

Glebe District Hockey Club



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Annual Report

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1987

GLEBE DISTRICT HOCKEY CLUB.

Founder - The late Reverend Brother McCarten Keegan.

OFFICE BEARERS AND OFFICIALS 1986-1987.

- PATRON : James Kenny
- PRESIDENT : Robert Wark
- SENIOR VICE-PRESIDENT : Geoffery Paterson
- HON. SECRETARY : Ian Treharne
- HON. TREASURER : Peter Howe
- ASSISTANT SECRETARY : Craig Martin
- ASSISTANT TREASURER : Arthur Moir
- CLUB CAPTAIN : Kevin Sweeney
- PUBLICITY OFFICER : Robert Wark
- EQUIPMENT OFFICER : David Rochester
- CLUBROOM MANAGER : Colin Rochester
- JUNIOR CONVENOR : Martin Howe
- ASSISTANT JUNIOR CONVENORS : Robert Taylor, Danny O'Brien,
Peter Howe, Grant Martin.
- CARNIVAL ORGANISER : Robert Wark
- SOCIAL ORGANISER : Ralph Rochester
- HON. AUDITOR : Pellarini Van & Associates.
- HON. SOLICITOR : Gordon Salier
- CLUB COACH : Geoffery Paterson
- ASSISTANT CLUB COACH : Patrick Nilan
- CLUB TRAINER : Geoffery Paterson
- ASSISTANT CLUB TRAINER : Patrick Nilan
- RECORDS OFFICER : Joyce Wark
- PRESIDENT WOMEN'S CLUB : Molly Wark

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:

ROBERT WARK	GEOFFERY PATERSON	PETER HOWE
IAN TREHARNE	KEVIN SWEENEY	MARTIN HOWE
ARTHUR MOIR	KEITH PATERSON	COLIN ROCHESTER
DAVID ROCHESTER	CRAIG MARTIN	

PROVISIONAL SELECTION COMMITTEE.

Colin Rochester, Barry Howe, Arthur Moir, Kevin Sweeney, Geoffery Paterson.

LIFE MEMBERS.

J. Quinland, B. Bates, Mrs. Taylor, J. Worley, J. Kenny, K. Dickey, W. Ryan, H. Wark Snr, K. Wark Snr, P. Nilan, W. Stubbs, F. Letts, R. Brown, G. Gilmour, P. Rogers, J. Diviney

1987 PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Gentlemen, I present to you the 57th Annual Report and Balance Sheet of the Glebe District Hockey Club for 1987.

This being my first experience as President of the Glebe District Hockey Club, I find myself likening it to my first 1st grade game for the club. I was a little apprehensive realising my responsibilities to the members of the team, but, in this case to the Club as a whole.

With the support and advice of the management committee and fellow members of the Club, I found that being President was a very interesting and rewarding experience.

Significantly though, once again, in the words of the great statesman, the Late Sir Winston Churchill;-

"Never has so many owed so much to so few!"

I appreciate that every club has its workers and always will. Those workers are not complaining, but I honestly think that it is time that the "many" started helping the "few". This would make their job a lot easier and in the long run we must all reap the benefits. So beware!!

Next season, There is going to be more involvement by all in;- Juniors, Training(?), Phone books, Toxteth Hotel Raffles, Organising Socials Home game BBQS. etc., etc.....

So be warned, and look out fellows we are going to it work!

Now, to what the Club is all about; mateship, team effort and playing hockey, and striving for excellence at both team and individual level.

The 1987 season was quite a rewarding one for the Club. The overall achievements were:-

1st. Grade	5th overall; Winners of the Sydney Knock-out Cup-WELLDONE
2nd. Grade	Major semi-finalists (and what a game against Moorebank-Liverpool it was!) Runners-up overall!!!
3rd. Grade	Grand-finalists.
4th. Grade	PREMIERS-WELL DONE!
5th. Grade	Semi-finalists.
6th. Grade	5th. overall
7th. Grade	PREMIERS-WELL DONE!
Under 17's	5th. overall
" 15's	PREMIERS-WELLDONE !
" 13's No.1	PREMIERS-WELL DONE!
" 13's No.2	Mid table (a great effort)
" 11's	5th. overall

Representative Honours were:-

Kenneth Wark and Buster Birmingham

Australian Senior Team (World Cup Gold medalists-1987 Champions Champions Trophy-Netherlands) New South Wales State team Runners-up Australian Championships 1987 Australian Championships' Player of the Series N.S.W. Player of the year World XI Team

Kenneth Wark

Warren' Buster' Birmingham

CONGRATULATIONS KEN AND 'BUSTER'!

