

GLEBE DISTRICT HOCKEY CLUB

THIRTIETH ANNUAL REPORT

and

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

SEASON . . . . . 1962 .

GLEBE DISTRICT HOCKEY CLUB.OFFICE BEARERSSEASON 1962

Founder : The Late Rev. Bro. McCarten Keegan  
 Patron : J. Kenny Esq.  
 President : K. Dickey Esq.  
 Sen. Vice President : H. Wark Esq.

Life Members:

J. Quinlan                      J. Kenny                      W. Ryan                      J. Worley

Honorary Secretary:

R. G. Thorpe

Honorary Treasurer:

J. Thomson  
 (resigned 26th Sept., 1962)  
 W. Stubbs  
 (appointed 10th Oct., 1962)

Honorary Ass. Secretary:

F. Letts

Honorary Ass. Treasurer:

B. Goodrick

Club Captain:

P. Nilan

Club Vice-Capt.:

G. Harris

Publicity Officers:

Nil

Delegates to S. H. A.

P. Nilan & G. Gilmour

Delegates S.H.A. Jun. Ass.

Nil

Management Committee:

R. Thorpe  
 K. Dickey  
 J. Thomson

P. Nilan  
 G. Harris  
 D. Wise

F. Letts  
 G. Gilmour  
 W. Stubbs

Provisional Selection Committee:

P. Nilan      L. Needham      D. Wise  
                  G. Harris      R. Brown

Honorary Auditor:

R. Payne-Scott, F.A.S.A.

REPORT OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND HON. TREASURER'S  
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS.

To the Office Bearers and Members of the Glebe District Hockey Club:-

GENTLEMEN.

I have very much pleasure in presenting to you, for your consideration and adoption, the 30th Annual Report and Financial Statement of the Glebe District Hockey Club.

The 1962 Season proved to be one of our best, both on and off the field. You will see that we won the 1st Grade undefeated, were just beaten, I repeat just beaten, in 2nd Grade, won 3rd Grade and 4th Grade played some good hockey but did not make the first four this year. Your Club also once again won the Club Championship. A record to be proud of, but one that can be improved on, so go to it you younger members of the Club.

At the beginning of last season the Club embarked upon an ambitious programme to provide Juniors for the years to come. Mr. Des. Wise organized the programme and it was off to a flying start but alas it did not last as we could not get enough senior members interested. Gentlemen, your Club is built on Juniors, the sooner you realize this and do something about it the better.

Financially the Club did not do as well as expected due mainly to the laxity of members in paying their fees. This season I am recommending to the incoming Committee that all members who are in arrears in fees be asked to bring them up to date before the beginning of the 1963 Competition.

Due to unforeseen circumstances your elected Treasurer could not see his way clear to fill his position for the 12 months, so he resigned, verbally. We are still awaiting a written resignation which is the normal procedure when a person is an Office Bearer of a Club. In the meantime your Management Committee asked Mr. W. Stubbs to step into the position which he did, and our thanks are due to him for such a clear and comprehensive financial statement.

Here I must thank the work horse of the Club, our Secretary, Mr. Ray Thorpe. Once again he has done a tremendous amount of work for the Club, without him we would be like a ship without a rudder. With his wife, Mrs. B. Thorpe, he was largely responsible for the financial success of our catering venture at Jubilee Oval.

Socially the Club had another successful year as you will read in the Report. Our annual dance being a huge success for which our thanks go to Mr. A. Stubbs.

During last season our oldest active member, Mr. Jim Kenny, played his 500th Club Game, a feat I cannot let pass without comment. This is a record, I feel sure, in any branch of sport, and one that will stand for a long long time to come in the Glebe Club. Jim, as well as playing the game as it should be, and in the spirit it

should be, has a wonderful club spirit and while we have men of his calibre in the club, we may be sure that the Glebe District Hockey Club will never become extinct.

Well Gentlemen let us look forward to another enjoyable season and whether we win, lose or draw, may we all assist in making Hockey "The game that Grows".

--- K. DICKEY

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### REPORT ON 1st GRADE.

