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MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TRIALS ON THIS WEEKEND (7TH MARCH)

See the Men's and Women's TAB's for more information! And get involved!

REGISTER FOR THE 2009 SEASON NOW!

You can register for the 2009 Hockey Season online NOW!

To register for men's visit the Men's TAB and follow the instructions.

To register for the Women's 2009 Season visit the Women's TAB and follow the instructions.

Glebe Hockey welcomes new members and encourages people to have a look at trial times to be allocated to a grade for the season.



CHECK OUT GLEBE'S 2009 VIDEO ON YOU TUBE!

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tHLbKSpQFbw>



Glebe Hockey Join us in 2009

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!!

Adam Campano, Higher Grades Club Captain for 2009, is redecorating the Clubhouse with several historical club photos. He has framed many photos but still has several photos that need framing. Adam is looking for 20 frames and would welcome any donations from members.

The approximate dimensions are 31 by 35 centimetres. They basically need to be able to fit an A4 sized photo in the frame.

Please contact Adam if you have any old frames that could be donated to the club.
adam.campano@det.nsw.edu.au OR 0414 783 440.

The Clubhouse will be decked out for the beginning of the 2009 Season so please contact Adam as soon as you can.

Arrows and Waratahs launch season 09

NSW Minister for Sport Kevin Greene presented playing uniforms to the 2009 NSW Arrows and Waratahs



News released: 26/02/2009

NSW Minister for Sport and Recreation the Hon. Kevin Greene attended an AHL Team Uniform Presentation this week, to officially launch the 2009 AHL season for the NSW teams.

Minister Greene presented the 22-strong Arrows and Waratahs squad with their playing uniforms in front of Hockey NSW sponsors and key supporters. The teams were acknowledged by the Minister for their achievements in representing the great state of NSW.

Loretta Dorman, OAM, former Hockeyroo and Seoul Olympic Gold medallist spoke to the teams about the pride of wearing the blue uniform and left an inspiring message for the teams to bring home the trophies.

On the eve of the 2009 AHL competition, both teams are making their final preparations before their first round match-ups, with the presentation sending an official good luck message to the top NSW teams.

Hockey NSW President Carol Purdy was delighted with the presentation to our teams that are most-deserving of recognition and praise. "It is important to acknowledge these young athletes as they head off for the AHL competition to represent us with pride."



Glebe players: Mark Paterson (front row, 3rd from left), Ian Paterson (back row, 7th from left) and Matthew Wark (back row, 9th from left).

Good luck boys!!!

Vale Ken Wark (13/1/1926-4/2/2009) aged 83 years

Ken was born in a house owned by his parents at 28 Victoria Street Rozelle (now named 28 Quirk Street), just behind Saint Joseph's Catholic Church. His father Foster Henry Wark was in the meat wholesale business. Before she was married his mother, Molly King was a dancer/actress with JC Williamson. Ken's maternal great-grandfather Charles King, a timber worker, had migrated to Australia from Wexford in Ireland in the 1800's. His paternal grandfather Joseph Wark was an abattoir worker and his paternal great grandfather James Wark was a marine engineer who was born in Glasgow, and came to New South Wales from Scotland in 1854.

The Darling Street Demonstration Primary School, Rozelle was where Ken had his primary education. For secondary school he went to Ultimo Technical College.

On leaving school Ken got an apprenticeship as a fitter and turner at Australian Consolidated Industry's Glass making plant in South Dowling Street, Surry Hills. After finishing his apprenticeship Ken worked for a year or two at ACI. In 1946 Ken joined his older brother, the late Harry Wark, at the family butcher shop at 107 Mansfield Street Rozelle. Ken and Harry worked together in the butcher shop for over 30 years until 1978. When it became clear that none of



next generation wanted to continue the family tradition in the meat business, Ken decided to get a job with easier hours. In 1978 he was employed as a marine fitter at Goat Island with the Maritime Services Board, where he stayed until retirement in 1991 aged 65 years.

