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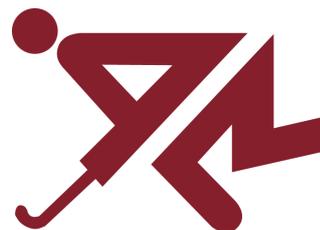
GLEBE DISTRICT HOCKEY CLUB

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The Trevenar-Wark Cup Day

The Trevenar-Wark Cup Day at Cintra Park Concord, Saturday 21 July 2012

The late Bruce Trevenar was a Briars stalwart of the 1950's -70's and the late Harry Wark was a Glebe stalwart of the 1950's through to the early 2000s. Both Bruce and Harry fostered friendship, camaraderie, sportsmanship and fair dealings within their own Clubs and between rival clubs. The Cup is played for between Glebe and Briars on an annual basis. Two women's games are played, two men's games are played and the winner of the Cup is the Club who wins the most number of games. Glebe was the holder of the Cup and won it again this year. Both women's teams won 1-0 against their Briars opposition. The Glebe first grade team lost to Briars 3-2 and the second grade men's team won 3-0.

It was a cloudy afternoon at the Briar's home ground at Cintra Park Concord, fortunately the rain stayed away for the afternoon. There was a big crowd at the ground, which I would estimate at around 250 people at its peak, with people coming and going all afternoon. During the course of the afternoon and night I would estimate at least 500 people came and went. There was a festive atmosphere at the ground and all present had an enjoyable afternoon.



The Briars Club put on a fabulous afternoon for all to enjoy. Many Briars Club Members worked long and hard to make the day enjoyable for other people. Thank you Briars for all your efforts, they were much appreciated by all present. There was free pink champagne available all afternoon which may have gone some of the way to explaining why most present had such a great afternoon.

The half-hour of Minkey Hockey between the second grade women's game and men's first grade game was a highlight of the afternoon. Glebe had 22 or 23 Minkey players present and Briars had around the same number. Three Minkey games took place simultaneously and these games provided the packed terraces with great entertainment. Thank you Minkey parents for bringing your children out to Briars on the day and making the day the success it undoubtedly was.

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The Trevenar-Wark Cup Day cont.

Seeing both boys and girls playing hockey together in a relaxed, friendly setting reminds me of the advantage the sport of hockey has over other types of team sport. A family can have one club for their children to play sport with, which can provide camaraderie, exercise, friendship and good fellowship. The children, both male and female have the opportunity to remain associated with the Club from age 3-4 through to their mid 50s. Lasting friendships can be made, nurtured and continued throughout life. Hockey is a sport for girls and boys, women and men of all ages, sizes and abilities. Molly Wark, Harry Wark's widow aged 86 years, an ex Glebe hockey player herself said a few words at the Presentation, and also at the ceremony were several young Minkey player of 3 or 4 years. The Day revealed the wonderful features that our game has to offer, for all ages and both genders.

Some of the Minkey players ran on with their respective first grade teams and this fostered a meaningful connection between the present generation of first grade players and the generation following. The occasion made for an impressive sight and I am sure the Minkey players involved will remember it long into the future.

For full match reports, visit the men's and women's section of the website.

How are the Ladies Club Going?

The ladies and 1st and 2nd teams pulled out top performances against Briars to seal the Wark Trevenar Cup, winning both games 1-0. These wins have cemented both these teams as equal 2nd on their ladders. Glebe 1 started the season strongly with a very similar side to 2011. The girls know how each other play and work very well as a team. Matt Wark has been working with Bish at training to make sure the girls are pushed and work hard on a Tuesday. The Glebe1 ladies will have their work cut out for them towards the end of the season though, with the loss of two strikers (one to Melbourne and the other is pregnant!



Congrats again Sas) and losing Josie and Lyns to European holidays. The loss of these four players will cause a strain on the team, but hopefully the girls can work to secure the wins towards the end of the season and go towards a strong final series.

Second grade have been very strong this year, headed up by coaches Allie Cheong and Charlie Brown. Last year the girls started strongly but couldn't continue their success. This year they have grown as players and have been boosted by some new recruits in Steff Ball and Sarah Moore. The girls are working towards a final series, which is very

exciting. We all look forward to cheering them on this September.

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How are the Ladies Club Going?