This team had its best year for some time, winning the premiership and in doing so went through the season unbeaten. The team also won the St. George Annual Carnival at Easter and G. GILMORE and P. FLAN won hockey sticks for being the best back and forward respectively.

The play of the team throughout the season was of a high standard. It was only when the individual lost control of himself, that the standard was lowered. When several players in the same match do so, the result was worse, as evident in the second match against North Sydney.

A team which is self disciplined and plays with a view of playing the ball at all times, has a great advantage over an opposing team, so let us always keep it that way.

The team played 24 games, winning 32 and drawing 2. Goals scored for were 96 and against 12. This would indicate, that the defence was the stronger department of the two, but then, when you are scoring goals the opposition cannot score at the same time.

Members of the team were:-

- F. VANDERPUT - Our goalie who usually did not get his money's worth, but gave good service when required.
- K. WARK - Our right back who played some of his best hockey for years and showed admirable restraint on occasions.
- G. GILMORE - Our left back who at times "left" us worried. Started well - faded - came back again. A case of too much advice from too many people.
- R. FOSE - Our right half and consistent "trapper" in the team. Worked in well with Ken.
- D. WISE - Our centre half and captain who is glad the season is over and is very proud of the team.
- L. NEEDHAM - Our left half who played consistently well and was rewarded with a state blazer, but about that game, well that is another story.
- R. BROWN - Our right winger and the find of the season. With 100% concentration, quicker anticipation and a change in the Sydney selectors, he should get his senior colours next season.

FIRST GRADE (Contd.):

- Rev. J. COTTIER - Our right inner and the "Parson", whose self control was an object lesson for all, though at times we wondered.
- R. THORPE - Our centre forward, leading goal scorer and state selector who got goals when we needed them most. The Question! Should a state selector do time in the "Sin Bin"?
- P. NILAN - Our inside left and vice captain; of the latter I am sure. Pat played well considering the attention he received from the opposition and it is to his credit that he did not retaliate.
- V. WESTACOTT - Our left wing who did not want to play. For a player who was not keen his game was well above par. Trained by exercising his man-eater.

Others to play also, were J. THOMPSON, B. DUNN and D. LISKE, all of whom acquitted themselves well.

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SECOND GRADE

Second Grade was very unlucky not to be premiers and make it a grand slam for the Club. The team suffered only one defeat (2-1) during the year to Ryde, the ultimate premiers. This defeat was early in the season and cost us the minor premiership and possibly the premiership. The team was a combination of young and old, which blended together to make a good team of triers. The Final played at St. Ives Showground on a small ground and in boiling conditions, was not to our liking. We like big grounds with plenty of room to move. Even though we hit the front with a splendid goal from Billy Stubbs, Ryde equalized making the game a draw at full time. Therefore an extra 10 minutes each way was played with the scores unaltered, thus necessitating a final 5 minutes each way only to finish equal. Ryde who finished Minor Premiers was awarded the game and premiership. Our congratulations are extended to them. Glebe, to me, were glorious in defeat and I was proud to lead and play with such a fine lot of fellows.

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THIRD GRADE

The Third Grade team after a very hard struggle, ended up on top of the competition, mainly I think through the team spirit that they developed towards the end of the season. The Team had to fight hard for every win except perhaps for the Grand-Final when we knew we had St. Georges' number ten minutes after the start of the play, the reason being perhaps that it was the first time in the season that we played the same side for three weeks running. Apart from

THIRD GRADE (Contd.)

this I think it was a remarkable effort for the team in the spirit that they showed after playing nearly 30 players during the season.

I am sure that the selectors for next season, whoever they might be, will have noticed Brian Howe in the semi-finals, finals and grand final, completely demoralising the opposition and playing a big part in our victories.

This team would have won a lot more games except for the lack of goal scoring forwards, or should I say the lack of forwards in general. In one game we took the field with eight players who were normally halves, thank goodness they were versatile.