Craig Stubbs

James Fitzgerald

Victorian State Side N.S.W. Under 17 Side Australian Under 17 squad N.S.W. Under 13 Side N.S.W. Veteran No.2 Side-Australian Veterans Div.2 Winners

Aaron Nilan

Martin Howe

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Peter Howe

N.S.W.Veterans No.3 Side-Australian
Veterans Div.3 Winners
N.S.W.Vintage Side-Runners-up
Australian Championships

Bennett Dunn

Congratulations to all the above achievers.

I would now like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Committee and also the 'few' who assisted throughout the year:-

Keith Paterson
Kevin Sweeney
Arthur Moir
Peter Howe
Martin Howe
Ian Treharne
Colin Rochester
Craig Martin
Danny O'Brien
David Rochester
Pat Nilan
Geoff Paterson
Ralph Rochester
Colin Brown
Garry Wark(with the BBQs)

To those people who assisted with the Juniors as coaches, drivers, organisers, etc.--I THANK YOU !

In closing, I would like to reiterate a previous President's words, I believe they say it all:-

"Glebe District Hockey Club is what you and I make of it, it is a Proud Club, a Great Club, a Club of Champions, a Champion Club, so let's not rest on what has been achieved but rather let's reach for greater achievement. Let's all get together and grasp those achievements with both hands !"

Thank you all for your co-operation this year and let's make 1988 an even better year.

To all members and their families may I, on behalf of the Club, wish you all a very merry Xmas and a successful New Year for 1988.

Bob.Wark.
President 1987.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT 1987.

Gentlemen,

It is with great pleasure that I present to you the Fifty-Seventh Annual Report for year 1987.

This being my initial year in office, I have many people to thank and congratulate for their help and achievements within the Club. It has been an interesting and rewarding year for me: much personal thanks goes to the following:-

Keith Paterson-my predecessor-thank you for your unselfish and untiring assistance and for your many words of wisdom.

The entire Management Committee- Thank you for being available and for your devotion and support.

Ralph Rochester-for his many valiant attempts to raise a social calendar for the Club Thank-you.

My wife, Dianne-I thank you for just putting up with me and my many moods.

Congratulations to all the trophy winners and special congratulations must go to Martin Howe and his band of helpers for achieving such excellent results with our Juniors. All seems to be looking up for the future in our playing strengths. Well done Martin.

To most Clubs in Sydney the results which Glebe achieved in 1987 would have satisfied any meek mortal. NO! Not us a Glebe. It appears that we do not know how to cope with failure (and I hate that word too)!!! Well, then what went wrong? This can be summarised by the following:-

1. Failure of many players to attend enough or any at all training sessions so as to co-ordinate team and club spirit both on and off of the field.

2. Lack of attendances at the many social functions.

Take a look around you now, still the same old faces and no new ones?

3. The selection process of each team must be realised that Hockey has now become a sport of a team of thirteen and not eleven, with greater use being used of Homebush and Moorebank Pitches.

Enough sour grapes let's talk about other matters:-

Federal Park and Jubilee Oval

Keith Paterson has been negotiating with Liechhardt Council and Sport and REC. for long term leases, improvements and finances for both grounds. Hopefully he will have some good news by A.G.M. time.

Sponsorship.

This has been non-existent in 1987. But, however, I am pleased to announce that the Sydney Credit Union has come up with \$500.00 for 1988 for sole use of the Juniors. Thank you Sydney Credit Union.

Garry McCann, S.H.A. Publicity Officer 1987, is also talking with various companies for sponsorship of the Seniors for 1988. Thank-you Garry!!

Juniors.

Much greater support is needed from senior players. Come guys!!

Brisbane trip.

Talks are in progress with Valleys Hockey Club to re-new our annual trip to Brisbane. Valleys are trying to get A Bi-Centennial Competition off the ground and this will involve us. More later.

