

# Brother Macartan Keegan

## Founder of the Glebe District Hockey Club

A collection of all known historical material related to the life and times of Patrician Brother, Macartan Keegan, born 3 January 1985 in Galway Ireland. Keegan died on the 12 April 1941 at Lahore, which at that time was part of India and the capitol city of the Punjab Region of the country. In 1947 predominantly Muslim Pakistan was separated from predominantly Hindu India and Lahore is now the second largest city in Pakistan.

**Wark**

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**Subject:** macartan keegan

**BROTHER MAURICE MACARTAN KEEGAN**

Michael Keegan, known to his friends as Maurice, was born in Galway, on the West coast of Ireland, in 1885, into a Catholic working class family. After being educated through the Catholic school system in Galway, he decided he wanted to become a pupil teacher, and after qualification took a post as Assistant in a National School at Drogheda, Ireland. However, he decided after two years of teaching to join the Patrician Brothers, possibly as a chance to educate others around the world. After taking his vows in August 1908, he adopted his religious name Macartan and was told he was to be transferred to St. George's College in the Punjab region of India one month later.

It was a tough call for Br. Keegan, as 1.2 million Indians had died of the plague the year before, with many refusing inoculation as they saw it as a threat worse than the disease it could heal. Also, India at the time was under British rule and unrest was starting to occur in various regions of Punjab. Shyamji Krishnavarma, editor of the *Indian Sociologist*, wrote in 1909, "I solemnly warn anyone against the risks they run by going to India in these troubled times, since every Englishman who goes there is regarded as a potential enemy by the Indian Nationalist party and its supporters." At only 23 Br. Keegan's job would have been to educate Hindus on the benefits of Catholicism and Western education, something that would have been entirely different to the people of Punjab, and would have been an enormous challenge.

While Br. Keegan would have learnt a lot about himself and other cultures, it was in the Punjab where he learnt a game that he is now famous for playing and establishing: hockey. It is a testament to Br. Keegan that he not only learnt from the people of Mussoorie (a town in Punjab) how to play hockey, but he became so good that he was selected in the All Indian hockey team, a great effort considering India at the time were undisputed world champions.

Br. Keegan continued to serve the Patrician Brothers during WWI, in which many Indians were conscripted to fight for the British cause, and was in India to see the rise of India's most famous man, Mohandas Gandhi. With the Indian plight against the British continuing, Keegan returned home for a holiday in 1926, only to find the Irish Republican movement in full cry. In his home of Galway, after a British policeman was murdered, three IRA men were seized in the middle of the night, and were shot dead. This was far from an isolated incident and Keegan's wish to return to a peaceful homeland was not granted. However, he remained in Ireland for two years as Principal at the Secondary school at Mallow, before transfer to Australia in 1929.

While Australia may have experienced less violence than Ireland or India, these were not easy times, as the Great Depression hit many Australians hard. During this time, Br. Keegan introduced hockey to the various schools he taught at, no doubt as a way for people to escape the burdens of everyday life. At Holy Cross Ryde, he instituted hockey as a sport for boys and men, and in 1929 both teams reached the semis. Then, in 1930 the A team went through undefeated with Br. Keegan as captain-coach, winning the Premiership 4-0 and scoring 83 goals to 10 against. He was described in the Holy Cross Ryde newsletter as "Centre half and trainer of the team, who employed knowledge of the game which he learnt when playing in India, with extremely good results. Always a hard player, and usually at his best when his team was hard put." No doubt over the years Br Keegan had to come through much adversity. This experience would have helped him enormously on the hockey field.

In 1931 he was transferred to Forest Lodge, Glebe, to teach, and there he established the St. James Sports Club Hockey Team with a group of students, some current, some graduated. Being the only player with experience, he was captain coach, and was described as being "tough crafty and as hard as nails, but always fair." In their inaugural year the team went on to claim the B grade Premiership, winning the Kippax Cup. The team was promoted to A grade 2<sup>nd</sup> division the next year. Br. Keegan, aged 47, did not take the field, instead focusing on coaching the team. It came as no surprise that they won the competition that year also, this time undefeated. The following year the

club was awarded District Status, as it had a first and third grade team, and became known as the Glebe District Hockey Club, thus Br. Keegan became the club's founder and patron, as he continued to serve Glebe until 1937, "providing yeoman service to the club", as one report noted. Br Keegan's influence on Glebe Hockey was; his tough Irish play, but always fair, (let's not forget – he was a man of God!); his belief in short passing and combinations rather than individual brilliance; his determination to instil the notion of 'no train, no game', and his general enjoyment and love of the game, which included having a beer afterwards with team-mates and opposition. The Glebe Club has since flourished, well over 10 000 people have played for the club that has since won 26 first grade, and numerous lower grade Premierships. It is written in *Under the Arches*, the history of the Glebe Hockey Club that "the hockey tradition in Glebe owes much to Macartan Keegan, who became something of a folk hero in the district". This period of Br. Keegan's time in Sydney would certainly have been his most relaxed, as Australia recovered from the Depression.

However, as Br. Keegan had spent so much of his adult life in India, the desire to return became too much, and he left Australia for St. George's College, Mussoorie, in 1938. He was instantly back into the action, as in the Punjab region there were violent religious clashes between Muslims, Hindus and Sikhs, and continuing protests over the British rule by Muslim tribes. Br. Keegan moved to St. Anthony's, Lahore, where there was demand for an independent Muslim state which meant greater violence in the region, with the death toll nearing 100 a day. With the outbreak of WWII and many Indians jailed for protests against British rule, the violence perhaps became too much for the 56 year-old Br. Keegan, and he died in Lahore of hypertension (high blood pressure) on April 12, 1941. There is little doubt he continued to be interested in hockey when he returned to India, and would have told many of the club he established back in Glebe. So much that his gravestone reads, "Introduced hockey into Australia."

Endnote: In a testament to the Brother from Galway, The Glebe Hockey Club established The Brother Maurice Macartan Keegan Trophy for "the Junior Player who constantly plays an unselfish team game, supports their mates, never gives up and is able to accept victory and defeat equally."



*Records:*

Mr Les Wark  
Secretary  
Glebe District Hockey Club  
12 Sisters Cres  
DRUMMOYNE NSW 2037

*Received May 2003*

Dear Mr Wark,

Following a visit by Brother Stephen Sweetman and Mr Kevin Scott to gather information on Brother Macartan Keegan-founder of the Glebe District Hockey Club – a proposal was put to the Brothers that we explore the idea of donating a trophy in perpetuity.

Perhaps a trophy called the “Brother Macartan Keegan” Award for whatever the club thinks suitable? May I suggest that the matter is discussed at your next meeting and a response sent to myself indicating if and how you would like to proceed.

Thanking you for your attention.

Yours sincerely,

*Brother Paul O'Keeffe -*

Brother Paul O'Keeffe fsp  
PROVINCIAL

*P.S. Tim Oman, Junior Convenor in 1994, donated a Trophy in Perpetuity to honour the Founder of the Glebe District Hockey Club, Brother Macartan Keegan. Brother O'Keeffe informed. See Junior Annual Reports for Trophy Recipients.*



## PATRICIAN BROTHERS' GENERALATE



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05.7. July 1996

Dear Mr. Scott,

It's just over two months since I had your letter & the copies of 'The Green Book' which you so kindly forwarded for an archive. I should have thanked you long since but for your request for info on Bro Macartan Keegan which arrived at a time when I was struggling with five other such. Now, at last, I enclose a thumb-nail sketch comprising everything entered on him in our Annals. I hope it meets your requirements.

With thanks for your kindness & interest, and with sincere apologies for the long delay I remain

Sincerely yours

Bro James Walker.



**BRO MACARTAN MICHAEL KEEGAN 1885-1941**

Source: Patrician Annals, Vol 1

p. 38 (Summary):

NAME: Michael Keegan. Parents Names: Not Entered.  
Address: Bowling Green, Galway [City, Ireland].  
Born: 03 January 1885. Entered: 01 Sept. 1906  
Religious Name: Macartan. 1st Profession: 15 Aug 1908  
Final Profession: 07 January 1912. +  
Date of Death: 12 Apl 1941. Place: Lahore [Pakistan].  
Cause of Death: Blood Pressure.

p.43: SEPT 1908: Sailed [with two others] for India, via Genoa.

p.112 APL 1926: Home Vacation. Was retained for work in Ireland.

p.323 NOV 1937: Transferred from Australia to India.

p.330 OBITUARY [Written by Bro. Boniface Carroll, Tullow, Irl]

MICHAEL KEEGAN was born at Bowling Green, Galway, on 3rd January 1885 and entered our Brotherhood at Tullow on 1st September 1906. He took 1st Temporary Vows on 15th August 1908 and Final Vows on 7th January 1910. +  
He was educated at the Brothers' Primary school and at St. Joseph's Seminary, Nuns' Island, Galway. Having passed the Public Examinations of the Intermediate Board of Education he became a Pupil Teacher with the Brothers at Lombard St. Monastery School, Galway, and after qualification took a post as Assistant in a National School at Drogheda, [Co. Louth]. This he resigned after two years in order to join the Patrician Brothers at Tullow, [Co. Carlow]. Professed in August 1908 he was transferred to the Indian Province in September of that year, remaining there until 1926 when he had his first vacation at home. He was then appointed Principal at the Secondary School, Mallow, [Co. Cork] where he remained two years before transfer to Australia. \*  
In 1938 he returned to India, going first to St. George's College, [UP], and later to St. Anthony's, Lahore [modern Pakistan]. RIP.

Compiler's Note: Entries in square brackets [] do not appear in the original, and are added by way of explanation.

"The Bowling Green" [otherwise Saunder's Lane] was immediately to the rear of the Brother's Monastery, Lombard St. Galway. The fact that the boy attended Primary School at Nuns' Island, where a small fee was payable, may indicate that his parents were slightly better off.

The term "National School" indicates a Primary School in connection with the Government's "Commissioners for National Education, Ireland", i.e. receiving State Aid.

The dearth of information in the Obituary indicates that Bro. Boniface did not have any personal knowledge of Bro. Macartan.

\* 1929/30 RYSE

1931/37 FOREST LODGE

+ NOTE VARIANCE IN DATE -

o Bro BONIFACE CARROLL  
IN AUSTRALIA 1903/19

MY NOTES  
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# HOCKEY



This year, for the first time in the history of the College, hockey was introduced. The introduction of the game was due to the Rev. Bro. McCarten, who arrived this year from India. In India he took an active interest in the game and when he arrived here he was anxious to see how Holy Cross would like the game. Inside a month he had two teams playing regularly in competition, and for a new club their results were remarkable. Out of twenty-six matches played by the A team only five were lost. In this team the most outstanding members were: H. Johansen, J. Connolly, F. Page, P. Maher, R. Browne and F. Bailey. Bro. McCarten himself played in the forward line and it was mainly due to his tuition and encouragement that the team attained such a degree of proficiency. As a forward P. Maher was most conspicuous because of the record number of goals he netted. Five in one match was his best.

