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Mark Paterson selected to play for Australia

In early February 2009 Mark Paterson represented Australia in a three match series against Belgium, which was played in Canberra. Mark had a vintage session for Glebe in 2008 and his selection in the Australian team has been well earned. Australia's new men's coach Rick Charlesworth has been trialling 12-15 players who have been on the fringe of Australian selection for 12 months or more. The fringe players have been trialled in two test match series' which were held recently. The first series was against the Netherlands in Western Australia and the second series was against Belgium in Canberra. Interestingly Belgium was coached by Adam Commons. An Australian representative, originally from Wagga Wagga, Adam played in Sydney for the Sutherland Club.



Mark's goal is to be selected in the Australian Champion's Trophy Team for the November/December 2009 Champion's Trophy Tournament in Melbourne.

Mark Paterson possible move to the Australian Institute of Sport for Hockey in Perth

It is possible that Mark Paterson might move to Perth for most of 2009, so as to train with the Australian Institute Squad. This will present a great opportunity for Mark to progress his hockey, and further advance his Australian aspirations. There is no doubt Mark's absence would leave a big hole in the first grade team. He is a great player and a great captain. His absence, will however, create an opportunity for another player to slot into the first grade team.

Mark is a graduate of Peter Busch's 1991 Glebe Minkey Squad. It is gratifying to see an Australian player come from within the Club's junior ranks. Mark graduated as a physical education teacher from the Australian Catholic University at the end of 2008, so that when his Australian career is over, he has a professional qualification which will enable him to obtain interesting, rewarding work. Many elite players suffer from the dilemma of not knowing what to do with themselves after their playing days at the top are over. Mark's teaching qualification will ensure this "not knowing where to start" problem will not be one with which he has to deal.



Vale Ken Wark

Club Member of 62 years Ken Wark died on 4 February 2009, aged 83 years. He was cremated at the Camellia Chapel, Macquarie Park Crematorium on 10 February 2009, and his wake was held at the Drummoyne Sailing Club. There were over 200 people at the Chapel. Eulogies were delivered by his son Robert, and grandson Peter. Ken's Obituary is on the Club's Web Site. Ken won an amazing 14 first grade premierships with Glebe, and played 492 games for the Club.



The first social occasion of the year!

The first social of the year, welcoming all the great people that have joined us for the year, is on the 21st March at 7pm at The Clubhouse (Jubilee Park).

Drinks are at cheap cheap prices and food will be served.

The theme for the night is blue as the National Hockey League are in town- so wear blue or come as a smurf, whatever you feel like!

FEES:

The 2009 fees have been set. Please see below:

Full Fees \$530
 Full Fees Early \$500
 Student \$400
 Student early \$370
 Goalie \$200
 Goalie Early \$170

To **receive the early discount**, fees need to be paid by the **2nd May 2009**. All fees are required by the **27th June 2009**. A minimum of \$50 deposit is required before the commencement of the first game (22nd March) to be considered for selection.

Why are the fees the way they are?

It costs alot to play hockey in Sydney, with turf costs, insurance and umpiring fees. The Glebe District Hockey Club have made a conscious effort to keep the fees as low as possible in light of the current economic climate. Glebe Hockey has found that these numbers are the lowest possible figures the club could ask from its players.

Glebe Hockey also have a policy that junior players (Under 11's, 13's and 15's) do not pay fees. Junior costs are covered by the senior members of the club (via fund raisers, 200 club raffle, bar takings and sponsorship etc) . This is a part of Glebe Hockey's commitment to juniors and junior development.

How does it compare to other clubs?

One of our closest clubs is charging their players \$590 for the season, so we feel the Glebe prices are very good, especially considering we support the juniors. Glebe is the only club in Sydney that allows its juniors to play for free. Glebe remains one of the cheapest clubs to play for, Men and women in Sydney

Do I have to pay all at once?

No, you do not need to pay all at once. You can work out a payment plan with any of the representatives of the Women's Committee at any training or trial games. In saying that, you save money if you pay all at once, so it can be good to get it out of the way!

We ask, as per previous years, that you please pay your fees by Electronic/Direct Deposit to the club's bank account.

National Australia Bank

BSB: 082356

Account: 466231070

Account Name: Glebe District Hockey Club

Please ensure you record your name in the transaction details, so that we know who has paid.

Cheques are to be made out to 'Glebe District Hockey Club' and given to our treasurer Kate Pearsall at training or trials. (in her absence, they can be given to Helen Howe or any other member of the committee). Whilst not preferred, of course cash is accepted and we will bring the manual credit card swiper so payments can be made via credit card.

Uniforms

If you have not purchased your uniform as yet, the costs are as follows:

Skirt \$35
 Shirt \$40
 Socks \$10
 Full Uniform: \$85

Photos at the Clubhouse, Number One Arch Jubilee Oval Glebe

The Campano Family have compiled over 40 photos from all eras of the Club, framed them and are in the process of having them hung on the walls of Number One Arch Jubilee Oval. Adam Campano has project managed the work, but Lisa and Christian have added their expertise into the mix. Thank-you Adam, Lisa and Christian on a job well done, without your tenacity and hard work, the fantasy would never have been converted into a reality. Go down to the Clubhouse one Wednesday night about 6.30 pm and view the photos, before senior training gets underway at 7 pm. The plan is to display on the Web Site, all photos which hang on the Clubhouse Wall.