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Clubroom.

Colin Rochester has done a great job this year to make sure that we have plenty in the 'fridge. So use it! IT BELONGS TO YOU!!!

Wentworth Park.

Arthur Moir to report on this matter at the A.G.M.

Rule Changes. 1988

The most significant rule change is to be the 25 yard off-side rule.

In conclusion, let's all get together in 1988 and make it the greatest year ever for Glebe Hockey!!!!

!!!! MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ONE AND ALL !!!!

IAN. W. TREHARNE
Hon. SECRETARY 1987.

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TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30TH September, 1987.

Gentlemen,

I present to you the Treasurer's Report and Balance Sheet for the 1987 season.

As at the date of this Report the Club has 16 Life Members, 85 Playing Members and 13 Social Members.

The year resulted in a turnaround on last year's losses of \$2061 and could be considered moderately successful.

As in the 1986 Season, There were again a number of adverse features which affected the Club's performance this year, namely -

1. SPONSORSHIP: We were unsuccessful in securing any form of sponsorship.
2. Toxteth Raffles: Continuing reluctance by Club Members to assist in this area has resulted in a reduced return on previous seasons. Craig Martin was virtually left on his own to run the raffles and to his credit an amount of \$1261.67 was returned to the Club.
3. SOCIAL FUNCTIONS: The only social function held this year was a Golf Day organised by Ralph Rochester. Due to members not participating a loss was incurred.

Offsetting some of the above was the continued success of the Telephone Book deliveries which raised \$4416. Many thanks to those members who organised this fund raising activity as the Club would be in dire straits but for their efforts.

A special mention must go to Colin Rochester, this year's Club Room Officer, who put in a 1st class performance in carrying out his duties and was able to achieve a substantial increase in profits on last years trading.

Equipment trading was similar to previous years getting off to a slow start and improving towards the latter part of the season. Some of last year's stocks have been written off - 48 balls were distributed to teams, 18 sets of shinpads donated to Juniors and 20 pairs of socks - still in stock however are all Junior equipment.

Carnivals were very quiet although the Junior teams participated in this area.

Major playing costs were as follows:-

-	SHA Affiliation fees and fines	-	\$5842.70
-	NSW HA State League fees	-	\$ 600.00
-	Ground Rents	-	\$2454.50
-	Ground Maintenance	-	" 110.00
-	Representation Allowances		
	Senior	-	\$1000.00
	Junior	-	NIL
-	Hire of State Sports Centre -Training	\$	111.00

Major junior playing costs were :-

-	SJHA Registration Fees	-	\$ 364.00
-	Central Area JHA - Registration Fees	-	\$ 200.00
-	Playing equipment - Shirts & Socks	-	\$ 182.50
-	Carnival Fees	-	\$ 120.00
-	Hire of State Sports Centre	-	\$ 67.50
-	Hire of Moorebank	-	\$ 215.00

Major Administrative Expenses were :-

-	Insurance	-	\$ 507.15
-	Telephone and P.O Box Rental	-	\$ 896.34
-	Light and Power	-	\$ 803.81
-	Postage, Printing and Stationary	-	\$ 68.40
-	A.G.M' Costs	-	\$ 300.00
-	Clubhouse maintainence/improvements	-	\$ 751.30
-	Capital purchase--'fridge	-	\$3500.00

The club can expect a moderate surplus in the future however, there is potential to develop more substantial profits through Bar trade, Raffles, Phone books and Sponsorship. It is recommended that a Social Committee be appointed by the incoming Management Committee solely to concentrate on these fund raising avenues.

In conclusion I would like to thank all the members of the Management Committee for their support during the year.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all club members and their families.

PETER HOWE
HON. TREASURER.

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CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT 1987.

The 1987 season began on a pleasing note with an excellent response by Glebe Players at the pre-season trial games. But, however, due to the pathetic roll-up by the other 'clubs' invited to participate we were more often than not found ourselves playing against our own players, thereby not getting any true and valuable match practice. We will have to re-think the real worth of these games for next and future seasons.

Club training once again fell into old patterns as in previous seasons: with very poor attendances on all training nights throughout the season. i.e., the same old faces fronting. How are we expected to win any more trophies if we do not train?