The second team, owing to their lack of weight, were not nearly so successful, but put up a few great fights. Their defeat of North Sydney was a very creditable performance. Out of seventeen matches they won nine. Their best members were: E. Reardon, S. Wanless, T. O'Donnell and R. Richardson.

J. Connolly, the captain of the first team, secured his position as left back in the State junior eleven, which met Queensland at Rushcutter's Bay Oval on August 3. There were 105 nominations from the various clubs and of our own five candidates Connolly was successful. This may be regarded as a record, and for a team which had only been playing a mere five months it was a remarkable privilege to have a representative in a State eleven.

Of the non-competition matches the one most appreciated by the students was that

against the runners-up of the A grade competition, Northern Districts. This match, although we were well beaten, provided our players with experience and taught them many new strokes and ideas. During the stay of the Queenslanders, the Hockey Association arranged for them to meet a combined team from Teachers' College and Holy Cross College, on the H.C.C. Oval. The home team, however, was too weak and were beaten by five points to two.

The following is the personnel of the team:

J. Connolly (capt.). An excellent skipper. A hefty, hard-hitting player, sound in tackling and clearing and possessing the qualifications of an inter-State player.

H. Johansen. A heady full-back and a good tackler. No one but a suicidist gets in front of Harry when he executes one of his famous "stoves."

N. Fox. A good half-back, especially skilled in tackling. A good man when things do not look too rosy. An expert "stover."

P. Maher. The team's best forward. A fast man and an exceptionally good shot.

J. Ryan. A fast man and a hard man to tackle. Seems to have a special knack in getting maimed.

R. Browne. A very heady forward who can manipulate his club uncannily. Most difficult to tackle.

Frank Page. The goalie. Frank never misses a "shot" unless it is an impossibility. Was unfortunate not to get his place in the State team.

F. Bailey. A fine right-half. Good tackler and quick on his feet.

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## HOLY CROSS

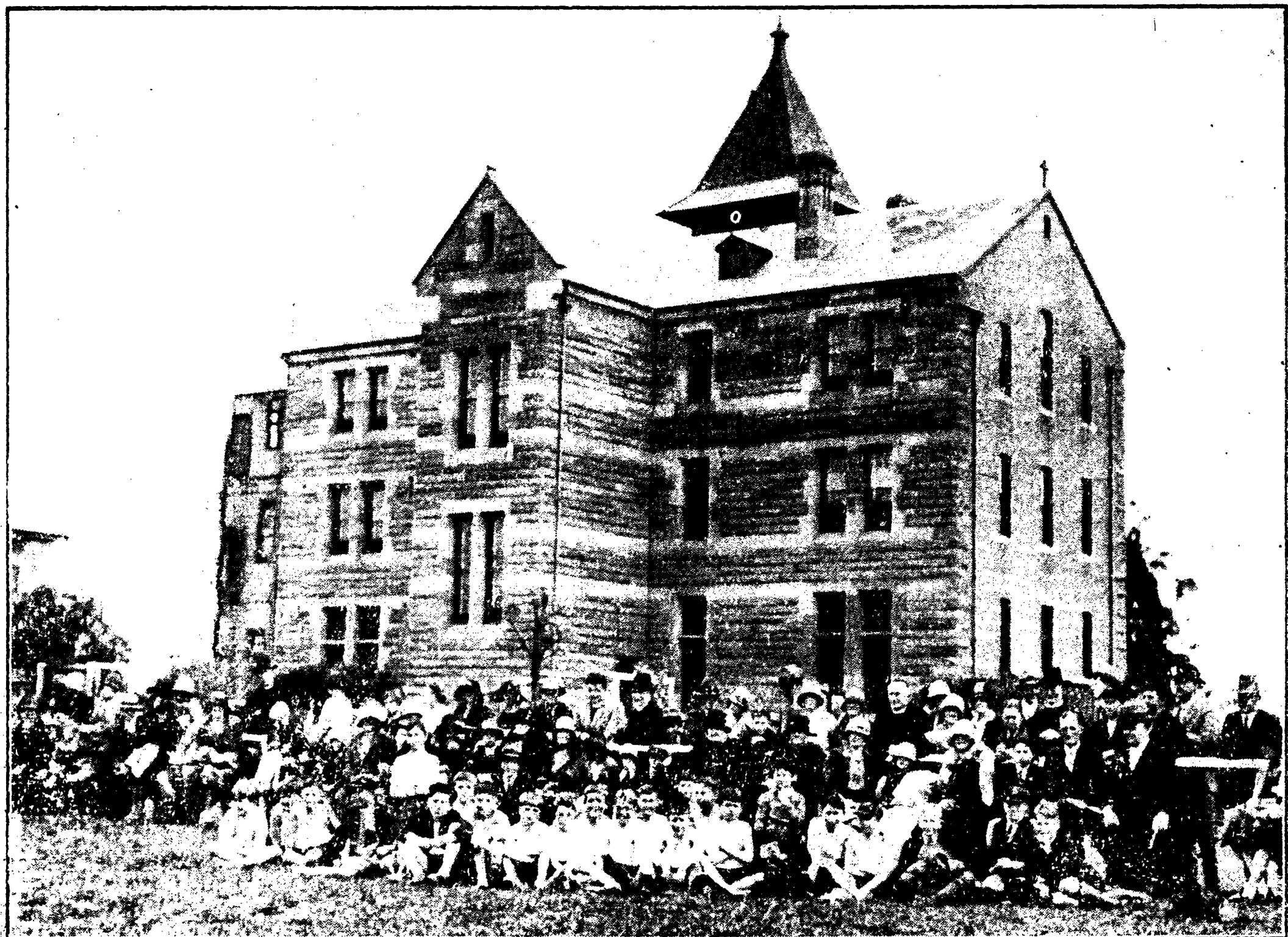
R. Walsh. A reliable centre-half. Ray tried many positions before he finally came to rest at centre-half, where he used his head and club to advantage.

B. Bates. A fast, tricky extreme, who has netted some rather remarkable goals.

Bro. McCarten was always good for a goal or two, but he devoted most of his time to keeping his forward line in order

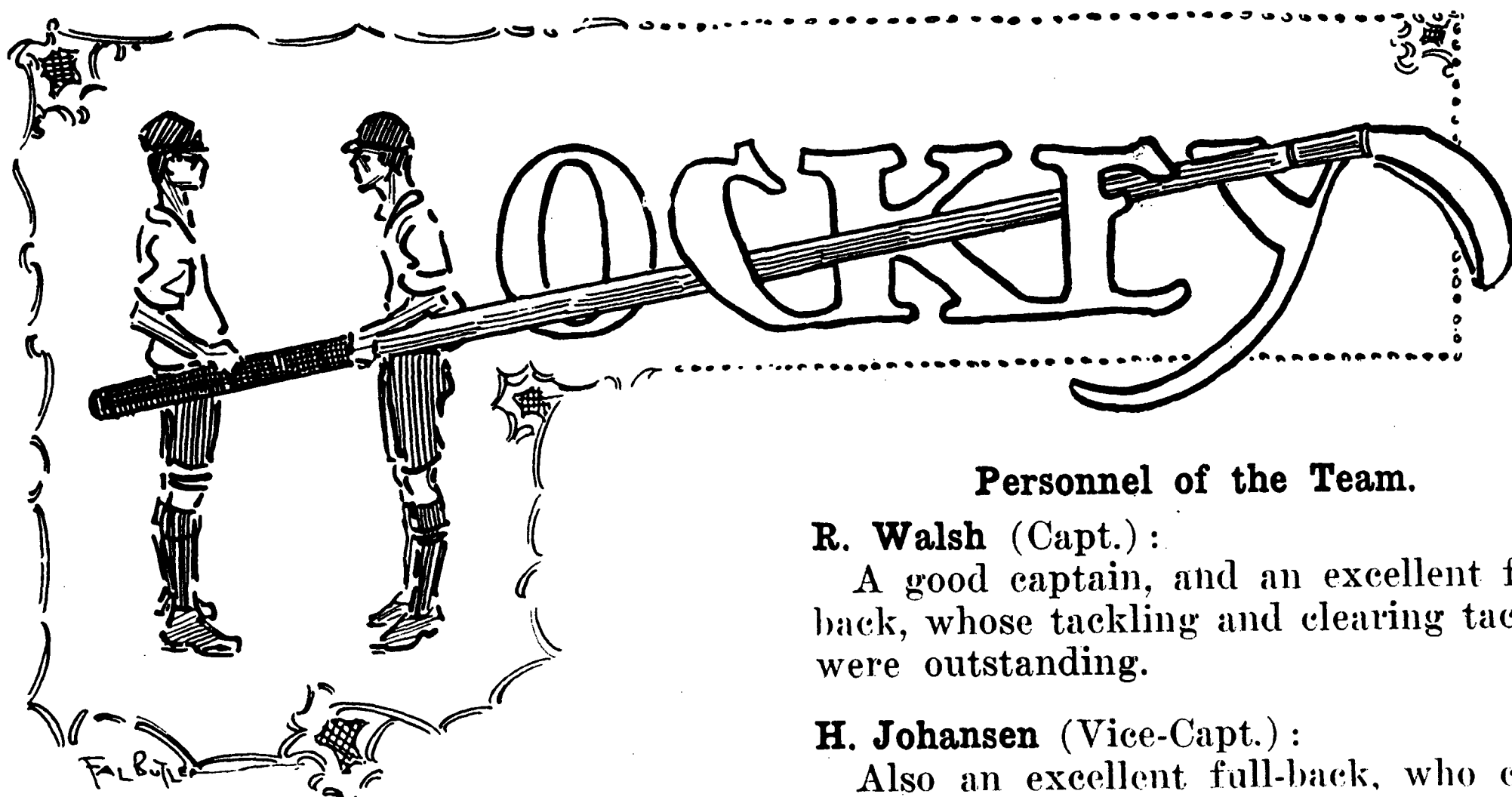
and in helping them by his vast experience to grasp the finer points of the game. He was always in the thick of the battle, however, and once an opponent became accustomed to him he never failed (afterwards) to tackle him in the orthodox manner.

The teams wish to express to Mrs. J. Robinson, of Concord, their sincere thanks for her thought and kindness in providing refreshments for them during the season.



