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## SEPTEMBER 2008

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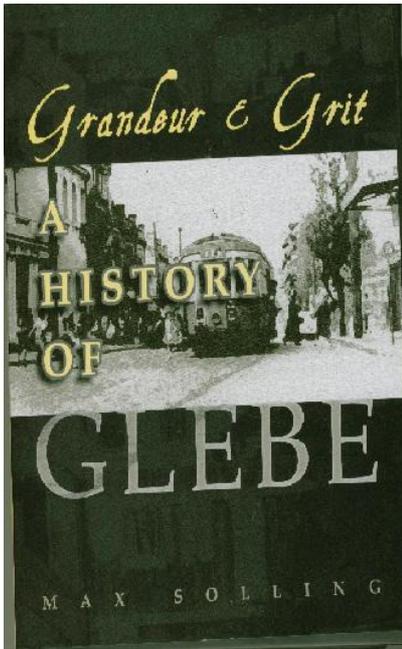
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**September Discussion Point:**

**Video Umpire at the Olympic Hockey Tournament**

At the Olympic Games hockey tournament just concluded in Beijing, the video umpire is being used to adjudicate on uncertain decisions. I suppose this development is progress, but it costs money, takes time and slows the game down. Someone has to pay for this facility. I would be opposed to the introduction of this technology into club hockey, if it increases the cost of playing the game. Any money that is floating around should be spent on junior develop, not caviar for the stars. What do you think?

**Please email comments to Louise at [dingtap@hotmail.com](mailto:dingtap@hotmail.com)**

**Glebe in the News:**



Wark runs through a guard of honour marking his 800th game for Glebe Hockey Club.

**HOCKEY**

# Wark runs his 800th

**Mark Dawson**

CC Wark has never known 58 hours of winter in winter without hockey.

From 1963, Wark whodol down to matches in his team and to begin playing hockey.

The 51-year-old reached 800 games for Glebe Hockey Club recently when he ran onto the pitch with squad of honour for his 800th game against the University of Western Australia.

Wark has played all through the grades and 100 games for the club. He nicknamed a 'water buffalo'.

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While he certainly loves the game, Wark also loves hockey.

"It's all the same, good and nice people you meet and it's nice," he said.

"I played against some of Australia's best hockey players, but like last coming back and playing with my mates and people I've met in the past."

"I've had a lot of things from my working-class roots, he said.

"I'm not in the never-say-die club, I'm willing to take it."

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**Hockey at the Beijing Olympic Games--lucks a fortune**

At the Beijing Olympic Games the Australian women's team finished fifth. This was a creditable performance and the result was in keeping with the teams form over the last couple of years. The Australian men's team won a bronze medal after losing the semi-final game to Spain 3-2. Germany won the gold medal, its first gold medal since Barcelona in 1992. Australia beat the Netherlands 6-2 in the bronze medal game.

The Netherlands were defeated by Germany in the other Olympic semi-final game in an extremely tight contest. At full-time the Netherlands and Germany were drawn at 1-1. After five strokes per team the teams were still drawn (3-3 in the stroke off). In the sudden death stroke series that followed Germany scored first, then the Germany goal-keeper saved a bullet from Holland's ace flicker Taeke Takema to give the game to Germany.

If Australia beat the Netherlands 6-2 in the bronze medal game, would it have beaten Germany with as much ease, if the two sides had met?----we will never know. One thing is for sure, a team needs a lot of luck to win an Olympic goal medal.

**Self-control in dealing with disappointment, examples from Beijing**

Watching the elite sports people at the Beijing Olympic Games was an uplifting experience. The way the vast majority of athletes accepted defeat and disappointment, with such good grace and decorum impressed me. The Chinese driver who duffed his potentially gold medal winning last dive, the American 110 metre hurdler who was well in front until she hit the second last hurdle and then finished out of a medal position, the French kayaker in silver medal position going into the last round who capsized and lost any hope of a medal. These athletes accepted misfortune with equanimity, sportsmanship (sportsmanship) and elegance. As hockey players we all should learn to accept misfortune with grace, tolerance and equanimity---hard I know! This includes, and especially applies to, accepting dubious decisions from power obsessed match officials. Not that I am suggesting we have any of these officials in the Sydney Competition!

In stark contrast to the grace and equanimity shown by most Olympic athletes in dealing with frustration was the performance of the Cuban Taekwondo player. This chap felt he copped a rough decision from the umpire (or is it referee in Taekwondo?) in a semi-final bout and proceeded to attack the umpire with a flying drop kick. For his trouble the Cuban was banded from the sport for life and charged with assault.

All our junior players should be taught to accept "bad" umpiring decisions and defeat by another team with grace, tolerance and equanimity. We adults need to set a good example.

### **Paul Rogers muses about the late Frank Murray**

Paul is a Life Member of the Glebe District Hockey Club and lives in retirement on the South Coast of NSW. Foundation Editor of the Red Rag, Paul played 557 games for Glebe from 1950-1984. Paul wrote to the Red Rag:

"I've just read the Red Rag about the passing of Frank Murray. I had a great admiration for him. Not only was he one of the greats of the Hockey Club, but an inspiration to myself and other young hockey players entering the senior ranks in the 1950's.

I have written a small tribute to him on behalf of those players like myself who he was a great help in fostering in us the Glebe Spirit. If possible I would like it to be published in the Red Rag."

Paul goes on:

**"In the recent edition of the Red Rag I read with sorrow of the passing of Frank Murray.**

**My memories of Frank were in the fifties when I started playing 1<sup>st</sup> grade, along with Len Needham, Greg Harris and Bennett Dunn. We were not long out of the under 16's, the only junior team that Glebe had in those days.**

**Frank was a great player and as captain shared his knowledge of the game and was a great inspiration to us 'freshies'. He was always courteous, and never criticized our play. At half-time he would take you aside and explain what we should do. He also gave us encouragement when we would excel during the game.**

**We were also fortunate in those days of having very good players around us. Frank was a born leader and one of the best captains I've had the pleasure of playing under."**

Paul has highlighted how players in a team should at all times, encourage each other, praise each other, cajole each other and be positive and courteous to each other, even when things are not going right.

At various times this season I have noted how players have got short tempered and ratty with each other. This unpleasantness has unsettled the team and distracted it from the task of playing to its full potential. With the finals coming up, all players should make a point of being courteous and respectful of their team mates; just think of how Frank Murray, the Glebe great of yesteryear, would have handled the situation.

For those readers who missed it, Frank Murray's Obituary is shown below

### **Vale Frank Bede Murray (7/12/920 – 25/7/2008) aged 87 years**

Frank Murray (282 Club games) died on Friday 25 July 2008. He is survived by his brother Wilfred (179 Club games), his wife of over 50 years Thelma (Loyal Glebe Supporter), his five children and 16 grandchildren. He was a fitter and turner by trade, but moved into the Public Service where he gradually worked his way up through the ranks.

Frank was raised in Alfred Street, Forest Lodge and a stone 's throw from Jubilee Oval Glebe. He joined the Club in 1938 aged 17 and played until the 1961 season aged 41. For most of his hockey career Frank played at inside left or left half.

This hockey career was interrupted by a stint in the Australian Army during World War Two. He joined the Australian Army in mid-1942 and served until September 1945, first on the Brisbane Line at Toowoomba, and later in New Guinea.

Frank played in the Premiership winning Glebe first grade teams of 1940, 1941 and 1942. In 1941 Frank was the inaugural winner of the W J Taylor Cup, which was awarded by the Management Committee to the "Most Improved Player" for the season. The Cup was named after William Taylor (1883-1952) who succeeded Founder Brother Macartan Keegan as Patron of the Club, and was a driving force in Club affairs. After War Service Frank recommenced with Glebe in 1946, and played in the Club's first grade team which lost 2-1 to Northern Districts in the grand-final.

In 1947 Glebe's golden era began and Frank was part of it. The Club's first grade team won seven premierships on the trot from 1947-1953 inclusive. This record is still unsurpassed in Sydney Hockey. No other Club has ever won seven successive first grade premierships. In 1954 Glebe were beaten in the first grade grand-final by Saint George, but bounced back to win the first grade grand-final in 1955 and 1956.

Frank succeeded Billy Ryan as first grade captain in 1955 and captained the 1955/56 first grade premiership winning

teams. In total Frank played in 12 Glebe first grade premierships winning teams, an outstanding feat in anybody's language. The Glebe first grade team of this era was a champion team, as opposed to a team of champions, and Frank was a vital cog in the well oiled machine.

In 1950 Frank played in the New South Wales Senior team at the Australian Championships. His temperament was good and nothing ruffled Frank. His equipoise, balance, concentration and his ability to read a game were outstanding. He had a steadying influence on the teams he played in, and his calming words at half-time and after the game provided well thought out insights into a team's performance.

Above all Frank was a team man, a quiet achiever. He played an unselfish game, he played with his mates and he had fun doing it. He was Club Captain for four years from 1950-1953. Some of the players who played alongside Frank during his hockey career were Vince Halls, Harry and Ken Wark, Billy Ryan, Bob Needham, Les Waight, Vernon Turner, David McNiven, Noel Walker, Fred Needham, Jack Sutherland, Jack Taylor, Harry Butler, Kevin Ryan (Best Man at Frank's wedding), Tom Taylor, Jack Cummings, Kelvin Dickey, Melton Pitt, Ray Thorpe, Bill Lord, Sid Cainduff and Jim Kenny.

When he left Forest Lodge, Frank and his wife Thelma moved to Jannali where they lived until 2000, before they moved to John Paul Village at Heathcoat. Frank had a stroke in 2001, which affected his speech and mobility. He bore his disability with good grace and good cheer.

For over 20 years Frank made a substantial contribution to the Glebe District Hockey Club, both on and off the field. Frank and players of his era handed the Club on to succeeding generations, in good shape.

The Glebe District Hockey Club expresses its condolences to Frank's wife Thelma and to the Murray Family. Frank was a religious man and I am confident he has achieved his eternal reward in Heaven.

### **August Results and Match comments**

2 August 2008

1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	Glebe 5 defeated Bankstown 4
2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	Glebe 15 defeated Bankstown 0
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	Glebe 3 defeated UNSW 0
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Glebe 0 lost to UNSW 5
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Glebe 3 defeated UNSW 2
6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Glebe 4 defeated UNSW 2
7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Glebe 2 defeated Macquarie University 1
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Glebe 2 lost to Sydney University 3

The first grade game was a fast open affair with 9 goals being scored. Bankstown came out all guns blazing and Glebe was struggling to stay in the game. Bankstown's ball movement was impressive and had the Glebe defence at sixes and sevens. Glebe scored just before half-time to equalize at 3-3. Bankstown did not score in the second half and Glebe scored two goals after penetrating down the right wing channel. This encounter was close, a good game to watch.

In the second grade Bankstown ran onto the field with 9 players and had a player given a red card after 15 minutes. Bankstown played the majority of the game with 8 players, hence the score of 15-0. It was disappointing not to have played an opposition with 11 players.

Third grade won 3-0 against the team coming second last on the competition table. This keeps its semi-final hopes alive (flickering). This team can win games against all the odds and loss games it should have won, by taking second rate options at crucial times.

Fourth grade lost 5-0, which was disappointing. The opposition was the UNSW second grade team, spiced with some of the UNSW Club's first grade players. The side did its best under the circumstances. This UNSW team is coming second on the competition ladder, whereas its first grade team is coming second last on the competition ladder. Do you think the teams are stacked in an attempt to win a premiership?

Fifth grade pulled off a fairy tale afternoon for Les Wark who was playing his 800 senior game for Glebe. The team won 3-2. It was not a pretty victory, but it was a win and one must not quibble about the detail.

Sixth grade were reinforced by the return game of the human dynamo, Andrew "Googa" Goodrick. Andrew has been out for months with a fractured bone in his foot. It was good to see the team win, as it has been doing it tough at times this season.

Seventh grade grafted out a win against Macquarie University, greatly improving its semi-final chances. At present it is sitting on top of the table, despite only having the third best goal difference.

Eighth grade should have won this game against the second placed team in the competition. It was the one that got away. Glebe were as good as Sydney University, but lost the game. This is the way the cookie crumbles at times in sport. We just have to be philosophical about it, and take the good with the bad.

