

GLEBE DISTRICT HOCKEY CLUB.

TWENTY - EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT

AND

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

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GLEBE DISTRICT HOCKEY CLUB.

OFFICE BEARERS.

SEASON 1960.

Founder : The late Rev. Bro. McCarten Keegan  
 Patron : K. Dickey Esq.  
 President : N. Walker Esq.  
 Senior Vice-President : H. Wark Esq.

Life Members :

J. Quinlan            J. Kenny            W. Ryan            J. Worley

Honorary Secretary :

R. G. Thorpe

Honorary Treasurer :

W. Stubbs

Honorary Ass. Secretary :

R. Fox

Honorary Ass. Treasurer :

A. Halls

Club Captain

V. Westacott

Club Vice Captain

J. Taylor

Publicity Officers

P. Rogers & H. Butler

Delegates to S.H.A.

R. T. Thorpe & P. Rogers

Management Committee

R. Thorpe  
 N. Walker  
 W. Stubbs

H. Butler  
 R. Gilmour  
 A. Stubbs

H. Wark  
 P. Nilan  
 V. Westacott

Provisional Selection Committee

J. Taylor            V. Westacott  
 R. Thorpe            M. Jeffs  
 A. Halls

Honorary Auditor

R. Payne-Scott    F. A. S. A.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

TO THE OFFICE BEARERS AND MEMBERS OF THE GLEBE DISTRICT  
HOCKEY CLUB:

Gnetlemen,

I have much pleasure in presenting this, our 28th Annual Report, containing a review of events during the 1960 season.

By far the most notable was the acquisition of Club Rooms at Jubilee Oval. For several seasons the Management Committee has endeavoured to obtain a club room, and finally their efforts have been rewarded. I would like to record my thanks to members of the City Council for their assistance, and also to Jack Doherty for the great personal effort he has put up on our behalf. To have a club room has become a necessity with sporting bodies these days, and I feel all members will share this view and make every endeavour to assist.

From a playing point of view the season was rather mixed. I feel both the 1st Grade and 2nd Grades performed very creditably, but view with some concern the poor standard in our lower grade teams. Most worrying, is the sad depletion in our Junior ranks.

Gentlemen, this position must be treated very seriously, and an all out effort must be made to rectify this position during 1961. If this is not done we will be relegated to the ranks of a non-district club.

So please do not treat this matter lightly, and if at any time your co-operation is asked for to aid in our Junior Development programme, please make every endeavour to help.

NOEL F. WALKER.

PRESIDENT.

FIRST GRADE.

Once again we were unable to win the 1st Grade Premiership, being defeated again by St. George in the final. The team excelled themselves in this game, being constantly on the attack and giving the Premiers a worrying time. A lot of hard and serious work will have to be undertaken by the team and Club to break this supremacy that St. George enjoys at present. Are we prepared to do this? Gone are the days when the cry was "Give youth a go!" Of the 11 players who took the field in the final 8 were under 25. Combined with serious practise and training should go discipline! We must play as a team, think like a team and act like a team. We are only as strong as our weakest link. When one member throws in the towel, sulks or generally acts like a juvenile leaves a hole that must be filled. This in turn makes other holes and when you are playing a team that is playing as a team filling these holes is well nigh impossible.

Members of the team were:-

- R. Thorpe ..... Centre forward and the team's leading goal scorer  
good hockey
- B. Dunn ..... ~~1/2~~ Inside right who can play very  
but lets his exuberance get the better of him
- P. Nilan ..... Inside left with a ton of ability..
- R. Fox ..... Right wing who lost confidence.. Bob is  
an excellent winger and played some very good games.
- V. Westacott ..... Centre half and captain for the concluding  
games. Good defensive player who must remember that we  
should always feel like playing the game.
- L. Needham ..... Left half who on his day is equal to the  
best in Sydney.
- J. Taylor ..... Our early captain and a stalwart of the  
the club. Some of them holes were too big Jack.
- G. Harris ..... Full back a la excellence. Did not play  
one bad game.. a credit to the side.
- R. Payne ..... Goalkeeper for us, Sydney and N.S.W. Still  
as solid as the "Rock" and saved us on numerous occasions.
- W. Stubbs ..... Inside right, has been up and down the grades  
like a yo-yo but appears at last to have found a permanent  
home.
- J. Whittle ..... Left wing John filled in for us on the  
left wing and did very well. Would prefer to see him play  
again in the centre.

K. Wark and D. Wise played in the last few games and their experience and ability proved very valuable. Others to have a run with the team were J. Kenny, F. Letts, V. Halls, M. Jeffs, R. Brown and H. Wark.