The Sports





### 1930 HOCKEY REPORT.

In the Metropolitan B Grade Hockey Competition the College entered two teams—A and B. This year was only the second for the College boys, yet such progress has been made since Bro. Macarten introduced the game to the College in 1929 that we saw both A and B teams in the semi-finals. The A's went right through into the finals without a single defeat, and were the minor premiers. In the grand final, with Cheltenham, the College team showed its superiority by defeating this excellent team to the tune of 4 goals to nil, thereby gaining the premiership for 1930. It created two records in its unbroken line of successes, and in the number of goals scored—83 against 10. The team won 17 matches out of 18, and drew the other. This latter match was against Cumberland, and was one of the most exciting played. The individual talent, the combination, and the knowledge of the game shown by the A's were particularly commented upon without exception by the metropolitan papers, and also by old followers and keen judges of the game. Several non-competition games were played against A grade teams from Newtown, Western Suburbs, and Gordon, and all these teams were loud in their praises of the College prowess and of the excellent games played with the two College teams.

### Personnel of the Team.

#### R. Walsh (Capt.):

A good captain, and an excellent full-back, whose tackling and clearing tactics were outstanding.

#### H. Johansen (Vice-Capt.):

Also an excellent full-back, who combined terrific hitting powers with the cunning of a snake, literally worming his way through the opponents.

#### Macarten Ryan:

An ex-hurley player from Ireland, whose speed and tackling powers did much towards the team's success. He held the right half-back position.

#### Macarten Keegan:

The centre-half and trainer of the team, who employed the knowledge of the game, which he learnt when playing in India, with extremely good results. Always a hard player, and usually at his best when the team was hard put.

#### K. Seaton:

The left half-back, a good worker, well known for his good clearing, who was an excellent exponent of the push stroke.

#### K. McNamara:

A fast right-wing forward, who was always on the ball when it was passed to him, and although he did not score many goals, his excellent centring was the cause of many goals being scored.

#### J. Ryan:

The right inside-forward, whose good eye gained many goals for the team, and was well known as the one-handed player, scarcely ever using both hands on his stick.

**P. Maher:**

The outstanding man in the team, and the best centre in the competition. For his outstanding performance of 61 goals for the season, he was presented with a new stick by E. F. Keep, Esq., of Messrs. Keep Macpherson Ltd.

**H. Connolly:**

A newcomer to the game this season, who soon showed great hockey skill and ability, and whose play was always aggressive.

**B. Bates:**

An excellent left-wing, who was continually tricking his opponents with his trick strokes.

**F. Page:**

The custodian, whose cap and ability for stopping balls are well known. "Doc." only had 10 goals scored against him this season.

**The B's.**

The B's had extremely bad luck in not getting into the finals, and were only beaten for the premiership of the second division by the odd goal in 3 by North Sydney, in a game which the College team should not have lost. The outstanding performances of this sturdy little team are as follow: A 10-0 victory over University Union, a 3-1 victory over the strong City team, and decisive wins over Randwick and St. George.

**Personnel.**

**W. Ireland (Capt.):**

Excellent skipper, with outstanding performances as left half-back; a great hitter.

**Will Kelly (Vice-Capt.):**

One of the best in the team, and an excellent goal-getter, with greatest number of goals to his credit.

**J. Barden:**

The "goalie"; not many succeeded in tricking the large man of the team, who was the despair of opponents who tried it.

**J. Macdonnell:**

The midget right full-back, whose size belied his great playing. Great tackler and clearer.

**T. Mulhearn:**

An excellent full-back, and hard hitter.

**P. Dalton:**

The right half-back, who well merited his position in the team.

**R. Richardson:**

The centre-half, a tricky player; always on the ball, and excelling in defence.

**A. Rowe:**

A fast winger, with good judgment for centres.

**R. Garforth:**

A clever forward, and good goal-getter.

**B. Franklin:**

The diminutive centre-forward; great goal-getter, who always started movements which had good results.

**V. Skinner:**

A sturdy winger, who used all the tricks of the game.



# Glebe District Hockey Club Inc.

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*"A Champion Club — A Club of Champions"*

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P.O. Box 10  
Glebe, 2037

2nd Dec. 1992

The Patrician Brothers  
Saint Georges College  
Mussoorie  
INDIA

Dear Brothers,

re: Reverend Brother Maurice McCarten Keegan (1890-1941)

Brother Maurice McCarten Keegan was born at Galway, Ireland in 1890. After joining the Patrician Brothers he was sent to northern India, where he began playing hockey. Brother McCarten soon exhibited great skill at the game and was good enough to be selected in the All India Hockey team, no mean feat at a time when India were undisputed world champions. He arrived in Sydney, Australia from India in 1929 and began teaching at the Saint James' Patrician Brothers School, Forest Lodge (Glebe) in February, 1931, where he stayed until 1937, before returning to India, where he died in 1941. The Patrician Brothers taught at St. James' School from 1892 until 1967.

Old Boys of St. James' School had, in 1929, formed a Sports Club which fostered social functions and various sporting pursuits. In March, 1931, Brother McCarten organised a hockey team from members of the Sports Club and was captain-coach of the side which played in the B Grade Competition of the Sydney Metropolitan Hockey Association. None of the players in the team, except Brother McCarten, had played hockey before but the team performed well during the season and won the premiership and the Kippax Cup (donated to the competition by Alan Kippax, Australian cricketer and then owner of a Sports Store in Sydney). The rugged Brother from Galway was tough, crafty and hard as nails, but always fair. He was able to pass on his great knowledge of

the game to pupils and old boys of St. James' and impress upon them the value of combination and short passes. The success St. James' enjoyed in its first year of competition meant it was promoted to second grade in 1932. Brother McCarten did not take the field that season, confining himself to coaching the boys who emerged as undefeated second grade premiers. One of the players in the 1932 team, Jack Strange - now in his 80's, relates that Brother McCarten was keen on training and that if players did not train during the week they did not get picked for the Saturday game. Jack went on to say that he did not often get picked for the Saturday team!!!

By fielding two teams in the competition in 1933, a first and a third grade team, the club qualified for District status. The Glebe District Hockey Club came into existence with Saint James' providing virtually all the membership. Brother Maurice McCarten Keegan as well as being the Founder of the Club was elected Patron in 1933. The Annual Report of 1937 commented on how Brother McCarten "provided yeoman service to the Club". He remained in this position until 1937 when he returned to India. The hockey tradition in Glebe (a suburb of Sydney, Australia) owes much to McCarten, who became something of a folk hero in the district. Jim Kenny the Patron of the Glebe Club from 1962 -1992, was in the 1932 team coached by McCarten and thus McCarten's influence has been a driving force in the Club for over 60 years. McCarten may have been dead for over 50 years but the institution he founded is very much alive and kicking in this district to-day. Many men, boys, women and girls over the last 60 odd years have derived pleasure, entertainment, support both mental and financial, physical fitness and solace in times of disappointment as a result of McCarten planting the hockey seed in Glebe. What McCarten started in 1931 with a few pupils and old boys from the school at which he was teaching has flourished into Sydney's and perhaps Australia's most famous Hockey Club. In 1992 the Glebe Club had 85 men, 45 women, 125 juniors (boys and girls) and 30 social members (non playing members) on its books. The Club has won the Sydney First Grade competition 26 times since the war and has won the Club Championship more than any other Club in the competition. Eleven Australian players have played hockey for

Glebe, with most of these players learning the game with the Club's juniors. Ken Wark who learnt to play with the Club and is a current member of the Club's first grade team, had played for Australia on over 150 occasions and won a Silver Medal at the 1992 Barcelona Olympic Games. Pat Nilan a past pupil of Saint James' School and the current First Grade coach won a Bronze Medal at the Tokyo Olympic Games in 1964 and a Silver Medal at the 1968 Mexico Olympics.

Well over 10,000 people have played hockey for the Club that Brother McCarten founded here in Sydney and his cheerful, optimistic influence continues on as a memorial to the unselfish man from Galway.

Enclosed is a copy of a photo of the Saint James' Premiership Team of 1931. Brother McCarten Keegan was captain-coach and is seated on the right of the goal-keeper. At the time the photograph was taken he was 41 years old.

Yours sincerely,

Harry Wark  
Assistant Archivist  
Glebe District Hockey Club



*Dr Anthony Vissis FSP  
Headmaster*

# PUBLICA

## HOLY CROSS COLLEGE, RYDE

16 December 1994 Phone: 808-1033 Fax: 809-7202

This is my last message to you in my capacity of Acting Principal for this year. I would like to thank the many people who have given me such great support over the last few months - parents, staff and students. Although it has been a very busy time I have enjoyed the experience and found it very rewarding. It is a big responsibility looking after a school the size of Holy Cross College but I must say the help I have received has made the task much easier. In particular I would like to thank my Assistant Principal Mr Merv McCormack. His experience and organisational ability have been greatly appreciated by me.

As is the case every year some of the staff are moving on for various reasons. I would like to extend my thanks to the following staff members for their contributions to the school over the years.

Mr Brian Doughan has been at Holy Cross since 1985. Brian has been appointed as L.O.T.E. Co-Ordinator at Domremy College. Brian has made an outstanding contribution to the language department at the school and has been a loyal and dedicated teacher over many years. Mr Joe Finn has been here since 1987 and moves onto Revesby where he has been appointed to the position of Maths Co-Ordinator. Joe has been the Year 11 Co-Ordinator for the last two years and has been heavily involved in MCS Cricket and Rugby League. Joe has been an outstanding staff member and will be missed by staff and students alike. Lisa Schrooten is leaving to travel overseas. Lisa has been here since 1992 and her energy and enthusiasm for science and basketball have been outstanding. We wish Lisa all the best in her travels. Mr Steve Cimbaly our REC and Phillip Gibney have been here for this year only. Although this a short time both have been great staff

members and contributed much to the school over the year. Steve was only here as a temporary appointment and moves to Newman High as REC next year. Phillip is transferring to St Mary's Cathedral because of changing enrolment patterns and his contributions to sport, camps and the T.A.S. department will be missed.

New appointments for 1995 are:-

### Religious Education

Co-Ordinator:

Mr Robert Tobias

Year 11 Co-Ordinator

Mrs Lesley Neylan

Year 7 Co-Ordinator

Ms Marilyn Hinton

I congratulate these teachers on their appointment to these positions of responsibility and have every confidence in their ability to make a significant contribution to the life of the College.

I wish each family a happy and holy Christmas and I hope the holiday season brings peace and rest to you.

