



Glebe District Hockey Club Inc

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**JUNIOR TEAMS**

**ANNUAL REPORT**

**1992**

## Junior Convenor's Report 1992

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On behalf of the Junior Committee I welcome everyone to our 1992 Presentation Day.

Congratulations to those fine young hockey players who will receive trophies today. Also to all those who gained representative honours in 1992 and the Sydney squads for 1993.

This year we were able to enter two teams in both the Under 11 and Under 13 competitions, with the Under 11 Maroons and Under 13 Whites reaching the finals. A great effort and well done!

In the Under 15's and Under 17's age groups we entered one team in each with considerable success. Those who competed in these age groups showed good improvement, a good sign for the future.

Another area of junior participation was the Minkey programme conducted by Club Captain Peter Busch with the assistance of a roster of Ladies' Hockey members. Each Saturday morning there were about forty to forty-five Minkey players in attendance. Another good sign for the future of the Club.

On behalf of the Club and the Junior Committee we would like to thank all the Coaches, Team Managers and the Senior members who made themselves available for training and assistance throughout the season, especially Harry Wark Junior and Bevan Ineson who conducted training on Wednesday evenings.

In addition,

— to the "Ladies Auxiliary", Maureen Paterson, Maggie O'Sullivan, Cheryl Oman, Anne and Robin Wark, who organised and catered for all our functions, canteen, socials and after training BBQs — a great effort ladies.

— to Ed Crook and Mick Tapsell in the production and editing of the Red Rag newsletter on a monthly basis — very informative and well received.

— to all those not mentioned above who unselfishly gave of their time and effort whenever required.

Lastly it would be remiss of me not to thank the fellow members of the Junior Committee, namely Jim Oman, Peter Howe, Bob Taylor and Mick Tapsell, for their efforts throughout the year.

In closing we take this opportunity in wishing everyone a happy festive season and hope to see you in 1993.

*Martin Howe*  
*Junior Convenor*

# UNDER 17's REPORT

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## MANAGER'S REPORT 1992

*"What a team with great team spirit"*

18 matches, 5 wins, 7 losses and 6 draws. 27 goals for, 35 goals against  
Finished 4th in Division A

Player	Position	Matches Played	
Dean Benfield	Goalkeeper	16	Simply the best
Ben Sully	Forward	13	The best forward
Scott Sheppard (Vice-Captain)	Half/Forward	18	Mr TV at every game
Helen Howe	Half Back	12	Hey Dad, she is good, 1 goal
Ben Farrawell	Forward	17	Tries all day
Matthew Bass (Captain)	Back/Forward	15	Hold your tongue boy, 9 goals
Adam Farrawell	Forward/Back	16	Listen to the coach a little, 6 goals
Karen Bowden	Back/Forward	10	Baffled opposition forwards
Adam Campano	Half/Forward	11	Pity about that injury — going places but
Sean Casey	Forward	9	Where were you in the beginning? 2 goals
Mark Baxter	Forward	11	An excellent find, but a yellow card kid
Peter McKeown	Back/Forward	17	Never complained, worked all day, 3 goals
Garth Fain	Forward/Half	14	Should concentrate more and give up skiing
Brook Anderson	Forward	10	Where are you? 3 goals

Ken Wark Senior — Coach

Ian Treharne — Manager

And many thanks to Leigh Casey (1 match), Warren Benfield (1 match), Darren Gillan (6 matches) Mark Tozer (3 matches) and Chris Jenkins (1 match) for playing to make up the numbers when asked — thanks guys.

What a great bunch of young adults. Played well as a team when we finally got it all together. It was very frustrating to go down by the odd goal, or even draw, when everyone knew we were the better team. I hope next year, with a little extra planning, we will become Number One.

We did finish fourth in the top division however.

Many thanks must go to the parents for giving up their Saturday mornings running around Sydney, from Sutherland to Moorebank and Homebush. Thank to Ken Wark for being a great coach — pity on not having a full squad all season.

Towards the future, most of these players will make very good Club members, with one or two aspiring to higher representations. This will happen with a little help from coaches in the Club.