Kenneth Wark, when not away with AIS or the Australian Team and Geoff Paterson, our Club Coach, have provided the club with first class coaching. It was very disappointing that more did not even attempt to attend one of these first class training sessions. Our club has many players who have the 'goods' to go a long way in the game we love but, however, seem to lack the necessary dedication, application, and mental attitude to improve or want to improve their personal skills. I can only hope for some renewed changes in these areas in next and future seasons.

On the field we performed well, with five out of seven senior sides making it to the semi-finals; with the 'Firey' fourths and the 'Savage' sevenths going all the way and winning their respective Grand Finals. Congratulations to all the sides, and I am very sure that if we see a much better attitude towards training we will be able to boast more premierships for all grades in the near future.

On the social scene, once again we seem to be seeing the same old faces turning up (pause and take a look around you now!) at the many functions. I do think, however, our 'home game barbeques' were a success and if a few more of the "have played my game and bolt" players had decided to stay back for a steak/sausage sandwich and a col drink they would have been an even greater success. Another bitch, to all those who stated that they were going to the Central Coast for the Golf week-end and did not front, not only did you miss out on a great time, but you cost the club money and goodwill for your pre-booked accommodation. I would like to thank Ralph 'Rocky' Rochester for all his work and efforts in organising the weekend.

Mention the words 'phone books' and it seems to rain. 1987 was no exception and considering the bad weather we had a good response for the delivery. I would like to thank all those who gave up their spare time and supplied a vehicle to help deliver the books. I would especially like to thank Roy Albrecht and Jim Warwick from Smith Bros. without whom the club would not have been able to deliver the 'phone books.

Congratulations to Ken WARK and Warren Birmingham for their continued successes with the Australia team; to James Fitzgerald on his selection in the U/17 Australian Squad

Special thanks to Ken Wark and Geoff Paterson and Arty Moir in their efforts at training.

In closing I would like to thank all members of the Management Committee in their efforts this year and in particular Arthur Moir who has been invaluable with his co-operation all year. To all club members and their families have a safe and enjoyable Christmas and I hope to see you all on the paddock next season.

KEVIN SWEENEY
CLUB CAPTAIN

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CLUB COACH'S REPORT 1987.

Firstly as club coach I congratulate all teams that made their respective semi-finals and especially the 4th. and 7th. Grade teams who went on to win their Grand Finals. To 3rd. Grade who made their Grand Final and gave themselves every chance of winning but couldn't quite go on with it. To 2nd Grade who played such a splendid game in the Final against Moorebank-Liverpool And to Arthur Moir a fine job with the Seconds. To Kevin Sweeney as Club Captain in his efforts on and off the field and constructive help at training sessions.

Training was attended by the faithful minority, and to those people a good job in making every effort to be as well prepared as possible to give their best on the field.

As a Club I feel that we need to be reminded that this is a team sport and the need to train as a unit is required, as it was evident that our co-ordination and understanding of each others role needs much improvement. especially next season with the introduction of the new off-side rule. Role rotation will be required even more than it is now on the artificial surfaces. Also with 2nd Grade in 1988 having to play on these surfaces will bring more competitiveness throughout the grades to succeed.

In closing I suggest a greater effort from individuals from 1st grade to 7th grade to improve their game to enhance team performances.

GECFF PATERSON
CLUB COACH 1987.

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FIRST GRADE REPORT 1987.

To the Glebe Hockey Club members I present the 1987 1st Grade report.

For the first time in our proud history First Grade failed to make the Semi-finals by six points. Some factors for this result were as follows:-

1. Most significant factor being the inconsistent form by way of losses teams placed lower on the premiership table and by wins against higher placed teams. Loses to Ryde and St. George and draws against Gordon and Northern Districts put us behind the eight ball.
2. The loss of eight first grade players from the previous season, either to Interstate, returning home or retirements did not help.
3. My late start to pre-season training and organising training at Homebush or Moorebank put us at a disadvantage.
4. The emergence of Sutherland as a semi-finalist and the improvement teams such as Northern Districts and Ryde.

Once we got behind it was difficult to peg back the top four, although our second round effort was a vast improvement.

We had some consolation in winning the Sydney Knock-out Cup against Ryde.