### 9 August 2008

1<sup>st</sup> Grade Glebe 15 defeated Saint George 2

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Glebe 2 defeated Saint George 1

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Glebe 1 lost to Manly 3

4<sup>th</sup> Grade Glebe 3 defeated Manly 1

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Glebe 1 lost to Manly 3

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Glebe 0 lost to Manly 1

7<sup>th</sup> Grade Glebe 1 drew with Manly 1

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Glebe 3 lost to Manly 5

In first grade Saint George, who is coming second last on the competition ladder, has played 19 games and conceded 127 goals. Glebe played well in this game, no doubt about it, but the opposition was weak, hence the 15-2 score line.

The second grade game was a tight encounter. Glebe was lucky to come away with a win. Saint George played 5 first graders in second grade, which did not seem to be in the spirit of fair play, even if it is legal according to the Sydney Hockey Association rules. Second grade is fighting for a semi-final berth and 3 points from this game was a big help in achieving this end.

Second placed Manly first grade was a crisp, well drilled, effective team in its match against Glebe third grade, in the First Division First Grade encounter. Manly were deserved winners 3-1. Glebe tried hard, had chances but could not convert good scoring opportunities into goals.

Fourth grade had a win which keeps its semi-final hopes alive. The team is currently sixth, but if the team wins its three remaining games a semi-final berth is probable.

Fifth Grade tried hard but was beaten by the better team on the day. Glebe fifth grade played Manly third grade. I suspect (but I do not know) that Manly had a few higher grade players helping out for this game. Playing a few second graders against another club's fifth grade players might win games, but to me, as legal as it might be, this tactic has a certain cheap and shallow feel to it.

Sixth Grade tried hard in a close encounter with Manly, eventually losing 0-1. Sixths have no chance of making the semis, but on its day can beat any team in its competition. This season it has been plagued with injuries.

In the seventh grade fixture first placed Glebe played third placed Manly and the result was a close, hard fought, tense draw. This result still leaves Glebe on top of the competition ladder

In the eight grade fixture third placed Glebe played sixth placed Manly and lost. This loss means that several teams are now crowding behind Glebe on the competition table. The team needs to win at least two out of three remaining games to be sure of making the semi-finals.

**16 August 2008**

1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	Glebe 5 defeated UTS 1
2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	Glebe 4 defeated UTS 2
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	BYE
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	BYE
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Glebe 0 lost to UTS 1
6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Glebe 0 lost to UTS 1
7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Glebe 1 lost to Glenorie 2
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	BYE

Glebe first grade secured a hard fought victory against a UTS team that was full of talented hockey players. Individually, UTS players had as much, if not more skill than their Glebe counterparts. The difference between the two teams was that Glebe had superior teamwork. Throw the pass and take the field position to get the ball back is a mind set that stands this team in good stead.

This was a crunch game for the second grade side. A loss here would have placed its semi-final aspirations in jeopardy. In this game the second grade team played its best hockey for many weeks. The team has plenty of speed, tackles well and is committed and enthusiastic. At times it can struggle to convert golden goal scoring opportunities into goals. In this game the team looked dangerous in front of goal--Keep up the good work.

The 5<sup>th</sup> grade worked hard and lost by the odd goal to competition leaders UTS. It was a tough, tight encounter. A good hard game enjoyed by both teams. Glebe's 47 year old triple Olympian Ken Wark played centre-half for the team. Ken plays when work and family commitments permit. It is uplifting to see someone of Ken's experience playing fifth grade and passing on his considerable experience to our up and coming under 17 players Dominic Tintner, Will Noller and Alistair Brown.

Sixth grade are hard to beat. Like a few other teams in the Club, if it could convert golden goal scoring opportunities into goals, it would be much higher on the ladder. Injuries have made it hard for this team to realise its full potential this season. Never-the-less 6<sup>th</sup> grade are now playing some its best hockey all season.

The seventh grade does not score many goals, but they concede even less, hence its position at the top of the Division Four first grade competition points table. It has the best defensive record in the comp, but has only scored the same number of goals as the 6<sup>th</sup> placed team. The competition is very tight with only 4 points separating the top 6 teams.

This season the seventh grade has performed much better than anyone's wildest dreams. Congratulations gentlemen on your outstanding season thus far. A bit more practise and anything might happen.

**23 August 2008**

1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	Glebe 2 lost to Moorebank 4
2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	Glebe 5 lost to Moorebank 5
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	Glebe 4 lost to Moorebank 6
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Glebe 0 lost to Moorebank 2
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Glebe 2 lost to Moorebank 6
6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Glebe 1 drew with Moorebank 1

7<sup>th</sup> Grade Glebe 0 lost to Wests 2

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Glebe 6 defeated Ryde 0

In the first grade game Moorebank deserved to win. The Moorebank team were sharper, hungrier and gave the crisper, faster, better directed passes. For Glebe the passes were either just behind the player or just in front of the player. The ball did not bounce for the Glebe team in this game. Glebe had its chances to score a few more goals, but due to a combination of bad luck and bad management could not do so.

Second grade went to sleep in the second half of this game. At half-time the Glebe team led 2-0 and were looking the better team. In the first half Glebe were energetic, well structured and dangerous. Come the second half, the team lost its way. Many times in this half, Moorebank played the ball wide, got around the back of the Glebe defence, and laid the ball back to the 5 metre spot for an advancing forward to slot home the goal. A win next week against the lowly placed team Ryde will secure this team second spot on the table and a major semi-final berth.

Third grade placed well for 63 minutes of the game. In a crucial 7 minutes period the team let in 4 Moorebank goals. A couple of these goals were due to a lack of organisation at the back. The team had its chances and were competitive in this game. Its finishing needs to be better and its defence better marshalled if it is to trouble the top teams in the competition. This team will finish fifth or sixth on the competition ladder. It had an enjoyable season and was competitive with all teams in the competition.

Fourth grade are a team of battlers, no doubt about that. It is a pity the team has so much difficulty putting the ball into the net. A few pointers I would give this team. Throw the early pass and take the field position to get it back. Pass to a player in a better position to score. Do not take the z grade shot at goal, when a pass to a better placed team-mate is the stand-out option. This team is hard to beat; unfortunately the team finds it hard to win games.

The 6.30 pm Saturday night time slot did not suit the 5<sup>th</sup> grade team. Up until this game the team's record was 9 wins and 9 losses from 18 games. The team is competitive, but not good enough to make the semi-finals.

The sixth grade team's record up until this game was 3 wins, 4 draws and 12 losses. Moorebank had only had two wins this season and were second last on the ladder. The two teams were evenly matched and a draw was a fair result.

Seventh grade's lost to Wests puts them in a desperate contest for a semi-final berth, where there are seven teams contesting the four semi-final spots. Glebe is currently fourth and a win against Bentsticks on 30 August 2008 will assure them of a semi-final berth. Goals seem hard to come by for this team.

Eight grade had its biggest win of the season 6-0 against Ryde. The team might be running into form at the right end of the season. Andrew Sarnadsky scored 4 goals. It seems decades since a forward scored four goals in this grade; well done Andrew. The competition is still tightly bunched and the team needs a win on August 30 to be assured of a semi-final berth.

### 30th August

1<sup>st</sup> Grade Glebe 5 defeated Ryde 4

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Glebe 2 lost to Ryde 4

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Glebe 0 lost to Ryde 1

4<sup>th</sup> Grade Glebe 1 lost to Ryde 4

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Glebe 1 lost to Ryde 4

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Glebe 0 lost to Ryde 7

7<sup>th</sup> Grade Glebe 2 defeated Bentstix 0

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Glebe 5 defeated Bentstix 0

This round of games ended the season for all Glebe teams except 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades.

Saturday at the Ryde Turf, Glebe won one game out of six. Heading into this round neither 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> grade could make the semi-finals, but as usual all teams did their best, tried hard and enjoyed themselves. Congratulations to the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders who did the Club proud, week-in, week-out during the 2008 season. Enjoy the off-season.

The first grade game played at 8 pm was a cracker. If Glebe lost this game and Moorebank won in their assignment against Briars, then Glebe would have slipped from second to third on the ladder and missed the major semi-final. Ryde are always hard to beat on their home turf, where they always supported by a large, vocal crowd. Glebe was down 3-2 half-way through the second half and had a player yellow carded for 10 minutes. Things were looking bleak. The courage, passion and commitment shown by the team to come back and win 5-4 were impressive. It was a dogged performance and inspired the 70 odd Glebe supporters at the ground.

Next week the 1<sup>st</sup> play minor premiers Norwest Strikers in the semi-final. Norwest have had half the number of goals scored against them as have Glebe and are the Premiership favourites. Norwest are individually more skilful than the Glebe players, but Glebe has an impressive team spirit, a never-say-die attitude and anything could happen on the day.

Second grade lost a game they should have won. They have had two losses on the trot against Moorebank and Ryde leading into the minor semi-finals next week. The team had 65% of the field territory and had 70% more shots at goal than Ryde, but still lost. It was a frustrating game for players and spectators alike, as a win in this game, against mid table Ryde would have secured the team a major semi-final berth. The team needs to take better options in front of goal and improve its team work, if it is to be chance next week. The forwards need to repeat every day between now and the semi-final "do not shoot the ball into the goalies pads, pass to a player in a better position, do not shoot the ball into the goalies pads, pass to a player in a better position, do not shoot....."

In 7th grade's competition there were seven teams that could have made the semi-finals next week, depending on the results of this round of games and some catch-up games. 7<sup>th</sup> grade's 2-0 win against Bentstix has probably (almost certainly) secured the team a semi-final berth. It was a pressure game for 7<sup>th</sup> grade against a handy opposition and it produced the goods.

8<sup>th</sup> grade needed to win to be assured of a semi-final berth and it did so with ease, against a lowly placed Bentstix team. The team has scored 11 goals in two games, an almost unheard of feat for a Glebe 8<sup>th</sup> grade team. It is the first time in living memory that in the one season, both 7<sup>th</sup> grade and 8<sup>th</sup> grade have made the semi-finals. Congratulations gentleman and good luck for the semi-finals.



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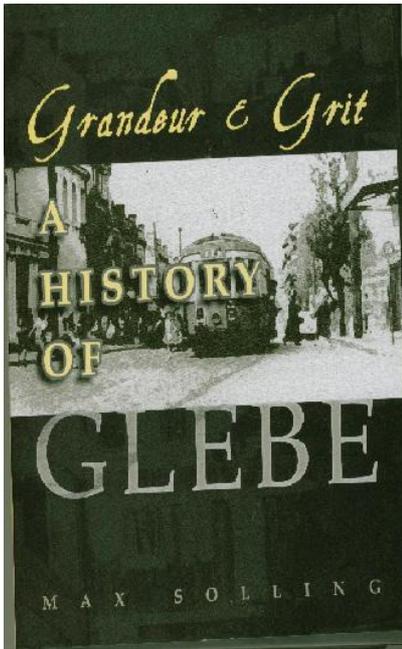
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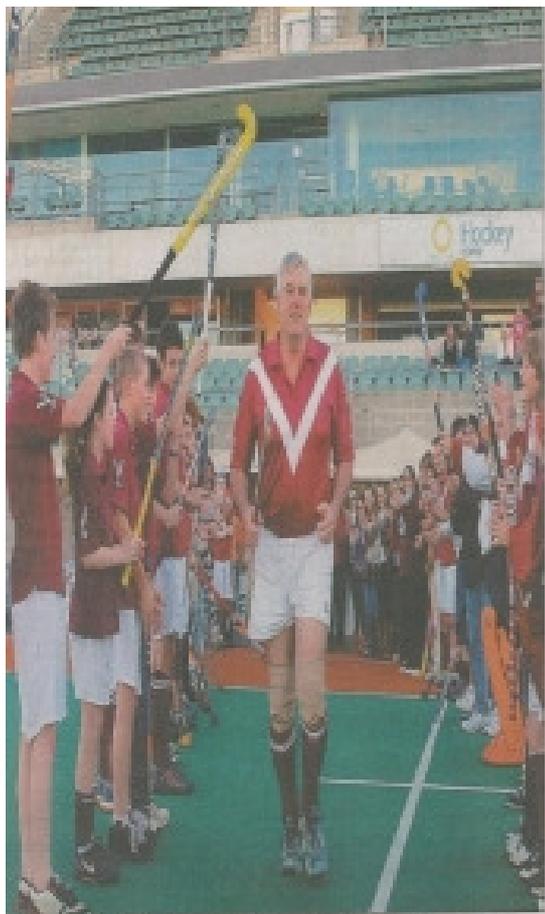
**September Discussion Point:**

**Video Umpire at the Olympic Hockey Tournament**

At the Olympic Games hockey tournament just concluded in Beijing, the video umpire is being used to adjudicate on uncertain decisions. I suppose this development is progress, but it costs money, takes time and slows the game down. Someone has to pay for this facility. I would be opposed to the introduction of this technology into club hockey, if it increases the cost of playing the game. Any money that is floating around should be spent on junior develop, not caviar for the stars. What do you think?

