



Glebe District Hockey Club

Thirty-Fifth

ANNUAL REPORT



SEASON

1967

GLEBE DISTRICT HOCKEY CLUB :

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HON. ASST. SEC. A. MORLEY

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HON. ASST. TREAS. P. KREPP

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GENTLEMEN :

It is my pleasure to present to you the 35th Annual Report and Financial Statement of the Glebe District Hockey Club, for consideration and adoption.

The 1967 season was a good year both on and off the field of play, we increased our cash funds and won several premierships.

Although we did not fair as well as 1966 we still managed to win the 2nd and 3rd Grade Premierships and my congratulations to those two (2) teams. It was disappointing to see our firsts defeated in the semi-Final but they were defeated by a side who played better Hockey on the day and of course the upset of the season was when University of N.S.W. defeated Moorebank in the Grand-Final and the Clubs congratulations to the University of N.S.W. for such a grand effort.

There has been much criticism of the running of the Second Division Competition but the 1968 Season should show a marked improvement as a number of the teams will be more accurately graded into their perspective grade. I feel our fourth grade was too highly graded, although they performed reasonably well considering the teams they had to play and our selectors in considering this point tried to give all the lower grade members a reasonably good game of hockey each week, this in some respect is wrong but they considered it necessary at the time, this also probably stopped some of the members from playing in a higher grade.

JUNIORS :

A tremendous performance from the Junior Teams as the Club Juniors won two Sydney competitions, the Under 10's and the Under 12's congratulations boys and full honours must go to Pat Nilan, Bob Brown, Colin Brown, John Cowan, Molly Wark and Graham Gilmour who put a lot of time and effort into helping the youngsters achieve this performance.

There were others who did give a little effort but there was still a lot of members who did not make any effort at all, if we are to survive as a Senior Club we have to give the Juniors a lot more detailed attention. How about it members lets help the Juniors to win four out of four competitions in 1968.

Finally again congratulations Juniors and I must say that the winning of the two Junior Competitions was a greater achievement than winning the Senior Competitions and particularly as a couple of years ago Glebe was being scolded for not having Junior Teams by the S.H.A. and as one Junior Association member commented to me after the boys had achieved victory in the Final "Glebe's performance this year is remarkable considering a couple of years ago Glebe had no Juniors." As I stated above full honours go to a dedicated few, lets make it the whole of the Club in 1968.

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SOCIALLY :

1967 was a very quite year although we took a long time to recover from the Valley Clubs visit where a very enjoyable easter week-end was had by all. It is becoming increasingly difficult to find places to have night BAR-B.Q.'s as only one or two members have homes near the city. For the 1968 season we will have to travel a bit more to have night Bar-B-Q's or maybe have day Bar-B-Q and picnics.

The Annual Cabaret was a roaring success although we only broke square financially and a very big thank you to the members who attended and made it a very successful night.

Financially the Club has gone from strength to strength mainly thanks to Peter Krepp who ran the 250 Club on behalf of the Club. Peter has done a great job, by himself and on behalf of the Club we thank him very much.

To the members and girlfriends who gave their time and help during the year at Socials, Hockey games and Carnivals, and made each of these events successful, I would like to thank all of them on behalf of the Management Committee and the Club members.

In conclusion I would like to thank the Management Committee, all Office Bearers and Sunday workers for their help during the past year and I wish each and every member every success both on and off the field in 1968.

BILL STUBBS
President.

CLUB CAPTAINS REPORT :

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The 1967 season has been one which has made History in the Club. Two Junior teams - Under 10's and Under 12's both won their zone Competitions and also their Sydney Premierships. This is the first time since the Club has been formed, that two Junior teams have won in the same year. This is an outstanding achievement as two years ago we failed to win one game during that season. We, in this club, can only thank a few people for this tremendous effort. The Glebe Club is now the top Junior Club in Sydney as well as Senior, so let us keep it this way and support your Juniors.

The season started off very successfully winning Lithgow Carnival, Pre-Season Competition and our two games against Valley. The Valley Visit was a tremendous success with everything going off according to plan. The B.B.Q. at Harry Wark's being the best the Club has ever put on. Both games against Valley produced very good hockey our second team winning well, while our first had a narrow victory thus winning the Easter Cup for the third consecutive year.

