



Glebe District
Hockey Club Inc

JUNIOR TEAMS

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1998

Junior Convenor's Report 1998

ON BEHALF OF the Junior committee it is with pleasure that I welcome everyone to our 1998 Junior Presentation Day.

Successful year for the Juniors

1998 WAS YET another successful year for the Junior Club. Although we were pipped by Sutherland for the honour of being the largest junior club in the Sydney Association (160 versus 166 players), this was not totally unexpected as the Junior Committee made a decision at the start of the year to cut back on promotion through the schools in an effort to maintain total numbers, including Minkey players, to around 200 children. It was felt that this figure was critical to ensure our resources weren't overstretched, and that every child received coaching to an acceptable standard. The fact that all our Junior teams made the semi-finals would tend to indicate that the Committee's thinking was correct.

Terry Reece Trophy

ONCE AGAIN Glebe made our annual mid-March journey to Wyong to play The Entrance for the Terry Reece Trophy and came away with our unbeaten record intact. Although defeated, The Entrance demonstrated that they have some fine young players coming through their ranks and should be a real force when we play them again in 1999.

Junior Carnivals

FOR SOME clubs 1998 was a disastrous year. St George, for instance, tried on two occasions to run their annual carnival and on both occasions were washed out. Baulkham Hills and Bankstown were forced to cancel through lack of entries and Lithgow, although they made it through the day, had terrible weather. Glebe, as it has been our tradition, turned up in force to not only our own carnival, but also the Northern Districts and Lithgow.

Glebe Carnival

GLEBE WAS once again blessed with magnificent weather for our carnival, although the organising committee was very nervous up to two days prior to the event as the rain pelted down. As in the past three years it cleared just in time for the grounds to dry out. At the risk of sounding repetitive, the response from all levels of our Club to make sure the day was a success was outstanding.

Minkey

VERNON HOWE, with the support of the Ladies' Club once again, ran the very popular Minkey programme. Although numbers vary from week to week, there was a core of 25 – 30 children. The rapport Vernon has with the youngest recruits to our Club was obvious, as was the fun they had as they learned the basic skills of hockey every Saturday morning.

Synthetic Turf

WHAT A DIFFERENCE twelve months makes! In last year's Annual Report I mentioned that our dream for our own turf seemed further away than ever. However, after last year's Junior Presentation Day a public meeting was held at the Glebe Town Hall on the evening of November 13. For those of us who were there, it was impossible not to be moved by the community's support for the Glebe Hockey Club and their determination to ensure the Harness Racing club allows us to build our synthetic turf.

Except for a few minor setbacks the Club's position has gone from strength to strength since that meeting and we are now in a position to start work on the construction of the field. The Synthetic Turf Committee, convened by Harry Wark Junior, has done a magnificent job. Rodney Hammett also deserves a special mention for his work as the link between the Hockey Club and the community working group who devised the strategy of protesting at the Miracle Mile. Even though the courts stopped a full blockade, the publicity our cause received was invaluable. Since then a number of doors have opened that had previously appeared to be firmly closed.

Fund raising and sponsorship

ONCE AGAIN the Juniors' long term sponsors, Shaughn and Mark Murphy of the Toxteth Hotel and Richard Ware from Richard Ware Real Estate, have generously given cash sponsorships to the Juniors. Alan Cardy from Bondi Junction is also a generous supporter of our Juniors.

Thank you also to all the parents and guardians who this year helped by serving on key senior committees such as the Social Committee. Another large fund raiser was the Rotary Raffle and two Junior parents, Michael Carey and Maureen Paterson, played a major part in its organisation and success.

To all those Junior parents and guardians who donated prizes for the various auctions and raffles during the year, thank you.

Each year it seems to become more expensive to put Junior teams on the field, so your support is invaluable.

Bobby Fox Memorial Trophy

1998 WILL BE the first year the Bobby Fox Memorial Trophy is presented. After consultation with Kathy Fox, it was felt that as Bobby's Junior coaching was devoted almost exclusively to the Under 11s then the trophy should be presented in this age group to the player judged by the Junior Committee, Coaches and Managers to have shown outstanding potential.

Instead of having two perpetual trophies in this age group, the current major award, the Maurice McCarten Keegan Trophy, will become an award for which everyone in the Junior Club is eligible.

In conclusion

THANK YOU to the Coaches and Managers who gave up their time so that Glebe was able to field eleven Junior Teams each weekend. Without volunteers such as yourselves, the Club simply would not function.