During the season the team won 12 games, drew 3, lost 6. They scored 50 goals and had 40 scored against them.

This season was a very successful one for Glebe 2nd Grade, due to consistent play and teamwork. Although not composed of big names and reputations the developed into a very formidable combination, where every member was playing for the team and not himself.

The team went so well they were dubbed the "Allstars" a name and reputation they undoubtedly deserved and had to uphold. Although beaten in the final they came out convincingly winners of the Grand Final to win the Premiership.

Members of the team were:

- J.Kenny - My hat goes off <sup>to</sup> Jimmy for the club spirit and "guts" he shows of a Saturday and there are many of our members who could take a leaf out of his book.
- R.Brown - A very useful forward who only has to develop a bit more tiger in the circle to become a "beauty".
- A.Halls - Alan was in the team when it was developing a reputation and with his very handy goals in the early matches paved the way for our early victories Well done Alan!
- W.Stubbs - Came into the team with a "chip on his shoulder", but it wasn't long before Bill was shoeing team spirit and improved form so much that 1st grade pinched him back.
- J.Thomson - Jack with his abundance of team spirit and energy proved a tower of strength and scored many fine goals during the season.
- T.Woodhouse - Ted is another forward who during the year played copybook hockey on the wing, completely ~~the~~ baffling the opposition on many occasions.
- F.Letts - A young half who only has to develop a bit more speed and initiative to become a very useful player.
- M.Jeffs - Another player <sup>er</sup> who as centre half was a tower of strength and due to his fine play made many of the goals possible for the forwards. Keep it up Max.
- V.Halls - A fine player who has been around a few years with a lot of brains and a stick a mile wide who with the other halves proved the backbone of the team.
- G.Gilmour - Our young fullback with a ton of ability and keenness. He only has to learn not to be ruffled and keep cool at all times and in a couple of years will be in Australian class (Hockey, not fighting.)

- B. Howe - In a couple more seasons should develop into a very forceful player. Stick to it Brian.
  - P. Rogers - Paul is another player who has played a few games for Glebe in his day and we were pleased to have him in the team.
  - K. Wark - Although playing spasmodically during the year Ken played when needed and as always was a thorn in the side of the opposition.
  - H. Wark - Ex Ist Grader and captain of the team. His determined play inspired the rest of the team to play better than they have ever played. Harry would like it known that the co-operation and willingness of all who played in 2nd Grade made it a privilege to captain the team.
- Others who played in the team during the season and without who they couldn't have kept going on their winning way were:- D. Fishenden, J. Taylor, R. Callaghan, B. Dunn, L. Needham, D.
- The team scored 100 goals for, had 14 scored against them. Of 22 games played only 1 was lost... the final.

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THIRD GRADE

Once again the Third Grade side were unlucky to finish out of the first four. They obtained 5th place close behind the leaders. Our congratulations to St. George on winning the premiership; they deserved to win and we had enjoyable games with them on the occasions we met.

The post-mortem comes now- the reason the team did not go so well:- it occurred as in past years that there were no fewer than 36 members who played games with this team during the year. As you can realize it is very hard to get a team to work as a combination under the circumstances. I cannot offer a solution to this problem in so many words because there are so many factors that enter into it but, one big help to the problem is new members; more training together; players getting to the game on time; notifying the secretary if unavailable. To my way of thinking this grade is the testing ground for junior players. You need a coach and not so much changing around of the team. It is up to members to give it serious thought for the coming season.

The main team consisted of junior players: Pter Howe, D. Lisk, F. Holliday, H. Harris, K. Doherty,. All these lads showed great promise on the field and if controlled and channelled in the right direction could be ~~sz~~ assets to Glebe in the future.

The senior players of the team P. Dalton, D. Fishenden H. Butler, K. Weekes, R. Callaghan, A. Halls added the steadying

influence and were a big help to the younger members. If this team could have played together from the start to finish of the year they may have done better in the competition. The main thing is the juniors could have gained more from the season's play.

I would like to thank all other players who played in various games; only for them the team would have taken the field short on many occasions.

Let's make this year a success; put yourself out to help the 3rd grade and Glebe Hockey Club.

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#### FOURTH GRADE.