*Ian Treharne  
Manager*

# UNDER 15's REPORT

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A squad of 13 players formed the Under 15 team. They were:

Goalkeeper	Ben Farrowell
Fullbacks	Karen Bowden, Kyle Jones, Adam Tozer
Halves	James McDonald, Jason Bowden, Kristi Barrow, Matthew Pellarini
Forwards	Colleen Howe, Ben Howe, Christian Campano, Adrian White, Tam Sherwood

## Under 15's Player Profile

Goal	Ben Farrowell	When he put his mind to the job he was the equal of any goalkeeper in the comp.
Fullback	Karen Bowden	The best back of the team, very strong and skilful.
Fullback	Kyle Jones	Tried hard at all times but tended to daydream a little.
Fullback/Forward	Adam Tozer	Newcomer to the team and improved with every game. should stick with it, has the potential to progress further.
Right Half	James McDonald	First year with the Club, with his father "John" on the sideline he gave his all, the big improver.
Centre Half	Jason Bowden	Karen's little brother! Also has developed into a skilful player, but must deliver the ball earlier.
Left Half	Kristi Barrow	Another of the girls in the team, tries hard at all times but other commitments kept her away on many occasions.
Left half	Matthew Pellarini	When available played hard and strong but prefers rugby league.
Right Wing	Colleen Howe	Improved as the season progressed, very determined and scared of nobody. Her centres from the right wing were dynamite, but she was starved of the ball.
Inside Right	Ben Howe	A utility player who has the skills to be a very good player. Needs to involve himself more with training etc. Progresses to the Under 17's next year.
Centre Forward	Chris Campano	His first year in the Under 15's but a bit wary of the bigger boys in other teams. Has good stick work and will have a much better season in 1993.

Inside Left	Adrian White	Inspirational at times with his stick work and skills. Should have a good season in the Under 17's next season. Always led by example.
Outside Left	Tam Sherwood	Tam always gives his best, never stops trying and should improve next year. Positional play very good.

The team performed creditably during the season and narrowly missed out on making the semi-finals.

As the season progressed it became obvious as to the benefits of training. Those players, and it was in the majority, who attended on Thursday evenings at Homebush vastly improved their skills and teamwork.

As manager of the team I would like to give special mention to our coach Martin Howe who gave all players his total support and encouragement at all times. He organised, attended and supervised all training sessions.

The team developed into a happy harmonious unit which gave of its best in every game. Team spirit abounded and all players accepted defeat with dignity — a sign of the strength of character of these young men and women. They are a credit to the Club and their parents.

At times during the season, due to team members being unable to play for various reasons, it was necessary to call on players from the Under 13's to help us field a team and we thank the following for their participation: Mary Wark, Anthony Wark, Simon Bracht, Alexander Crook and Geoffrey Hammett.

It has been a pleasure being associated with this team and I look forward to seeing you all next season.

In closing I would like to thank the parents who assisted in transport to training sessions and games and in particular to Kath and Darrell Farrawell who made themselves available on every occasion.

Wishing you all a Happy Christmas.

*Peter Howe*  
*Manager*

# UNDER 13's WHITE REPORT

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Played 14 round games, won 10, lost 3, drew 1, won the semi-final against Liverpool 4-1 and lost the final to Moorebank 1-4. The side came third in a competition of eight teams: Glebe White, Glebe Maroon, Sutherland, Sutherland Sharks, Bankstown, St George, Parramatta and Moorebank.

Team Personnel: Alex Crook, Martin Smith, David Mullens, Lewis McKeown, Kim Rizzo, Mary Wark, Eddie Johnson, Sam Everest, Simon Bracht, Anthony Wark, Doug Cronin, Aaron Oman, Geoff Hammett.

Manager: Jim Oman                      Coach: Harry Wark

Goals for: 96      Goals against: 22

Scorers:	Simon Bracht	27
	Aaron Oman	20
	Anthony Wark	19
	Doug Cronin	18
	Geoff Hammett	6
	Sam Everest	3
	Eddie Johnson	3
	TOTAL	96

Parramatta Carnival:

Runner-up to Northern Districts. Score in the Final: 1-2

The pre-season training at Federal Park commenced on Sundays in early March and were well attended. Initially we had a squad of about 20 in the Under 13 age bracket, not enough for two teams but too many for one. The Junior Committee in its wisdom decided to enter two teams in the competition and fill the gaps with older Under 11 players. As the season drew closer, six or seven more starters for the Under 13's arrived and fielding two teams became no problem. Should the two teams be of approximately equal strength or should the teams be graded according to ability? This was the question which occupied the minds of the selectors for some weeks prior to the commencement of the competition. After vigorous debate and on a 3-2 decision, the sides were selected on ability, with a couple of exceptions due to transport and family reasons.

The Under 13 White team was fortunate in having their shirts donated by Mr Fred Falzon, who is in the shirt, hat and jumper business and I would like to thank Fred for his generosity.

It was clear after the selections that the white side of 1992 was a better outfit than the Under 13 side of 1991 who made the semi-final. Martin Smith, previously from Canberra, and Sam Everest, previously from Shepparton in Victoria, added considerably to the playing strength of the team. Of the thirteen players in the squad, five were from last year's Under 13 team and six from last year's Under 11's.

