making some good saves. Anyway, back to the game, and after a series of good attacking raids, Simon Booth scored off a short corner to further increase Glebe's lead to 2-0. In the second half, the team simply continued on its good play, clearly outclassing an extremely keen yet inferior St George team, and it was not long before Christian Campano scored another diving goal, putting his body on the line, after being set up by Simon Booth on one of his typical probing rams into the circle. For about ten minutes after this goal, Glebe relaxed a bit and St George were awarded a dubious penalty stroke which they duly converted, giving the keeper no chance. However, with thirty seconds to go, we got one back, Steve Sherwood getting on the scoreboard, converting a stroke after a St George player had saved a certain goal using his stick above his shoulders. The team was extremely happy to win, as most had never been in a semi-final before, let alone a grand-final, even if it was only in "B" Division.

Junior Officers 1995

Next year we shall need people to help with the Junior Committee - especially as we have grown to be the biggest junior hockey club in Sydney! Please let one of the present Committee know if you can help.

The following areas are most important:

Junior Convenor	(1)	Schools Promotion Officer	(1)
Registration Day Committee	(3 or 4)	Selection Committee	(2 or 3)
Delegates to Central Area	(2)	Equipment Officer	(1)
Help with the Red Rag	(1 or 2)	Carnivals Organiser	(1 or 2)
Coaches	(8)	Managers	(8)

Even if these areas are not your field, any contribution to the Juniors is welcome.

Use *YOUR* expertise to help the Club!