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**Glebe in the News:**



**HOCKEY**

## Wark runs his 800th

**Mark Wark**

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 50 years of hockey in winter without hockey.  
 From 1963, Wark whodod down to matches in his team and to begin playing hockey.  
 The 51-year-old reached 800 games for Glebe Hockey Club recently when he ran onto the pitch with squad of honour for his 800th game against the University of Western Australia.  
 Wark has played all through the grades and 300 games for the club. He nicknamed a 'water buffalo'.  
 "Because I'm a water buffalo and I could do it every day both of a lake," Wark said.  
 He has over 1000 pay 800 games!  
 "You never start off that way, you just see what the players," Wark said.  
 While he certainly loves the game, the most memorable moment.

"It's all the same, good and nice people you meet and it's nice," he said.  
 "I played against some of Australia's best hockey players, but like last coming back and playing with my mates and people I've met in the past."  
 "I've had a lot of things from my working-class roots, he said.  
 "It's not easy for me never see the attack, I'm willing to take it."  
 Wark has many highlights among them 800 matches. He played at the first grade level at North Sydney's Progress Park at the age of 16, and Hockey Australia.  
 "It's not easy to get to Progress Park after the day of 10, then it's all day and play hockey."  
 "I've never known anything good in club hockey like with the club's success. Wark's father, Jerry, played 70 games for the club and wrote with them.

Wark runs through a guard of honour marking his 800th game for Glebe Hockey Club.

### Hockey at the Beijing Olympic Games--lucks a fortune

At the Beijing Olympic Games the Australian women's team finished fifth. This was a creditable performance and the result was in keeping with the teams form over the last couple of years. The Australian men's team won a bronze medal after losing the semi-final game to Spain 3-2. Germany won the gold medal, its first gold medal since Barcelona in 1992. Australia beat the Netherlands 6-2 in the bronze medal game.

The Netherlands were defeated by Germany in the other Olympic semi-final game in an extremely tight contest. At full-time the Netherlands and Germany were drawn at 1-1. After five strokes per team the teams were still drawn (3-3 in the stroke off). In the sudden death stroke series that followed Germany scored first, then the Germany goal-keeper saved a bullet from Holland's ace flicker Taeke Takema to give the game to Germany.

If Australia beat the Netherlands 6-2 in the bronze medal game, would it have beaten Germany with as much ease, if the two sides had met?----we will never know. One thing is for sure, a team needs a lot of luck to win an Olympic goal medal.

### Self-control in dealing with disappointment, examples from Beijing

Watching the elite sports people at the Beijing Olympic Games was an uplifting experience. The way the vast majority of athletes accepted defeat and disappointment, with such good grace and decorum impressed me. The Chinese driver who duffed his potentially gold medal winning last dive, the American 110 metre hurdler who was well in front until she hit the second last hurdle and then finished out of a medal position, the French kayaker in silver medal position going into the last round who capsized and lost any hope of a medal. These athletes accepted misfortune with equanimity, sportsmanship (sportsmanship) and elegance. As hockey players we all should learn to accept misfortune with grace, tolerance and equanimity---hard I know! This includes, and especially applies to, accepting dubious decisions from power obsessed match officials. Not that I am suggesting we have any of these officials in the Sydney Competition!

In stark contrast to the grace and equanimity shown by most Olympic athletes in dealing with frustration was the performance of the Cuban Taekwondo player. This chap felt he copped a rough decision from the umpire (or is it referee in Taekwondo?) in a semi-final bout and proceeded to attack the umpire with a flying drop kick. For his trouble the Cuban was banded from the sport for life and charged with assault.

All our junior players should be taught to accept "bad" umpiring decisions and defeat by another team with grace, tolerance and equanimity. We adults need to set a good example.

### **Paul Rogers muses about the late Frank Murray**

Paul is a Life Member of the Glebe District Hockey Club and lives in retirement on the South Coast of NSW. Foundation Editor of the Red Rag, Paul played 557 games for Glebe from 1950-1984. Paul wrote to the Red Rag:

"I've just read the Red Rag about the passing of Frank Murray. I had a great admiration for him. Not only was he one of the greats of the Hockey Club, but an inspiration to myself and other young hockey players entering the senior ranks in the 1950's.

I have written a small tribute to him on behalf of those players like myself who he was a great help in fostering in us the Glebe Spirit. If possible I would like it to be published in the Red Rag."

Paul goes on:

**"In the recent edition of the Red Rag I read with sorrow of the passing of Frank Murray.**

**My memories of Frank were in the fifties when I started playing 1<sup>st</sup> grade, along with Len Needham, Greg Harris and Bennett Dunn. We were not long out of the under 16's, the only junior team that Glebe had in those days.**

**Frank was a great player and as captain shared his knowledge of the game and was a great inspiration to us 'freshies'. He was always courteous, and never criticized our play. At half-time he would take you aside and explain what we should do. He also gave us encouragement when we would excel during the game.**

**We were also fortunate in those days of having very good players around us. Frank was a born leader and one of the best captains I've had the pleasure of playing under."**

Paul has highlighted how players in a team should at all times, encourage each other, praise each other, cajole each other and be positive and courteous to each other, even when things are not going right.

At various times this season I have noted how players have got short tempered and ratty with each other. This unpleasantness has unsettled the team and distracted it from the task of playing to its full potential. With the finals coming up, all players should make a point of being courteous and respectful of their team mates; just think of how Frank Murray, the Glebe great of yesteryear, would have handled the situation.

For those readers who missed it, Frank Murray's Obituary is shown below

### **Vale Frank Bede Murray (7/12/920 – 25/7/2008) aged 87 years**

Frank Murray (282 Club games) died on Friday 25 July 2008. He is survived by his brother Wilfred (179 Club games), his wife of over 50 years Thelma (Loyal Glebe Supporter), his five children and 16 grandchildren. He was a fitter and turner by trade, but moved into the Public Service where he gradually worked his way up through the ranks.

Frank was raised in Alfred Street, Forest Lodge and a stone 's throw from Jubilee Oval Glebe. He joined the Club in 1938 aged 17 and played until the 1961 season aged 41. For most of his hockey career Frank played at inside left or left half.

This hockey career was interrupted by a stint in the Australian Army during World War Two. He joined the Australian Army in mid-1942 and served until September 1945, first on the Brisbane Line at Toowoomba, and later in New Guinea.

Frank played in the Premiership winning Glebe first grade teams of 1940, 1941 and 1942. In 1941 Frank was the inaugural winner of the W J Taylor Cup, which was awarded by the Management Committee to the "Most Improved Player" for the season. The Cup was named after William Taylor (1883-1952) who succeeded Founder Brother Macartan Keegan as Patron of the Club, and was a driving force in Club affairs. After War Service Frank recommenced with Glebe in 1946, and played in the Club's first grade team which lost 2-1 to Northern Districts in the grand-final.

In 1947 Glebe's golden era began and Frank was part of it. The Club's first grade team won seven premierships on the trot from 1947-1953 inclusive. This record is still unsurpassed in Sydney Hockey. No other Club has ever won seven successive first grade premierships. In 1954 Glebe were beaten in the first grade grand-final by Saint George, but bounced back to win the first grade grand-final in 1955 and 1956.

Frank succeeded Billy Ryan as first grade captain in 1955 and captained the 1955/56 first grade premiership winning

teams. In total Frank played in 12 Glebe first grade premierships winning teams, an outstanding feat in anybody's language. The Glebe first grade team of this era was a champion team, as opposed to a team of champions, and Frank was a vital cog in the well oiled machine.

In 1950 Frank played in the New South Wales Senior team at the Australian Championships. His temperament was good and nothing ruffled Frank. His equipoise, balance, concentration and his ability to read a game were outstanding. He had a steadying influence on the teams he played in, and his calming words at half-time and after the game provided well thought out insights into a team's performance.

Above all Frank was a team man, a quiet achiever. He played an unselfish game, he played with his mates and he had fun doing it. He was Club Captain for four years from 1950-1953. Some of the players who played alongside Frank during his hockey career were Vince Halls, Harry and Ken Wark, Billy Ryan, Bob Needham, Les Waight, Vernon Turner, David McNiven, Noel Walker, Fred Needham, Jack Sutherland, Jack Taylor, Harry Butler, Kevin Ryan (Best Man at Frank's wedding), Tom Taylor, Jack Cummings, Kelvin Dickey, Melton Pitt, Ray Thorpe, Bill Lord, Sid Cainduff and Jim Kenny.

When he left Forest Lodge, Frank and his wife Thelma moved to Jannali where they lived until 2000, before they moved to John Paul Village at Heathcoat. Frank had a stroke in 2001, which affected his speech and mobility. He bore his disability with good grace and good cheer.

For over 20 years Frank made a substantial contribution to the Glebe District Hockey Club, both on and off the field. Frank and players of his era handed the Club on to succeeding generations, in good shape.

The Glebe District Hockey Club expresses its condolences to Frank's wife Thelma and to the Murray Family. Frank was a religious man and I am confident he has achieved his eternal reward in Heaven.

### **August Results and Match comments**

2 August 2008

1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	Glebe 5 defeated Bankstown 4
2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	Glebe 15 defeated Bankstown 0
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	Glebe 3 defeated UNSW 0
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Glebe 0 lost to UNSW 5
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Glebe 3 defeated UNSW 2
6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Glebe 4 defeated UNSW 2
7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Glebe 2 defeated Macquarie University 1
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Glebe 2 lost to Sydney University 3

The first grade game was a fast open affair with 9 goals being scored. Bankstown came out all guns blazing and Glebe was struggling to stay in the game. Bankstown's ball movement was impressive and had the Glebe defence at sixes and sevens. Glebe scored just before half-time to equalize at 3-3. Bankstown did not score in the second half and Glebe scored two goals after penetrating down the right wing channel. This encounter was close, a good game to watch.

In the second grade Bankstown ran onto the field with 9 players and had a player given a red card after 15 minutes. Bankstown played the majority of the game with 8 players, hence the score of 15-0. It was disappointing not to have played an opposition with 11 players.

Third grade won 3-0 against the team coming second last on the competition table. This keeps its semi-final hopes alive (flickering). This team can win games against all the odds and loss games it should have won, by taking second rate options at crucial times.

Fourth grade lost 5-0, which was disappointing. The opposition was the UNSW second grade team, spiced with some of the UNSW Club's first grade players. The side did its best under the circumstances. This UNSW team is coming second on the competition ladder, whereas its first grade team is coming second last on the competition ladder. Do you think the teams are stacked in an attempt to win a premiership?

Fifth grade pulled off a fairy tale afternoon for Les Wark who was playing his 800 senior game for Glebe. The team won 3-2. It was not a pretty victory, but it was a win and one must not quibble about the detail.

Sixth grade were reinforced by the return game of the human dynamo, Andrew "Googa" Goodrick. Andrew has been out for months with a fractured bone in his foot. It was good to see the team win, as it has been doing it tough at times this season.

Seventh grade grafted out a win against Macquarie University, greatly improving its semi-final chances. At present it is sitting on top of the table, despite only having the third best goal difference.

Eighth grade should have won this game against the second placed team in the competition. It was the one that got away. Glebe were as good as Sydney University, but lost the game. This is the way the cookie crumbles at times in sport. We just have to be philosophical about it, and take the good with the bad.

### 9 August 2008

1<sup>st</sup> Grade Glebe 15 defeated Saint George 2

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Glebe 2 defeated Saint George 1

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Glebe 1 lost to Manly 3

4<sup>th</sup> Grade Glebe 3 defeated Manly 1

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Glebe 1 lost to Manly 3

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Glebe 0 lost to Manly 1

7<sup>th</sup> Grade Glebe 1 drew with Manly 1

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Glebe 3 lost to Manly 5

In first grade Saint George, who is coming second last on the competition ladder, has played 19 games and conceded 127 goals. Glebe played well in this game, no doubt about it, but the opposition was weak, hence the 15-2 score line.