### Commencement dates for 1995 are:-

**Staff Resume:**

**Years 7 and 12**

**Years 8, 9, 10 and 11**

Monday, 30 January

Tuesday, 31 January

Wednesday, 1 February

Garry Williams  
Acting Principal

of the opinion that the court visit was one of the highlight of their Schooling at Holy Cross thus far.

It was pleasing to note that some students are keen to pursue a further study of the Law in Senior Legal Studies for the Higher School Certificate.

Mr Cohen and I were pleased that the overwhelming majority of students conducted themselves with appropriate behaviour during each of the court visits. Special thanks to Mr Michael Cohen for his assistance during each of the field studies.

Mr Paul McEwan - Year 9 Commerce Teacher

### RECYCLING AT HOLY CROSS

We are pleased to announce that the College achieved second place in the Ryde Council Paper Recycling competition and will receive \$500.00 as a prize. We would like to thank all the teachers, students, and parents who supported the drive. We will direct the money towards heightening awareness for the schools environment. We would also like to acknowledge the Parents and Friends support for the College Recycling of cans. We were able to purchase new Cash for Cans Bins. The year 7 groups who have been in charge of this project have learnt of the practical problems associated with the project.

Special mention must go to the following boys:-

Joe Bolton, Simon Marsiglia, Phillip Beinke, Natho Williams, Matthew Kelk, Ibrahim Imesis and Andre Murray who have perserved all year. We thank yo for your efforts.

Dermot Gill.

### FROM THE EDITOR

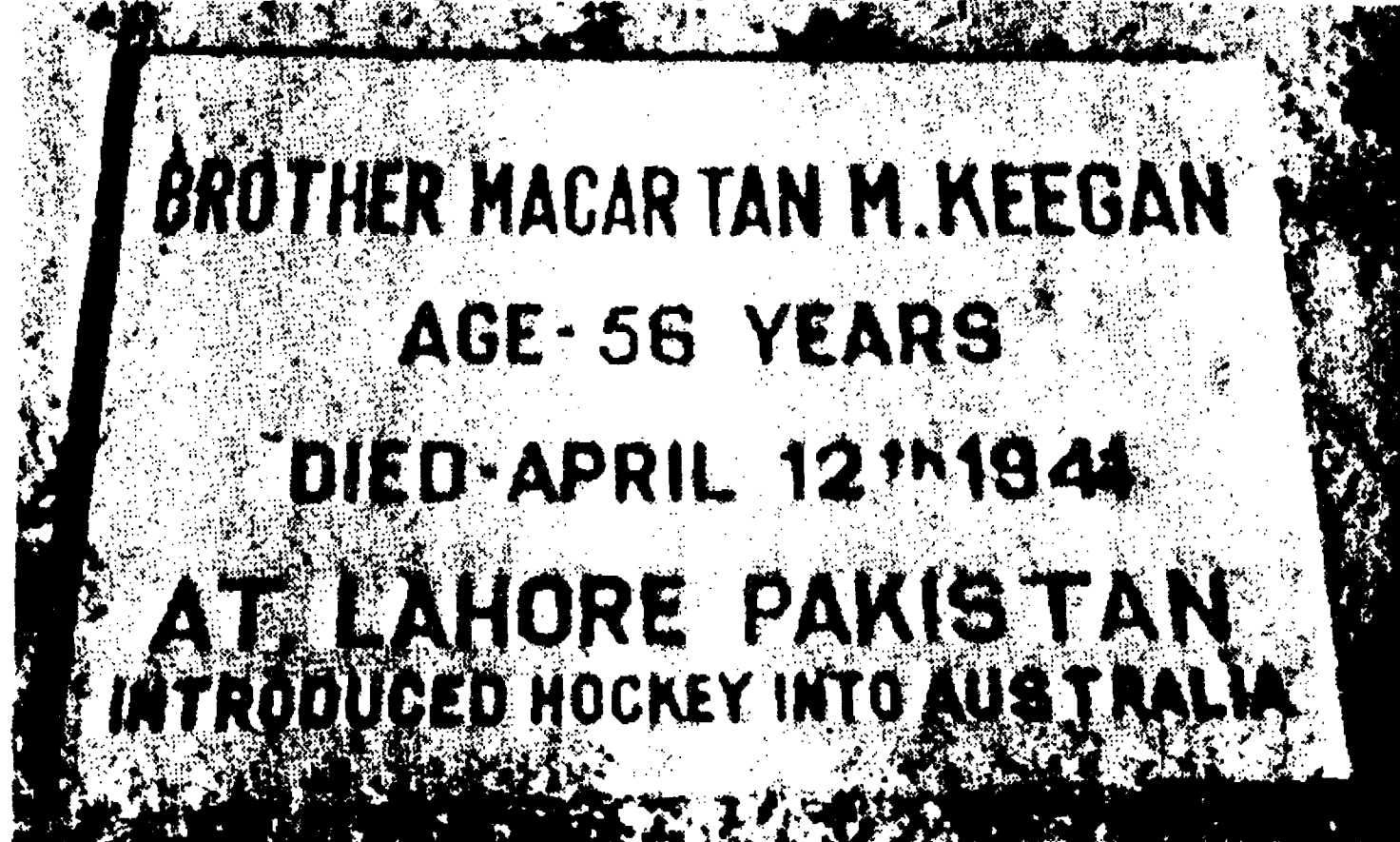
I would like to thank all those people who have contributed material and support to the creation of the Publica over the course of 1994.

In particular I would like to express my sincere gratitude to Sharon Brown for her work in formatting and publishing, Joe Mirabito for his guidance and support and Greg Enright for his services as proof reader.

Thank you

Robert Tobias

### HOLY CROSS COLLEGE LINK WITH INDIA



This photo sent to us by Brother Anthony gives the College an international link.

Brother Macartan Keegan, taught at H.C.C. 1929-30. He instituted hockey as a school sport and in 1929 both College Hockey Teams reached the semis; in 1930. The A team was undefeated and won the grand final against Cheltenham 4-0!

His prowess in 1st Grade Glebe District Hockey is still remembered by some of the older members of the club.

*WISHING YOU A HAPPY AND HOLY CHRISTMAS  
AND BEST WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR*

Brother Macartan Keegan Founder of the Glebe District Hockey Club (GDHC) often told a team at half-time that it needed more PUNJAB. What did he mean when he used this expression?

In November 2006, Colin Rochester, Vice President of the GDHC asked Harry Wark, the Club's Historian to answer this question for him. Harry's explanation is provided below.

Dear Colin

Thankyou for your email of Tuesday 28 November 2006, sorry about the delay in replying, I have had a busy week. It is Sunday today and I have had plenty of time to contemplate your question.

Firstly, the Club appreciates your generosity in becoming involved with the woman's teams. The job is not prestigious, it is not well paid and there is little chance of glory. Your satisfaction will come from lending a hand to the great old Club that is the Glebe District Hockey Club and in helping to re-establish a sense of purpose, spirit and energy in the woman's teams.

Now to your question which is the meaning of the expression used by Macarten Keegan, "Punjab".

In answering your question I have read the following resource material:  
The Patrician Brothers Archive, Tullow Hill, Tullow, County Carlow Ireland,  
The History of the Saint James Sports Club written by the late Dennis Donovan,  
The 1937 and 1942 Glebe District Hockey Club Annual Reports,  
The First Minute Book of the Glebe District Hockey Club commenced December 1932,  
The 1930 Holy Cross College Annual, the Holy Cross Ryde Magazine dated 16 December 1994 and  
The Saint Georges College Mussoorie, Punjab, India website.

Michael Keegan the Founder of the GDHC was born in Galway, Ireland on 3 January 1885 and died at Lahore, Pakistan on 12 April 1941, aged 56 years from the complications of hypertension.

He entered the Patrician Brotherhood at Tullow, County Carlow Ireland on 1st September 1906, aged 21 years and made his first Profession on 15 August 1908. The Religious Name he took was Macarten. In September 1908 he was transferred to the Indian Province where he taught at Saint George's School Mussoorie, which is in the Punjab Region of Northern India. Mussoorie is a 7 hour train ride north from New Delhi in the foothills of the Himalayan Mountain Range. Mussoorie is 2,000 metres above sea-level.

Saint George's School was established in 1853 by the Capuchin Fathers mainly to educate the children of British Colonial Service and Army Personnel, as India was at that time a colony of Britain. In 1894 the administration of the school was transferred from the Capuchin Fathers to the Patrician Brothers.

It was the British Colonial Personnel and British Army who introduced hockey to India, where it became a popular game. It was while teaching at Saint George's School Mussoorie that Brother Macarten learnt to play hockey. He became skilled at the sport and eventually played in the All India Team. Today the All India Team would be called the Indian National Team. As an Irishman playing hockey in the Punjab for a Christian School against local teams comprising players of the Muslim, Hindu and Sikh faiths would have no doubt been a learning experience. He would have learnt more than just the technical skills of the game. He would have quickly learnt to cope with pressure, how to ignore sledging, how to ignore jibes and insults and how to develop a tough mental approach to the game.

Saint George's School is still flourishing in 2006 under the care of the Patrician Brothers. It has an impressive web site, which I visited recently. It said on the website that the culture of the school was tailored to develop self-dependence, self-reliance and hard work in its pupils.

He remained in India until 1926 when he returned to Ireland for a vacation. He was appointed Principal at the Secondary School, Mallow, County Cork for two years, and then was transferred to Australia.

In 1929 and 1930 he taught at Holy Cross College Ryde, and in both years organised two hockey teams at the School. In 1929 both teams made the semi-finals and in 1930 the A team (first grade team) was undefeated and won the Metropolitan B Grade Hockey Competition grand final against Cheltenham 4-0. The Holy Cross Annual 1930 Hockey Report gave a brief précis of each player in the team. Macarten Keegan's entry is as follows: "The centre-half and trainer of the team, who employed the knowledge of the game which he learnt when playing in India, with extremely good results. Always a hard player, and usually at his best when the team was hard put."

In 1931 Macarten was transferred to the Patrician Brother's High School at Saint James' Forest Lodge where he organised a hockey team, which played has the Saint James Sports Club Hockey Teams.

In 1929 the Saint James Sports Club had been founded by ex-pupils of the Patrician Brother's High School Forest Lodge to provide social engagement, camaraderie and exercise for Members. In 1929, during the Great Depression, the unemployment rate in Glebe was 30% and the Saint James Sports Club was a boon for local youth.

The 1931 team, with Macarten as captain coach won the Kippax Cup (third grade). In 1932 Macarten's chronic knee injury got the better of him. He stopped playing in 1932 but coached the team, which became undefeated premiers.

Only District Teams were eligible to play in the first grade competition and if the Saint James Team wanted to progress up to the next level (first grade) it had to convert to District Status. In 1933, two teams were entered in the competition, a first grade and a second grade team. Macarten was a Club Selector and continued to be closely involved with the Club.



