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GLEBE DISTRICT HOCKEY CLUB.

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Season 1947.

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~~T. Pearce.~~

W. Ryan

Club Vice-Captain.

~~W. Ryan.~~

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J. Quinlan.

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F. Needham

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D. Robertson (Appointed 24.9.47)

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J. Worley.

Provisional Selection Committee:

/ F. Murray x

/ T. Pearce

/ J. Quinlan x

/ W. Ryan

/ J. Worley

Selection Committee:

A. Cross

J. Quinlan

W. Ryan

J.C. Taylor

J. Worley

Hon. Auditors.

~~F. Needham~~ ~~P. Rodgers.~~

W. Ryan

Steedman.

GLEBE DISTRICT HOCKEY CLUB.

SEASON 1947.

Report of the Management Committee and Honorary Treasurer's Statement of Receipts and Payments.

To the Office Bearers and Members of the Glebe District Hockey Club:

Gentlemen:

I present for your consideration and adoption, the Fifteenth Annual Report and Financial Statement.

With the discharge of Servicemen accomplished, and the war years behind them, Clubs were able to face the 1947 season with more certainty than has been possible for some years. In this, our Club was no exception. The composition of the teams at the end of the season varied very little from the teams originally selected, resulting in an elevation of the standard of hockey generally, and the development of teamwork and combination of play to a degree greater than has been evident since the 1939 season.

The success of our first, second and fourth grade teams in winning the Minor Premiership and the Premiership of their respective grades, and the splendid performance of our third grade team, after being beaten for the Minor Premiership by a fraction of a point on goal averages, in defeating the Minor Premiers in the Final, only to be beaten by them in the Grand Final, reflects to the credit of our Club, our Members, and to the district we represent. This constitutes a greater share of success than can reasonably be expected by any Club.

Financially the season has been a good one despite the fact that our cash balance at the close of the season is less than it was at the commencement. From a careful consideration of the Statement of Receipts and Payments, it is evident that some payments are not normal to a hockey season. The cash balance cannot possibly be construed as excessive by anyone, in view of the decision of the Metropolitan Hockey Association to introduce an under Sixteen Years Competition in the forthcoming season.

Suffice it to say at this point that the social aspect of the season was disappointing and leave a fuller examination of the subject to a later stage of this report.

FIRST GRADE TEAM:

During season 1947 the First Grade Team was at all times among the leaders in the competition, apparently having overcome their habit of commencing the season shakily, which tendency was revealed in recent years. The team consisted of a majority of the first grade side of 1946 strengthened by the presence of three newcomers to the club in the persons of W. Lord, H. Wark and K. Wark. Under the capable guidance of youthful

veteran W. Ryan, the team went from strength to strength and remained undefeated throughout the qualifying rounds of the competition. It is worthy of note, however, that there was a record number of drawn games in this competition which appeared to indicate that no team held a marked superiority. The team's consistency remained in evidence until their semi-final when Randwick convincingly defeated them. However, in the Grand Final against Eastern Suburbs their superiority was marked and they ran out easy winners.

Speaking generally, this was probably the strongest Glebe team ever fielded and aided by an excellent team spirit, they duly won both the Walbow and Markham Cups. As the average age of the team was not great, we may look to the future with quiet confidence.

Matches Played:	Won:	Drawn:	Lost:	Goals: For	Against.
17	11	5	1	46	13

SECOND GRADE TEAM:

Throughout the last ten years, the Glebe Club has usually fielded a strong Second Grade Team and season 1947 was no exception. The team consisted of a percentage of Senior players combined with several brilliant young players and such a combination almost invariably provides a strong eleven from a hockey point of view. This team was honoured by the services of Tom Pearce, former Australian representative who returned to the game after several years absence and it may be reliably stated that his experience played no small part in the ultimate success of the side.

It could not be truthfully said that the Second Grade side was reliable or consistent as on several occasions they performed badly when opposed to mediocre teams. However, they were only defeated twice throughout the season which speaks volumes in any sphere of sport. The Final match against Granville-Lidcombe produced a "Camera Finish" and the match was awarded to Glebe after a much discussed goal was scored by them in the last twenty seconds of the game. The Pilgrim Cup was awarded the home team after a protest against them had been dismissed.