In the mid to late 1940's Ken was a keen motor bike enthusiast and rode a 750 cc Harley W2A. He raced bikes and loved nothing better than tinkering around with bike engines. Several of his co-workers at ACI were motor bike enthusiasts, and one long week-end in 1946 his motor bike group went for a trip to the Wallacia Picnic Grounds. Also at the Wallacia Picnic Grounds was Joyce Bishop, an attractive girl from Maroubra, who was making one of her regular visits to Wallacia for a weekend's horse riding. One of Ken's co-riders, Rex Atkins, a fellow ACI worker lived at Maroubra near Joyce. Rex introduced Ken to Joyce, and they struck up a friendship. One thing lead to another, and Ken and Joyce married at Saint Jude's Church Randwick on 19 February 1948.

After they married Ken and Joyce moved into Flat One, 107 Mansfield Street Rozelle, behind the butcher shop where they stayed for over six years. His brother Harry with his wife Molly lived above them at Flat Two, 107 Mansfield Street. In 1954 Ken and Joyce built a house on a block of land at 33 Burnell Street Five Dock. Foster Henry had bought the block in the early 1930's at the time the area was first subdivided. They lived there their entire married life, celebrating 60 years of marriage in February 2008.

Ken died in the Palliative Care Ward at Canterbury Hospital on 4 February 2009, two weeks after he suffered his second stroke and three weeks after his 83 birthday. His first stroke which severely affected his speech occurred on 25 August 2005. Joyce and Ken had three children Robert (1951-), Gary (1956-) and Ken (1961-) and he was grandfather to six.

Five Dock, where Ken lived bordered Iron Cove, an estuary of the Parramatta River System. After moving to Five Dock, he quickly developed an interest in boats and for decades was heavily involved in the Half Moon Bay Yacht Club, a little boat club 400 metres from where he lived. He was Commodore of the Club for over 20 years. His first boat was called the Longboat bought in 1970 and in 1979 he purchased a small half-cabin boat called the Lazy Pat. After retirement from work Ken spent many hours socialising and playing pool at the boat club.

Another pursuit of Ken's was golf and after retiring he spent many hours happily chasing the little white ball around Barnwell Park Golf Course with his friends. He also enjoyed playing at Pennant Hills with Neville Adcock, a neighbour, who went to Rozelle Primary School at the same time as Ken and his brother Harry.

Ken enjoyed motor bike racing, boating and golf, but his real passion was hockey. His first game of hockey was at Ryde Oval in 1938 at the age of 13. Ken had gone along to watch his older brother Harry play for his school hockey team, the Drummoyne Boys High School. Harry's team was short and Ken was recruited to play goal-keeper. He developed an interest in the game and established a social network with players in the team. Ken played for his secondary school, the Ultimo Technical School Team, in a school's competition. After leaving school Ken played for the Balmain Police Boy's team, which was comprised mainly of men who had played hockey while at Drummoyne Boys High School.

The Balmain Police Boy's Club team trained at Allen's Reserve, a grassy area which adjoined Johnson's Creek Canal in Forest Lodge. Teams from the Glebe District Hockey Club also trained at Allen's Reserve. After World War Two, houses were built on the once grassy area, which ran from the banks of the storm water canal to where the Glebe Police Youth Club is now situated.

In 1946 the Balmain Police Boy's team won the second grade competition of the Metropolitan Hockey Association beating Glebe in the grand-final. Being a one team Club, under the rules of the Association, the Police Boy's team was ineligible for promotion to first grade. Glebe Secretary of the day Mr J W Taylor approached Ken and his brother Harry at Allen's Reserve one day after training, and suggested to them that if they wanted to play in the Metropolitan Hockey Competition First Grade Competition, they would be more than welcome to play for the Glebe Club.

It was a difficult decision for them to make, as they had many close friends in the Police Boys Club Team. In the end, after much soul searching Ken and Harry commenced their first season with Glebe in 1947. Ken continued his association with the Glebe Club until he died. He had a 62 year association with Glebe and was Patron of the Club until November 2008. Three months before he died. Ken's endorsed candidate Martin Howe was elected Patron at the 2008 Annual General Meeting

By any measure Ken was one of Glebe's great sons. He was a dynamo on the field and held many off field positions, which he always performed to the best of his ability.