Players in this grade consider themselves "forgotten". Actually I think they have forgotten the Club. We rarely see them at training, carnivals or social events. This year more senior players than before saw the team play but still the enthusiasm was lacking. The trouble the Club goes to to see that a full team is fielded by the 4th grade would amaze them. We commenced last year with a surplus of players. We lost this surplus as soon as some players were picked in 4th grade. If it became overcast players did not arrive; if the game was too far away or no transport was available - again...no players. Most of these comments apply equally to some "3rd graders." This state of affairs must and will stop. No player should be able to dictate to the Club. If we select a player in a certain team and he doesn't appear.....Finish. This type is useless to the Club

How lucky the Club is to have such players as:-  
Wal. Wilson, Arthur Payne, Mick Dalton, F. Whiteman, V. & G. Wyer,  
They have been the backbone of the 4th...real stalwarts Our sincere congratulations go to them for a sterling effort

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#### JUNIORS.

I have been given no news on juniors so this section has to be all too brief. 1960 was a black one in a way. A new system of conducting the competition was initiated. Instead of under 16 and 14 it became under 15 and 13. We nominated, but could not field, 2 under 13 teams. Of our 2 under 15 teams, I understand Glebe 2 rarely fielded a full team.

This year, with the use of Jubilee Oval of a Saturday morning we hope to do better. Will you help? We need at least 4 keen senior members. What about it?

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CLUB TROPHIES.

The Club has three trophies that are competed for each year. Each trophy winner is selected by the Management Committee:- one for Seniors; one for Colts; one for Under 16.

W. J. TAYLOR CUP.

This trophy was first competed for in 1941. It was donated by W. J. Taylor, who at the time was patron of the Club. He was a foundation member and up to his untimely death in 1946 had always held some office of responsibility in the Club.

The award then was "For the most improved player." Since 1954 the wording has been altered to "The Club member who has set the best example by consistent play and general demeanour."

After much discussion and consideration the trophy has been awarded to.....

Greg. Harris.

.....to whom we extend our congratulations.

Previous winners of this trophy were:-

1941...Frank Murray	1951...Wince Halls
1942...no record	1952...Jack Martin
1943...Jack Taylor	1953...Glen Elliot
1944...no record	1954...Alec Robb
1945...Leo Murdoch	1955...Verne Turner
1946...Allen Cross	1956...Jack Taylor
1947...Bob Needham	1957...Reg Mathews
1948...Jack Buckley	1958...Paul Rogers
1949...Fred Needham	1959...Greg Harris
1950...Jack Martin	

W. A. OLDFIELD CUP.

This trophy also was first competed for in 1941. It was donated by W. A. Oldfield, the former Australian wicketkeeper. It is awarded to the junior, who in the opinion of the Management Committee, has been adjudged "The most improved and best behaved junior during the season."

This year our congratulations and the trophy go to...

Bill Stubbs.

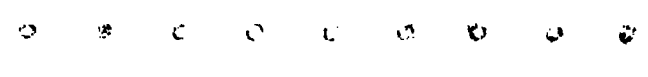
Previous Winners:

1941...Jack Taylor	1946...John Collett
1942...no record	1947...No award as J. Collett was the only member eligible.
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1945...John Richards	1949...Allan Halls



1950...Bob Rodgers  
 1951...Ken Bolin  
 1952...Len Needham  
 1953...Ken Bolin  
 1954...Paul Rogers  
 1955...Paul Rogers

1956...Greg Harris  
 1957...Victor Westacott  
 1958...Pat Nilan  
 1959...Pat Nilan



V.J. Turner Cup.

During 1950 the Management Committee in their efforts to foster Junior Hockey in the Club decided to present a trophy for "The most improved and best behaved junior under the age of 16 years".

Our congratulations to this year's winner...

Bennis Lisk.

Previous Winners:

1950...Keith Riley  
 1951...Bennett Dunn  
 1952...Maurie Cownie  
 1953...Eddie Kenny  
 1954...Garry Sullivan

1955...Bill Stubbs  
 1956...John Whittle  
 1957...Barry Angus  
 1958...Brian Howe  
 1959...Graham Gilmour



REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS.

Each year members of the Club have the opportunity of being selected to play in many representative teams. These teams range from the Australian XI down to Sydney Under 13.

To be selected to play in any representative team is an honour and the Club is justifiably proud of all members who make such teams.

AUSTRALIA:

Over the years two of our players have achieved this honour. Tom Pearce, a foundation member, made it in 1937. Ken Wark represented in 1952 and 1954.

N.S.W. SENIORS:

16 members have worn the "two blues" of N.S.W. They are...T. Pearce (3 times), B. Bates (1), C. Humphries (1), T. Taylor (1), K. Dickey (1), W. Ryan (1), V. Turner (8), F. Murray (1), K. Wark (5), R. Thorpe (2), T. Reece (1), A. Robb (1), D. Wise (1), J. Taylor (1), V. Westacott (1)

For being the 16th members of this select band by representing N.S.W. in 1960, our congratulations go to...

Ron Payne.