**Harold Park Up for Sale**

The NSW Harness Racing Club is planning to move operations from Harold Park to Menangle, some time in the future and sell the Harold Park Site. This plan was voted-on and passed by Harness Club Members in October 2008. In early 2008 a price of \$150 million was floated about as the likely sale price for the Harold Park Site. A Harness Club Press Release on 27 October 2008 stated: "One condition of the sale that members voted strongly in favour of was that the sale couldn't go through for anything less than \$150 million."

Over the last 12 months financial markets have hit the wall, finance is hard to get and developers are lying low. Sydney University have, apparently, had the site valued at \$50 million, taking into account the depression/recession/credit squeeze/financial collapse/global turmoil.

If the University buys the Site, as has been rumoured on the grapevine, the Glebe Hockey Club held a glimmer of hope that a synthetic surface might be build on the site, which it might be able to share with the University. As of February 2009, the jungle drums are silent on this front. There is a lot of water to flow under the bridge before the future of the Harold Park Site is determined. Watch this space.

Perry Park Synthetic Turf Site

No new information has emerged about this proposal during the off-season. The matter sits with the Sydney City Council, who are considering the financial ramifications of the project. The Perry Park synthetic turf proposal is a joint proposal between Glebe and UTS. It certainly will not be available in 2009.

Match Reports

The Club's Supporters would like to read match reports on the Web Site. Many thousands of people read the Club's Web Site every week and match reports are a big attraction. In 2009, each Glebe team should ensure that a match report is written about each game, and e-mailed to Web Co-ordinator Louise Tapsell (dingtap@hotmail.com), for posting on the Web Site. If the task is spread around between players, spectators, parents, friends, relatives and supporters, no one team member is burdened with an onerous weekly task. The report need not be long and need not be a literary masterpiece. The Club's Web Readership would rather read a report with bad grammar and misspelling than no report at all. Do not be self conscious, just do it.



Glebe's Web Site Updated

The History Section of the Web Site has been reconfigured, updated and improved. Deb Noller the Club's Web Guru has rearranged the History Tab and it is now easier to navigate and contains more information. Annual Reports from 1937 - 1959 have been added to the Annual Reports Sub-Menu and a Prominent Club Members Sub-Menu has also been added. Proceedings of the Annual Meetings held before 1937 were recorded in a Minute Book, which is also available to view on the Annual Report Sub-Menu. The first year that an Annual Report to be produced as a stand alone document was in 1937. A register with the names and addresses of Glebe players who played for the Club in 1945-49 is shown in the Miscellaneous Documents Sub-Menu of the History Tab.

MEN'S:

Competition Start

The premier, first and second division competitions starts on 14 March 2009 and the third and fourth division competitions commence two weeks later on 28 March 2009. The first round of the competition on 14 March is at Cintra against Briars. Sixth grade commence at 12.30 pm and the grades go down the list at 2 pm, 3.30 pm, 5 pm, 6.30 pm and first grade play at 8 pm. The second round games are at Homebush P2 against Sutherland. Second grade play at 12.30 pm, first grade at 2 pm, third grade at 3.30 pm, fourth grade at 5 pm, fifth grade at 6.30 pm and sixth grade at 8 pm. The seventh grade draw has not yet been released.

A Draft Season Draw is up on the Sydney Hockey Association Web Site.



First Grade Playing Ranks Depleted

The first grade competition will commence in mid-March. Players that played in the 2008 Premiership winning first grade team who will be unavailable for the first part of the season are, Mark and Ian Paterson, Matthew Wark, all of whom are on NSW State duties, Aaron Oman who has retired and Adam Howard who is overseas. Five of the Club's starting eleven from the 2008 grand-final team will be missing. Fortunately, the Club's 2008 second grade team had many talented players in it and these players will jump at the chance to play first grade hockey for the Club.

Danny O'Brien Life Member

At the 2008 Annual General Meeting, Danny O'Brien was elected a Life-Member of the Club. He was nominated by Geoff Paterson, himself a Life-Member, and was elected unanimously by those present. Congratulations Danny.

Les Wark replaced as Secretary of the Club by Danny O'Brien

Les Wark stepped down from the Secretary's position of the Club after many years of yeoman service as Secretary. He was replaced by Danny O'Brien.

Bob Taylor equals record as the longest serving President of the Club

At the 2008 Annual Meeting Bob Taylor was elected President for the 2009 season. 2009 will be Bob's 12th year as President. He was elected President in 1998 and as served in this position continuously since. Jack Worley is the only other person to have served 12 years as President. Jack held the position, continuously, from 1946 to 1957.