This year more than ever the Senior Club depended on the revenue generated through the Junior Canteen so the work done by Anne Wark, Harry Wark Senior and all those helpers behind the bar and on the BBQ had a major impact on the Club's revenue.

To Bob Taylor in his first year as President, thank you for your total support.

To the Junior Committee of Ron Cheong, Neil Lawson and Mick Tapsell – thank you for a great year.

A special thank you to my wife Cheryl for her support during a very busy and eventful year.

I hope everyone has a great Christmas and New Year and I look forward to seeing you all again in 1999.

Jim Oman
Junior Convenor

Under 17 A

WITH JUST four players remaining from the Premiership inning Under 17A 1997 side, the 1998 side was going to be a younger, but non-the-less a competitive, side. The coaching staff remained the same. Arthur Moir as Coach and Bob Taylor was Manager. The biggest initial problem was: who would be goalkeeper? After much searching, the problem was solved when Darren Booth, who came from Macarthur to join the team, brought with him Trent Knights, an accomplished goalkeeper. This gave the team the bare minimum eleven players.: Trent Knights (goal); Peter Wark and Max Francis (fullbacks); Darren Booth (centre half); Patrick Casey (right half); Ross Tapsell (left half); Thomas Holyoake and Leigh Brown (wings); Patrick Wark and Alex Adrian (inners); and Thibault Dauvin (centre forward).

The teams participating in the 1998 competition were Glebe, Sutherland, Moorebank, Bankstown, Northern Districts, Ryde and Baulkham Hills. The competition was shaping as a very even one. Glebe began the season with a bye, and then had little trouble accounting for the Bankstown team 10 nil. The next game against Sutherland at Sutherland was arguable the best game all season. Play went from one end to the other in a high quality match. Glebe's defence was excellent in this game and the team emerged victorious by 2-0, and by their early form showed the other teams the Glebe was still a force to be reckoned with. The following week, Glebe beat Moorebank 4-2, and the team's prospects were looking good. Then followed two draws; the first to Baulkham Hills in which Glebe played poorly, and the second to Ryde in which Glebe played well, missed a lot of opportunities and gave Ryde two runaway goals and were lucky to score a late goal to tie the match. Some problems were now starting to emerge. The Glebe attack probably needed another quality player and the team was not really improving because the players never trained together, either because of the distance to Homebush or because of commitments to Grade teams. Nevertheless, it was clear that the competition was still going to be very close, as the 2-1 loss to the leading team, Northern Districts, should in the following week. Glebe did not play near top form, but still managed a close, hard-fought contest. After another good win over Sutherland, Glebe then lost 2-3 to Moorebank in highly controversial circumstances after leading 2-0 at half-time. This was to prove a crucial loss, as it relegated Glebe to third place in the competition. An obvious disadvantage for the finals in such a tight competition. A 7-0 hiding of Baulkham Hills and a solid 2-1 victory over ryde brought things back on course, but Glebe once again faltered in the final round against Northern Districts, losing 2-1 to this strong, all-round team. Now faced with the elimination semi-final, Glebe lost to Sutherland in pouring rain and ended the season in fourth position.

In such a tight competition, with very little between the first four teams, it was unfortunate that Glebe could only manage fourth. Moorebank went on to defeat Northern Districts in the Grand Final. It is easy to wonder what might have been had Glebe managed to win some of those close game. With such competition, one does need some luck. Despite the disappointing end to the season, the team was a harmonious bunch of players under the astute direction of Arthur Moir, and showed dignity and control when things got tough. Much of the credit for this must go to the Captain, Patrick Casey, whose hard work and calm nature were an inspiration to the other players. The spirit of the team is best summed up by Thibault Dauvin, the speedy centre forward, who delayed his return to France by a month so that he could be part of his team's final games. Despite the forbidding 8 a.m. start, there was a lot of exciting hockey played by the 1998 Under 17A Glebe team, and the team was a credit to the Club.

Mick Tapsell

Under 17 B

IN THE three years which I have coached this team I have learned a lot of things – few of which related directly to hockey. Coaching a team of opinionated, yet intelligent teenagers has been one of the best experiences of my life. Being not that much older than the players in the team was a factor which worked in my favour, rather than against it. Giving the players in the team the opportunity to show responsibility on the field and to voice their opinions created a very positive environment for these young men to play and socialise in. A case in point was where towards the end of the season we played a system which incorporated two centre halves and one less forward, which working in our favour netting us three impressive consecutive wins.