Going through the side briefly we had Dick Payne-Scott ( a great tryer all the time) in goals with George Griffiths ( a little wild but a great asset to the team) and Martin Howe (turned in a whale of a game in the grand final after George Griffiths was injured). K. Doyle (who never gave up, with a bit more speed could go a lot further). Paul Rogers and Max Jeffs (Paul was the backbone of the team); in the forwards we had Dick Callaghan (always trying, his passes from the right wing were something to see). Dennis Brown (a bit over-weight but could go places with a bit more tiger). Vince Wyers (always tried). Brian Howe who I already mentioned and Des Harris (Des never gave up and happens to have found his place on the left wing).

A special mention to Robert Frazer who never played a game yet turned up for the semis, final and grand final as a reserve.

To finish this report I would like to thank everybody for their help to me both on and off the field, and I am sure they will be all back next season trying to hold the trophy that we won this year. I must make one comment however, and that is, notice the difference in this side when they stopped talking and played Hockey.

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FOURTH GRADE

Our Fourth Grade consisted mainly of under 16 players, and the team as a whole performed fairly well. They lacked the discipline of an older player, and this sometimes led to bad displays and discredited to the Club. This year the Fourth Grade becomes part of the Club Championship, and we hope the members of the team remember this and always give of their best - for the Club's sake.

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CLUB TROPHIES

The Club has three trophies that are competed for each year. Trophy winners are selected by the Management Committee at the conclusion of each season.

W. J. TAYLOR CUP.

This trophy was first competed for in 1941. It was donated by W. J. Taylor, who at the time was Patron of the Club.

The award was originally "for the most improved player". However, since 1954 the wording has been altered to "the Club member who has set the best example by consistent play and general demeanor".

This change came about because it was considered that the original wording excluded many senior members.

## Previous winners:

1941 .. Frank Murray	1952 .. Jack Martin
1942 .. no record	1953 .. Glen Elliot
1943 .. Jack Taylor	1954 .. Alec Robb
1944 .. no record	1955 .. Vern Turner
1945 .. Leo Murdoch	1956 .. Jack Taylor
1946 .. Allen Cross	1957 .. Reg Mathews
1947 .. Bob Needham	1958 .. Paul Rogers
1948 .. Jack Buckley	1959 .. Greg Harris
1949 .. Fred Needham	1960 .. Greg Harris
1950 .. Jack Martin	1961 .. Graham Gilmour
1951 .. Vince Halls	

This year the trophy goes to:

Ken Wark

to whom we extend our congratulations.

W. A. OLDFIELD CUP.

Like the W. J. Taylor Cup this was first competed for in 1941. It was presented by W. A. Oldfield, the former Australian Wicketkeeper. It is awarded to the Colt (under 21) who has been adjudged "the most improved and best behaved junior during the season".

## Previous winners:

1941 .. Jack Taylor	1951 .. Ken Bolin
1942 .. no record	1952 .. Len Needham
1943 .. " "	1953 .. Ken Bolin
1944 .. " "	1954 .. Paul Rogers
1945 .. John Richards	1955 .. Paul Rogers
1946 .. John Collett	1956 .. Greg Harris
1947 .. No award as J. Collett was the only eligible player.	1957 .. Vic. Westacott
1948 .. Don Campbell	1958 .. Pat Nilan
1949 .. Allan Halls	1959 .. Pat Nilan
1950 .. Bob Rodgers	1960 .. Bill Stubbs
	1961 .. Pat Nilan

The task of choosing a winner for this trophy is probably the most difficult of the three. This year was no exception and our congratulations go to ....

Robert Brown

V. J. TURNER CUP

During 1950 the Management Committee, in their efforts to foster Junior Hockey in the Club, decided to present a trophy for "the most improved and best behaved junior, under the age of 16 yrs."

The cup was named after Vern Turner in appreciation of his work with the Juniors. Vern was an outstanding player and an equally outstanding coach. He first started playing with the Club in 1942 on the left wing and went straight into 1st Grade. He played 261 games and scored 84 goals. His ambition to coach a winning Under 16 team wasn't fulfilled as he left the Club in '57. The next year '58, saw two of the teams he had coached play out the final.