Third grade ladies started the season well with some new legs in Glebe Juniors Casey and Litiana and some strong central ball movement from centre half Andrea Lum. The girls have a strong side when all are available (shift work and rep commitments have seen this team occasionally struggle for numbers) and they have worked very hard to be competitive. Unfortunately the girls have had issues scoring goals and have drawn games 0-0 or lost 1-0. A bit of extra training and some more intensive drills will hopefully get the scoreboard moving. The girls try hard and will hopefully have a good end to the season. They are currently sitting 6th on the table.

Defending Premiers Fourth Grade are continuing their success, sitting outright 1st on the competition table. The girls have dominated this year, coming off the back of a strong season last year which saw them take home the cup. Josie Barron, who also plays goalkeeper for first grade, is hoping to secure the most goals scored in the season this year. She currently leads with 11 goals. The girls will have their work cut out for them in the final series though, as Bankstown and Bosco are also solid teams. Glebe lost to Bosco and drew with Bankstown, so know that the games will be tough. Good luck in the finals ladies.

Lesson Number One: Conceive in the offseason

There are many reasons why men and women start and don't finish the hockey season, but this one is unique to the female gender. Getting pregnant. Recently the ladies first side farewelled their beloved striker Saskia as she prepares for her first child.

Unlike injuries, pregnancies can be somewhat planned. So what was Saskia thinking? Had she put the possibility of family in front of her hockey commitments? Blasphemy! Surely the powers that be, God or whoever, wear the Maroon and White and would not bless her with a child right before the final series! I was struggling to make sense of it all.

And then I realised. Both Saskia and whoever is upstairs had bigger plans. The expansion of Glebe Hockey's Junior offering. Like Molly Wark says, how else will we guarantee the future of the Junior Hockey Club without breeding? So, perhaps the timing wasn't right, (Go for your life the night of the Grand Final!) but in the end we'll get a great Australian born, Dutch forward, ready to score goals.

Now, Sas, just make sure you have a girl for the Women's Club!

P.S Good luck with everything Sas!

Love, 1st grade.



100 Game Players

Arvind Hughes and Jack "Freight Train" Stocker reach 100 Senior Games in June 2012

Arvind was born in London and came to Australia with his family in his childhood years. The Hughes family lived in the Pyrmont area. He started with the Glebe juniors in 2002 and played in the junior ranks until 2007. Arvind started playing seniors in 2007 and he is in his sixth season with the senior Club. He was a member of the third grade squad of 2011 which won the third grade Sydney Hockey Association Premiership.

Arvind coached Glebe Under 11 and Under 13 teams from 2008 to 2011 and he has made a significant contribution to the smooth running of the junior Club. Without a sufficient number of volunteers like Arvind the Club would quickly cease to exist, like so many of the other sporting clubs that have represented Glebe over the years. The Club thanks Arvind for his unselfish contribution to the Club's junior movement.

Jack, from Dulwich Hill, started with the Club in 2000 and played in the junior ranks until 2008, playing a total of 151 junior games. He started playing seniors in 2007 and has played his 100 + games in the second, third and fourth grades.

Jack and Arvind played together in the 2007 Glebe Under 17 team which won the Sydney Hockey Association Premiership. Players in this team with Arvind and Jack included Sam Noller, Dominic Kavanagh, Archie Hughes, Andrew Palmer, Josh La Spina, Ross Bougoukas, Gus Malfroy, Scott Cleary, Chris Holmes, Chris Loukakis, Matt Redenbach, Alex Manou and Oliver Holyoak. Coach of the team was Les Wark, Assistant Coach/ Trainer was Dean Morrow and Manager was George Manou. The majority of the players in this 2007 Under 17 team are still playing for the Club in 2012 and enjoying each others company. Sam Noller and Archie Hughes live out of Sydney, Sam in Canberra and Archie in Newcastle.

Congratulations Arvind and Jack on achieving the 100 Club Game milestone and may there be many more games to be played and perhaps premierships won in the years ahead.

Faces seen in the crowd at the Crest Bankstown on 16 June 2012 for the Glebe versus Bankstown first grade game.

It was a rainy afternoon at Bankstown for the first and second grade games between Glebe and Bankstown. Fortunately the amenities block at the Crest has an ample undercover area where spectators and players can shelter out of the rain. Spectators at the ground were comfortable out of the weather and had a good view of the field. They enjoyed an excellent afternoon of entertaining hockey. Glebe first grade won 5-3, and Glebe second grade won 2-0.