The second grade game was a tight encounter. Glebe was lucky to come away with a win. Saint George played 5 first graders in second grade, which did not seem to be in the spirit of fair play, even if it is legal according to the Sydney Hockey Association rules. Second grade is fighting for a semi-final berth and 3 points from this game was a big help in achieving this end.

Second placed Manly first grade was a crisp, well drilled, effective team in its match against Glebe third grade, in the First Division First Grade encounter. Manly were deserved winners 3-1. Glebe tried hard, had chances but could not convert good scoring opportunities into goals.

Fourth grade had a win which keeps its semi-final hopes alive. The team is currently sixth, but if the team wins its three remaining games a semi-final berth is probable.

Fifth Grade tried hard but was beaten by the better team on the day. Glebe fifth grade played Manly third grade. I suspect (but I do not know) that Manly had a few higher grade players helping out for this game. Playing a few second graders against another club's fifth grade players might win games, but to me, as legal as it might be, this tactic has a certain cheap and shallow feel to it.

Sixth Grade tried hard in a close encounter with Manly, eventually losing 0-1. Sixths have no chance of making the semis, but on its day can beat any team in its competition. This season it has been plagued with injuries.

In the seventh grade fixture first placed Glebe played third placed Manly and the result was a close, hard fought, tense draw. This result still leaves Glebe on top of the competition ladder

In the eight grade fixture third placed Glebe played sixth placed Manly and lost. This loss means that several teams are now crowding behind Glebe on the competition table. The team needs to win at least two out of three remaining games to be sure of making the semi-finals.

**16 August 2008**

1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	Glebe 5 defeated UTS 1
2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	Glebe 4 defeated UTS 2
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	BYE
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	BYE
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Glebe 0 lost to UTS 1
6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Glebe 0 lost to UTS 1
7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Glebe 1 lost to Glenorie 2
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	BYE

Glebe first grade secured a hard fought victory against a UTS team that was full of talented hockey players. Individually, UTS players had as much, if not more skill than their Glebe counterparts. The difference between the two teams was that Glebe had superior teamwork. Throw the pass and take the field position to get the ball back is a mind set that stands this team in good stead.

This was a crunch game for the second grade side. A loss here would have placed its semi-final aspirations in jeopardy. In this game the second grade team played its best hockey for many weeks. The team has plenty of speed, tackles well and is committed and enthusiastic. At times it can struggle to convert golden goal scoring opportunities into goals. In this game the team looked dangerous in front of goal--Keep up the good work.

The 5<sup>th</sup> grade worked hard and lost by the odd goal to competition leaders UTS. It was a tough, tight encounter. A good hard game enjoyed by both teams. Glebe's 47 year old triple Olympian Ken Wark played centre-half for the team. Ken plays when work and family commitments permit. It is uplifting to see someone of Ken's experience playing fifth grade and passing on his considerable experience to our up and coming under 17 players Dominic Tintner, Will Noller and Alistair Brown.

Sixth grade are hard to beat. Like a few other teams in the Club, if it could convert golden goal scoring opportunities into goals, it would be much higher on the ladder. Injuries have made it hard for this team to realise its full potential this season. Never-the-less 6<sup>th</sup> grade are now playing some of its best hockey all season.

The seventh grade does not score many goals, but they concede even less, hence its position at the top of the Division Four first grade competition points table. It has the best defensive record in the comp, but has only scored the same number of goals as the 6<sup>th</sup> placed team. The competition is very tight with only 4 points separating the top 6 teams.

This season the seventh grade has performed much better than anyone's wildest dreams. Congratulations gentlemen on your outstanding season thus far. A bit more practise and anything might happen.

**23 August 2008**

1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	Glebe 2 lost to Moorebank 4
2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	Glebe 5 lost to Moorebank 5
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	Glebe 4 lost to Moorebank 6
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Glebe 0 lost to Moorebank 2
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Glebe 2 lost to Moorebank 6
6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Glebe 1 drew with Moorebank 1

7<sup>th</sup> Grade Glebe 0 lost to Wests 2

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Glebe 6 defeated Ryde 0

In the first grade game Moorebank deserved to win. The Moorebank team were sharper, hungrier and gave the crisper, faster, better directed passes. For Glebe the passes were either just behind the player or just in front of the player. The ball did not bounce for the Glebe team in this game. Glebe had its chances to score a few more goals, but due to a combination of bad luck and bad management could not do so.

Second grade went to sleep in the second half of this game. At half-time the Glebe team led 2-0 and were looking the better team. In the first half Glebe were energetic, well structured and dangerous. Come the second half, the team lost its way. Many times in this half, Moorebank played the ball wide, got around the back of the Glebe defence, and laid the ball back to the 5 metre spot for an advancing forward to slot home the goal. A win next week against the lowly placed team Ryde will secure this team second spot on the table and a major semi-final berth.

Third grade placed well for 63 minutes of the game. In a crucial 7 minutes period the team let in 4 Moorebank goals. A couple of these goals were due to a lack of organisation at the back. The team had its chances and were competitive in this game. Its finishing needs to be better and its defence better marshalled if it is to trouble the top teams in the competition. This team will finish fifth or sixth on the competition ladder. It had an enjoyable season and was competitive with all teams in the competition.

Fourth grade are a team of battlers, no doubt about that. It is a pity the team has so much difficulty putting the ball into the net. A few pointers I would give this team. Throw the early pass and take the field position to get it back. Pass to a player in a better position to score. Do not take the z grade shot at goal, when a pass to a better placed team-mate is the stand-out option. This team is hard to beat; unfortunately the team finds it hard to win games.

The 6.30 pm Saturday night time slot did not suit the 5<sup>th</sup> grade team. Up until this game the team's record was 9 wins and 9 losses from 18 games. The team is competitive, but not good enough to make the semi-finals.

The sixth grade team's record up until this game was 3 wins, 4 draws and 12 losses. Moorebank had only had two wins this season and were second last on the ladder. The two teams were evenly matched and a draw was a fair result.

Seventh grade's lost to Wests puts them in a desperate contest for a semi-final berth, where there are seven teams contesting the four semi-final spots. Glebe is currently fourth and a win against Bentsticks on 30 August 2008 will assure them of a semi-final berth. Goals seem hard to come by for this team.

Eight grade had its biggest win of the season 6-0 against Ryde. The team might be running into form at the right end of the season. Andrew Sarnadsky scored 4 goals. It seems decades since a forward scored four goals in this grade; well done Andrew. The competition is still tightly bunched and the team needs a win on August 30 to be assured of a semi-final berth.

### **30th August**

1<sup>st</sup> Grade Glebe 5 defeated Ryde 4

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Glebe 2 lost to Ryde 4

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Glebe 0 lost to Ryde 1

4<sup>th</sup> Grade Glebe 1 lost to Ryde 4

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Glebe 1 lost to Ryde 4

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Glebe 0 lost to Ryde 7

7<sup>th</sup> Grade Glebe 2 defeated Bentstix 0

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Glebe 5 defeated Bentstix 0

This round of games ended the season for all Glebe teams except 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades.

Saturday at the Ryde Turf, Glebe won one game out of six. Heading into this round neither 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> grade could make the semi-finals, but as usual all teams did their best, tried hard and enjoyed themselves. Congratulations to the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders who did the Club proud, week-in, week-out during the 2008 season. Enjoy the off-season.

The first grade game played at 8 pm was a cracker. If Glebe lost this game and Moorebank won in their assignment against Briars, then Glebe would have slipped from second to third on the ladder and missed the major semi-final. Ryde are always hard to beat on their home turf, where they always supported by a large, vocal crowd. Glebe was down 3-2 half-way through the second half and had a player yellow carded for 10 minutes. Things were looking bleak. The courage, passion and commitment shown by the team to come back and win 5-4 were impressive. It was a dogged performance and inspired the 70 odd Glebe supporters at the ground.

Next week the 1<sup>st</sup> play minor premiers Norwest Strikers in the semi-final. Norwest have had half the number of goals scored against them as have Glebe and are the Premiership favourites. Norwest are individually more skilful than the Glebe players, but Glebe has an impressive team spirit, a never-say-die attitude and anything could happen on the day.

Second grade lost a game they should have won. They have had two losses on the trot against Moorebank and Ryde leading into the minor semi-finals next week. The team had 65% of the field territory and had 70% more shots at goal than Ryde, but still lost. It was a frustrating game for players and spectators alike, as a win in this game, against mid table Ryde would have secured the team a major semi-final berth. The team needs to take better options in front of goal and improve its team work, if it is to be chance next week. The forwards need to repeat every day between now and the semi-final "do not shoot the ball into the goalies pads, pass to a player in a better position, do not shoot the ball into the goalies pads, pass to a player in a better position, do not shoot....."

In 7th grade's competition there were seven teams that could have made the semi-finals next week, depending on the results of this round of games and some catch-up games. 7<sup>th</sup> grade's 2-0 win against Bentstix has probably (almost certainly) secured the team a semi-final berth. It was a pressure game for 7<sup>th</sup> grade against a handy opposition and it produced the goods.

8<sup>th</sup> grade needed to win to be assured of a semi-final berth and it did so with ease, against a lowly placed Bentstix team. The team has scored 11 goals in two games, an almost unheard of feat for a Glebe 8<sup>th</sup> grade team. It is the first time in living memory that in the one season, both 7<sup>th</sup> grade and 8<sup>th</sup> grade have made the semi-finals. Congratulations gentleman and good luck for the semi-finals.



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## SEPTEMBER 2008

### Glebe wins under 17 Premiership

On Friday night 29 August 2008 at Cintra Park Concord the Glebe under 17 team defeated Ryde 2-1 in the grand-final to win the Sydney Hockey Association Under 17 competition. The game was close, played in a good spirit and played with considerable passion. The closeness of the score made for a tense, exciting struggle, which provided great entertainment for the spectators. There were around 200 spectators at the ground, about half of whom were Glebe supporters.

Glebe and Ryde finished first and second on the competition points table and the grand-final was played between the two best teams in the competition. The teams were evenly matched and the result hung in the balance until the final whistle.

Congratulations to the players and their support staff on a great season.

### Semi Finals:

#### Women:



Congratulations to Women's 4th grade who won their minor semi & now play the ED3 final v Dolphins this Sunday 1:30 pm Kyeemagh.

#### Men:



Men's semi's are this Saturday: Homebush - 1st grade play the major semi v North West Strikers at 4pm

2nd grade play the minor semi v North West Strikers at 12:30 at Homebush

7th grade play a minor semi at 5:45 at Cintra

8th grade play a minor semi 12:30 at Cintra



### Junior Semi Finals - Saturday 6th September (Preliminary Final)

U15 – 9.15am

U13 – 10.20am

U11 – 11.30am

A Division Finals                      Bankstown

B Division Finals                      Moorebank

### Presentation Night:

### Saturday 27th September 6.30 pm- Canada Bay Club

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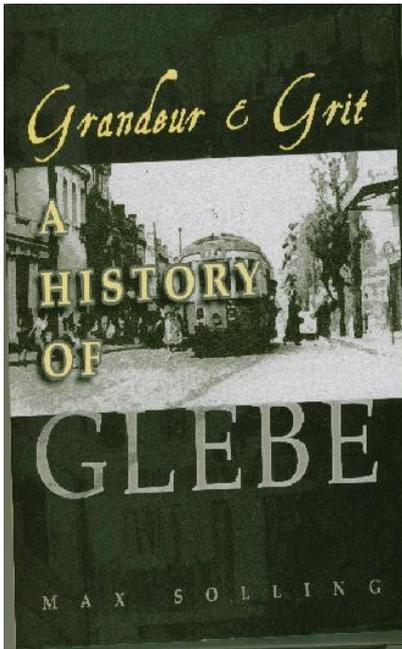
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**My memories of Frank were in the fifties when I started playing 1<sup>st</sup> grade, along with Len Needham, Greg Harris and Bennett Dunn. We were not long out of the under 16's, the only junior team that Glebe had in those days.**

**Frank was a great player and as captain shared his knowledge of the game and was a great inspiration to us 'freshies'. He was always courteous, and never criticized our play. At half-time he would take you aside and explain what we should do. He also gave us encouragement when we would excel during the game.**

**We were also fortunate in those days of having very good players around us. Frank was a born leader and one of the best captains I've had the pleasure of playing under."**

Paul has highlighted how players in a team should at all times, encourage each other, praise each other, cajole each other and be positive and courteous to each other, even when things are not going right.