In 1937 he was elected Patron of the Glebe District Hockey Club. During 1937 Macarten was transferred by the Patrician Brothers back to the Indian Province. He was transferred to Saint Anthony's Patrician Brother's School Lahore In 1937 Lahore was the capital of the Punjab. It was still 10 years before the partitioning of Pakistan from India. Macarten died in Lahore in 1941 and is buried at a cemetery in Lahore. At the 1942 Annual Meeting of the Glebe District Hockey Club a one minute silence was observed to commemorate the death of Macarten.

Macarten Keegan spent 23 years of his 56 years living, working and playing in the Punjab Region of India, where hockey was a popular sport. He became an Indian hockey international and presumably knew a lot about the attitudes, approaches, strengths, weaknesses and game plans of Punjabi hockey players and teams.

Macarten left Australian shores 69 years ago and little is recorded in writing to tell us about his attitudes to the game. Several players who played with, or were helped and coached by Macarten continued to play with Glebe for many years. Players such as Jim Kenny, Jack Worley and Tom Pearce knew Macarten well and knew his attitudes to playing the game. Jim Kenny was the first Glebe player to play 500 club games and Jack was President for 12 years, which is still a club record for the most number of years served as President. Tom played hockey for Australia in 1937.

Jim, Jack and Tom imparted their stories of Macarten to subsequent generations of young hockey players. One of these young hockey players was Len Needham, who started playing for Glebe in 1948. Len also had a cousin and an uncle who played for the Club.

Len's hockey career spanned from 1948 to 1980. He played 232 first grade games from 1955 to 1969 and played a total of 477 games for the Club. In 1989, when Len was in his mid 50's, he died from leukaemia. Len had a larrikin streak in him and loved to hear and retell stories from days gone-by. No doubt Len listened intently to Jim, Jack, Tom and other old players as they recounted the early days playing with and under Macarten.

I made my first grade debut in 1967, when Lenny was still the first grade left half and we played together for several seasons. As he slipped back through the grades, Len would always watch three grades every week and always attended the half-time and full-time talks at the three matches. There were no dug-outs in those days, the crowd was on the sideline at the half-way line and teams ran on and off from there. The sideline crowds were an integral part of the half-time and full-time team talks. Len was quick to give his opinion of what needed to be done to optimize a team's performance, both to teams in which he was playing and to teams that he watched from the sideline.

Len's favourite saying was that the team need more Punjab. From the context in which he used this expression and from his own description of the term, I formed the following impression of what Punjab embraced.

The term meant more effort, more purpose, more commitment, more anticipation, better vision for what is possible in both attack and defence, harder work as a team, playing smarter and minimizing dumb options. Better teamwork, more passing, better



vision, smarter playing, more animal cunning, more nous, remain focused on the job at hand, ignore opposition unsettling tactics and less individualism were key elements of the definition of Punjab. A key understanding of the word Punjab was that all players were to do their best for the team, so that the team could perform to its maximum potential. I hear frequently that a champion team will always beat a team of champions. Macarten's word Punjab embraced this concept.

Unfortunately Macarten never defined a "dictionary" definition of the meaning of Punjab. The meaning of the word has been handed down verbally from one generation to the next, and to the next.

The word Punjab has a unique meaning in the context of the Glebe District Hockey Club. It has a tortuous history, an oblique meaning and conveys the spirit and enterprise of our Founder who died close to 70 years ago. The Spirit and enterprise of Macarten, the Irish Patrician Brother from Galway, who learnt his hockey at the Punjab in India, lives on through the Hockey Club he founded here in Glebe, Sydney, Australia.

Hope this information helps. I have told you a lot, but perhaps not much, depending on the way you look at it.

In 2006 the first grade woman's team did not have a goal scoring forward and this deficiency cost them dearly. In addition, the short corner conversion rate was poor and the team coughed up some soft goals by trying to run/short pass the ball out of defence. In 2007, with better option taking, a higher work rate and you as coach the team will improve. Whether the improvement is small or large time will tell.

The values sheet you sent out to the Team was good. Enthusiasm, camaraderie and team spirit are infectious and the values you outlined on the sheet engendered a can-do feel, which must be a positive thing. The men's first grade had energy, a sense about it that they could win a sense of teamwork and an optimistic streak that invigorated the whole team and inspired the spectators. It is this optimistic can-do, up-beat streak that the women have to grasp before they will perform at their peak.

Stick and ball skills are important, very important, but without the Punjab it is never enough to win games that you should have lost, and to come from behind and win against the odds. It is Punjab that makes a team sing and dance and it is Punjab that the woman's team lacked in 2006. Let's get it back in 2007.

Good Luck and Best Wishes

Harry Wark

**Anne Wark**

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Hi Harry,

I was wondering if you could lend me some assistance please?

I'm working with the Glebe girls at the moment as they're starting to organise themselves for next year hoping of course that 2007 will bring more fortune and success than this year. I'll also be helping the girls with first grade and Ken jnr is assisting with second grade side.

The girls have just been advised by SWHL that despite coming last in 2006 that they will be remaining in the Metro League comps so this is the first step and its good news.

A couple of weeks ago a meeting was held with the womens committee and a few others including myself to start work on understanding the internal problems faced this year and to establish a bit of a roadmap in terms of moving forward in a more positive vein into 2007.

To that end as a group we established a set of values and I committed to do some work on them (you'll see them below). Lets say at this stage it's a work in progress but I did suggest to the girls that I'd seek your feedback on one of the values which was suggested and its listed below as "Punjab" - apparently our founder used this term to describe the attitude of the Glebe players in the very early days and the girls wanted to pick its' sentiment.

So as you are the club's "historian" I really wanted your comments as to whether what I've written has any factual base as well as your general comments on this and the rest of the values listed.

I'm also thinking that this could be used across the men's club any way so in due course I'll get others engaged if people think it could be useful.

H, the values will just help in providing some clarity and direction for the way in which the girls club go about their business and interact as individual and as a team....at the end of the day it really is about what happens on the field as well as all of the women getting some satisfaction and enjoyment out of playing - so plenty of work to do yet!

Would appreciate any feedback you can provide,

Thanks H

Regards,

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**Subject:** Our Values

Team,

Following our recent Saturday Meeting I committed to following up with you on the Values we'd all like to introduce to the women's club in a year when we "turn-the-corner"!

I've taken a bit of licence because I thought 7 values would be too hard to remember and, if we cant remember them then were no chance in communicating and living them. So I've combined a couple which fit nicely and you'll see my first attempt at explaining them by placing a brief descriptor which, once agreed will serve as a good way to introduce.

So here they are for your comment & feedback:

- **Pride & History**

*We are aware of our club's strong tradition and history as well as its success and we take great pride in wearing the Maroon and White of Glebe.*

- **Enjoyment & Sociability**

*We belong to a sociable club and we play hockey to enjoy and to play at the best of our ability for ourselves and our team-mates.*

- **Family Spirit**

*The culture at our Club sets us apart from the rest. The Glebe Hockey club is a family club with a family spirit and we treat each other as family members.*

- **Commitment**

*No excuses! - we train hard and we play hard and we're committed to our Club, its' values, our team mates and our team.*

- **"Punjab"**

*Our founder, Brother Kevin McCarten Keegan originally from India, said whilst watching the early Glebe team's compete that there was plenty of "Punjab" in the players. Today we would call this "Punjab" GRIT, DETERMINATION, and a NEVER GIVE UP attitude.....that's why were called the DIRTY REDS!*

Team - Id like Harry Wark jnr. to clarify the last bit on Punjab just to make sure its alright by our Historian!

Will keep thinking about how we market and communicate but over to you now for comment!

Regards,

Colin

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## BROTHER MACARTAN MICHAEL KEEGAN (RIP) 1885-1941

### Founder of the Glebe District Hockey Club

A recent inquiry from Harry Wark, honorary historian of the Glebe District Hockey Club regarding its forerunner, the St James' Sports Club, stimulated the writer to look further into what is known of Brother Macartan Keegan. This writer's first article on Brother Macartan was published in the July 1996 issue of *THE GREEN SASH* following the receipt of correspondence from the Congregational Archivist in Ireland, Brother Linus Walker, which included the following obituary by Brother Boniface Carroll:

"Michael Keegan was born at Bowling Green, Galway City, Co. Galway, Ireland on January 3, 1885. He was educated at the Patrician Brothers' Primary school nearby and at St. Joseph's Seminary, Nuns' Island. Having passed the Public Examinations of the Intermediate Board of Education he became a Pupil Teacher with the Brothers at Lombard Street Monastery School, Galway [City] and after qualification took a post as Assistant in a National school at Drogheda, Co. Louth.

"After two years he resigned to join the Patrician Brothers. He entered the Brotherhood, on September 1, 1906 at Tullow, Co. Carlow, taking the name in religion of Macartan [a 5<sup>th</sup> century Irish saint, friend and disciple of Saint Patrick and uncle of St. Brigid.] Professed on August 15, 1908, Brother Macartan, in September 1908 and in the company of two other Brothers, sailed for India via Genoa. He made his Final Profession on January 7, 1912. In India he had spent his time mainly at St. George's College, Mussorie in the Punjab and had, at one time, been selected in an All India Hockey team.

"Brother Macartan remained in India until April 1926, when he returned to Ireland for vacation.

"He was then appointed Principal of the Secondary School at Mallow, Co. Cork where Brother Macartan remained for two years before his transfer to Australia in November 1928."

[The Bowling Green (otherwise known as Saunder's Lane) was immediately to the rear of the Brothers' Monastery, Lombard Street, Galway. The fact that the boy attended Primary School at Nun's Island, where a small fee was payable indicates that his parents were slightly better off.

The term National School indicates a Primary School in connection with the Government's Commissioners for National Schools, Ireland; that is, receiving State Aid. *The Congregational Archivist in Ireland, Brother Linus Walker, included these comments by way of explanation.*]

Brother Macartan Keegan arrived in Sydney aboard the *Otranto* on February 14, 1929. He was first appointed to Holy Cross College, Ryde, where, in 1929, he raised two teams to compete in the hockey competition.



## EVOLUTION OF THE GLEBE DISTRICT HOCKEY CLUB

### Holy Cross College Hockey Teams

#### 1. The Seeding

The Holy Cross College Annual of 1929 devoted pages 47 and 48 to a report headed:

### H O C K E Y

This year, for the first time in the history of the College, hockey was introduced due to the Rev. Bro. Macartan, who arrived this year from India where he took an active interest in the sport. Upon his arrival he was anxious to see how Holy Cross would like the game. Inside a month he had two teams playing regularly in competition, and for a new club the results were remarkable. The 'A' team won 21 of its 26 games. [As there are no photos of the teams the following comments are included.]