Our first game of the season was against St George at Jubilee on 4th April which we won 10-2. It was clear even in the first game that we had an accomplished set of forwards, but our defence was going to have a few problems as the season progressed. The forward line of Eddie Johnson, Aaron Oman, Doug Cronin, Anthony Wark, Simon Bracht and Sam Everest had plenty of pace and always looked as if they could put the ball into the net. The side scored in every game they played this season, which was an outstanding effort. Unfortunately they were not as keen on tackling back as they were on shooting for goal and there was often a big gap between our halves and our forwards. Our mid-field is where we lost it this season and our style of play was unbalanced in many games, the classical W formation did not exist despite constant instruction from the coach! Bunching and not using the full width of the field were probably our two

biggest failings. The defence of Alex Crook, David Mullens, Martin Smith, Kim Rizzo, Mary Wark, Lewis McKeown and Geoff Hammett toiled hard and improved considerably as the season progressed. They needed a little more confidence in their own ability and a determination to win the "50-50" balls. With a bit of a sprint and a bit of confidence those "50-50" balls turned into a "70-30" chance. During the season we concentrated on four fundamentals of the game; take the quick free hit; tackle, tackle, tackle; don't let the opposition run with the ball; and keep the ball wide. By and large the side endeavoured to comply with this advice and in our fourteen competition games we were competitive, looking as if we wanted to play hard and fast. On occasions the defence tended to put their heads down and blast the ball down the middle of the field, more in hope than in expectation, when a well directed short pass to a teammate would have been a better option. At times, players tended to float around the edges of the play rather than involving themselves in the thick of the action.

Sutherland were the stand out team in the competition and only had six goals scored against them in fourteen games, of these Glebe White scored four. Our short corners for most of the season were pathetic, but around semi-final time they came good and added a new dimension to our attack. Against the better teams in the competition the side showed grit, determination and tenacity and in only one or two games did not give their best.

The team were capable of, and usually showed, the good old fashioned Glebe spirit and were a credit to the Club. On the odd occasion there was a bit of bitching between this or that player, but for the most part the players' conduct was exemplary. Many friendships were cemented during the course of the season and the players enjoyed each other's company. The side did not abuse umpires, did not indulge in sledging the opposition and were well mannered and well behaved. It was a team of fine young men and women and the Club can be justly proud of their efforts.

Gary Cronin umpired most of our games and did an outstanding job. He is one of the best umpires in Sydney. Jim Oman has a great talent as a manager, social worker, psychiatrist, transport executive, Junior Committee man, etc, etc and organised the team with military precision. Everyone knew what was happening and where to be at what time. Bevan Ineson coached the team periodically at Wednesday night training, at Thursday night turf training at Homebush and helped to prepared the team for the semi-final and final. Bevan made a significant contribution to the vast improvement displayed by the team during the season. Many of the parents made the effort to come and watch our games and their support on the sideline was appreciated by the players. It was by no means unusual for there to be forty to fifty Glebe supporters watching the matches on a Saturday morning.

The Junior BBQ was a great success both socially and financially. Over 200 persons (men, women, children and babies) attended and over \$1,500 was raised. Thank you families for supporting our socials as, without your support, we could not have a Junior Hockey Club. Wednesday night training was well attended and it was usual to get eleven of the thirteen players at the training session. The after training BBQ developed into a grand affair and was well liked by everyone. Thank you Maureen Paterson, Cheryl Oman, Maggie O'Sullivan, Anne Wark, Andrew Goodrick, Bob Reddy and Mick Tapsell for making the BBQ such a great success.

At the Parramatta Carnival, Glebe entered an Under 13 team consisting of four players from the Maroons and seven players from the Whites. The Carnival was well organised and enjoyed by all. The players had plenty of hockey and the composite side acquitted themselves with distinction, finishing runners-up to the Northern Districts. Competing teams were Warringah, Ryde, Northern Districts, Baulkham Hills, Parramatta and Glebe. The final against Northern Districts was a thriller and the team displayed a fantastic fighting spirit in trying to claw their way back into the game after Northern Districts took an early lead.

In summary, the team had an enjoyable and rewarding season both on and off the field. Good luck to the players moving up to the Under 15's next year and thank you to the Junior Committee for the outstanding job they did this season.

