

GLEBE DISTRICT HOCKEY CLUB

TWENTY-FIFTH

ANNUAL REPORT

AND

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

SEASON 1957.

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INTRODUCTION TO ANNUAL REPORT 1957.

Gentlemen,

Season 1957 was somewhat of an anti-climax after the Olympic Titles in 1956, however it was obvious that the first-class Hockey which was played in Melbourne had given the game a well needed boost in Australia. This is a common reaction in countries which act as hosts for Olympic Games and in the interests of Hockey we must fasten the enthusiasm which was created.

The Sydney Competition must be regarded as a successful one although the playing of three complete rounds tended to make the Competition irksome. Despite the length of the season the overall effect of the experiment was beneficial and no doubt the Association Executive will continue it along modified lines.

When comparing the results achieved by our Club with those of other post-war seasons, it might be thought, at first sight, that we were comparatively unsuccessful, but, on reflection most Clubs would be pleased to achieve as much. It is perhaps, safe to say that our "Esprit de Corps" was not as marked as in other years and this is one thing which must be preserved at all costs.

It must be remembered that for some years our teams were relatively settled but we are now going through a transition period which may continue for several years. Younger players are finding their way into the higher grade teams and this healthy trend augurs well for the future.

One of our greatest administrative problems is the control of under-age players and willing helpers must be found if the money which has been directed to Junior development in recent years is to bear fruit.

In conclusion allow me to say that there is no reason or room for despondency as far as the Globe Club is concerned. There are sufficient matinee players, juniors and finance to maintain the Club's high position in the Hockey world. I do not refer only to standard of play but also to Administration and encouragement of the Game generally, including close co-operation with Association officials and Committee. Make 1958 a bumper year by hard work, hard training, skilled play and a spirit of co-operation. There is no room for slackers.

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<u>FIRST GRADE:</u>	<u>P.</u>	<u>W.</u>	<u>L.</u>	<u>D.</u>	<u>GOALS FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>
	22	12	4	6	53	28

For the first time in a number of years the First Grade failed to reach the finals. We were well and truly beaten in the semi-finals by Norths 4-0.

The future however is not as bad as it looks. We have in the team nucleus of young players who will be making their presence felt for quite a number of years. However youth and experience alone will not win us Premierships. We must have team-work, spirit and understanding. You cannot play for a Club and run it down. By training together, team talks, and obeying captain's instructions we will rise again and continue the record run of previous Globe teams.

The members of the Team were:

RON PAYNE: Goal keeper, playing his first season for Globe, made many spectacular saves. Gave the team that "secure feeling."

KEN WARK: Full back, a tower of strength to the team. The scourge of umpires and forwards.

JACK TAYLOR: Full back, sound and consistent. Sets a good example to the whole team.

LEN NEEDHAM: Half, will go a long way as a half. Just don't run so far Len.

VERN TURNER: Half, probably the most complete Hockey player in Sydney. His 250 first trade games would be a record for any field sport.

VICTOR WESLACOFF: Half, improving each year. Has developed a very mature outlook on the game and if he sets his mind to it could represent this State and possibly Australia.

BENNETT DUNN: Forward, when he curbs that "enthusiasm" is an excellent right wing.

HARRY WARK: Forward, was not his best year but gave of his best in all games. Think people talked you into losing confidence Harry.

RAY THORPE: Forward, still scoring goals at his age.

BOB FOX: Forward, gets stage struck. Play your natural game Bob and you should be in first grade for a long while. Imagine you're having a training run.

MAX CAMPBELL: Forward, first time in first grade and has acquitted himself well.

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<u>SECOND GRADE:</u>	<u>P.</u>	<u>W.</u>	<u>L.</u>	<u>D.</u>	<u>GOALS FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>
	22	8	8	6	32	22

Once again another season of Hockey has passed and Second Grade I feel sure is looking forward to another season together. Only this time there will be no hair line decisions going against the Reds. This team has more than its share of talent and should literally walk in the next Premiership if we all stick together. Let's have plenty of team spirit.

A wonderful example of what can be done by the "Mighty Reds" was the epic last round game against St. George at the line. On that occasion something happened to the team but by no means a flash in the pan. The team realised it had a job to do and eleven men to do it with the result that after starting at long odds finished the day with a glorious victory. Very well done.

That performance could be repeated many times in the future, when that is done we will be morals for the top honours.

The team had the misfortune to be hit by injuries, some serious. The most notable being that of Captain Frank Murray, the Club can ill afford the loss of players like Frank.

Lets sum up the members of the team starting from the back.

GOAL KEEPER: This position was occupied by a variety of players each doing his best. Jim Kenny an old stager was on deck most of the season doing a great job for the boys, good work Jim!

BACKS: Greg Harris again proved himself a good one and did everything asked of him, a very good effort Greg. John Waterson again had the pleasure of being a member of this team.