Matches Played:	Won:	Drawn:	Lost:	Goals For:	Against:
17	15	-	2	30	4

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THIRD GRADE TEAM:

This team was the only one of the four Glebe teams that did not attain Minor Premiership honours: However, its members were responsible for a magnificent performance when they defeated Moorebank-Liverpool (Minor Premiers) in the Final by 1 goal to nil. Unfortunately, in the Grand Final they could not repeat such a superb performance and were surprisingly defeated by a big margin. The secret of this team's success also lay in the fact that it contained a blend of experience and youthful exuberance.

carefully held together by Jack Quinlan who made a welcome return to the game. It was common knowledge that Jack had set his heart on winning the J.W. Taylor Memorial Cup in the first year for which it was competed, and his spirit was infused into the remainder of the team, who did their utmost to make his wish possible. However it was not to be; but the effort remains. Strange to say, many pessimistic local experts often predicted the defeat of this team, but they almost invariably confounded the critics by proving superior to faster and younger teams, and indeed several individuals will be knocking at the first grade door this year.

Matches Played:	Won:	Drawn:	Lost:	Goals For:	Against:
18	14	2	2	102	14

FOURTH GRADE TEAM:

Over a long period of years, we have become accustomed to our Fourth Grade side consisting of a large number of players who were almost entirely new to the game. However such was not the case in the season under review as the majority of the players had played in previous years and indeed were normally capable of playing in higher grades. As should have reasonably been expected, the team was a very successful one although its task in winning the competition proved to be a very difficult one. The general improvement in the standard of hockey played in the Fourth Grade was remarkable and obviously the various district Clubs have been meeting with success from a coaching point of view.

After a desperate struggle with the powerful Western Suburbs combination for the Minor Premiership, the home team won it narrowly, and eventually defeated the same team in the Final in a most exciting match during which the tide of fortune changed rapidly. Len Dickey must be personally complimented on the results he obtained as Captain of this side, as their success was in no small way due to his generalship and the fact that he, at all times, had their confidence.

Matches Played:	Won:	Drawn:	Lost:	Goals For:	Against:
17	15	Nil	2	107	21

TRAINING:

This important function of our activities was not neglected during the season, especially the Wednesday night training at Jubilee Oval. The floodlighting was invaluable and provided the means for the coaching of junior members in special points in regard to their play. Allens Reserve was used on Sunday mornings as has been done for many years past, but not as intensively as might be expected.

It must be the earnest hope of all members that the pending litigation having as its subject Allens Reserve, does not deprive us of our training

ground that undoubtedly is the key to our success.

W.J. TAYLOR CUP:

The determination of the winner of this trophy again presented the Management Committee with a big problem, but a decision was made in favour of Bob Needham, who, having his first year in hockey, is to be congratulated on being adjudged the most improved member for the season.

W.A. OLDFIELD CUP:

As the Club had only one member eligible to compete for this trophy in the person of John Collett, to whom it was awarded for the 1946 season, the Management Committee decided it would not be competent to make an award for this season.

REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS:

The following club members were successful in being selected for representative teams during the season:-

N.S.W. Hockey Association Teams:

W. Lord W. Ryan V. Turner K. Wark

Junior Teams: V. Halls R. Needham.

Metropolitan Hockey Association Teams:

K. Dickey	W. Lord	F. Murray	M. Pitt
K. Ryan	W. Ryan	J.C. Taylor	T. Taylor
V. Turner	L. Waight	H. Wark	K. Wark

Junior Team: J. Collett

THE J.W. TAYLOR MEMORIAL CUP:

At the last Annual General Meeting of the Club a recommendation was passed requiring the Management Committee to investigate the possibility of providing some suitable trophy to perpetuate the memory of the late J.W. Taylor.

The Committee did this and provided from club funds a very fine cup to the Metropolitan Hockey Association for annual competition in the third or equivalent grade, and as has already been mentioned, this cup was won by the Moorebank-Liverpool District Hockey Club for the 1947 season.

COUNTRY CARNIVALS:

Thirty two Club members made the trip to Goulburn, by special bus, to enjoy the hockey played in Annual Carnival conducted by the Central Southern

Hockey Association. The Club was represented in the Carnival by two teams, one of which, the A Team, reached the semi-finals only to be defeated by the Bathurst team, the ultimate winners of the Carnival. The B Team, although undefeated in the qualifying rounds, lost its right to participate in the semi final on account of goal averages. Undoubtedly the social highlight of the year was the snowfights which took place at Moss Vale on the journey home. Tales are still being told of this great epic.

The Bathurst Carnival was contested on our behalf by one team, which after qualifying for the Major Premiership was defeated by Bathurst Edgello; the eventual co-winners of the Carnival. It is worthy of note that Glebe was the only team to score goals against this team. This trip also proved itself to be a most enjoyable one, and like the Goulburn trip will attract players next season.