Club Life-Member Paul Rogers recalled that just to run onto the field with Ken inspired them. He had that sort of impact. A fullback who was always pushing up into the attack, Ken was gifted with great reflexes and great recovery. Ken played with commitment and passion. A member of the Glebe first grade team from 1947 to 1968, Ken played in 13 first grade premierships teams, a phenomenal record, which will be hard to beat. Ken played 342 first grade games for Glebe and was 42 when he played his last first grade game, 21 years after he took the field for the first time in the First Grade side. Only Pat Nilan has played more first grade games than Ken. Pat played 361 first grade games between 1959 and 1978. Between 1947 and 1982, Ken played 492 games for Glebe.

For 15 years from 1969 to 1983, Ken was the unofficial groundsman at Federal Park Annandale. In the early 60's, Federal Park was a piece of wet, spongy, wasteland and its transformation into a magnificent hockey field was due largely to the voluntary labour of Ken Wark. He added topsoil, raising the level about six inches, improved the drainage and mowed the grass every week during the winter competition, making the field suitable for the First Grade competition. Casuarinas and eucalypts were planted on the edge of the field.

Ken served on the Club's Management Committee for decades. He was elected a Life-Member in 1968, served as Treasurer in 1976 and 1977 and was Club Patron from 2002 until 2008. All of Ken's children have played over 400 Club games each, for Glebe, and three of Ken's grandchildren currently play for the Club. Ken's youngest son Ken played 210 games for Australia and competed at three Olympic Games, Seoul, Barcelona and Atlanta, winning a silver and bronze medal.

Ken played for Australia before hockey was an Olympic sport, playing against New Zealand on tours there in 1952 and 1954. He played for NSW seniors in 1947, 1950-1954 and in 1956. In 1967 and 1968 he was coach of the NSW under 21 team, and in 1972 and 1973 he was coach of the NSW senior team. For decades he helped supervise Hockey Camps for junior players. In 2007 he was elected a Life Member of Hockey NSW.

The world is a better place as a result of Ken's efforts and activities. He contributed to the betterment of his fellow man, where and when he could. Hopefully he is now enjoying his eternal reward in heaven. To his wife Joyce and to Ken's family, the Hockey Club extends its heartfelt condolences.

Ken has handed to current Members of the Glebe District Hockey Club, a vibrant, flourishing, optimistic organisation, and his contribution is greatly appreciate by us all.

Harry Wark

Ken's nephew

MARK PATERSON, GLEBE FIRST GRADE PLAYER, MAKES AUSTRALIAN SIDE

Mark Paterson, Glebe first grade captain, has been selected for the Kookaburra's for their international matches against Belgium in Australia's capital. Mark, captained the Glebe first grade side to victory in 2008 and was also awarded Brian Booth medal after a stellar performance for Glebe all season. Stay tuned for more information on Mark's matches for Australia.

So far the draw has been laid out below:

2009 Men's Australian Hockey League
Rounds 1-4, 6th March - 29th March, various venues
Rounds 5, 6, 7 & finals, 6th April - 12th April, Tasmania

Kookaburras v Belgium Series
February 5-8, 2009
National Hockey Centre, Lyneham, ACT

Game 1 - Thursday 5th February 6.00pm
Game 2 - Saturday 7th February 7.00pm
Game 3 - Sunday 8th February 7.00pm



ARTICLE IN THE CANBERRA TIMES: MENTION OF GLEBE CLUB!

Aussies go for youth

BY JOHN-PAUL MOLONEY
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A rookie coming into a national team would normally seek out a grizzled old head for advice. And the old head would in turn need to rummage through his memory bank to remember his first outing however many years before.

Not so for Glenn Simpson and Mark Paterson, who are set to play their first matches for the Kookaburras against Belgium in a three-Test series in Canberra this week.

While the pair are battling to suppress the nerves and excitement that bubble in any debutant, the guys they're looking to for advice are of the same vintage.

The 18-man squad assembled by new Kookaburras coach Ric Charlesworth has an average age of just 24. No players have cracked the 30 years mark. Simpson is one of three 21-year-olds, while 197-match veteran Liam DeYoung is still only 27.

The debutants have been easily welcomed in by a playing group reshaped after the Kookaburras claimed bronze at the Beijing Olympics.