HALVES: Max Jeffs has the makings of a very good half, needs only to cultivate a solid stroke to make his presence felt in the top grade. Fred Noodham: Played most of the season in the halves and is capable of turning a losing game into a winner, a pleasure to have you in the team Fred. Paul Rogers: Another going player who has tasted first grade play and could do the same in the future, keep it up Paul.

Frank Murray: Very little need be said for this great Globe Player. He has had a glorious past in hockey and can still produce plenty of tricks to completely fool the opposition, although he suffered injury last season, it's to be hoped he returns fresh and frisky from green pastures.

The forward line suffered many changes during the season but not a great deal was derived from it. The front line saw such players as John Sutherland getting more than his share of goals (as usual).

Bill Stubbs: Has what is needed and can produce match winning play, keep trying hard Bill.

Don West: Our "flying High Winger." He has plenty of speed and youth with more experiance he could carve out a bright future for himself in Hockey.

Bob Fox: Had quite a good season which was interrupted by Army Service. He spent most of his time with the forward line.

Dave Robertson: Still doing his utmost for another winner for the boys. It has been said Dave has developed a fondness for a position further back in the field.

Players paying us a brief visit included Jack Buckley, Noel Walker, Gary Sullivan.

To sum up, I would like to say this team has the ability and the will to win, if we all work and think together nothing will be impossible.

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<u>THIRD GRADE</u>	<u>P.</u>	<u>W.</u>	<u>L.</u>	<u>D.</u>	<u>GOALS FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>
	23	16	3	4	53	27

Our sincere congratulations must go to this grade on a fine performance and the successful winning of the third grade Premiership. The combination of experienced and young keen players in this team gives Globe Club a ray of hope for an even better future in years to come.

After a scratchy start, trailing behind in points until the second last the team settled down to play steady conscientious hockey in the true Globe style. Many players must be thanked and congratulated for their assistance to this victory as the team list changed continuously up till the final round when the selectors in their wisdom kept the team intact which payed off in the final result.

The forwards: J. Whittle, J. Thompson, R. Matthews, G. Sullivan, G. Collett, D. Graham, R. Cullon combined well in all phases of the game and at times had the opposition completely run off their feet. R. Matthews joining the team half way through the season gave inspiration to the younger forwards and his winning goal in the final has some of the forwards still trying to work out where he came from. J. Whittle is to be congratulated on the twentytwo goals he scored during the season - nice going John.

The defence consisting of H. Butler, F. Needham, J. McParland, R. Payne-Scott, V. Hall, N. Williams, D. Fisherden, J. Buckley combined well considering the changing about that went on due to players being unavailable and injured, but the presence of the old hands such as H. Butler, V. Hall, F. Needham gave the younger players confidence and experience which should be of great benefit.

A special mention for "Studley" for his keeping of goal, many times pulling off miraculous saves. B. Angus also for his good work as full back - this lad is only sixteen and we should see lots of him in the future - well done Barry.

<u>MINOR A. GRADE:</u>	<u>P.</u>	<u>W.</u>	<u>L.</u>	<u>D.</u>	<u>GOALS FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>
	22	8	11	3	30	41

Congratulations should go to this team for the fine performance it put up during the season to reach the semi-finals. This is a fine performance, due firstly to having a different team each week and not getting the team work that is essential for any team to win a competition. Secondly, of all the matches played there was a selector present at only one match. For a club with the reputation of teaching and fostering young players this record is very bad. All clubs build for the future on their young players which naturally come from the lower grades. Players turn up each Saturday to play with the idea of doing their best and being promoted to higher grades, which is the object of all players. When they find no selectors present to watch them, they must dishearten them and have the tendency to make them lose interest in the sport. If this is to happen then the young players the Club depends on for the future will not be there when the older players retire. We hope this coming season that the Selectors can see this fact and make sure that at least one selector attends each match this team plays during the season.

During the season 21 players played for this team of which was found that:

B. Watson: In goals played his usual safe game.

G. Griffiths: A late arrival into the team and with more experience should go higher.

R. Tanot: A trier all the time.

P. Scott: Came out of retirement only to be injured and put out after only 7 games.

K. Langshaw: Played in a few different positions and handled them well.

B. Bourko: One of the mainstays down the middle.

A. Payne: Improving with every match.

L. Hackett: A great asset to the team.

W. Wilson: One of the regulars and a trier.

K. Weeks: Stopped talking and his game improved and should go higher next season.

N. Simpson: Has the ability but a little more team work needed.

H. Wilson: Has the brains but not the condition, probably due to training only with the elbow.

J. Konny - R. Hatthows - J. Whittle - V. Halls - B. Angus - B. Ross - L. Beauman - G. Collet - played only a few matches with the team and gave it their fullest support.