At various times this season I have noted how players have got short tempered and ratty with each other. This unpleasantness has unsettled the team and distracted it from the task of playing to its full potential. With the finals coming up, all players should make a point of being courteous and respectful of their team mates; just think of how Frank Murray, the Glebe great of yesteryear, would have handled the situation.

For those readers who missed it, Frank Murray's Obituary is shown below

### **Vale Frank Bede Murray (7/12/920 – 25/7/2008) aged 87 years**

Frank Murray (282 Club games) died on Friday 25 July 2008. He is survived by his brother Wilfred (179 Club games), his wife of over 50 years Thelma (Loyal Glebe Supporter), his five children and 16 grandchildren. He was a fitter and turner by trade, but moved into the Public Service where he gradually worked his way up through the ranks.

Frank was raised in Alfred Street, Forest Lodge and a stone 's throw from Jubilee Oval Glebe. He joined the Club in 1938 aged 17 and played until the 1961 season aged 41. For most of his hockey career Frank played at inside left or left half.

This hockey career was interrupted by a stint in the Australian Army during World War Two. He joined the Australian Army in mid-1942 and served until September 1945, first on the Brisbane Line at Toowoomba, and later in New Guinea.

Frank played in the Premiership winning Glebe first grade teams of 1940, 1941 and 1942. In 1941 Frank was the inaugural winner of the W J Taylor Cup, which was awarded by the Management Committee to the "Most Improved Player" for the season. The Cup was named after William Taylor (1883-1952) who succeeded Founder Brother Macartan Keegan as Patron of the Club, and was a driving force in Club affairs. After War Service Frank recommenced with Glebe in 1946, and played in the Club's first grade team which lost 2-1 to Northern Districts in the grand-final.

In 1947 Glebe's golden era began and Frank was part of it. The Club's first grade team won seven premierships on the trot from 1947-1953 inclusive. This record is still unsurpassed in Sydney Hockey. No other Club has ever won seven successive first grade premierships. In 1954 Glebe were beaten in the first grade grand-final by Saint George, but bounced back to win the first grade grand-final in 1955 and 1956.

Frank succeeded Billy Ryan as first grade captain in 1955 and captained the 1955/56 first grade premiership winning

teams. In total Frank played in 12 Glebe first grade premierships winning teams, an outstanding feat in anybody's language. The Glebe first grade team of this era was a champion team, as opposed to a team of champions, and Frank was a vital cog in the well oiled machine.

In 1950 Frank played in the New South Wales Senior team at the Australian Championships. His temperament was good and nothing ruffled Frank. His equipoise, balance, concentration and his ability to read a game were outstanding. He had a steadying influence on the teams he played in, and his calming words at half-time and after the game provided well thought out insights into a team's performance.

Above all Frank was a team man, a quiet achiever. He played an unselfish game, he played with his mates and he had fun doing it. He was Club Captain for four years from 1950-1953. Some of the players who played alongside Frank during his hockey career were Vince Halls, Harry and Ken Wark, Billy Ryan, Bob Needham, Les Waight, Vernon Turner, David McNiven, Noel Walker, Fred Needham, Jack Sutherland, Jack Taylor, Harry Butler, Kevin Ryan (Best Man at Frank's wedding), Tom Taylor, Jack Cummings, Kelvin Dickey, Melton Pitt, Ray Thorpe, Bill Lord, Sid Cainduff and Jim Kenny.

When he left Forest Lodge, Frank and his wife Thelma moved to Jannali where they lived until 2000, before they moved to John Paul Village at Heathcoat. Frank had a stroke in 2001, which affected his speech and mobility. He bore his disability with good grace and good cheer.

For over 20 years Frank made a substantial contribution to the Glebe District Hockey Club, both on and off the field. Frank and players of his era handed the Club on to succeeding generations, in good shape.

The Glebe District Hockey Club expresses its condolences to Frank's wife Thelma and to the Murray Family. Frank was a religious man and I am confident he has achieved his eternal reward in Heaven.

### **August Results and Match comments**

2 August 2008

1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	Glebe 5 defeated Bankstown 4
2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	Glebe 15 defeated Bankstown 0
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	Glebe 3 defeated UNSW 0
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7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Glebe 2 defeated Macquarie University 1
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Glebe 2 lost to Sydney University 3

The first grade game was a fast open affair with 9 goals being scored. Bankstown came out all guns blazing and Glebe was struggling to stay in the game. Bankstown's ball movement was impressive and had the Glebe defence at sixes and sevens. Glebe scored just before half-time to equalize at 3-3. Bankstown did not score in the second half and Glebe scored two goals after penetrating down the right wing channel. This encounter was close, a good game to watch.

In the second grade Bankstown ran onto the field with 9 players and had a player given a red card after 15 minutes. Bankstown played the majority of the game with 8 players, hence the score of 15-0. It was disappointing not to have played an opposition with 11 players.

Third grade won 3-0 against the team coming second last on the competition table. This keeps its semi-final hopes alive (flickering). This team can win games against all the odds and loss games it should have won, by taking second rate options at crucial times.

Fourth grade lost 5-0, which was disappointing. The opposition was the UNSW second grade team, spiced with some of the UNSW Club's first grade players. The side did its best under the circumstances. This UNSW team is coming second on the competition ladder, whereas its first grade team is coming second last on the competition ladder. Do you think the teams are stacked in an attempt to win a premiership?

Fifth grade pulled off a fairy tale afternoon for Les Wark who was playing his 800 senior game for Glebe. The team won 3-2. It was not a pretty victory, but it was a win and one must not quibble about the detail.

Sixth grade were reinforced by the return game of the human dynamo, Andrew "Googa" Goodrick. Andrew has been out for months with a fractured bone in his foot. It was good to see the team win, as it has been doing it tough at times this season.

Seventh grade grafted out a win against Macquarie University, greatly improving its semi-final chances. At present it is sitting on top of the table, despite only having the third best goal difference.

Eighth grade should have won this game against the second placed team in the competition. It was the one that got away. Glebe were as good as Sydney University, but lost the game. This is the way the cookie crumbles at times in sport. We just have to be philosophical about it, and take the good with the bad.

### 9 August 2008

1<sup>st</sup> Grade Glebe 15 defeated Saint George 2

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Glebe 2 defeated Saint George 1

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Glebe 1 lost to Manly 3

4<sup>th</sup> Grade Glebe 3 defeated Manly 1

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Glebe 1 lost to Manly 3

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Glebe 0 lost to Manly 1

7<sup>th</sup> Grade Glebe 1 drew with Manly 1

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Glebe 3 lost to Manly 5

In first grade Saint George, who is coming second last on the competition ladder, has played 19 games and conceded 127 goals. Glebe played well in this game, no doubt about it, but the opposition was weak, hence the 15-2 score line.

The second grade game was a tight encounter. Glebe was lucky to come away with a win. Saint George played 5 first graders in second grade, which did not seem to be in the spirit of fair play, even if it is legal according to the Sydney Hockey Association rules. Second grade is fighting for a semi-final berth and 3 points from this game was a big help in achieving this end.

Second placed Manly first grade was a crisp, well drilled, effective team in its match against Glebe third grade, in the First Division First Grade encounter. Manly were deserved winners 3-1. Glebe tried hard, had chances but could not convert good scoring opportunities into goals.

Fourth grade had a win which keeps its semi-final hopes alive. The team is currently sixth, but if the team wins its three remaining games a semi-final berth is probable.

Fifth Grade tried hard but was beaten by the better team on the day. Glebe fifth grade played Manly third grade. I suspect (but I do not know) that Manly had a few higher grade players helping out for this game. Playing a few second graders against another club's fifth grade players might win games, but to me, as legal as it might be, this tactic has a certain cheap and shallow feel to it.

Sixth Grade tried hard in a close encounter with Manly, eventually losing 0-1. Sixths have no chance of making the semis, but on its day can beat any team in its competition. This season it has been plagued with injuries.

In the seventh grade fixture first placed Glebe played third placed Manly and the result was a close, hard fought, tense draw. This result still leaves Glebe on top of the competition ladder

In the eight grade fixture third placed Glebe played sixth placed Manly and lost. This loss means that several teams are now crowding behind Glebe on the competition table. The team needs to win at least two out of three remaining games to be sure of making the semi-finals.

**16 August 2008**

1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	Glebe 5 defeated UTS 1
2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	Glebe 4 defeated UTS 2
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	BYE
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	BYE
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Glebe 0 lost to UTS 1
6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Glebe 0 lost to UTS 1
7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Glebe 1 lost to Glenorie 2
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Glebe first grade secured a hard fought victory against a UTS team that was full of talented hockey players. Individually, UTS players had as much, if not more skill than their Glebe counterparts. The difference between the two teams was that Glebe had superior teamwork. Throw the pass and take the field position to get the ball back is a mind set that stands this team in good stead.

This was a crunch game for the second grade side. A loss here would have placed its semi-final aspirations in jeopardy. In this game the second grade team played its best hockey for many weeks. The team has plenty of speed, tackles well and is committed and enthusiastic. At times it can struggle to convert golden goal scoring opportunities into goals. In this game the team looked dangerous in front of goal--Keep up the good work.

The 5<sup>th</sup> grade worked hard and lost by the odd goal to competition leaders UTS. It was a tough, tight encounter. A good hard game enjoyed by both teams. Glebe's 47 year old triple Olympian Ken Wark played centre-half for the team. Ken plays when work and family commitments permit. It is uplifting to see someone of Ken's experience playing fifth grade and passing on his considerable experience to our up and coming under 17 players Dominic Tintner, Will Noller and Alistair Brown.

Sixth grade are hard to beat. Like a few other teams in the Club, if it could convert golden goal scoring opportunities into goals, it would be much higher on the ladder. Injuries have made it hard for this team to realise its full potential this season. Never-the-less 6<sup>th</sup> grade are now playing some its best hockey all season.

The seventh grade does not score many goals, but they concede even less, hence its position at the top of the Division Four first grade competition points table. It has the best defensive record in the comp, but has only scored the same number of goals as the 6<sup>th</sup> placed team. The competition is very tight with only 4 points separating the top 6 teams.

This season the seventh grade has performed much better than anyone's wildest dreams. Congratulations gentlemen on your outstanding season thus far. A bit more practise and anything might happen.

**23 August 2008**

1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	Glebe 2 lost to Moorebank 4
2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	Glebe 5 lost to Moorebank 5
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	Glebe 4 lost to Moorebank 6
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Glebe 0 lost to Moorebank 2
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Glebe 2 lost to Moorebank 6
6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Glebe 1 drew with Moorebank 1

7<sup>th</sup> Grade Glebe 0 lost to Wests 2

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Glebe 6 defeated Ryde 0

In the first grade game Moorebank deserved to win. The Moorebank team were sharper, hungrier and gave the crisper, faster, better directed passes. For Glebe the passes were either just behind the player or just in front of the player. The ball did not bounce for the Glebe team in this game. Glebe had its chances to score a few more goals, but due to a combination of bad luck and bad management could not do so.

Second grade went to sleep in the second half of this game. At half-time the Glebe team led 2-0 and were looking the better team. In the first half Glebe were energetic, well structured and dangerous. Come the second half, the team lost its way. Many times in this half, Moorebank played the ball wide, got around the back of the Glebe defence, and laid the ball back to the 5 metre spot for an advancing forward to slot home the goal. A win next week against the lowly placed team Ryde will secure this team second spot on the table and a major semi-final berth.

Third grade placed well for 63 minutes of the game. In a crucial 7 minutes period the team let in 4 Moorebank goals. A couple of these goals were due to a lack of organisation at the back. The team had its chances and were competitive in this game. Its finishing needs to be better and its defence better marshalled if it is to trouble the top teams in the competition. This team will finish fifth or sixth on the competition ladder. It had an enjoyable season and was competitive with all teams in the competition.