"The guys have been really welcoming. They're young but they also have lots of experience, so it's handy to have guys you can relate to," Victorian striker Simpson said.

Paterson joins the squad from the Glebe club in Sydney, which has produced its fair share of Kookaburras, including three-time Olympians Pat Nilan and Ken Wark.

A large group of his family and friends will venture down the Hume to see him play and the striker hoped to give them something to celebrate. He found out about his selection in the team in December.

"It's been a bit mouth-watering and it's been on my mind in training through December and January," Paterson, a physical education teacher, said. "Scoring a goal on debut would be a dream come true. If you're in the right place at the right time it'd be fantastic."

Simpson, from the Greensborough club in Melbourne, has taken time off work as an apprentice electrician to prepare for this match.

He admitted to being surprised how quickly he had been thrust into the national squad.

"I didn't think it would happen this quickly, but with a new coach coming in it was a blessing for the younger guys. It gave us an opportunity to start with a clean sheet and to put our names out there," he said.

TOMORROW

First Test: Kookaburras v Belgium, 6pm, at the National Hockey Centre, Lyneham.

ARTICLE IN THE GLEBE NEWSPAPER 20 JANUARY

Kookas call on skipper



GLEBE Hockey Club's Mark Paterson, 24, will proudly wear the Kookaburras' green and gold shirt next month.

The club's first-grade men's captain from Croydon will play for his country in a three-match Test series against Belgium.

"First I was a bit surprised and shocked to get called up," Paterson said.

"It's probably the one I've been working towards with all the hours training and it has finally come through."

His hockey career began in Glebe's Minkey program when he was four.

He benefited from the continuity and family feel at a club that has spawned two players in the NSW Sport's Hall of Champions: Pat Nilan and Ken Wark.

Paterson was looking forward to playing for the Australian team, which includes eight Olympians, but said he always loved coming home to Glebe.

"Some of my best friends are currently playing. It's great to rock up and play with them each week.

"I just love the game. Just going out there every week playing and captaining."

Pressed on his strengths, the modest inner said his sprinting, hard work and stick skills were good but he needed to work on his goal shooting and tackling.

NSW coach Larry McIntosh said that Paterson was "a very physically strong player and he has a very good work ethic on the field".

"He has worked very hard at his game over the last couple of years and his leadership has matured."



Looking for a Field Hockey Club in Sydney for 2009?

Glebe District Hockey Club (GDHC) was founded in 1931 and in 2008 the Club won the Sydney Hockey Association, Men's Premier Division First Grade Premiership. The Club is a force in Sydney and Australian Hockey.

In 2008 the Club fielded 8 men's teams, five women's teams, 8 junior teams and had a Minkey squad of 40 players. Minkey is a non-competitive Saturday morning hockey activity held at Jubilee Oval Glebe, for children aged from 4-8 years, before they progress to the Club's under 11 teams.

The centre of the club's strength has been its strong family ties which have produced an overriding sense of loyalty and commitment from its playing and non-playing members. Country, interstate and overseas players looking for a team are welcome to join the Club. Such players have joined and played for Glebe since its early years.

In 2008, the Club fielded teams from Premier Division, First Grade to the lowest Division, the Fourth Division, in the winter competition organised by the Sydney Hockey Association.

Men's games are played mostly on Saturday afternoons / evening. Hit off time ranges from 1230 hours to 2000 hours. The odd one or two games per season can be scheduled on a Sunday. The Women's games are played usually on Sundays but occasionally there will be a Monday evening game in the draw.

Competition starts late March / early April and runs until mid September, if your team makes the grand-final. The Club conducts skills training at the Cintra synthetic turf field Concord on a Tuesday night and fitness training is on Wednesday evenings at Jubilee Oval, Glebe. The competition matches are played on synthetic fields around Sydney. The Glebe Club does not operate a home synthetic turf.

The Club organises trial (pre-season) matches against other clubs during the month of March. New players are advised to contact the Club by at least late February, early March for details of pre-season training and trial games.

The club has an unwavering commitment to fostering junior hockey. This year's Mens First Grade winning premiership squad of 14 players included 12 former Glebe Under 11 juniors. The Club in its 78 year history has never charged juniors to play hockey, however the Club encourages at least one parent of each junior to take out social membership. This subscription is \$75 per season. No child is denied a place in a Glebe Junior team because of financial circumstances.