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Under 16:

Once again the much desired under "16" competition eluded our grasp even though two Glebe teams contested the competition.

One team, the Glebe Police Boys Club, was defeated in the finals by Randwick who played very fine hockey and deserved their win - congratulations Randwick.

The player selected as the recipient of the V.J. Turner Trophy was Barry Angus who incidentally played the whole season in third grade and helped in their winning the Third Grade Premiership. Barry should develop into a good full back provided he learns to play properly on both sides of his body. Also he should attempt to anticipate the placements of the ball more by the opposition.

With regard to the members of the teams comprising the Under Sixteen teams, a word of appreciation is earned by their undefeated spirit throughout the season in the face of lack of support and encouragement from the senior members of the Club. This is a difficult problem at any time but one which appears to be able to be solved by even other Club except Glebe.

What makes the performance of the two teams more meritorious is the fact that more than half the players were capable of playing under 14 competition and did so as well.

From these two teams some beautiful hockey material will be moving into the senior ranks in the 1958 season and it would not surprise if a number of the senior members were not relegated to lower grades to make way for them.

It is up to these new "seniors" to develop a club spirit and realise that they belong to a club - "The Glebe District Hockey Club" - which has been held in esteem in the hockey world during the past 20 years. They are the first grade players and executives of tomorrow and must realise that from now on they have a responsibility to the Club and to each other.

In all, the future looks very bright.

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Under 14:

There did not appear any doubt from the very beginning that the Glebe Club would provide the winning team in the "A" Zone under 14 competition in 1957.

In an effortless season the Glebe Police Boys won the under 14 competition scoring 140 goals for, with two goals against. Never at any time was there cause for alarm - the competition was always within our grasp.

The Glebe Police Boys Club played some magnificent team games and deserve all the praise possible. Much credit must be given to Bob Gilmore who took over the hockey welfare of these boys and moulded them into a strong and forceful combination who made their presence felt to such an extent that it soon became not a matter of "will we win" but "by how much."

However, a competition is not made up of one team and therefore teams like St. James Glebe Police Boys 11, Glebe and St. Benedicts must be remembered for their enthusiasm and loyalty by turning up each Saturday morning. Without these boys who comprise these teams the competition in Zone A would not have been so enjoyable.

From the Under 14 Competition four trophies are awarded. The boys receiving these awards are as follows:

1. Most improved forward: This trophy has been awarded to the right wing of the Glebe Police Boys Club, Doug Davis. This boy played some beautiful hockey and made innumerable openings for good scoring movements with Allen McKowan. The Club might have one out of the box in this boy.
2. Most improved half: The trophy awarded to the most improved half was given to Peter Howe, one of the most outstanding prospects in the Glebe Club. This boy will play for Australia one day and will achieve this honour by ability alone.
3. Most improved back: Graham Gilmore.
4. Most outstanding player: Here is a player who has all the marking of a first class hockey player and destined for big things. His name? Graham Gilmore. Graham has been selected as the most outstanding Under 14 player for 1957. It should not be very long before he is wearing his "blue."

The future of the Glebe Club is assured with players of the calibre of these trophy winners.

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CLUB TROPHIES:

Congratulations to the following players who have been selected as Trophy winners for the 1957 season:-

W.J. TAYLOR CUP	-	R. MATHEWS
W.A. OLDFIELD CUP	-	V. WESTACOTT
V.J. TURNER CUP	-	B. ANGUS

CARNIVALS:

Once more the majority of carnivals we attended eluded our grasp. But I must emphasise that although we lost, those who attended thoroughly enjoyed themselves. It has been a couple of years since we had the same spirit and friendship that these trips brought out.

We managed to win the Cremorne/North Sydney 7 a side and the St. George Easter Carnival again; were runners-up at Wests and Canterbury Carnivals. At Goulburn we were eliminated in the quarter finals by the ultimate winners, Crookwell. This was a terrific game and but for a doubtful decision would have gone our way. This game must have been too much for some, because hours later, on the way home, they turned green with the usual results. At Bathurst we failed to qualify, managing only three draws. However, the concert at the "Log Cabin," attended by the "Man in the White Sports Coat," was some consolation.

A colts team attended Tamworth Carnival on Eight Hour Day. Although not winning, they put up a very meritorious display. I hope that this team is the forerunner of many teams to attend Tamworth.

GOLF DAY:

This was held at Wallacia and was an outstanding success. "Butch" Butler on his rather liberal handicap of 80, was a rather easy winner. Looks as if we'll have to scrap this particular handicapping system.

SMOKO:

As usual this was held under the arches. The Christmas Raffle, held in conjunction with the Smoko, was drawn the same night. The raffle, unfortunately, was not given its full support by all members. Once again, our thanks to Harry Wark for organising the Smoko.