1st Grade after early success looked a big chance to take out the competition, mid-way through the season they slumped very badly and never regained their early season form, the main factor being lack of team-work. 2nd and 3rd Grade played good hockey throughout the season although 3rd Grade were very lucky at times. Both teams finished the Competition as Minor Premiers but I thought we would be pushing to win a Premiership especially after the Semi-Finals. But in the Finals both teams played well above themselves and both won by handsome margins. Fourth Grade from the start of the competition had no chance of taking it out. This I feel was a bad blunder by S.H.A. but they make the rules and we must abide by them. The team when it was a team went surprisingly well at the start of the season but it fell away to almost nothing near the end. Only for the "THREE MUSKETEERS" Irish, Col and Gus, I feel we would have had to forfeit the last few games.

Carnivals were well attended this year, but I feel that if the top eleven could turn up to these our results would have been twice as good, although they were the best for quite a few years.

The influx of players this year was really surprising- the majority being National Servicemen, unfortunately these players were only available every few weeks. We of the Glebe Club welcome new members with open arms, as without you, I think we would be unable to fill the required four teams. Also a big welcome back to the Club Tom "Digger" Taylor who coached the 2nd Grade side to victory.

I would like to thank "Arthur" the groundsman for the help that he has given us this year.

ROBERT BROWN.
Club Captain.

FIRST GRADE REPORT :

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As a Team first Grade was not as successful as previously and again slipped down the Premiership table from 2nd position to 3rd. Individuals were more successful with Pat Nilan representing Australia on the "WORLD" Trip and in New Zealand. Pat captained the State side which also included Graeme Gilmour and Len Needham. Congratulations go to these players.

The majority of the team this year was made up of regulars from previous years Gary Mancu in Goal was the only young newcomer, Gary performed creditably in all his games and if carries on in the same manner should do very well in the future. Best performances for the Team were by Ken Wark, Pat Nilan and Charlie Brown who showed this year he has the ability I had heard about.

What is the answer for the future ? The team is generally young enough to carry on for some years while still maintaining a respectable position in the Premiership Table. It will require a lot more effort by all players in regard to team work and condition before it will win a premiership again. The players are capable of this so let us see a much bigger effort in these directions next year.

DAVE STEVENS.

2nd GRADE REPORT :

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Glebe 2nd Grade managed to win the 2nd Grade Premiership for the fourth consecutive time. Unfortunately we were defeated once and held to a couple of draws during the mid season slump in form, but as the season drew to a close the spirit and team efforts rose sufficiently to win the premiership, and particularly against North Sydney in the semi-final where we struggled in extra time to defeat probably the second best 2nd Grade side in the competition.

As Captain of the Team my congratulations to all those members who played in the Final and to those Club Members who played with the seconds during the year and my sincere thanks for the spirit and efforts that each of you showed while on the field of play!

No doubt that some of the members in the team should be capable of making 1st grade within two (2) seasons particularly if they consistently trained and conditioned themselves before the season started. One person in particular has a very strong chance of making 1st Grade next season and that is Harry Wark Jnr. best of luck Harry.

Finally I hope to see each member who played in the team during the year fighting to make the grade as I will be doing during the 1968 season.

Well done seconds lets make it five (5) premierships in a row in 1968.

BILL STUBBS
Team Captain.

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THIRD GRADE REPORT

Our third grade team retained the W.J. Taylor trophy this season when they convincingly defeated Ryde-Hunters Hill in the Finals.

At times during the season I thought that this team was only winning games on the efforts of a couple of players, a little bit of luck and the aplorable play of our opposition.

During the season no less than 32 players turned out for the 3rd's and I think that this must contribute to the poor team work that was apparent in many of our games. On a brief analysis of the team, two of ~~the~~ most glaring faults apart from what is mentioned above was the lack of our forwards to score goals, for no matter how many goals the defence saves if the forwards do not score goals we cannot win games. The other one concerns the defence, the lack of backing up each other and the lack of positional play that was apparent in many of our games, no matter what grade any player plays in this Club he should be able to fit in with the other players and play his game not each grade or individual playing to their or his own style.

However overlooking these faults this team was helped undoubt-
edly by their will to win as the only times they appeared to play really good hockey was in the first round games against Uni. of N.S.W., St. George when they were trailing the opposition and the pressure was really "ON".