Playing and training on synthetic turf fields is expensive and in addition the senior players subsidise the Club's junior base. The Club operates on a no pay, no play basis amongst its senior players, even for first grade players. Exceptional circumstances will be considered on a case by case basis by the Club's Management Committee.

In 2008, senior playing fees were \$480, plus a compulsory \$20 for the 200 Club Competition (a Club fund raiser), and student fees \$350, plus \$20 for the 200 Club.

At least 40% of the Club's Membership is female, and having a mix of male and female teams makes for outstanding socialisation opportunities. The Club organises four or five social functions throughout the season, which are not only fund raisers, but gives Club Members a chance to meet each other in a relaxed social setting.

People interested in finding out more about playing for the Mighty Maroons are invited to contact

Men: Danny O'Brien - dob2114@bigpond.com

Women: Louise Tapsell - dingtap@hotmail.com

Juniors: Mark Noller - <mailto:Mark.Nollar@ampcapital.com>

Ken Wark inducted in the Hall of Fame!

On 16 July 2007 Glebe Club stalwart Ken Wark was inducted into the NSW Sport's Hall of Champions. Glebe now have two Members, ex-junior players of the Club, who have been honoured with induction into the NSW Hall of Champions. Glebe legend Pat Nilan was inducted into the Hall of Champions over ten years ago. Competitive men's hockey has been played since 1927 and in this time there has been only five men's hockey players who have been inducted into the NSW Hall of Champions; Brian Booth and Ron Riley from Saint George, Paul Dearing from Newcastle and Ken and Pat from Glebe.



Photo: (L-R) Pat Nilan OAM, Ken Wark Jr, Ken Wark Sr, Ron Riley OAM
(c)Hall of Champions



A brief biography of Ken was published in the NSW Hockey e-news volume 4, 10, 2007, and this biography appears below.

In addition, a photo of Ken Wark taken in 1988, in his NSW playing strip, is hanging in the NSW Hall of Champions Exhibition, at the State Sports Centre, Olympic Precinct, Homebush. The photo is located at the extreme end of the exhibition, furthest away from the hockey field. Club Members are encouraged to have a look at the photo, when next visiting Homebush. Members will note that the 1988 photo of Ken showing him dribbling the ball, was taken on a grass playing surface. They were the good old days.

In 2007 at the age of 46 Ken is still a force to be reckoned with, and played in the Glebe Club's fourth and fifth grade teams. The fourth grade team were beaten in the grand-final. In addition to playing 214 games for Australia, 80 odd games for NSW and spending two years with the AIS in Perth, Ken has played over 430 games for Glebe. Ken has played in every grade for Glebe from first to sixth grade. The seventh grade team are awaiting his arrival with expectation.

Below is the citation that accompanied Ken's induction:

"The son of veteran Sydney first grade club hockey player, Ken Snr, Ken Wark joined his father's old club

Glebe, at the age of 15. In 1979, at the age of 18, he gained selection in the Glebe first grade side and began one of the most famous international careers in Australian hockey history. In 1984 he joined the Australian Institute of Sport in Perth. He won selection in the Australian team in 1985 and remained an Australian representative for 12 successive years, playing his last match for his country at the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta. He played in 214 games in more than 20 countries for Australia and remained loyal to the Glebe club at first grade level, playing in more than 350 games for an amazing 26 years from 1979 to 2004. Ken played in three FIH World Cups, winning gold in 1986, and nine FIH Champions Trophy Competitions winning two gold, three silver and two bronze medals. He also competed at three Olympic Games, in 1988 at Seoul, 1992 at Barcelona and 1996 at Atlanta. Australia won the silver medal at Barcelona and the bronze medal at Atlanta. In 1990, Ken was named in the International Hockey Federation's World Best team and in 1987 and 1991 was named Player of the Series after the Australian Championships. Former Australian coach Ric Charlesworth in his 2001 book, "The Coach", selected Ken in his best Australian team of the 1960-2000 era. Kens contribution to the Glebe club has been immense, winning premierships in first, second and third grade, captaining the first grade side and holding several administrative positions."