Martin Howe elected Patron

Life Member Martin Howe was unanimously elected Patron of the Club at the 2008 Annual General Meeting. Ken Wark Snr. had stepped down from the position. Martin won several first grade premierships with the Club. He played over 700 Club Games for Glebe, having commenced playing for the Club in the under 14's over 50 years ago. Martin is a regular at the Club's first grade games. Martin and the fellow Members of the "Brains Trust" are respected and well liked by the current players. Well done Martin—Congratulations.

WOMEN'S:

Check us out on You Tube!

The lovely ladies at Glebe Hockey have made a promotional video to entice new members to the Club. Thanks to all the girls that helped out and were prepared to spread the word on Glebe Hockey!

Check us out on the following link: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tHLbKSpQFbw>

Register NOW!

Hey ladies if you haven't already registered the time to do so is now, as Glebe needs to enter their teams in SWHL and ED. Registration forms can be found on the WOMEN'S TAB of the website and sent to Louise at dingtap@hotmail.com

Welcome and fitness!

Welcome to all the lovely girls that have joined us for the 2009 season! We look forward to a great 2009! Lots of girls have also been enjoying our Women's only fitness on Wednesday nights at Jubilee Park at 7pm. Last week we had sixteen people so thanks for everyone for showing up and having a good time!

2008 Annual Report

The 78th Annual General Meeting of the Glebe District Hockey Club was held in Glebe in November 2008. The 2008 Annual Report is on the Club's Web Site. Click on the History Tab on the Back Bar, click Annual Reports on the drop down menu and then click 2008. The Annual Report is a great read, with plenty of excellent colour photos. Make a point of having a look at this document.

Grit and Grandeur A History of Glebe

Max Solling co-author of the Glebe Hockey Club History Book wrote a book on the history of the Glebe Suburb. It is a superb reference book and must be the best local government histories ever written. Copies of the book signed by the author are available from the Club for \$40 plus postage. All profits go to supporting the Club's juniors.

Under the Arches: A History of the Glebe District Hockey Club to 1993 (212 pages)



Soft-covered editions of the Book written by Glebe Historian Max Solling and Club Life-Member Harry Wark, which chronicles the Club's history from inception to 1993, are available for sale. The cost is \$25 plus postage. Contact Louise Tapsell or Harry Wark. The Book is displayed on the Club's Web Site if you want to sample before you buy. It would make an excellent birthday gift for an up and coming young hockey player.

Sydney's Umpires and Technical Officials launch a Web Site: www.shaofficials.com

The Sydney Umpires Association has launched a Web Site. Have a browse and see what you think. Interested parties can enter into debate on selected topics, and comments can be left for others to read. On the Web Site it mentions that comments must not be personal and must not contain bad language.

MARCH DISCUSSION POINT: HAVE YOUR SAY NOW!

Rule changes for the 2009 season.

The Hockey Rules Board of the International Hockey Federation (FIH) has introduced Mandatory Experimental Rules, which will be played in the upcoming Sydney Hockey Association Competition and in the 2009 Australian National Hockey League. A synopsis of the rule change(s) is given below.

A player taking a free hit can hit the ball and regain possession, without any other player touching the ball. This manoeuvre is termed a self pass. From 23 metre line to 23 metre line (that is in the middle section of the field), the ball only has to travel a short distance before the player taking the hit can regain possession. The two movements must be separate actions. Players from the defensive team have to be 5 metres from the ball when the hit is taken. Inside the 23 metre line (that is from the back line to the 23 metre line), on an attacking free hit, the ball must travel 5 metres before it can enter the circle unless it has been touched by a player from either side, other than the person taking the free hit. All players must be 5 metres from the ball, when the free hit is taken. The player taking the hit can still play the ball even if it has not been touched by another player as long as the ball travels 5 metres.

The intention of the Rule's Board is to "decrease the number and duration of interruptions to the flow of play and to increase the length of time the ball is in active play."

Inside the 23 metre line that is from the back line to the 23 metre line, the ball must be at least 5 metres from the circle before an attacking free hit is taken. If the breach occurs one centimetre outside the circle, the ball has to be retreated to 5 metres from the circle before the attacking team can take the free hit. This rule is designed to stop the ploy of blasting a hit from just outside the circle, at the speed of light, through a crowded group of players inside the circle. The Rules Board were concerned about the risk of injury to players. From an attacking free hit, the ball has to travel at least 5 metres before it can enter the circle.



My take on the rule change is that under the new rules, quick thinkers in attack will be able to play on rapidly after a breakdown and take advantage of an opposing team's lack of numbers in defence. A forward can now pass the ball 5 metres into the circle, or 5 metres across the circle, regather himself and shoot. He does not have to wait for his fellow forwards to come up in support, as happened under the old rule. It will help overcome the deliberate ploy of a defending team breaking down an attack, to get numbers behind the ball.

What do you think about the new rules? Will they have a positive or negative impact on the game? Email your thoughts to Louise at dingtap@hotmail.com

2009 Sponsorship

If you haven't already heard, Glebe Hockey is looking for a sponsor for 2009! Please spread the word and pass on any possibilities for sponsorship to Louise at dingtap@hotmail.com There are many levels of sponsorship available at the club, so negotiations are available for any type of business that would like to associate itself with such a fantastic club.