## Player Profile

Alex Crook	Goalkeeper	Enormous improvement this year under the guidance of Andrew Goodrick. He covers the angles well and will now attack the oncoming forward and reduce the angle. His reading of the game is good and frequently takes the right option. Had a couple of runs on the field against weaker teams and nearly scored on one occasion.
David Mullens	Fullback	A quiet lad by nature, but a popular member of the team none the less. David was a keen trainer and always work hard and gave his best. He developed well as the season progressed, his field position was excellent and he hit the ball sweetly all season.
Martin Smith	Fullback	Was a force in the defence, although like all good fullbacks frequently wanted to play in the forwards. Martin tackled well and frequently broke up the opposition attacks. He has a fair turn of speed and none of the opposition forwards outpaced him. Needs to keep the ball wide rather than pound it down the centre.
Lewis McKeown	Half	When he put his mind to it Lewis was a competent and effective member of the team. Needs at times to involve himself more in the play, but there is no doubt that Lewis showed considerable improvement this year and played particularly well in the semi-final and the final.
Kim Rizzo	Half	Had a good season did Kim and outpaced most of the opposition forwards with consummate ease. Her powers of recovery are the best in the team, fantastic! She developed a good hit this year which adds a new dimension to her game.
Geoff Hammett	Half	Was one of the best players in the team and often threw himself into the attack from mid-field. Geoff has a good powerful push, a good hit and a good tackle. He needs to throw himself more into the "50-50 ball" situations and be just a little faster to the ball, but these are small criticisms in a fast developing player.
Mary Wark	Half	At times Mary was inspirational to the team but at other times she could lose the plot. In defence she was outstanding and was one of the best centre-halves in the competition. In attack she lacked confidence in her own ability and did not push up far enough behind the forwards, but I am sure this aspect of her game will develop next season.
Eddy Johnson	Utility Half/ Forward	Eddy always gave 110% and was one of the best competitors in the team. He has good reflexes and scored some important goals for us during the season. With a little more practice and the development of better stick and ball skills he could become a very good player.



Sam Everest	Right-Wing	A dangerous forward is Sam and some of his runs down the sideline brought the crowd to their feet. He has a good shot for goal and always troubled the opposition defence. Tackling is an area that he needs to work on — keep the stick out, the body back and defend your legs (straight from Harry's Coaching Manual). Sam is a player of the future.
Simon Bracht	Forward	Had an outstanding season and was the team's leading goal scorer. Simon is a very good hockey player and a tigerish tackler. He needs to work back harder in defence, pass the ball earlier in attack and use finesse to take the ball round the keeper instead of blasting it into the pads. His stick stop of the short corner developed as the season progressed and this enabled us to dramatically improve our conversion rate.
Anthony Wark	Forward	Was the best runner-out on the short corners in the competition and saved us many goals. He is quick, has a good shot and is a fierce competitor. At times he can lose concentration and loaf, but these episodes got less as the season progressed. His goal sense is terrific and several times during the season produced goals out of nothing which is a great attribute.
Aaron Oman	Forward	Made amazing progress this season and scored plenty of goals. Like a lot of the other forwards he found it hard to get back in defence at times. His shot for goal improved as the games rolled by. He scored nineteen goals during the season but could have scored three times as many if he could have put a rudder on his stick. Aaron is very fast and has a big future.
Doug Cronin	Forward	Has a great slap for goal from the inside-left alley and has good circle craft. Needs to improve himself more in the midfield and deliver the early ball to the strikers up front. Doug was one of our best players, a keen trainer and a good competitor who next season will flourish into an accomplished forward.

*Harry Wark*

# UNDER 13's MAROON REPORT

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With two Under 13 teams this year it was decided to run a first and second, with the less experienced players playing in the second team.

Although we had only two wins all season and finished second last in the competition, the team never gave up and fought every game to the final whistle. The opposition really worked hard for their wins.

There was no complaining among team mates which resulted in great camaraderie throughout the whole season. The team also showed their commitment by the good attendance we had at training on Wednesday nights.

If the players keep up this enthusiasm, the Club will have some very good players in the years to come.

## The Team

Goalkeeper	Callan Gilding	Worked hard on his game and got plenty of work, frustrating many strikers
Fullbacks	Nicholas Kelleher Alexander Yuen	Pulled off a lot of good takes. Both new at the position and took a few games to combine together.
Halves	Yuri Schimke Damen Jones Grahame Burnell-Jones	All new to this position and improved greatly week by week
Forwards	David Wall Robert Austin Lindsay Griffith Rebecca Lawson Cameron Mackay Julian Reynolds	When they got the ball moving forward they could look dangerous, but got limited opportunities
Reserve half	Alexander Szalikoua	Only played a few games and was always willing to get involved

Thanks to the Under 11's who helped out and congratulations to Grahame Burnell-Jones and Robert Austen who made the area representative side.

I would like to thank parents for their support and transportation throughout the year. A special thanks to Neil Lawson, the Team Manager and organiser, who supplied the drinks and oranges every week. Thanks to the supporters on the sideline each week giving the team encouragement.

We would like to congratulate all the players for their efforts throughout the year and look forward to seeing you all again next season.

*Bevan Ineson  
Neil Lawson*