#### 'A' TEAM

**Frank Page**, goalie: never misses a shot unless it is unstoppable; was unfortunate to miss his place in the State team.

**J. Connolly**, left full back: an excellent captain; a hefty, hard hitting player, sound in tackling and clearing and possessed the qualities of an inter-State player.

**Harry Johansen**, right full-back: a heady player and a good tackler. No one but a 'suicidist' gets in front of Harry when he executes one of famous "stoves".

**N. Fox**, left half-back: especially skilled in tackling, a good man when things do not look too rosy and an expert "stover".

**Ray Walsh**, centre half-back: was tried in a number of positions before he came to rest at centre-half, where he used his head and stick to advantage.

**F. Bailey**, right half-back; good tackler and quick on his feet.

**P. Maher**, forward: the team's best forward, a fast man and an exceptionally good shot. In one match scored five goals.

**Jack Ryan**, forward: fast man and a hard man to tackle; seems to have a special knack in getting maimed.

**R. Browne**, forward: very heady forward who can manipulate his stick uncannily; most difficult to tackle.

**Basil Bates**, forward: fast and tricky player who netted some rather remarkable goals.

**Bro. Macartan Keegan**, forward: was always good for a goal or two, but he devoted most of his time in keeping his forward line in order and in helping them by his vast experience to grasp the finer points of the game. He was always in the thick of the battle and once an opponent became accustomed to him he never failed (afterwards) to tackle in the orthodox manner.

The 'B' team, owing to their lack of weight, was not nearly so successful, but put up a few great fights, winning nine of its 17 matches. The side's win over North Sydney was its most creditable performance. The team's best performers were E. Reardon, S. Wanless, T. O'Donnell and R. Richardson. [Sadly the names of the remaining team members were unrecorded.]

Brothers at Holy Cross College in 1929: Brothers Celsus Daly (Superior & Provincial), Canice Grimes, Aloysius Hannigan, Evangelist Hanratty, Macartan Keegan, Baptist McGrath, Austin O'Connell, Fintan O'Neill, Bernard Ryan.

**In the 1930 Holy Cross College Annual Report, hockey was moved forward to pages 38 and 39 and was prominently headed:**

## ***H O C K E Y***

In the Metropolitan B Grade Hockey Competition the College entered two teams – ‘A’ and ‘B’. This was only the second year of competition for the College, yet such was the progress since Brother Macartan introduced the game in 1929 that we saw both ‘A’ and ‘B’ teams in the Semi Finals. The ‘A’ team won the Minor Premiership going through the season undefeated. In the Grand Final the ‘A’ team defeated Cheltenham by four goals to nil, thereby gaining the Premiership for 1930. It created two records; in its unbroken line of successes and in the number of goals – 83 to 10 against. During the season the team played 18 matches which resulted in 17 wins and a draw.

### **‘A’ Team**

**Frank Page**, goalie: let only ten goals past him this season.

**R. Walsh**, full-back: captain and an excellent fullback; his tackling and clearing tactics were outstanding.

**Harry Johansen**, full-back: vice-captain, also an excellent fullback, combined terrific hitting powers with the cunning of a snake, literally worming his way through the opponents.

**Macartan Ryan**, right half-back: ex-hurley player from Ireland, whose speed and tackling did much towards the team’s success.

**Macartan Keegan**, centre-half and coach: employed the knowledge of the game which he learnt while playing in India. Always a hard player and was usually at his best when the team was hard put.

**K. Seaton**, left half-back: good worker, known for his excellent clearing; an exponent of the push stroke.

**K. McNamara**, right-wing: fast and always on the ball when passed to him and although not a high scorer his excellent centring resulted in many goals.

**Jack Ryan**, inside-right forward: gained many goals for the team, known as the one-handed player scarcely ever using both hands on his stick.

**P. Maher**, centre-forward: best centre in the competition, scoring 61 goals for the season.

**H. Connolly**, inside-left forward: newcomer to the game this season, aggressive with great skill and ability.

**Basil Bates**, left-wing: very fast, continually tricked his opponents.

Note: Brother Macartan Joseph Patrick Ryan arrived from Ireland aboard the *Maloja* on January 23, 1930 and was at Holy Cross College from his arrival until his death on June 18, 1934, aged 29 years.

### **‘B’ Team**

The ‘B’ team was unlucky in not making the finals of the second division. Among the outstanding performances of this sturdy little team were: 10-Nil win over University Union, 3-1 over the strong City team and decisive wins over Randwick and St. George.

**J. Barden**, goalie: the large man of the team.

**J. McDonnell**, right full-back: midget of the team whose size belied his ability, great tackler and clearer.

**T. Mulhearn**, left full-back: excellent full-back and hard hitter.

**W. Ireland**, left half-back: captain and a great hitter.

**R. Richardson**, centre half-back: tricky player; always on the ball, excelling in defence.

**P. Dalton**, right half-back: well merited his place in the team.

**V. Skinner**, winger: used all the tricks of the game.

**Will Kelly**, inside forward: vice-captain, an excellent goal-getter, with greatest numbers of goals to his credit.

**B. Franklin**, centre-forward: small in build but great goal scorer, started movements with good results.

**R. Garforth**, inside-forward: good goal scorer.

**A. Rowe**, winger: very fast with good judgment for the centres.

## **ST. JAMES' SPORTS CLUB**

### **2. The first blossom**

In August 1929, several young ex-students of the St. James' School for Boys, conducted by the Patrician Brothers in the Parish of Forest Lodge, formed the St. James' Sports Club. Its President was Jack Dwyer and Jack Taylor, Secretary. It cost two shillings and sixpence (25 cents) to join and sixpence (5 cents) a week for continuing membership.

Though initially a cricket club, the former pupils of St. James exhibited considerable organizational skills to embrace a variety of sports – cricket, tennis, rugby league, soccer and athletics. Non-Catholics were welcomed and many took up the invitation. The Committee was very 'savvy'. Glebe Public School, known to the locals as the 'GPS', produced some outstanding sportsmen. [For those unaware of the connotation of 'GPS' such relates to the elite Greater Public Schools, comprising Sydney Grammar School, Sydney Boys' High School, Shore - Sydney Church of England Grammar School, The Scot's College, Newington College, St. Ignatius College, St. Joseph's College and The King's School.]

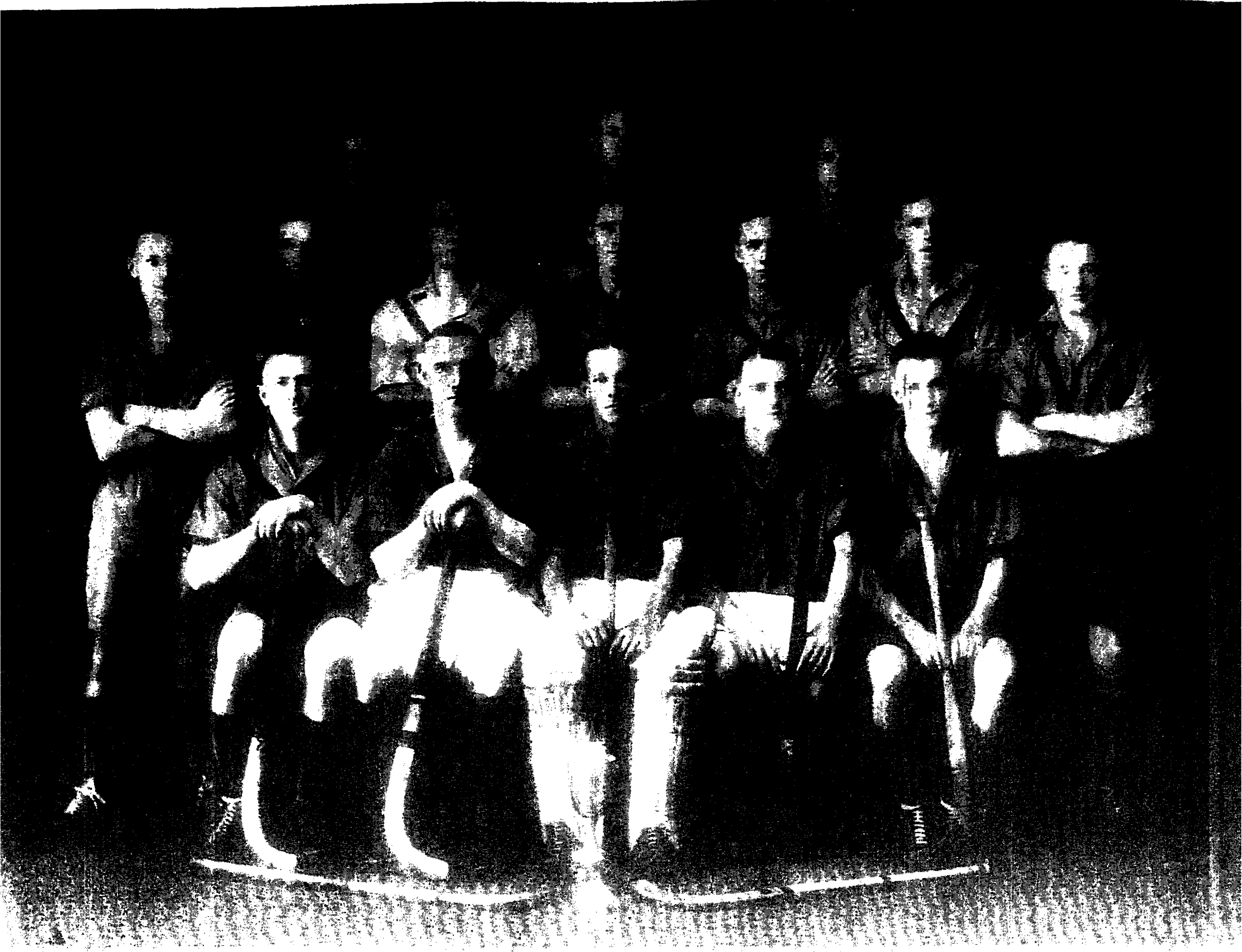
In 1931, Brother Macartan was transferred to Forest Lodge Community. St. James' Boys School was then located on the corner of Pymont Bridge Road and Rosebank Street, Glebe. The Brothers' monastery was at 165 Pymont Bridge Road between Rosebank and Woolley Streets. That year the Forest Lodge Community comprised Brother Cyril Boland (Superior), Brother Finian Byrne, Brother Thomas Brennan and Brother Macartan. In July, Brother Oliver Healy also came to Forest Lodge. John Campbell, alumnus of Forest Lodge (1933-1940 Intermediate) recalls that Brother Macartan taught the 4<sup>th</sup> Class.