Overall I congratulate all those who played 1st. grade for their determination, dedication and enthusiasm for the game of hockey.

There were some pleasing performances and those were rewarded at our presentation night; Well done to George Manou, Danny O'Brien and Julian Dell, who came straight from U/17s and performed very well. Les Wark as Captain led by example and his experience and knowledge of the game was a tremendous help.

I must especially thank Arthur Moir for his contribution and assistance throughout the year.

Most important, many thanks to my wife Maureen for her and understanding.

On behalf of 1st. grade, may I wish all club members and their families a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and let us make Glebe No.1 in '88.

GEOFF PATERSON
Coach 1987.

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SECOND GRADE REPORT 1987.

It is with pleasure that I submit this report for 1987 season. We commenced the year in fine style with the side only dropping three competition points in the first round, thereby remaining in the final of the Alan Yates Memorial Trophy. Unfortunately we could not maintain our form in this match and we were beaten 3 goals to 1.

During the second round we let a couple of games go which we really should have won and consequently we found ourselves missing out on the top two positions by one point for the semi-finals.

We disposed of Ryde in the Minor Semi-final and then went on to meet Moorebank-Liverpool in the Final. This match produced one of the best comebacks I've ever seen. Being down three goals to nil at half-time the team came out of the break and brought the score back to three all. But, unfortunately, Moorebank-Liverpool slipped in a goal near the death leaving the final score a gallant 3-4 loss.

Throughout the year we had a number of players who were a member of the team and to them goes my thanks for playing in second grade this year. The make-up of the side was one mainly based upon youth with a couple of older and experienced players. At one stage of the season nine of the side were under the age of twenty years of age. This I feel is a positive step for the future of the Glebe District Hockey Club.

Congratulations must go to Michael Diviney on receiving the Players' Player of the Year Award for Second Grade; a just reward for a good and consistent season.

My thanks to Kev in Sweeney, our Captain for his support and his strong leadership of the team. I would also like to thank and congratulate Geoff Paterson for conducting the training sessions throughout the year. The preparation work and conduction work that Geoff put into this area was first class and I think that if more people attended on a regular basis maybe we could have seen some different results this year.

In closing I would like to thank the Club for allowing me the opportunity of coaching this year.

May I, on behalf of the entire second grade squad, wish all Club Members and their families a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

ARTHUR MOIR
COACH 1987.

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THIRD GRADE REPORT 1987.

GENTLEMEN,

The first thing I would like to do, on behalf of third grade is to congratulate Fourth and Seventh Grades on their resounding Premier ship Victories. WELL DONE !

Results for Third Grade 1987 were:-

Won 16 Lost 3 Drew 2 RUNNERS-UP !!!

As the 1987 season unfolded it was going to be very obvious that the competition was going to be between Glebe and Moorebank-Liverpool: and as it turned out, they (M/L) were the only side to defeat us all season.

With a two goal to nil lead in the Grand Final I finally thought every thing was about to change, including our luck against Moorebank-Liverpool. But, however, at the final whistle once again, they proved 'just' too strong, by 'scraping' in four goals to two.

I would like to thank all those players who played in Third Grade this year for all your efforts throughout the season and especially getting us to the Grand Final. Well done!!

Special congratulations must go to Garry Wark on his winning the Third Grade Players' Player of the Year Award 1987. Also special mention and congratulations go to all teams which made their respective semi-finals and grand finals.

In conclusion, may I, on behalf of Third Grade, to all club members and their families wish you all A Very Merry Christmas and A Happy and Prosperous New Year.

CRAIG McPHEE.
CAPTAIN.

4th GRADE REPORT

WHAT A TEAM!!! WHAT A SEASON!!!

This 4th grade team would have been one of the best 4th grade teams to wear the maroon and white of Glebe.

This team showed the team spirit and true grit of the hockey club with its all round strength in the backs and brilliance in the forwards. This was evident by our performances throughout the season.

Played 22 games - won 18, drew 2 and lost 2
Goals for - 85 (3.86% per game)
Against - 16 (0.72% per game)

The two games we lost during the year were firstly to North Sydney, when after leading 2 nil we had a five minute mental lapse and allowed 3 simple goals. Secondly was to University of N.S.W. - we were denied a second chance at a stroke through a questionable umpiring decision (we all know who) which resulted to a TEMP suspension to one of our players and the chance of a draw or victory.