Fourth grade are a team of battlers, no doubt about that. It is a pity the team has so much difficulty putting the ball into the net. A few pointers I would give this team. Throw the early pass and take the field position to get it back. Pass to a player in a better position to score. Do not take the z grade shot at goal, when a pass to a better placed team-mate is the stand-out option. This team is hard to beat; unfortunately the team finds it hard to win games.

The 6.30 pm Saturday night time slot did not suit the 5<sup>th</sup> grade team. Up until this game the team's record was 9 wins and 9 losses from 18 games. The team is competitive, but not good enough to make the semi-finals.

The sixth grade team's record up until this game was 3 wins, 4 draws and 12 losses. Moorebank had only had two wins this season and were second last on the ladder. The two teams were evenly matched and a draw was a fair result.

Seventh grade's lost to Wests puts them in a desperate contest for a semi-final berth, where there are seven teams contesting the four semi-final spots. Glebe is currently fourth and a win against Bentsticks on 30 August 2008 will assure them of a semi-final berth. Goals seem hard to come by for this team.

Eight grade had its biggest win of the season 6-0 against Ryde. The team might be running into form at the right end of the season. Andrew Sarnadsky scored 4 goals. It seems decades since a forward scored four goals in this grade; well done Andrew. The competition is still tightly bunched and the team needs a win on August 30 to be assured of a semi-final berth.

### 30th August

1<sup>st</sup> Grade Glebe 5 defeated Ryde 4

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Glebe 2 lost to Ryde 4

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Glebe 0 lost to Ryde 1

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6<sup>th</sup> Grade Glebe 0 lost to Ryde 7

7<sup>th</sup> Grade Glebe 2 defeated Bentstix 0

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Glebe 5 defeated Bentstix 0

This round of games ended the season for all Glebe teams except 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades.

Saturday at the Ryde Turf, Glebe won one game out of six. Heading into this round neither 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> grade could make the semi-finals, but as usual all teams did their best, tried hard and enjoyed themselves. Congratulations to the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders who did the Club proud, week-in, week-out during the 2008 season. Enjoy the off-season.

The first grade game played at 8 pm was a cracker. If Glebe lost this game and Moorebank won in their assignment against Briars, then Glebe would have slipped from second to third on the ladder and missed the major semi-final. Ryde are always hard to beat on their home turf, where they always supported by a large, vocal crowd. Glebe was down 3-2 half-way through the second half and had a player yellow carded for 10 minutes. Things were looking bleak. The courage, passion and commitment shown by the team to come back and win 5-4 were impressive. It was a dogged performance and inspired the 70 odd Glebe supporters at the ground.

Next week the 1<sup>st</sup> play minor premiers Norwest Strikers in the semi-final. Norwest have had half the number of goals scored against them as have Glebe and are the Premiership favourites. Norwest are individually more skilful than the Glebe players, but Glebe has an impressive team spirit, a never-say-die attitude and anything could happen on the day.

Second grade lost a game they should have won. They have had two losses on the trot against Moorebank and Ryde leading into the minor semi-finals next week. The team had 65% of the field territory and had 70% more shots at goal than Ryde, but still lost. It was a frustrating game for players and spectators alike, as a win in this game, against mid table Ryde would have secured the team a major semi-final berth. The team needs to take better options in front of goal and improve its team work, if it is to be chance next week. The forwards need to repeat every day between now and the semi-final "do not shoot the ball into the goalies pads, pass to a player in a better position, do not shoot the ball into the goalies pads, pass to a player in a better position, do not shoot....."

In 7th grade's competition there were seven teams that could have made the semi-finals next week, depending on the results of this round of games and some catch-up games. 7<sup>th</sup> grade's 2-0 win against Bentstix has probably (almost certainly) secured the team a semi-final berth. It was a pressure game for 7<sup>th</sup> grade against a handy opposition and it produced the goods.

8<sup>th</sup> grade needed to win to be assured of a semi-final berth and it did so with ease, against a lowly placed Bentstix team. The team has scored 11 goals in two games, an almost unheard of feat for a Glebe 8<sup>th</sup> grade team. It is the first time in living memory that in the one season, both 7<sup>th</sup> grade and 8<sup>th</sup> grade have made the semi-finals. Congratulations gentleman and good luck for the semi-finals.



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## SEPTEMBER 2008

### Glebe wins under 17 Premiership

On Friday night 29 August 2008 at Cintra Park Concord the Glebe under 17 team defeated Ryde 2-1 in the grand-final to win the Sydney Hockey Association Under 17 competition. The game was close, played in a good spirit and played with considerable passion. The closeness of the score made for a tense, exciting struggle, which provided great entertainment for the spectators. There were around 200 spectators at the ground, about half of whom were Glebe supporters.

Glebe and Ryde finished first and second on the competition points table and the grand-final was played between the two best teams in the competition. The teams were evenly matched and the result hung in the balance until the final whistle.

Congratulations to the players and their support staff on a great season.

### Semi Finals:

#### Women:



Congratulations to Women's 4th grade who won their minor semi & now play the ED3 final v Dolphins this Sunday 1:30 pm Kyeemagh.

#### Men:



Men's semi's are this Saturday: Homebush - 1st grade play the major semi v North West Strikers at 4pm

2nd grade play the minor semi v North West Strikers at 12:30 at Homebush

7th grade play a minor semi at 5:45 at Cintra

8th grade play a minor semi 12:30 at Cintra



### Junior Semi Finals - Saturday 6th September (Preliminary Final)

U15 – 9.15am

U13 – 10.20am

U11 – 11.30am

A Division Finals                      Bankstown

B Division Finals                      Moorebank

### Presentation Night:

### Saturday 27th September 6.30 pm- Canada Bay Club

Williams Street, Five Dock

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The cost of a ticket is \$50 per person.

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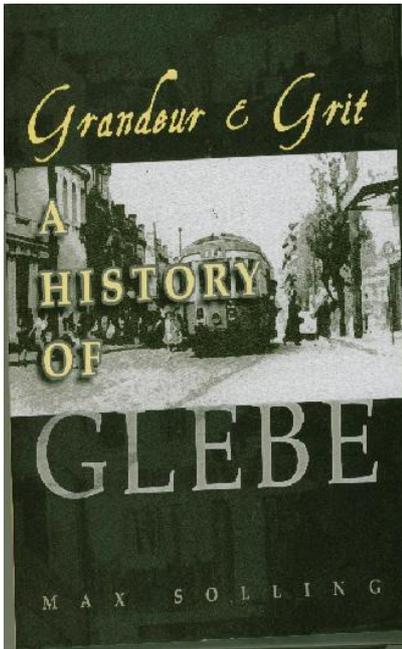
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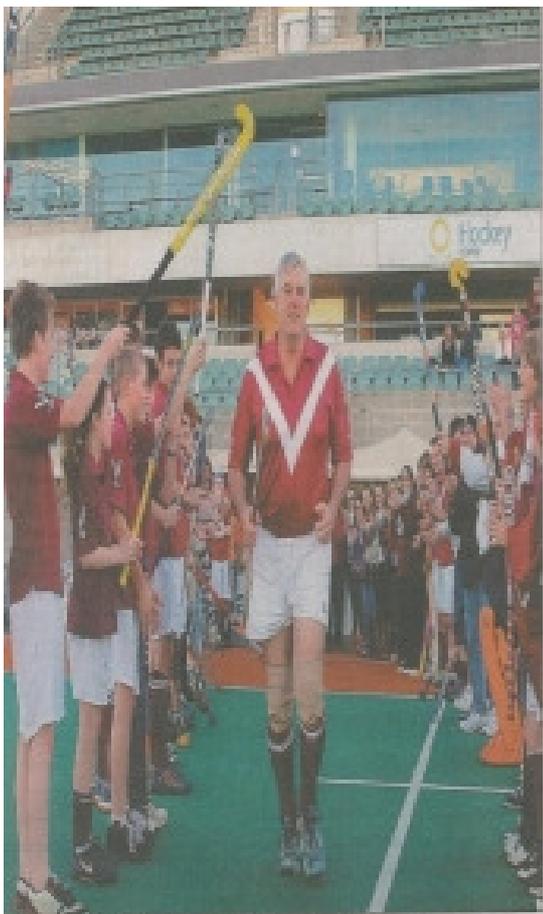
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**HOCKEY**

# Wark runs his 800th

**Mark Dawson**

CC Wark has never known Saturdays of inaction in winter without hockey.

From 1963, Wark whodod down to matches in his team and to begin playing hockey.

The 51-year-old reached 800 games for Glebe Hockey Club recently when he ran onto the pitch with squad of honoree for his 800th game against the University of Western NSW.

Wark has played all through the grades and 330 games for the club. He nicknamed a 'water buffalo'.

"Because I'm a water buffalo, I've been in a water buffalo and I've been in a water buffalo," Wark said.

Wark said he had played 800 games!

"You never start off that way, you just see what the game is," Wark said.

While he certainly loves the game, Wark also loves his club.

"It's all the same, good and nice people, you just start to say," Wark said.

"I played against some of Australia's best hockey players, but like last coming back and playing with my mates and people I've met in the way."

"I've had a lot of things from my family, close friends, he said.

"I'm not sure for my never see the club, Wark is willing to take it."

Wark has many highlights among them 800 matches. He played at the first grade level at North Sydney's Princess Park at the age of 16, and Hockey Australia.

"I've always go down to Princess Park when the boys go," Wark joked and said "hockey".

Wark also knows anything good he could do for his club with the club's success. Wark's father, Jerry, played 70 games for the club and wrote with them.

Wark runs through a guard of honour marking his 800th game for Glebe Hockey Club.

**Hockey at the Beijing Olympic Games--lucks a fortune**

At the Beijing Olympic Games the Australian women's team finished fifth. This was a creditable performance and the result was in keeping with the teams form over the last couple of years. The Australian men's team won a bronze medal after losing the semi-final game to Spain 3-2. Germany won the gold medal, its first gold medal since Barcelona in 1992. Australia beat the Netherlands 6-2 in the bronze medal game.

The Netherlands were defeated by Germany in the other Olympic semi-final game in an extremely tight contest. At full-time the Netherlands and Germany were drawn at 1-1. After five strokes per team the teams were still drawn (3-3 in the stroke off). In the sudden death stroke series that followed Germany scored first, then the Germany goal-keeper saved a bullet from Holland's ace flicker Taeke Takema to give the game to Germany.

If Australia beat the Netherlands 6-2 in the bronze medal game, would it have beaten Germany with as much ease, if the two sides had met?----we will never know. One thing is for sure, a team needs a lot of luck to win an Olympic goal medal.

**Self-control in dealing with disappointment, examples from Beijing**

Watching the elite sports people at the Beijing Olympic Games was an uplifting experience. The way the vast majority of athletes accepted defeat and disappointment, with such good grace and decorum impressed me. The Chinese driver who duffed his potentially gold medal winning last dive, the American 110 metre hurdler who was well in front until she hit the second last hurdle and then finished out of a medal position, the French kayaker in silver medal position going into the last round who capsized and lost any hope of a medal. These athletes accepted misfortune with equanimity, sportsmanship (sports womanship) and elegance. As hockey players we all should learn to accept misfortune with grace, tolerance and equanimity---hard I know! This includes, and especially applies to, accepting dubious decisions from power obsessed match officials. Not that I am suggesting we have any of these officials in the Sydney Competition!

In stark contrast to the grace and equanimity shown by most Olympic athletes in dealing with frustration was the performance of the Cuban Taekwondo player. This chap felt he copped a rough decision from the umpire (or is it referee in Taekwondo?) in a semi-final bout and proceeded to attack the umpire with a flying drop kick. For his trouble the Cuban was banded from the sport for life and charged with assault.

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Fourth grade lost 5-0, which was disappointing. The opposition was the UNSW second grade team, spiced with some of the UNSW Club's first grade players. The side did its best under the circumstances. This UNSW team is coming second on the competition ladder, whereas its first grade team is coming second last on the competition ladder. Do you think the teams are stacked in an attempt to win a premiership?

Fifth grade pulled off a fairy tale afternoon for Les Wark who was playing his 800 senior game for Glebe. The team won 3-2. It was not a pretty victory, but it was a win and one must not quibble about the detail.

Sixth grade were reinforced by the return game of the human dynamo, Andrew "Googa" Goodrick. Andrew has been out for months with a fractured bone in his foot. It was good to see the team win, as it has been doing it tough at times this season.