Glebe supporters included Pat Nilan and his two grand children (Aaron and Briony Nilan's two youngest children), Charlie Brown, Noel Anderson, Peter Mitchell, Danny O'Brien, George and Jenny Ribaroski, Bill Stocker, Paul Tintner, Shane Brown, Peter Holmes and his wife, Geoff Paterson, Harry Wark, Pat Wark and Mrs Molly Wark, Robert Wark, Adam Campano, Chris Farrugia, Mick Bougoukas, Dean Benfield, Neely Farlow, Kate Gleeson, Josie Barron. Sorry if I have missed anybody out. For a wet miserable afternoon, the number of Glebe Supporters at the ground was surprising.



The Olympic Teams

Australian Olympic Hockey Team Announced on 18 June 2012

Olympic Team

Des Abbott(NT) Nathan Burgers(QLD), Matthew Butturini(NSW), Joel Carroll (NT), Chris Ciriello(VIC), Tim Deavin (TAS), Liam De Young(QLD), Jamie Dwyer(QLD), Matt Gohdes(QLD), Kieran Govers(NSW), Fergus Kavanagh(WA), Mark Knowles(QLD), Eddie Ockenden(TAS), Simon Orchard (NSW), Matthew Swann(QLD), Glenn Turner(ACT)



Extended Squad for Cairns Series v New Zealand June 19-26.

George Bazeley (VIC), Kiel Brown (WA), Luke Doerner (VIC), Russell Ford (VIC), Rob Hammond (QLD), Glenn Simpson (VIC)

Glebe's Mark Paterson has missed out on selection in the Australian Men's hockey team for the 2012 London Olympic Games. Commiserations from us all, Mark. Mark trained and applied himself to the best of his ability, his attitude and application was excellent, but unfortunately the selectors were of the view that he was not in the top 20 players in Australia as of 18 June 2012. There was nothing in Mark's physical, skills and mental preparation that he could have done better to enhance his chances of selection in the team. He has accepted his non-selection in the Olympic team with disappointment of course, but in equal measure good grace, equanimity, poise, balance and a sense of perspective. Mark injured his foot in May 2012 and this meant he could train or play for a month. This enforced time on the sideline at a crucial stage in the selection process did not help Mark's chances of impressing the selectors.

Playing hockey at the top level is hard on the body and many of the players named in the Australian squad are carrying one sort of injury or another. It is a reasonable prospect that some of the players named in the squad will not be fit enough to take their place in the team that goes to London. This may open up places in the team for fringe players. There is a remote chance that Mark might still get a call-up but this prospect is remote. Australian coach Rick Charlesworth has told all players at the Australian Institute for Hockey, including Mark, to train hard between now and Olympic Games time as it is difficult to predict who might or might not be required to step into the Australian team at the last minute.

The Club congratulates Mark on his International achievements. He has played over 50 games for Australia and has represented his country with distinction.

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The Olympic Teams cont.

Training twice a day and playing once or twice on the week-ends, living away from home, restricted work and study opportunities, a poor income and frequent travel both within Australia and overseas are part and parcel of the life of most players at the Australian Institute for Sport in Perth. It is a demanding schedule, physically, mentally and socially. Elite hockey players sacrifice a lot in their efforts to stay at the top of their sport and in their efforts to represent their country.

Presumably Mark will now evaluate his goals, from a professional, hockey and social perspective and decide on a way forward that fits his plans and aspirations for the future. He has not made any definite decisions yet about his ongoing plans, but I feel sure that when his time in Perth is over he will be coming back to Sydney, linking up with his family and friends and donning the Maroon and white for the might GDHC. Sport for most of us is as much a social experience, as it is about exercise and skill acquisition. I am sure Mark will slot back in at the GDHC, as if he had never left, and the social experience will be as enjoyable and rewarding as it always was for him at Glebe.

During his time in Perth, Mark has been a regular contributor to the Red Rag and a frequent contributor to the Club's Facebook page. He has retained a keen interest in Club affairs and for Mark transitioning back into the Club's ranks will be effortless. As a teacher Mark has a profession behind him which, when he calls time on his Australian hockey career, will provide him with a good income doing rewarding work.

Bankstown Juniors

Are Bankstown Juniors struggling?

An Under 11 game between Bankstown and Saint George was played at the Crest Bankstown ahead of the Second Grade game between Glebe and Bankstown on 16 June. It was a Bankstown home game, but it only had 6 players in attendance. Saint George had 10 players present. It was a wet Saturday and it rained all day, which may partly explain why the Under 11 numbers were down.