Importantly, a factor which is more prevalent in B teams, is that of playing hockey for the fun of it and NOT placing so much credence on WINNING AT ALL COSTS. The biggest thrill I got was from gleaning feedback from my players after the game on what we did well, what we did wrong and what we could improve on. I was also pleased how many players acted on tips and advice which I gave them at training and used them in the games; e.g., delaying the tackle, jab tackling, jinking, quick free hit and transfer, deflections, etc. Although more often than not things did not come off for us, we were successful in playing a pretty style of hockey which encouraged skill, improvisation and flamboyancy on the field.

For the statisticians, we played 14 games, won 4, lost 9, drew 1, scored 25 goals, had 39 goals scored against us, and finished 6th out of 8 teams. If we had played better at the start of the season we would have been pressing for a semi-final position, but it was not to be. Fantastically we ended the season with a record smashing of Manly 6–1. Lindsay and Ian were our leading goal scorers with six apiece, Joel scored four, while Tristan scored thrice.

A VERY BIG THANK YOU AND GOOD LUCK to the eleven players who made up the core of the team: Ian, Belly, Aza, Robs, Steve, Tris, Wall, Tauren, Lindsay, Nicke and Nicholas. Special mention must be made of the commendable efforts of Joel Rivers and Damon Jones who filled the voids as they occurred. Thanks heaps also to Steve Bell, Ross Tapsell, Tom Rushton, Alex Adrian and two “babies” who I’ve got big wraps on, Andrew Cronin and Matthew Wark, for also helping out and kicking butt.

All the credit for the organisational, administerial and motivational work goes to my super Manageress, Rose Tarrant. Rose was also blunt and to the point which worked well in her favour as far as I was concerned. I like a girl who knows how to do a good job and ruffle a few feathers when necessary at the same time. Rose provided the team with the same excellent service which she provided for my brother Christian’s Under 15s last year. Also to Bill Turner for his on-going support and good cheer, and the Allen parents for the provision of coffee when on the odd occasion I was feeling under the weather. To Belly’s Dad for umpiring, even if I didn’t always agree with his calls. It was so great that I did not have to umpire and coach at the same time for a change. Ta muchly.

To the players, I hope you had a good time and enjoyed your hockey. I also hope that if you are planning to quit hockey to concentrate on your studies, that you will be back some time in the future and be part of a winning team

Go the Boyz!

GO GLEBE!

Adam Campano

Under 15 Redbacks

WELL, IT WAS another fun successful year for the Glebe Juniors. With every team making the semi-finals and two premierships, the future is looking bright. I would like especially to congratulate the Under 15 Strikers and Gilly for winning the Under 15 Grand Final. They were the only team we could not beat. When we played them several times during the year the games were always tough and competitive, but both teams always showed great sport and Glebe spirit.

My year of coaching the Redbacks was great. I had a fantastic bunch of kids who were willing to listen and learn. They were very dedicated and enthusiastic, disciplined and always well mannered. They wore the Glebe shirt with pride and kept our good name intact. I had a team of 15 players. Most weeks I usually had at least 14 starters. Doing the substitutions was a little hard, especially when everyone was so keen and did not really want to come off.

I believe there was improvement in all the players. They played as a team and seemed to have fun just being with each other, Their passing and tackling improved dramatically. The term "hunt in packs" often was applied and you could see one of the twins or Edam or Hugo hassling trying to get the ball. It was a friendly happy team, there were no squabbles or fights, which made my job very easy. I hope they all continue on with hockey in the Glebe club.

I would like to thank a number of people who helped the season run smoothly this year. Firstly to Aviva Lacey and Margaret Sullivan for all their organising, managing, supplying of drinks and, of course, the lollies for best and fairest. To Gary Cronin, thank you for your help on training on Thursday nights. To Dad, who helped with umpiring and coaching on occasions. To all the parents of the team, your support of your children's endeavours was fantastic. You were all very positive and supportive and played a role in the team's positive interaction and success. To Jim Oman and his committee, thanks for all the hard work you put in – a job well done.

Following is an insight to the payers who made up the Redbacks this year:

Tom Walenkamp (Goalie)

Tom is a great goalkeeper. He saved our collective butts on a number of occasions. He has improved his slide tackling and his calling has finally become more specific. To continue improving, Tom will have to work on his fitness and we can organise more specific goalie training next year.

Casey Sullivan-Myers (Fullback)

Someone told me that this was Casey's first year of hockey. I don't believe them! Casey was an extremely fast learner and became one of the stronger members of the team. He has a fantastic hit and is very fast and fit. Casey has to watch his "turning on the ball", and I think it would be a good idea for Casey to watch some senior hockey to gain some further hockey know-how. Definitely the big improver.

