

# Glebe District Hockey Club

## Biography/Vale

### Michael Weatherly



Glebe District Hockey Club Member

(Player and Supporter)

Died in May 2014 aged 61 years

Michael played 99 Senior Club Games 1969 to 1976

70 Junior Club Games (Approx) from 1966-1969.

Michael's parents Phillip and Josephine Weatherly moved to Glebe looking for work opportunities shortly after they got married. Both Phillip and Josephine hailed from the Kandos /Rylstone area of NSW.

Phillip and Josephine lived most of their adult life in Leichhardt Street Glebe. They had two children, Michael and Phillip junior. Phillip junior's nickname is Bub.

Phillip snr worked most of his adult life for Leichhardt Municipal Council, as did both Michael and Bub. Phillip and Josie were long time parishioners of the Saint James Church at Glebe. Phillip snr died approximately 10 years ago and Josie moved to the Central Coast several years ago to live with her grand-daughter, Michelle. Michelle is Michael Weatherly's daughter.

Michael started playing hockey with the Glebe Club in 1966. He won Best Back award in the under 14 age group playing as goal-keeper.

Players who took the field for this team in the 1966 season included Laurie Brown, Con Savva, Greg Howe, Glen Warnecks, Ron Williams, Richard Bassett, George Chelpso, Paul Hansen, Les McMahon, Locky Lee, Bruce Lullum, Glen Puckeridge, John Wallis, Ian Wallis, Fred and Chris Nuhagiar, Giro Morgillo and Noel Anderson.

In 1967 Michael played in the under 16 team with Barry and Greg Howe, Glen Puckeridge, Locky Lee, Laurie Brown, Les McMahon, Con Savva, Paul Abate, V Wallace and George Chelpso. The coaches of this team were Pat Nilan and Robert "Charlie" Brown.

In 1968 Michael started the season with the under 16 team, but left half-way through the season to play football. New players to the team in 1968 were John Wallace in goals, Dave Cownie, and Gary Scanlon.

In 1969 Michael had a full season playing with the under 16 team and won the team's Best and Fairest Award. Players in the under 16 team of 1969 included Barry Howe, Locky Lee, John McMahon, Gary Scanlon, Steve Casey, Paul Abate, Noel Anderson, Glen Puckeridge, Paul Casey, Ray Holden, Les McMahon, and John Wallace in goals. Pat Nilan coached the team.

Michael played mostly as an inside forward..

In 1969 Michael played senior hockey in the Glebe fourth grade team under Captain Keith Vincent. Players in the fourth grade team included Tony Martin, Noel Anderson, John Cowan and Ross Polo.

In the late 60s and early 70s when he was in his late teens, Michael was playing impressive hockey for someone of his years. In 1969, in his



Back Row L to R: Wayne Sullivan, Len Needham, Kent Haigh, Michael Weatherly, Garry Wark, Bruce Jenkins, Bill Stubbs  
Front Row L to R: Daryl Seed, Steve Nance, Noel Anderson in goals, Steve Casey.

The photo of the 1973 3rd Grade team was taken at Jubilee Oval, Glebe, with the Railway Viaduct in the background.

last year of under 16 hockey Michael won the Team's Best and Fairest Award and also won the Club's V J Turner Award for being the most improved junior under 16 years.

In 1970, at the age of 17 years Michael showed real promise as a hockey player and was playing in the Club's second grade team. Players in this team included Albert Hush, Gary Manou, Rex Hanslow, Glen Puckeridge, Greg Howe, Peter Howe, Robert Wark, J Molineux, Bill Stubbs, Graeme Shirley and John McMahon.

In 1971 Michael played in the Glebe second grade team which was defeated in the Grand-Final 2-1 by Saint George. Team captain Denis Brown had this to say about Michael in the second grade report published in the 1971 Annual report. "Michael Weatherly had a great season with the team and will be there or first grade for quite a while yet". Players in the 1971 second grade team were Col Brown, Rex Hanslow, Garry Manou, Garry Morrison, Bennett Dunn, John McDonald, Robert Wark, Russ Nicholls, Denis Brown and Garry Scanlon.

In 1972 Michael played second and third grade. Second grade captain Victor Westacott wrote of him in the 1972 Annual Report: "Although Mick Weatherly turned in many blinders at inside left its obvious we haven't seen the best from him. I'm sure he will serve notice to all inside forwards next year."

The third grade captain Bill Stubbs commented: " (...he has had) Ups and Downs finally returned to seconds."

In 1973 Michael played third grade with Noel Anderson, Garry Wark, Darrel Seed, Len Needham, Kevin Haigh, Bruce Jenkins, Wayne Sullivan, Steve Nance, Bill Stubbs and E Perriman. Other players who played in third grade in 1973 on the odd occasion included Graeme Kirkland, Bob Godbold, Tony Cowan, Vernon Howe, Steve Casey, Hilary McDonald, John McDonald, Graham Lisk, Ian Faucett, D Cook, Fred Letts, Paul Rogers and Glen Puckeridge. At the end of the 1973 season Michael had played 92 senior games for Glebe.

From 1974-76 Michael played intermittently in the Club's fourth-sixth grade teams, playing for a bit of exercise and to socialise with his mates. Players who played with him in these years included Bill Stubbs, Ken Wark snr., Bennet Dunn, Col Smith, Graham Shirley, Brian Howe, Glen Puckeridge, Brian McKeough, Greg Howe, Paul Rogers, Tony "Fonz" Martin, Frank Whiteman, Billy Jardine, Garry Scotcher, Ian Scotcher, Denis Brown, Keith Kipp, Ken Wark jnr, Garry Wark, John Nelmes, Charlie Brown, Graham Shirley, Noel Anderson, Pat Diviney, Graham Kirkland, Roger McDonald, Harry Wark snr and Keith Vincent.

When he went to work Michael had employment pressures and other distractions in his life. His devotion to hockey became less than what it had been. He loved to play with his mates at the Club but was not a dedicated trainer and never realised his full potential as a hockey player.

Michael loved the social side of playing hockey and when he retired from playing the game in his mid-twenties he still frequently socialised with his ex-team mates.

The Toxteth Hotel Glebe Point Road, Glebe was Michael's favourite watering hole and for decades he meet many current and retired Glebe players at the Pub, to share a story about days past and to plan for the Club's future. For almost all his life Michael keenly followed the progress of the Glebe District Hockey Club.

Michael was a quiet chap, liked by all who knew him.

The Club extends its deepest sympathy to the Weatherly Family on the occasion of Michael's passing. Peace be with you Michael, rest easy in the bosom of the Lord.