Bankstown could not legally field a team as it only had 6 players when a minimum of seven is required for a team to take the field. Saint George lent Bankstown a player and the game took place. It was a skilful piece of organising by the coaches and managers of both teams. The game was played in a good spirit, enjoyed by players and the parents on the sideline. I was delighted to see players from both teams having fun.

I do wonder though if Bankstown and Saint George, who seem to throw money around at the first grade level, will survive long term. The junior teams from both these clubs seem to be struggling. The time, the effort and the energy seems to be directed to improving the first grade performance by buying talent in from outside the club's junior ranks. There is little commitment, effort or endeavour to grow their own first graders. If some of the money these clubs throw at imported talent could be directed to helping junior coaches and managers the clubs would be much better for it and more sustainable into the future. Unfortunately growing and fostering your own junior talent is a long term commitment. There is no instant gratification.

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Bankstown Juniors cont.

The rules and regulations of the Sydney Hockey Association, which apply to first grade teams, should be modified to mandate a minimum number of junior players from the club to play in that club's first grade team. My suggestion is that in every first grade team in the Premier Division, a minimum of seven players have to be from the club's junior ranks, juniors who have played Under 15s or below for the club. Clubs should be given more incentive to develop their own talent rather than rely on money or promises of representative advancement to bolster their first grade ranks.

Road Trip

Old Buffer's Road Trip to Perth and Back

Glebe's Patron Bill Stubbs, President Bob Taylor, Life-Member Geoff Paterson and 500 Club Game Man Lex McPhee went on a road trip to Perth and back in the spring of 2012, 20 April to 13 May. Bill's car covered 10,939 kilometres in the 23 day trip. During the trip Bill kept a Diary, which makes for amusing reading. The Diary is up on the Club's Web Site for your perusal. Click on the History Section of the Back Bar. The sixth Sub-Heading under this Tab is headed Old Member 2012 Perth Road Trip. Click on this Tab to read the Diary.

Bill is a retired accountant and he has kept detailed records of the costs, distances travelled each day, how much money was spent on petrol, accommodation, food and beverages, as he calls it. I assume this is code for booze, but I am only guessing here. The Diary will probably not make the Amazon best seller list, but is entertaining none the less.

If you are thinking of a similar road trip, it is essential reading. Thanks Bill for sharing this experience with us.

<http://www.glebehockey.org.au/history/old-member-2012-perth-road-trip/>



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Saint George second grade forfeited the game against Sydney University on 16 June 2012. In the results that appeared in the Sydney Morning Herald of 18 June 2012 the result was shown as Sydney University 5 Saint George 0. A reader of the sport's section of the paper would think that the game was played and Sydney University won 5-0. The reality is that the game was not played and Saint George forfeited the match, which is completely different to the impression created by showing a 5-0 win to Sydney University. The same situation applies to the Sydney Hockey Association Web Site, where the result was shown as a 5-0 Sydney University victory. It is a falsehood and a charade to convey the impression that the game was played when it was not. Why is this so?

I enjoy looking up the week-ends results in the paper on Monday morning and commend the person(s) responsible for accomplishing this task. I would suggest though that the truth be displayed for all to see. If a team forfeits, then show the result as a forfeit. Do not cover up the forfeit and display a score that was not achieved on the field of play. This latter course of action is a cover-up. It gives the reader the impression that the competition is functioning better than it really is and that clubs are playing games that they are not. Tell the truth warts and all. We want the reality and not the fantasy.

Why did Saint George second grade forfeit against Sydney University on 16 June 2012?

Why should a second grade team forfeit? I would have envisaged that a few third graders could have doubled up, a few first graders could double up and a few of the team regulars would have been available to cobble together a team for the day. In 2012 Saint George imported 6-10 promising Under 18 players from outside the Club and dished them straight into first grade, probably with some financial inducement and or the offer of not paying fees. Has this move brassed off its long term club players who were demoted from first grade to second grade to accommodate the imports and are still required to pay full fees? Have these disenchanted, disgruntled, demoted first graders from 2011 retired or left the Club?

Importing 6-7 players from outside Sydney into a first grade team is a recipe for disunity in a club. This is usually not a problem for us in other clubs to worry about, except when a club starts forfeiting games and inconveniencing everyone else in the competition.

All comments on this topic will be published in the July Red Rag. If you have an opinion on this matter, share it with our readers. We would like to hear from you.