Another old fault crept into the thirds this year and this was the chattering on occassions, if you listened it seemed like a team of parrotts not 11 men playing hockey.

F. LETTS.
Team Captain.

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FOURTH GRADE :

After winning the premiership in 1966 our 4th Grade Team qualified itself for the 1st Grade, 2nd Division for 1967. (Being a new system of running the competition) The problems which normally face our bottom team were magnified ten fold, but with true Glebe determination they more than held their own against the 2nd Division Clubs, the Selectors giving them every assistance they possibly could but as the season wore on with our higher grades going bad the selectors were forced to reconstruct the higher teams at the expense of the 4th Grade team which proved good from a Club point of view because we went on to win the 2nd and 3rd Grade Premierships also the Club premiership.

But for 4th Grade with their back broken played well but not with much success. This will allow them to be better graded next year and we expect this team to go well for 1968.

And to all members who passed through this grade, I would like to congratulate them on a job well done.

HARRY WARK Snr.
Team Captain.

JUNIOR REPORT 1967 :

Our Juniors this year have really been doing things and going places, and maintaining the Name of "GLEBE" as the Premier Club.

We had four teams entered, on in each of the Under 10, Under 12, Under 14, and Under 16's competition. The Under 12's winning their Zone Final and also Sydney Premiership, the Under 10's Co-Winners of Zone (with Nth. Dist.) and winning Sydney Premiership. 6 Boys from these teams represented Sydney - 11 boys tried out. 6 Boys worked as Ball-Boys at the N.S.W. Championship Carnival each winning a new Hockey Stick for his efforts. And those who remember the condition of the ground and the prevailing weather, will appreciate the effort involved. And they did this not because of, but in spite of the Senior Members of the Club, the lack of interest in the Juniors, is to me amazing. I am sure if some of the more knowledgeable Club members were to see just one game played by some of these boys, their interest would be aroused. If they could have seen for instance, the Under 10's run on the field with 8 players and hold Nth. Districts to a nil all draw, the cool efficiency of Con Savva or John McMahon under pressure or young Les Wark run past 5 or 6 players to bang yet another one in, or Tony Cowan and Michael Atterton (8 years old) run themselves to absolute exhaustion trying to cover for boys even younger, if they could see some of these things and not be aroused then they are not worthy of the name MAN, with or without the prefix SPORT. So Senior members spare a thought & a little time with your Juniors. If we get one (1) Saturday morning from each Senior member per Season it would be a big help and vast improvement.

The Under 16 Team while not brilliant as a Team has some very fine Hockey players, and on several occasions proved a stumbling block for some of the crack teams in the competition, with boys like Glen Puckeridge, Lockett Lee, Greg & Barry Howe, proving their ability in any company. The other boys in the side proved their worth on many occasions, their team spirit and determination leaving nothing to be desired. They were : Capt. Laurie Brown, Les McMahon, Con Savva, Paul Abate, V. Wallace, M. Weatherly, G. Slopke. Coaches P. Nilan & G. Brown.

The Under 14 Team must be the fittest side in Sydney this season, most of the boys playing in the Under 16 match before running on to play their own age group, this put tremendous pressure on some of the players but the team effort and combination was outstanding feature of their play. This team had a very encouraging season, and could develop into a real force next year, Some of the outstanding players like John McMahon, John Wallace, & Con Savva are surely rep. material while the rest of the team L. Lee, G. Howe, B. Howe, D. Martin, M. Weatherly, R. Holden P. Abate, S. McIlroy are improving with every game COACHES P. NILAN & G. BROWN.

The Under 12's Team has proved itself the outstanding side in Sydney this year, winning both the Zone And Sydney Knockout Competitions, and having three of its members represent Sydney against Goulburn, Newcastle, and Canberra, these boys were Les Wark, Paul Puckeridge, & Wayne Sullivan who were outstanding in their representative matches as well as Club games, surely a reflection on the work of coach Robert Brown, the rest of the team were not far behind them :- G. Heran, P. Puckeridge, T. Bradley, D. Donaldson, P. Schoultz, M. Tilly, M. Sullivan, M. Weatherly, L. Wark, M. McMahon, T. Graham, G. Wark.