Upon arrival Brother Macartan became aware of the St. James' Sports Club. He agreed to captain-coach a team in the Metropolitan Hockey Association 'B' Grade competition of 1931. It would seem to this writer that Brother Macartan's success at Holy Cross College would have influenced the Committee's decision to embrace the then blossoming sport of hockey. Interestingly the Metropolitan Hockey Association in Sydney had been created on April 1, 1931, with Brother Macartan Keegan one of its Vice-Presidents. The team played in yellow shirt with a blue V and white shorts, the colours of the St. James' Sports Club. St. James' Sports Club won the Metropolitan Hockey Association 'B' Grade Premiership in 1931 and Reserve Grade in 1932 x

This writer has no knowledge of the records of the teams matches other than that both won their respective Premiership. Brother Macartan was captain/coach of the 1931 side with Bill Bourke (vice-captain). In 1932 Brother Macartan was non-playing coach with Bill Bourke (captain) and Tom Pearce (vice-captain).

The next step was to enter the A Grade competition but it was necessary that the Club represent a district. It was resolved that by fielding both A and B Grade teams the Club qualified for district status.

ST. JAMES' SPORTS CLUB  
 'B' Grade Premiers, Metropolitan Hockey Association, 1931



Back Row: Roy Pearce, Tom Barklimore, Walter Batty  
 Second Row: Ernie McGrade, John Quinlan, George Gold, Mick Cummins,  
 Jim Burt, John Taylor, Tom Pearce  
 Front Row: E. 'Ted' Mockler, Brother Macartan Michael Keegan (Captain),  
 Stephen McCormack, Bill Bourke (Vice- Captain), Jack Ryan.  
 Note: Bill Bourke was an alumnus of Holy Cross College, Ryde.



ST. JAMES' SPORTS CLUB  
Reserve Grade Premiers, Metropolitan Hockey Association, 1932



Back Row: Jim Burt, Mick Cummins, Jack Ryan, John (Jack) Taylor, E. (Ted) Mockler,  
Greg Walsh, Tom Barklimore  
Second Row: John Quinlan, Bro. Macartan Keegan (Coach), William (Billy) Bourke (Capt.),  
J. Denis ('Doc') Donovan (Sec.), Tom Pearce (Vice-Capt.)  
Front Row: Mick Dunn, Stephen McCormack, George Mockler.



## GLEBE DISTRICT HOCKEY CLUB

### 3. The full flowering

The Glebe District Hockey Club was founded on December 20, 1932 at a meeting held in the hall on the ground floor of the St. James' School for Boys, with St. James' Sports Club providing all the membership. The President was E. Mockler, J. "Doc" Donovan, (Secretary) and J.W. Taylor, (Hon. Treasurer). It was moved and carried "that the club colours shall be blue and gold, that is, blue shirt with gold V and blue trousers [shorts]."

gold shirt  
blue V  
blue trousers

The colours were changed to maroon shirt with a white V both back and front with white shorts and maroon socks with white border at the top before the commencement of the 1933 Hockey season in April. "Maroon was the colour worn by all teams that had represented the Glebe District. The Bulletin magazine referred to the Glebe Rugby League thus: 'the Glebe men, known as "the butchers", wearers of the gory coloured guernsey' and on another occasion, the men from Glebe who wear red and live near the abattoirs. Up to 1915 there was an abbatoir at Glebe Island, which was a big employer of local people. The blood from the slaughtered animals flowed into Rozelle Bay turning the water a crimson, maroon colour. Legend has it that this maroon coloured seawater of White, Rozelle and Blackwattle Bays provided the inspiration for the choice of maroon for the playing strip for the teams representing the Glebe District."

After the St. James' Hockey Club became the Glebe District Hockey Club the sporting activities of the St. James' Sports Club were confined to rugby league, soccer, athletics, cricket and tennis.

Brother Macartan continued his association with the Glebe District Hockey Club as Patron up to his return to India in November 1937. He left behind a tradition that is embodied in the following examples:

"His determination to instill the creed of 'no train, no game'; together with his general enjoyment and love of the game."

"As a young player in the 1960s, I remember the late Lenny Needham, a Glebe stalwart through and through, frequently telling us in the half-time team talks that what we needed for success in the second half was more 'Punjab'. This expression had been handed down the line, from Brother Keegan to subsequent generations of hockey players."

"The Brother Macartan Keegan Cup is a trophy donated to honour the Founder of our Club. It is awarded to the Under 11 player who the Junior Committee feels has demonstrated the qualities Macartan Keegan instilled into Glebe teams. Quality coaches who have followed in his footsteps have preached it ever since, i.e., to play an unselfish team game, always support your team mates, never give up but at the same time accept defeat graciously and realise the only dishonour in being beaten is when you have not given of your best."

Now returning to Brother Boniface Carroll: "In November, 1937 Brother Macartan returned to India, going first to St. George's, Mussoorie [Uttar Pradesh] and later to Lahore, Punjab [modern Pakistan] where he died from blood pressure [hypertension] on April 12, 1941."

Some 10,000 players have competed with Glebe teams. In 2006 the Glebe First Grade team won the competition for the 27<sup>th</sup> time and the Club Championship for the 29<sup>th</sup>. During the 2006 season the Club fielded five Womens' teams, seven Mens' Senior teams, a Mens' Veterans' team, eight Junior teams and had 48 registered Minkey players. Minkey is played every Saturday at Jubilee Oval, Glebe, and is for the players eight years and under.

It is important that a sporting Club maintain a record of its endeavours throughout its history. In 1994, "A History of the Glebe District Hockey Club to 1993" was published by the Club. Reproduced below is part of the Foreword:

“...Sport is many things to many people, but there is no doubt that it has a central position in most societies throughout the world. Max Solling and Harry Wark have captured and recorded the pleasures, aspirations, hopes, disappointments and delights of the ordinary people of an ordinary suburb and their hockey club. The subject material, dealing with the history of the Glebe District Hockey Club, is handled in a sensitive and informative way, and the delights and despairs of the hockey players of Glebe make absorbing reading... This book helps redress the lack of information and the little prominence given to the aspirations of the average Australian sportsperson and the hundreds of small sporting clubs around the nation. It chronicles the commitment of one generation to its succeeding generations and reaffirms the devotion and commitment which human beings can have each for the other given the necessary structure through which to operate.

“We, the Glebe District Hockey Club, are delighted with the book and congratulate the authors on a painstakingly thorough history of the best hockey club in Australia

Geoff Paterson  
President of the Glebe District Hockey Club  
Sydney 1994”

#### **Club Championships**

1948-1953, 1956, 1958, 1961-1962, 1964-1968, 1972-1978, 1980, 1982, 1989-1990, 1995-1997, 2006.

#### **Premierships**

##### **First Grade**

1940-1943, 1945, 1947-1953, 1955-1956, 1958, 1962-1965, 1974, 1976-1977, 1980, 1982, 1995, 1997, 2005-2006.

##### **Second Grade**

1932, 1934-1935, 1940-1941, 1947-1951, 1953, 1960, 1964-1968, 1972-1974, 1976, 1981, 1986, 2003.

##### **Third Grade**

1931, 1933, 1946, 1948-1949, 1957-1958, 1962, 1966-1968, 1972, 1974-1976, 1978, 1982, 1985, 1990, 1996-1997, 2005.

As well as the above, the Club has been successful in 4<sup>th</sup> Grade, Minor B, under 10, 12, 14, 15 & 17 age premierships; Glebe Women have been successful in 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Premierships since 1984 and won the 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Premiership in 2000-2001.

What Brother Macartan Michael Keegan established in 1931 is still flourishing in Glebe. His contribution to the sport of hockey and the Glebe District Hockey Club is recorded on his gravestone reproduced below.

Sixty-nine years have passed since Brother Macartan left our shores.

**BROTHER MACARTAN M. KEEGAN**  
**AGE 56 YEARS**  
**DIED – APRIL 12<sup>th</sup> 1941**  
**AT LAHORE, PAKISTAN**

**INTRODUCED HOCKEY INTO AUSTRALIA**

In memory of all the departed mentioned in the above.  
Requiescant in Pace.

Note: In many references, Brother Macartan is identified as ‘Maurice Macarten Keegan’. It is the opinion of this writer the name Maurice was adopted by the members of the St. James’ Sports Club in 1931. Players in the team would have needed to call across the field to each other. It would have been impractical to address him as Brother Macartan. At that time, there was a well known jockey named Maurice McCarten who rode in Sydney from the mid 1920s to the late 1940s. On December 26, 1928 Maurice McCarten rode Whitta, the winner of the AJC Chelmsford Handicap. Such a play on names may have influenced his fellow players to give him the soubriquet of Maurice and which, in time, caused Maurice to be accepted as his Christian name together with the misspelling of Macartan.

### Acknowledgements

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## GLEBE DISTRICT HOCKEY CLUB

### A GRADE TEAM, 1935



*Standing:* Danny Mockler (Selector), Michael Schultz, Tom Bourke, Tom Taylor, Jim Burt, Jack Norton (Selector),  
Jim Kenny, Jack Mockler (Selector),  
*Seated:* Tom Barklmore, Tom Pearce (Vice. Capt.) Jack Quinlan (Capt.), Jack Andrews, George Mockler,  
J. Heckenberg

Photo was taken in the grounds of Jubilee Oval, Glebe, to the northern side of the grandstand. The palm tree now stands 30 metres high and the big rock is still there.