## Previous winners:

1950 .. Keith Riley	1956 .. John Whittle
1951 .. Bennett Dunn	1957 .. Barry Angus
1952 .. Maurie Cownie	1958 .. Brian Howe
1953 .. Eddie Kenny	1959 .. Graham Gilmour
1954 .. Garry Sullivan	1960 .. Dennis Lisk
1955 .. Bill Stubbs	1961 .. Harry Wark Jnr.

Our congratulations to this year's winner ...

Dennis Brown

REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS

Each year members of the Club have the opportunity of being selected in many representative teams. These range from Sydney U/13 up to the highest of all ..... The Australian XI.

Since 1937 three Club members have been chosen in Australian teams ... viz:

Tom Pearce,  
1937

Ken Wark,  
1952/54

Pat Nilan  
1961

Eighteen (18) players have worn the two blues of N.S.W. They are:- T. Pearce 3, B. Bates I, C. Humphries I, T. (Digger) Taylor I, K. Dickey I, W. Ryan I, V. Turner 8, F. Murray I, K. Wark 5, R. Thorpe 2, T. Reece I, A. Robb I, D. Wise I, J. Taylor I, V. Westacott I, R. Payne I, P. Nilan 2, L. Needham I.

Nine (9) members have played for N.S.W. Colts. They are:- D. McNiven, C. Eling, W. Ryan, A. Cross, V. Halls, R. Rodgers, G. Harris, P. Nilan, R. Fox.

For N.S.W. Schoolboys ten (10) members have represented:- K. Dickey, P. Ward, B. Dunn, V. Westacott, J. Flood, W. Stubbs, B. Howe, G. Gilmour, D. Lisk, P. Howe.

Players to gain rep. honours this year were:-

N.S.W. Seniors:	P. Nilan,	L. Needham.
Sydney Seniors:	P. Nilan,	L. Needham.
Sydney Challenge:	L. Needham,	J. Thomson
Sydney Colts:	R. Brown,	G. Gilmour.



SOCIAL TOPICSSMOKO

Once again this was held "under the Arches" and thoroughly enjoyed by all. As you know this is a free night. The Xmas Raffle, run in conjunction, is not member's admittance fee. The Committee feels that it is the appropriate time to draw the raffle rather than at a separate function. However, we do feel that any person, not a member-playing or social- should pay some sort of fee. Whether this takes the form of buying raffle tickets at the door or by a fixed donation would be a matter for the committee. Costs for the Smoko average about £20 which members actually pay for with their fees, donations, raffles, purchases at the club etc., and I do not think it right that a visitor (the Club's invited guests excepted) should have his fill yet do nothing for the Club. As so often happens we never see that visitor again until next year's Smoko.

Xmas Raffle:

We must thank members for their response to this. The amount raised can be ascertained from the Financial Report. As I go on holidays immediately the raffle is drawn, I cannot notify members as to the result. I have a list of all prize winners which you can see if you so desire. All prizes in this year's raffle have been claimed.

Presentation to J. Kenny:

During the season Jim Kenny achieved the amazing record of playing 500 club games, i.e. competition games. Carnival games of course are not counted in this total.

To mark the occasion the Committee decided to honour Jim with a special night and to present him with a Club Blazer, and a silver tray. The night was an outstanding success. For this we have to thank the ladies who supplied such a wonderful supper, the gamblers who can't resist a flutter, the many ex-players and friends of Jim's early days with the Club, and of course to the present day players and friends who attended. Also, I would like to thank the St. George players who attended to honour Jim.

Annual Dance:

A most highly successful financial and social affair. All those attended voted it one of the best ever. No matter how well any function is organised for its ultimate success it depends on member's support. This was forthcoming more this year than previously. To Arthur Stubbs who organises almost all aspects of the dance, go our sincerest thanks.

Carnivals:

During the last few years the number of carnivals conducted by the various clubs has diminished. At one stage seven Sydney Clubs held Carnivals; this year I think there were only three.

The Club competed in two City Carnivals - St. George and