After those two hiccups we then proceeded to overcome all opposition against us.

In the second round we thrashed North Sydney 4-1 then met again in the major semi, we white-washed them to the tune of 3-0. We met Norths again in the Grand Final and after cruising to a 3-0 lead which could have been 6 or 7 and it was the very last Grand Final to be played in 1987 we decided to allow Norths back into the game to supply excitement and entertainment to our very boisterous and "spirited" supporters on the hill.

The final result was a victory 3-2 and many thanks to the "Savage 7ths" and our supporters for cheering us to victory.

Congratulations to the under 13s and 15s on their fine wins in the Juniors and also the Vintage Seventh Grade on their 2-0 win in the Grand Final. Also 2nd and 3rd grades must also be congratulated on reaching the finals and grand finals respectively and with any luck would also have been on the victory dias.

Our victorious team consisted of:

- M. Bougoukas: A real "gutsy" goalie and made many great saves throughout the year, see you next year Mick.
- L. Kalisperous: An inspiration and one of the best backs in the club, should be playing much higher in 1987.
- M. Howe: The Captain and more could not be said.
- A. Moir: An attacking right half and 2nd grade coach had many fine games this year.
- S. Casey: The backbone of the defence, "stinky" never missed a ball and set the play up from centre half.

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- V. Ferrari: At left half got our Players Player of the team, a very safe and attacking half, worked well with left wing and left inner.
- G. Dunn: Had a great season at right wing and one of our best players, has hopes to be a right inner.
- C. Chivers: Young Col still shows tremendous stick work and enthusiasm, set up other forwards and scored some great individual goals.
- K. Dell: Keiran a great goal-getter, scored over 50% of our goals this year and 7 in one game, a good man to have in the centre.
- V. Howe: At inside left, a promotion from 3rd grade to our advantage, very skilful and slick around the artificial surface.
- P. Cremin: Had a great year at left wing, didn't have one bad game throughout the year, his improvement this year should have him graded higher next year.

Also our Super Subs - P. Puckeridge and A. Bennett - with two players of this calibre filling in throughout the season and finals we had no worries when substitutions were necessary, were really members of a 13 man team, not two substitutions.

Others to play throughout the year were: A. Yates (finished up in 1st grade, H. Wark Jnr. (2nds), G. Wark (3rds), R. Delaney (3rds), P. Culshaw (3rds), M. Pocock (2nds), G. Martin (3rds), L. McPhee, M. Short, M. Maloney and especially B. Inneson and A. Goodrich who filled in during our semi final and really acquitted themselves well.

To all club members, wives and supporters I wish you a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

M. Howe.

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FIFTH GRADE REPORT.

The 1987 season ended on a disappointing note, losing the semi-finals.

The final analysis was;-

Won 12 drew 1 lost 5

I would like to thank all the regular 5th grade players and the many guest players for their help and enthusiasm for getting us to the semi-finals.

In particular, I must mention Harry Wark snr., Kerry Boyd, and Roy Fernance.

On behalf of all of the players of fifth grade, I would like to thank and congratulate all the other grades which made their respective semi-finals. To fourth and seventh grades in particular extra congratulations on their Premiership victories.

Congratulations to Kerry Boyd for his winning of the Fifth Grade Players' Player award for the season.

To all players, club members and their families my best wishes for a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and all the best fortune for the coming season.

CARL FRANCIS.
CAPTAIN/COACH.

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SIXTH GRADE REPORT.

We had a slightly better year (1987) than last year, performance wise i.e. 7th. in '86 and 5th. '87. We just missed out on the semis. Thanks to all players who were part of the team even though there was not many regulars. Congratulations to Gavin Westtaccott on his award of the Players' Player Trophy.

Let's hope that in 1988 sixth grade can crack it for the semis. Good luck and all the best for Christmas and the coming

New Year .

HARRY WARK. Snr.
CAPTAIN

LV NTH GRADE REPORT - 1987.PREMIERS! A GREAT YEAR -- A GREAT TEAM!