Seventh grade grafted out a win against Macquarie University, greatly improving its semi-final chances. At present it is sitting on top of the table, despite only having the third best goal difference.

Eighth grade should have won this game against the second placed team in the competition. It was the one that got away. Glebe were as good as Sydney University, but lost the game. This is the way the cookie crumbles at times in sport. We just have to be philosophical about it, and take the good with the bad.

### 9 August 2008

1<sup>st</sup> Grade Glebe 15 defeated Saint George 2

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Glebe 2 defeated Saint George 1

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Glebe 1 lost to Manly 3

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8<sup>th</sup> Grade Glebe 3 lost to Manly 5

In first grade Saint George, who is coming second last on the competition ladder, has played 19 games and conceded 127 goals. Glebe played well in this game, no doubt about it, but the opposition was weak, hence the 15-2 score line.

The second grade game was a tight encounter. Glebe was lucky to come away with a win. Saint George played 5 first graders in second grade, which did not seem to be in the spirit of fair play, even if it is legal according to the Sydney Hockey Association rules. Second grade is fighting for a semi-final berth and 3 points from this game was a big help in achieving this end.

Second placed Manly first grade was a crisp, well drilled, effective team in its match against Glebe third grade, in the First Division First Grade encounter. Manly were deserved winners 3-1. Glebe tried hard, had chances but could not convert good scoring opportunities into goals.

Fourth grade had a win which keeps its semi-final hopes alive. The team is currently sixth, but if the team wins its three remaining games a semi-final berth is probable.

Fifth Grade tried hard but was beaten by the better team on the day. Glebe fifth grade played Manly third grade. I suspect (but I do not know) that Manly had a few higher grade players helping out for this game. Playing a few second graders against another club's fifth grade players might win games, but to me, as legal as it might be, this tactic has a certain cheap and shallow feel to it.

Sixth Grade tried hard in a close encounter with Manly, eventually losing 0-1. Sixths have no chance of making the semis, but on its day can beat any team in its competition. This season it has been plagued with injuries.

In the seventh grade fixture first placed Glebe played third placed Manly and the result was a close, hard fought, tense draw. This result still leaves Glebe on top of the competition ladder

In the eight grade fixture third placed Glebe played sixth placed Manly and lost. This loss means that several teams are now crowding behind Glebe on the competition table. The team needs to win at least two out of three remaining games to be sure of making the semi-finals.

**16 August 2008**

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2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	Glebe 4 defeated UTS 2
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	BYE
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Glebe first grade secured a hard fought victory against a UTS team that was full of talented hockey players. Individually, UTS players had as much, if not more skill than their Glebe counterparts. The difference between the two teams was that Glebe had superior teamwork. Throw the pass and take the field position to get the ball back is a mind set that stands this team in good stead.

This was a crunch game for the second grade side. A loss here would have placed its semi-final aspirations in jeopardy. In this game the second grade team played its best hockey for many weeks. The team has plenty of speed, tackles well and is committed and enthusiastic. At times it can struggle to convert golden goal scoring opportunities into goals. In this game the team looked dangerous in front of goal--Keep up the good work.

The 5<sup>th</sup> grade worked hard and lost by the odd goal to competition leaders UTS. It was a tough, tight encounter. A good hard game enjoyed by both teams. Glebe's 47 year old triple Olympian Ken Wark played centre-half for the team. Ken plays when work and family commitments permit. It is uplifting to see someone of Ken's experience playing fifth grade and passing on his considerable experience to our up and coming under 17 players Dominic Tintner, Will Noller and Alistair Brown.

Sixth grade are hard to beat. Like a few other teams in the Club, if it could convert golden goal scoring opportunities into goals, it would be much higher on the ladder. Injuries have made it hard for this team to realise its full potential this season. Never-the-less 6<sup>th</sup> grade are now playing some of its best hockey all season.

The seventh grade does not score many goals, but they concede even less, hence its position at the top of the Division Four first grade competition points table. It has the best defensive record in the comp, but has only scored the same number of goals as the 6<sup>th</sup> placed team. The competition is very tight with only 4 points separating the top 6 teams.

This season the seventh grade has performed much better than anyone's wildest dreams. Congratulations gentlemen on your outstanding season thus far. A bit more practise and anything might happen.

**23 August 2008**

1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	Glebe 2 lost to Moorebank 4
2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	Glebe 5 lost to Moorebank 5
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	Glebe 4 lost to Moorebank 6
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Glebe 0 lost to Moorebank 2
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6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Glebe 1 drew with Moorebank 1

7<sup>th</sup> Grade Glebe 0 lost to Wests 2

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Glebe 6 defeated Ryde 0

In the first grade game Moorebank deserved to win. The Moorebank team were sharper, hungrier and gave the crisper, faster, better directed passes. For Glebe the passes were either just behind the player or just in front of the player. The ball did not bounce for the Glebe team in this game. Glebe had its chances to score a few more goals, but due to a combination of bad luck and bad management could not do so.

Second grade went to sleep in the second half of this game. At half-time the Glebe team led 2-0 and were looking the better team. In the first half Glebe were energetic, well structured and dangerous. Come the second half, the team lost its way. Many times in this half, Moorebank played the ball wide, got around the back of the Glebe defence, and laid the ball back to the 5 metre spot for an advancing forward to slot home the goal. A win next week against the lowly placed team Ryde will secure this team second spot on the table and a major semi-final berth.

Third grade placed well for 63 minutes of the game. In a crucial 7 minutes period the team let in 4 Moorebank goals. A couple of these goals were due to a lack of organisation at the back. The team had its chances and were competitive in this game. Its finishing needs to be better and its defence better marshalled if it is to trouble the top teams in the competition. This team will finish fifth or sixth on the competition ladder. It had an enjoyable season and was competitive with all teams in the competition.

Fourth grade are a team of battlers, no doubt about that. It is a pity the team has so much difficulty putting the ball into the net. A few pointers I would give this team. Throw the early pass and take the field position to get it back. Pass to a player in a better position to score. Do not take the z grade shot at goal, when a pass to a better placed team-mate is the stand-out option. This team is hard to beat; unfortunately the team finds it hard to win games.

The 6.30 pm Saturday night time slot did not suit the 5<sup>th</sup> grade team. Up until this game the team's record was 9 wins and 9 losses from 18 games. The team is competitive, but not good enough to make the semi-finals.

The sixth grade team's record up until this game was 3 wins, 4 draws and 12 losses. Moorebank had only had two wins this season and were second last on the ladder. The two teams were evenly matched and a draw was a fair result.

Seventh grade's lost to Wests puts them in a desperate contest for a semi-final berth, where there are seven teams contesting the four semi-final spots. Glebe is currently fourth and a win against Bentsticks on 30 August 2008 will assure them of a semi-final berth. Goals seem hard to come by for this team.

Eight grade had its biggest win of the season 6-0 against Ryde. The team might be running into form at the right end of the season. Andrew Sarnadsky scored 4 goals. It seems decades since a forward scored four goals in this grade; well done Andrew. The competition is still tightly bunched and the team needs a win on August 30 to be assured of a semi-final berth.

### 30th August

1<sup>st</sup> Grade Glebe 5 defeated Ryde 4

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Glebe 2 lost to Ryde 4

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This round of games ended the season for all Glebe teams except 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades.

Saturday at the Ryde Turf, Glebe won one game out of six. Heading into this round neither 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> grade could make the semi-finals, but as usual all teams did their best, tried hard and enjoyed themselves. Congratulations to the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders who did the Club proud, week-in, week-out during the 2008 season. Enjoy the off-season.

The first grade game played at 8 pm was a cracker. If Glebe lost this game and Moorebank won in their assignment against Briars, then Glebe would have slipped from second to third on the ladder and missed the major semi-final. Ryde are always hard to beat on their home turf, where they always supported by a large, vocal crowd. Glebe was down 3-2 half-way through the second half and had a player yellow carded for 10 minutes. Things were looking bleak. The courage, passion and commitment shown by the team to come back and win 5-4 were impressive. It was a dogged performance and inspired the 70 odd Glebe supporters at the ground.

Next week the 1<sup>st</sup> play minor premiers Norwest Strikers in the semi-final. Norwest have had half the number of goals scored against them as have Glebe and are the Premiership favourites. Norwest are individually more skilful than the Glebe players, but Glebe has an impressive team spirit, a never-say-die attitude and anything could happen on the day.

Second grade lost a game they should have won. They have had two losses on the trot against Moorebank and Ryde leading into the minor semi-finals next week. The team had 65% of the field territory and had 70% more shots at goal than Ryde, but still lost. It was a frustrating game for players and spectators alike, as a win in this game, against mid table Ryde would have secured the team a major semi-final berth. The team needs to take better options in front of goal and improve its team work, if it is to be chance next week. The forwards need to repeat every day between now and the semi-final "do not shoot the ball into the goalies pads, pass to a player in a better position, do not shoot the ball into the goalies pads, pass to a player in a better position, do not shoot....."

In 7th grade's competition there were seven teams that could have made the semi-finals next week, depending on the results of this round of games and some catch-up games. 7<sup>th</sup> grade's 2-0 win against Bentstix has probably (almost certainly) secured the team a semi-final berth. It was a pressure game for 7<sup>th</sup> grade against a handy opposition and it produced the goods.

8<sup>th</sup> grade needed to win to be assured of a semi-final berth and it did so with ease, against a lowly placed Bentstix team. The team has scored 11 goals in two games, an almost unheard of feat for a Glebe 8<sup>th</sup> grade team. It is the first time in living memory that in the one season, both 7<sup>th</sup> grade and 8<sup>th</sup> grade have made the semi-finals. Congratulations gentleman and good luck for the semi-finals.



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## SEPTEMBER 2008

### Glebe wins under 17 Premiership

On Friday night 29 August 2008 at Cintra Park Concord the Glebe under 17 team defeated Ryde 2-1 in the grand-final to win the Sydney Hockey Association Under 17 competition. The game was close, played in a good spirit and played with considerable passion. The closeness of the score made for a tense, exciting struggle, which provided great entertainment for the spectators. There were around 200 spectators at the ground, about half of whom were Glebe supporters.

Glebe and Ryde finished first and second on the competition points table and the grand-final was played between the two best teams in the competition. The teams were evenly matched and the result hung in the balance until the final whistle.

Congratulations to the players and their support staff on a great season.

### Semi Finals:

#### Women:



Congratulations to Women's 4th grade who won their minor semi & now play the ED3 final v Dolphins this Sunday 1:30 pm Kyeemagh.

#### Men:



Men's semi's are this Saturday: Homebush - 1st grade play the major semi v North West Strikers at 4pm

2nd grade play the minor semi v North West Strikers at 12:30 at Homebush

7th grade play a minor semi at 5:45 at Cintra

8th grade play a minor semi 12:30 at Cintra



### Junior Semi Finals - Saturday 6th September (Preliminary Final)

U15 – 9.15am

U13 – 10.20am

U11 – 11.30am

A Division Finals                      Bankstown

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### Presentation Night:

### Saturday 27th September 6.30 pm- Canada Bay Club

Williams Street, Five Dock

Admission to the Senior Presentation is by booking only.

The cost of a ticket is \$50 per person.

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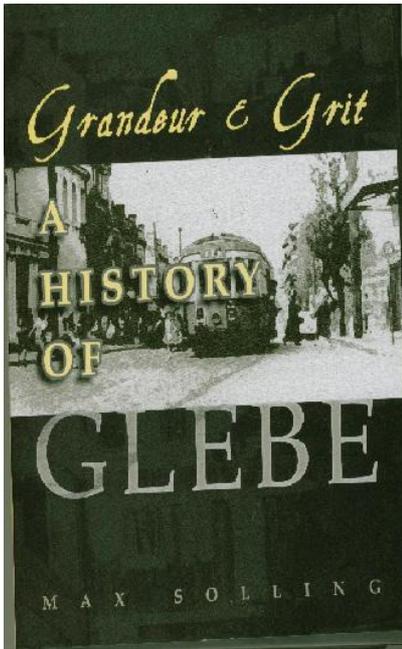
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#### **September Discussion Point:**

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At the Olympic Games hockey tournament just concluded in Beijing, the video umpire is being used to adjudicate on uncertain decisions. I suppose this development is progress, but it costs money, takes time and slows the game down. Someone has to pay for this facility. I would be opposed to the introduction of this technology into club hockey, if it increases the cost of playing the game. Any money that is floating around should be spent on junior develop, not caviar for the stars. What do you think?