Nicola Higgins (Fullback)

Nicola was the quietest member of the team. She was always very safe and dependable in defence. Her tackling and breaking down of play and level headed calmness were some of her best assets. Nicola needs to get a bit more involved with the game and have more confidence in her hitting.

Edam Lacey (Half)

Edam started the year a little sluggish. He suffered a hand injury a couple of months into the season, but in some ways it was the best thing that happened to him! He came back more keen and determined than ever. He had many strong runs into the forwards (making him get back was a little tough at times). His hitting and passing improved during the season also. Again, a little more work on fitness will help Edam become a better player. Edam was a good leader of the team.

Hugo Adrian (Centre Half)

Hugo was the key player of the team. He has all the skills and is willing to try things. His attendance to training was fantastic, he was at practically all Thursday and Wednesday night sessions – a fine example of the motto "train the way you play", and he got benefits for being like that. He needs to keep patience with players around him, but other otherwise had a great year. A player to look out for.

Kate Walenkamp ((Half, Inner, Fullback)

Kate is a very easy-going versatile player to have on the team playing in various positions when called upon making substitutions easier. Kate is a chatterbox with never a quiet moment around Kate (especially Thursday night training!). Sometimes playing very aggressively and determinedly and if these bursts were in play for longer periods would continue to improve. I hope to see you in seniors.

Ellie Wright (Inner)

Ellie was another happy camper in the team. She seemed to love playing and she loved getting involved in the action. When Ellie took the field she put everything into it and often came off exhausted. Ellie is a determined tackler and always fought hard for the ball in attack. Ellie could work on her hitting a little bit and her positional play. She often followed the ball looking for work, but then was not really in her correct position.

Anna Wright (Inner or Half)

Anna is much like her sister (in every way imaginable) because when she is on the field she goes hard and does not stop. Another determined tackler and plays an important role in breaking down the play and getting the ball up to the strikers. Like most of the team, more confidence will help Anna improve. The message is: everyone get down to Jubilee and have some serious "cracking/smashing" practice.

Rania Jones (Inner, Half or Wing)

Rania also improved during the year. I think half is one of her best positions as she is very good at marking the opposite wing. Sometime it was a little hard to get Rania motivated. I think Rania needs some more confidence and belief in herself generally, and not be afraid to make mistakes.

Ben Day (Centre Forward, Centre Half, Inner)

Ben was another important play maker in the team. He has nice skills and he combined with Hugo well. Ben especially liked centre forward, but I think he is more suited to centre half or inner because he has a really good passing game. Ben gets a little frustrated with himself at times, but with more regular training attendance the moves he was attempting would become easier and less frustrating.

Alex Young (Wing)

Alex was another fairly quiet/shy girl. She scored quite a few goals and positioned herself on the keeper's pads very well at times. Alex could work on her trapping and also just deflecting the ball into the goal and she would become a very high scorer.

Finn Ghent (Wing or Forward)

Finn improved in leaps and bounds this year. Unfortunately, Finn is at times one of the most pessimistic persons I have met. All his skills improved, especially hitting and receiving on the run. Finn should just keep going as he is, because he is always looking for ways to improve himself and is willing to try new things.

Beth Rivers (Wing or Forward)

Beth is a very strong determined young lady. She plays hockey with passion and aggression. She was very supportive of her teammates and was always verbally encouraging the team along. She is a great winger (she is also a good half if you can get her to play there) and she had some great runs down the line followed by a hard cross to the other forwards.

Tamara Yuen (Centre Forward, Half)

Tamara is a lovely girl to coach. Recently she was described to me as "elegant" when she played, which is mostly correct (I can remember on one occasion when she dived or fell at Federal and she had grass and mud stains on her uniform. I do not know if that quite fits the category!). She is another one of my players who puts 100% in and is not afraid to take on anyone. We are going to work on Tamara's flicking and goal shooting next year. She does all the hard lead up work but doesn't quite get the goal and reward she deserves.

Phillip Claire (Wing)

Phillip could only play our home Glebe games due to work commitments. When he was available, he always tried hard and showed the rest of the team what one-two passing support play is all about.

Finally, thanks to my team again for your friendship and all your efforts over the year. I would like to see you all again next year and I hope you all continue to find hockey fun, challenging and rewarding. To everyone associated with the Club, I wish you a safe and happy Christmas and hope to see you next year.

Helen Howe