CONGRATULATIONS

- To .. The Moorebank-Liverpool District Hockey Club on winning the Third Grade Competition and the J.W. Taylor Memorial Cup.
- To .. H. Butler, W. Lord, V. Mahoney and R. Needham on the occasion of their marriages.
- To .. K. Dickey and W. Ryan on the announcement of their engagements.
- To .. J. Kenny, L. Murdoch, M. Pitt, M. Steedman, T. Taylor and H. Wark on attaining the status of "poppa" for the first or subsequent time.
- To .. W. Ryan on attaining the total of 200 Club games, and D.McNiven, F. Murray, M. Pitt, W. Taylor and L. Waight for 100 club games.
- To .. T. Pearce, V. Turner and J. Worley on being awarded N.S.W.H.U.A. "A" Class badges and to F. Murray for M.H.A.H.U.A. badge.

APPRECIATION:

The Management Committee desires to place on record its sincere thanks to the following persons for the assistance and support rendered throughout the season:-

The Glebe Council and its officers for their ready assistance and interest taken in club affairs.

The proprietors of Allens Reserve for their co-operation and assistance.

Mr. A. Jurd for donation of dressings, liniments, etc. to equip ambulance kit.

Mr. W. McMillan for his donation of hockey balls and firstaid services.

Mr. J. Kenny for the supply of paint to maintain the high standard of the balls.

Mr. T. Pearce for the preparations of pennants.

Mr. & Mrs. A. Jeffree for their generous donation of supper for club smoko.

Mr. B. Jeffree for the painstaking preparations connected with social events.

Mr. L. Murdock for the re-silvering of the W.J. Taylor Cup.

Mr. E. Abel for donation of hockey balls.

Mr. H. Wark for obtaining prize for Guessing Competition and his offer of donation of same.

Mr. G. Stanley for his offer of a trophy.

Mr. F. Needham for obtaining Guessing Competition prizes.

All Club members who excellently supported the Xmas Guessing Competition.

Mesdames V. Halls, B. Taylor, and W. Taylor for provision of oranges at matches.

The Walker family of Goulburn for hospitality shown to our visiting teams.

The Glebe Observer for publishing Club affairs etc.

Mr. W. Taylor for services rendered in the matter of transport.

Mr. E. Fulmer for his efforts in connection with organisation of smoko.

Members of Glebe Division, St. Johns Ambulance Brigade for services rendered at Jubilee Oval and Allens Reserve.

The Team Managers of Country Carnival Teams Mr. D. McNiven for the provision of ice-cream for the picnic.

The friends and supporters of the Club during the season.

The wives and mothers of members who made their homes available for the holding of meetings.

The following donors to Club funds:

Miss K. Arnold ...	1. 1. 0	Hon. W. O'Connor M.H.R.	10. 6
Dr. T. Barry	1. 1. 0	Mr. H. O'Keefe	1. 1. 0
Mr. N. Friis	10. 6	Mr. N. Sladen	10. 6
Dr. S. George	1. 1. 0	Ald. G. Stanley	10. 0
Dr. M. Hiatt	2. 2. 0	Mr. W. Taylor	10. 6
Mr. J. Kenny	10. 0	Mrs. W. Taylor	10. 6
Mr. O. Leggo	1. 1. 0		

SOCIAL NEWS.

The Management Committee had planned to organise a series of varied social events throughout the year, particularly in the non-playing season, so that members may meet at more or less regular intervals. The first of these was a smoko evening held at the conclusion of the competitions and was attended by most members, who had a most enjoyable evening, in an atmosphere of friendly conversation and partaking of a tasty and attractive supper, generously donated by Mr. & Mrs. A. Jeffree and set out by Mr. B. Jeffree.

The Committee, in planning the second social outing spent considerable time debating the pros and cons of the relative merits and difficulties of the various types of transport and available sites for a picnic, before deciding to conduct a launch picnic to Parsley Bay. A good deal of planning went into arranging the picnic, but of the Club membership approx. 60, only 20 odd supported the outing, resulting in a loss of club funds to the extent of £7. 1. 10. It is significant enough to record that there were more non-club's personnel present than there were club members. Those persons in attendance had a most enjoyable outing and there never was a dull moment.

It was at this point that the Management Committee decided to abandon their proposed Social programme, because it was felt by all committee members that the Club members in the majority were not willing or interested in supporting club social events, and so the remainder of the year passed without further social events being planned.

GENERAL NOTES.

The high standard of dress evident in the 1946 season was again noticeable in the 1947 season and it must be hoped that members will continue to turn themselves out in clean, well cared and uniform dress as it seems to give a team a certain superiority before they even take the field.

The Committee strongly urges all club members to concentrate on learning the rules of hockey and to become proficient in the methods of umpiring.

The thought of junior players should be ever present in the minds of all members, especially now that an under sixteen years Competition is coming along. Each member should endeavour to introduce to the Club each year at least one new member.

In conclusion, the Management Committee desire to place on record their appreciation of the splendid work performed by the various officers, sub-committees, auditors and team Secretaries.

For and on behalf of

THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

M.J. Steedman ... Hon. Secretary.