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#### **Glebe in the News:**



All our junior players should be taught to accept "bad" umpiring decisions and defeat by another team with grace, tolerance and equanimity. We adults need to set a good example.

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8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Glebe 2 lost to Sydney University 3

The first grade game was a fast open affair with 9 goals being scored. Bankstown came out all guns blazing and Glebe was struggling to stay in the game. Bankstown's ball movement was impressive and had the Glebe defence at sixes and sevens. Glebe scored just before half-time to equalize at 3-3. Bankstown did not score in the second half and Glebe scored two goals after penetrating down the right wing channel. This encounter was close, a good game to watch.

In the second grade Bankstown ran onto the field with 9 players and had a player given a red card after 15 minutes. Bankstown played the majority of the game with 8 players, hence the score of 15-0. It was disappointing not to have played an opposition with 11 players.

Third grade won 3-0 against the team coming second last on the competition table. This keeps its semi-final hopes alive (flickering). This team can win games against all the odds and loss games it should have won, by taking second rate options at crucial times.

Fourth grade lost 5-0, which was disappointing. The opposition was the UNSW second grade team, spiced with some of the UNSW Club's first grade players. The side did its best under the circumstances. This UNSW team is coming second on the competition ladder, whereas its first grade team is coming second last on the competition ladder. Do you think the teams are stacked in an attempt to win a premiership?

Fifth grade pulled off a fairy tale afternoon for Les Wark who was playing his 800 senior game for Glebe. The team won 3-2. It was not a pretty victory, but it was a win and one must not quibble about the detail.

Sixth grade were reinforced by the return game of the human dynamo, Andrew "Googa" Goodrick. Andrew has been out for months with a fractured bone in his foot. It was good to see the team win, as it has been doing it tough at times this season.

Seventh grade grafted out a win against Macquarie University, greatly improving its semi-final chances. At present it is sitting on top of the table, despite only having the third best goal difference.

Eighth grade should have won this game against the second placed team in the competition. It was the one that got away. Glebe were as good as Sydney University, but lost the game. This is the way the cookie crumbles at times in sport. We just have to be philosophical about it, and take the good with the bad.

### 9 August 2008

1<sup>st</sup> Grade Glebe 15 defeated Saint George 2

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Glebe 2 defeated Saint George 1

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Glebe 1 lost to Manly 3

4<sup>th</sup> Grade Glebe 3 defeated Manly 1

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Glebe 1 lost to Manly 3

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Glebe 0 lost to Manly 1

7<sup>th</sup> Grade Glebe 1 drew with Manly 1

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Glebe 3 lost to Manly 5

In first grade Saint George, who is coming second last on the competition ladder, has played 19 games and conceded 127 goals. Glebe played well in this game, no doubt about it, but the opposition was weak, hence the 15-2 score line.

The second grade game was a tight encounter. Glebe was lucky to come away with a win. Saint George played 5 first graders in second grade, which did not seem to be in the spirit of fair play, even if it is legal according to the Sydney Hockey Association rules. Second grade is fighting for a semi-final berth and 3 points from this game was a big help in achieving this end.

Second placed Manly first grade was a crisp, well drilled, effective team in its match against Glebe third grade, in the First Division First Grade encounter. Manly were deserved winners 3-1. Glebe tried hard, had chances but could not convert good scoring opportunities into goals.

Fourth grade had a win which keeps its semi-final hopes alive. The team is currently sixth, but if the team wins its three remaining games a semi-final berth is probable.

Fifth Grade tried hard but was beaten by the better team on the day. Glebe fifth grade played Manly third grade. I suspect (but I do not know) that Manly had a few higher grade players helping out for this game. Playing a few second graders against another club's fifth grade players might win games, but to me, as legal as it might be, this tactic has a certain cheap and shallow feel to it.

Sixth Grade tried hard in a close encounter with Manly, eventually losing 0-1. Sixths have no chance of making the semis, but on its day can beat any team in its competition. This season it has been plagued with injuries.

In the seventh grade fixture first placed Glebe played third placed Manly and the result was a close, hard fought, tense draw. This result still leaves Glebe on top of the competition ladder

In the eight grade fixture third placed Glebe played sixth placed Manly and lost. This loss means that several teams are now crowding behind Glebe on the competition table. The team needs to win at least two out of three remaining games to be sure of making the semi-finals.

**16 August 2008**

1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	Glebe 5 defeated UTS 1
2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	Glebe 4 defeated UTS 2
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	BYE
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	BYE
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Glebe 0 lost to UTS 1
6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Glebe 0 lost to UTS 1
7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Glebe 1 lost to Glenorie 2
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	BYE

Glebe first grade secured a hard fought victory against a UTS team that was full of talented hockey players. Individually, UTS players had as much, if not more skill than their Glebe counterparts. The difference between the two teams was that Glebe had superior teamwork. Throw the pass and take the field position to get the ball back is a mind set that stands this team in good stead.

This was a crunch game for the second grade side. A loss here would have placed its semi-final aspirations in jeopardy. In this game the second grade team played its best hockey for many weeks. The team has plenty of speed, tackles well and is committed and enthusiastic. At times it can struggle to convert golden goal scoring opportunities into goals. In this game the team looked dangerous in front of goal--Keep up the good work.

The 5<sup>th</sup> grade worked hard and lost by the odd goal to competition leaders UTS. It was a tough, tight encounter. A good hard game enjoyed by both teams. Glebe's 47 year old triple Olympian Ken Wark played centre-half for the team. Ken plays when work and family commitments permit. It is uplifting to see someone of Ken's experience playing fifth grade and passing on his considerable experience to our up and coming under 17 players Dominic Tintner, Will Noller and Alistair Brown.

Sixth grade are hard to beat. Like a few other teams in the Club, if it could convert golden goal scoring opportunities into goals, it would be much higher on the ladder. Injuries have made it hard for this team to realise its full potential this season. Never-the-less 6<sup>th</sup> grade are now playing some its best hockey all season.

The seventh grade does not score many goals, but they concede even less, hence its position at the top of the Division Four first grade competition points table. It has the best defensive record in the comp, but has only scored the same number of goals as the 6<sup>th</sup> placed team. The competition is very tight with only 4 points separating the top 6 teams.

This season the seventh grade has performed much better than anyone's wildest dreams. Congratulations gentlemen on your outstanding season thus far. A bit more practise and anything might happen.

**23 August 2008**

1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	Glebe 2 lost to Moorebank 4
2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	Glebe 5 lost to Moorebank 5
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	Glebe 4 lost to Moorebank 6
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Glebe 0 lost to Moorebank 2
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Glebe 2 lost to Moorebank 6
6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Glebe 1 drew with Moorebank 1

7<sup>th</sup> Grade Glebe 0 lost to Wests 2

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Glebe 6 defeated Ryde 0

In the first grade game Moorebank deserved to win. The Moorebank team were sharper, hungrier and gave the crisper, faster, better directed passes. For Glebe the passes were either just behind the player or just in front of the player. The ball did not bounce for the Glebe team in this game. Glebe had its chances to score a few more goals, but due to a combination of bad luck and bad management could not do so.

Second grade went to sleep in the second half of this game. At half-time the Glebe team led 2-0 and were looking the better team. In the first half Glebe were energetic, well structured and dangerous. Come the second half, the team lost its way. Many times in this half, Moorebank played the ball wide, got around the back of the Glebe defence, and laid the ball back to the 5 metre spot for an advancing forward to slot home the goal. A win next week against the lowly placed team Ryde will secure this team second spot on the table and a major semi-final berth.

Third grade placed well for 63 minutes of the game. In a crucial 7 minutes period the team let in 4 Moorebank goals. A couple of these goals were due to a lack of organisation at the back. The team had its chances and were competitive in this game. Its finishing needs to be better and its defence better marshalled if it is to trouble the top teams in the competition. This team will finish fifth or sixth on the competition ladder. It had an enjoyable season and was competitive with all teams in the competition.

Fourth grade are a team of battlers, no doubt about that. It is a pity the team has so much difficulty putting the ball into the net. A few pointers I would give this team. Throw the early pass and take the field position to get it back. Pass to a player in a better position to score. Do not take the z grade shot at goal, when a pass to a better placed team-mate is the stand-out option. This team is hard to beat; unfortunately the team finds it hard to win games.

The 6.30 pm Saturday night time slot did not suit the 5<sup>th</sup> grade team. Up until this game the team's record was 9 wins and 9 losses from 18 games. The team is competitive, but not good enough to make the semi-finals.

The sixth grade team's record up until this game was 3 wins, 4 draws and 12 losses. Moorebank had only had two wins this season and were second last on the ladder. The two teams were evenly matched and a draw was a fair result.

Seventh grade's lost to Wests puts them in a desperate contest for a semi-final berth, where there are seven teams contesting the four semi-final spots. Glebe is currently fourth and a win against Bentsticks on 30 August 2008 will assure them of a semi-final berth. Goals seem hard to come by for this team.

Eight grade had its biggest win of the season 6-0 against Ryde. The team might be running into form at the right end of the season. Andrew Sarnadsky scored 4 goals. It seems decades since a forward scored four goals in this grade; well done Andrew. The competition is still tightly bunched and the team needs a win on August 30 to be assured of a semi-final berth.

### **30th August**

1<sup>st</sup> Grade Glebe 5 defeated Ryde 4

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Glebe 2 lost to Ryde 4

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Glebe 0 lost to Ryde 1

4<sup>th</sup> Grade Glebe 1 lost to Ryde 4

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Glebe 1 lost to Ryde 4

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Glebe 0 lost to Ryde 7

7<sup>th</sup> Grade Glebe 2 defeated Bentstix 0

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Glebe 5 defeated Bentstix 0

This round of games ended the season for all Glebe teams except 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades.

Saturday at the Ryde Turf, Glebe won one game out of six. Heading into this round neither 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> grade could make the semi-finals, but as usual all teams did their best, tried hard and enjoyed themselves. Congratulations to the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders who did the Club proud, week-in, week-out during the 2008 season. Enjoy the off-season.

The first grade game played at 8 pm was a cracker. If Glebe lost this game and Moorebank won in their assignment against Briars, then Glebe would have slipped from second to third on the ladder and missed the major semi-final. Ryde are always hard to beat on their home turf, where they always supported by a large, vocal crowd. Glebe was down 3-2 half-way through the second half and had a player yellow carded for 10 minutes. Things were looking bleak. The courage, passion and commitment shown by the team to come back and win 5-4 were impressive. It was a dogged performance and inspired the 70 odd Glebe supporters at the ground.

Next week the 1<sup>st</sup> play minor premiers Norwest Strikers in the semi-final. Norwest have had half the number of goals scored against them as have Glebe and are the Premiership favourites. Norwest are individually more skilful than the Glebe players, but Glebe has an impressive team spirit, a never-say-die attitude and anything could happen on the day.

Second grade lost a game they should have won. They have had two losses on the trot against Moorebank and Ryde leading into the minor semi-finals next week. The team had 65% of the field territory and had 70% more shots at goal than Ryde, but still lost. It was a frustrating game for players and spectators alike, as a win in this game, against mid table Ryde would have secured the team a major semi-final berth. The team needs to take better options in front of goal and improve its team work, if it is to be chance next week. The forwards need to repeat every day between now and the semi-final "do not shoot the ball into the goalies pads, pass to a player in a better position, do not shoot the ball into the goalies pads, pass to a player in a better position, do not shoot....."

In 7th grade's competition there were seven teams that could have made the semi-finals next week, depending on the results of this round of games and some catch-up games. 7<sup>th</sup> grade's 2-0 win against Bentstix has probably (almost certainly) secured the team a semi-final berth. It was a pressure game for 7<sup>th</sup> grade against a handy opposition and it produced the goods.

8<sup>th</sup> grade needed to win to be assured of a semi-final berth and it did so with ease, against a lowly placed Bentstix team. The team has scored 11 goals in two games, an almost unheard of feat for a Glebe 8<sup>th</sup> grade team. It is the first time in living memory that in the one season, both 7<sup>th</sup> grade and 8<sup>th</sup> grade have made the semi-finals. Congratulations gentleman and good luck for the semi-finals.