It gives me a good deal of pleasure to present this report as, at the end of the 1986 season, I had intended to retire from Club hockey. However, due to a surfeit of trialists at the commencement of the season, the Management Committee elected to enter this team in the competition to cater for these excess players.

The team consisted of a squad of 14 players 10 of which are Veterans. With the "blessing" of the Committee we were able to "lock in" the squad.

This decision was proven justified in that not only were we able to blend the players into a winning combination but it also engendered terrific team spirit.

Overall, the performance of the team during the season was quite exceptional as we lost only 2 round games. We were undefeated in the Preliminary Finals and ran out winners in the Grand Final beating University of NSW 2-0.

A brief precis of each team member is as follows:-

JOHN WHITE Cleanest keeper in the Club. Managed to avoid being hit all
Goal-keeper season. Must have been a new pair of pads!

PETER HOWE Needs to be more aggressive. Perhaps a few charges before
Fullback the game would help!

BOB FOX Bob had a good year. Turned 50, bought a new stick and
Fullback stayed married!

GARRY REID Great exponent of the wrong side, back-stick tackle.
Fullback/Left Terrorised many forwards with his big hits -- especially
Half ours!

VIC WESTACOTT A very attacking player. Attacked everything in sight --
Centre Half opposition players, umpires, spectators etc. Ran hot in
the Grand final -- or was it sun stroke?

BOB TAYLOR Without doubt speed is his greatest asset. His sprinting
Right Half back in defence was a delight to watch!

BRUCE FULLER Has the best arm in the team. He throws the ball nearly
Left Wing as well as throws tantrums!

EUGENE BEAME Had a brilliant season -- actually passed a ball!
Utility Player

KEVIN LOWE Overall performance somewhat restricted by shock. Kevin
Inside Left was the player who received the ball from Eugene!

ROBIN CROWHURST A late starter. Married during the season. Scored
Centre Forward regularly since. Keep it up Robin!

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BENNETT IUNN
Inside Right

Came out of retirement. Has lost none of his skills especially his stickwork. Was able to hit a couple of players with the stick every game!

MICK LINCOLN
Right Wing

The youngster of the squad. A bit quick for this team, however adapted well. Was able to drop his game and fall to the occasion when required.

PILL STUBBS
Utility Player

A good team man. Was always looking for work -- and still is!

ERIC WADE
Utility Player

Showed a lot of "heart" early. However "by-passed" us mid-season.

During the year we were fortunate to be able to call on 2 under 15 players who filled in for us on several occasions due to absence, late arrivals, etc., of team members. These 2 young men, namely, Jason Taylor and Brett Stubbs acquitted themselves admirably and obviously have great futures in the club.

Congratulations are extended to Bob Fox who was voted Players Player of the year.

I also take this opportunity of congratulating 4th Grade and the Junior Under 13 and 15 teams who also took out their respective premierships.

Finally, I would like to wish all those associated with the Club a Merry Christmas and a happy and successful 1988.

PETER HOWE,
CAPTAIN.

1987 VETERANS REPORT.

Although a most enjoyable season socially, this year was fairly disappointing Hockey-wise for us old blokes.

We finished in 5th. or 6th. spot (I think), however we never looked like a threat. Most of our games were played on the new surface at Moorebank and for some reason we could not put our game together. No doubt as we 'mature' and 'develop', our problems will be overcome.

Despite a lack-lustre performance as a team we veterans were able to salvage something this season. As 10 of us were members of the victorious 7th. grade side (refer 7th. grade report) and two others, Martin Howe and Colin Chivers were an integral part of the 4th. grade team which also took out a premiership (refer 4th. grade report)

Furthermore, Martin Howe was selected in the No. 2 NSW STATE Veterans Team, Peter Howe in the No. 3 Team, and Bennett Dunn in the NSW State Vintage Team, which all contested the Australian National Veterans/Vintage Championship held recently in Hobart, Tasmania. The No. 2 and No. 3 Teams winning their respective Divisions and The Vintages were runners-up going down 2-1 to Queensland in the Final.

So in retrospect, it hasn't been such a bad year.

Congratulations to Bob Taylor who was voted the Players' Player of the year and to those sides which were successful this year in particular to the Juniors U/13 and U/15 teams.

To all members and your families I wish a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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