**GLEBE DISTRICT HOCKEY CLUB**  
**UNDEFEATED 1<sup>st</sup> GRADE PREMIERS, 1943**  
**HOLDERS OF MARKHAM CUP, 1941-1943**

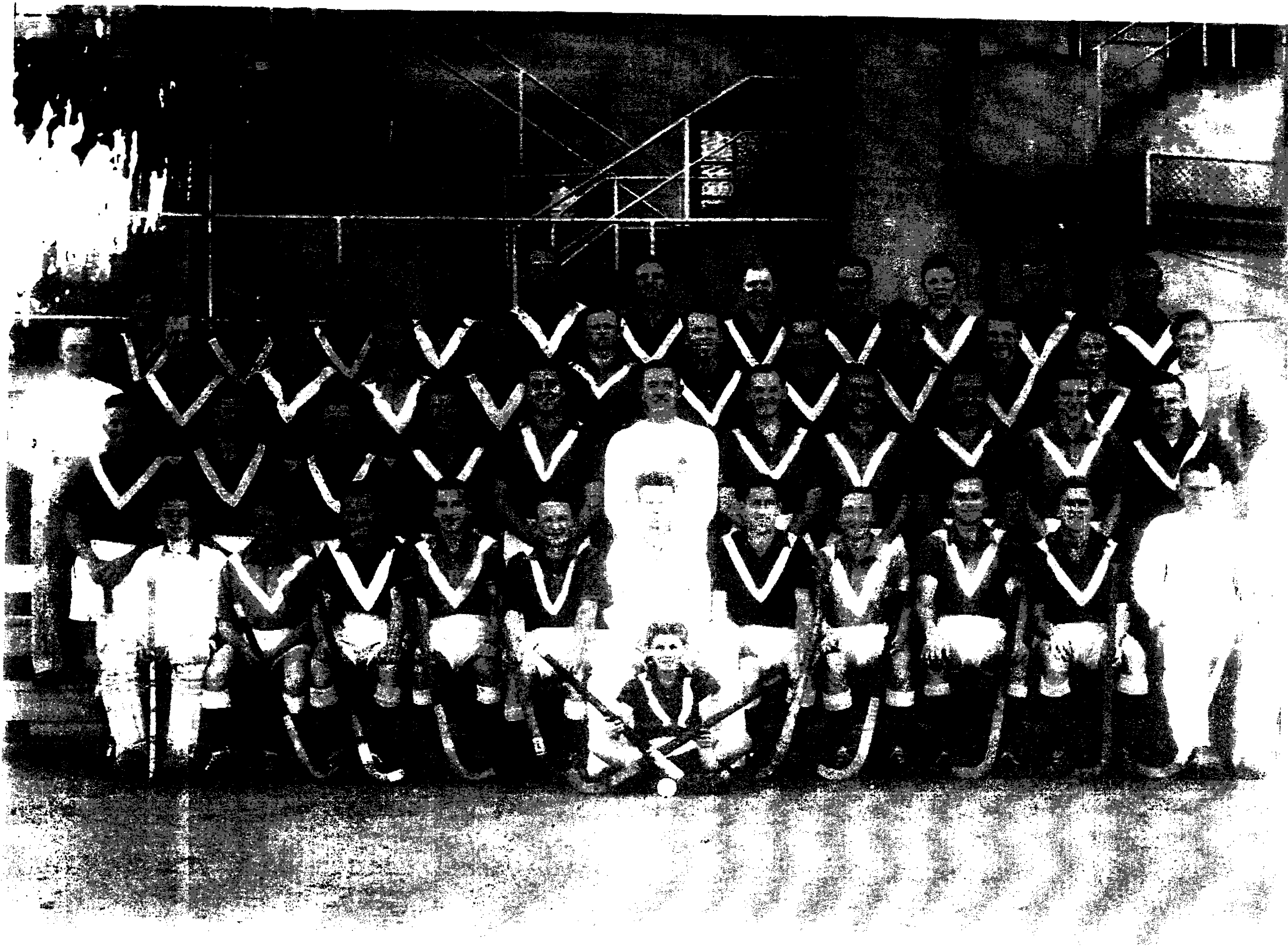


*Back Row:* Jack W. Taylor (Hon Treasurer), Tom Taylor, Clive Bush, Kelvin Dickey, William Ryan,  
 Charlie Humphries (President)  
*Centre Row:* Vic Burton, Jack Cummings, Jack Quinlan (Capt.), Jack Taylor, Jim Kenny, Paul Rodgers  
*Front Row:* William Atkinson, Sid Cairnduff, Vern Turner (***(Inset)*** Tom Irvine.

Photo was taken within the grounds of St. Paul's Oval, University of Sydney, Camperdown



## GLEBE DISTRICT HOCKEY CLUB WINNERS, CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP, 1948



*Back Row:* Don Campbell, Paul Rodgers, Reg Matthews, Kevin Ryan, Tom Taylor, Fred Needham, Ron Feld,

Jack McParland, Paul Scott, William Caffrey, Jack Cummings

*Third Row:* Vince Hall (snr), Jack "Barney" Hayes, Ken Wark, Harry Fardouly, Noel Walker, Harry Wark, Les Waight, Frank Murray, Harry Wilson, Alan Halls, Paul Atkins, Benny Austin

*Second Row:* Jack Sutherland, John Collett, William Ryan, Jack Taylor, Kelvin Dickey, Jack Worley, Vern Turner, Wilfred Murray, Len Dickey, Vince Halls, Allan Cross

*Front Row:* Bobby Rodgers, Larry Scanlon, Glen Elliott, Jack Buckley, Jim Kenny, David McNiven, Vic Mahoney, Bruce Jeffree, Robert Needham, William Taylor, William Lord,

*In Front:* Len Needham.

Photo was taken behind the old paddock grandstand in the grounds of the NSW Trotting Club's Harold Park Raceway, Glebe.

### Glebe D.H.C Australian Representatives

In 1937 Basil Bates and Tom Pearce were selected to play for Australia while playing for Glebe. Both had learnt the game under Brother Macartan; Basil Bates at Holy Cross College, Ryde and Tom Pearce at St. James' Sports Club, Glebe. Other representatives in later years were Ken Wark 1952, 1954, Terry Reece (snr) 1954, Pat Nilan 1961-1972, Ian Cooke 1974 -1981, Warren 'Buster' Birmingham 1984 -1994 (200 caps), Ken Wark (jnr) 1985 -1996 (214 caps).



### AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE

Memorabilia relating to the early history of the **Glebe District Hockey Club**; an old photo, a story, an anecdote etc. would be gratefully received by the Club's honorary historian, Harry Wark. Original documents will be promptly returned. Harry can be contacted by phone 9952 4603, fax 9952 4603 and Email at [www.awark@bigpond.net.au](mailto:www.awark@bigpond.net.au)

### ANOTHER IMPORTANT MESSAGE

The Provincial Archivist, Brother Stephen Sweetman, has asked that the following message be brought to the attention of our readers:

*Dear Alumni of Redfern, Forest Lodge and Waterloo,*

*If you have any archival materials of your Patrician school in your possession that you could donate or lend to the Patrician archives this would be most appreciated. We are looking for any photos, report cards, newsletters, magazines, badges, anything related to the school. Maybe you have some thoughts or stories about the school or Brothers written down we could copy and add to the archives.*

*Please contact Br. Stephen Sweetman (provincial archivist) if you can help. Phone: 9808 6794 or mobile 4332 4148 Email: [ozarchives@patricianbrothers.com](mailto:ozarchives@patricianbrothers.com)*

### STORIES THAT SHOULD BE TOLD.

Over the past 13 years the writer has recorded the Brothers who taught us. But it would be sad to fail to record the special memories of our fellow readers. Each and every one of us was taught by a Brother or Brothers who left a deep impression of our schooldays.

Accordingly, all are invited and encouraged to forward a pen picture of a fond memory or memories of a Brother or Brothers. Short or long, all will be gratefully received. Do not be deterred by thinking your stories will not be of interest.

Should you perhaps prefer to relate your story over the telephone, just call Kevin at 9975 6481. You will find a very ready listener. If Kevin is unavailable please leave you name and phone number on the answering machine. Rest assured, your call will be returned.

Your recollections are very important. Please let your story be shared with others. All received will be acknowledged by return mail or by 'phone. The personal regret of the writer is that this invitation was not extended in the past years.

As an example, the writer recalls an important event in his schooldays:

"I developed a stutter in 5<sup>th</sup> Class. Brother Rodan Bergin called my brothers, Barry and Paul, who were in 6<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Class respectively and myself together and instructed my brothers, 'whenever Kevin stutters, tell him to sing the word'. This may seem strange, but in effect 'singing' the word caused me to both breathe and 'mouth' the word correctly and consequently the stuttering ceased. In later years, I observed a friend of my very early years, who had attended Forest Lodge Public school and had not experienced the benefit of Brother Rodan's 'singing' cure. As a grown man, his 'stutter' was so developed he was unable to effectively communicate by word of mouth. It crossed my mind; 'there but for Brother Rodan, go I.' "

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# **PASSINGS**

**Alexander (Acka) James Tracey (RIP)**

May 18, 1925 – November 4, 2006

In his 82<sup>nd</sup> year

Alumnus of Redfern



To the many alumni he met over the past 13 years he was Alec, but to those of the Parish St. Therese, Mascot, all in the surrounding suburbs and his old schoolmates he was "Acka". Alec played in First Grade as a winger with South Sydney Rugby League Club. He was known as a person who never spoke ill of another. Alec never missed an alumni occasion. Owing to illness he was unable to join with us in 2006, but that didn't stop him phoning the writer and personally apologizing for his inability to attend and forwarding a donation to support the occasion. On October 8<sup>th</sup> last Alec was with us in spirit.

We join all who loved Alec in mourning his passing.

**Michael John Mullins (RIP)**

May 30, 1929 -November 8, 2006

In his 78<sup>th</sup> year

Alumnus of Forest Lodge



Mick was a member of the Intermediate Class of 1944 and even as a boy he had an outgoing personality with an engaging smile; pleasing traits he carried through life. He was a vigorous rugby league second rower with the Forest Lodge CYO; also St James' Sports Club and Bing & Swing in the Balmain District Junior Rugby League competition. But Mick's first love was pigeon racing which he took up as a boy and enjoyed throughout his life.

We join with Val, Greg and Vicki, in mourning his passing.

**Requiescant in Pace**

RESULT OF GUESSING COMPETITION

Old St. Mary’s Cathedral was destroyed by fire in 1865. The writer apologises for giving a misleading choice of answers. Geoff Vickers of Chiswick was the winner. Our congratulations to Geoff and we thank all who participated.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS  
For the Year ended December 31, 2006

2005	Receipts	2006	Payments	2006	2005
\$		\$		\$	\$
328	Bank Balance <u>brought forward</u>	923			
2980	Function Contributions and Donations	2903	Function Costs		
			The Catholic Club	1942	1575
			Annual Mass	200	100
			Guessing Competition	100	100
			Donation – Memorial, Fr. Doyle	-	50
3	Bank Interest	3			
			Postage & Stationery	534	538
			Photo Reproduction	14	25
2983		2906		2790	2388
			Bank Balance <u>carried forward</u>	1039	923
3311		3829		3829	3311
	Bank Balance <u>brought forward</u>				
923	January 1, 2007	1039			
			Kevin Athanasius Scott		
			Honorary Treasurer	January 1, 2007	

**Comment:** The Committee is pleased to report that the Association ended the year with a surplus of \$1039 and expresses its sincere thanks to all who gave financial support throughout the year.

Our budget for the year 2007 is detailed immediately below and the anticipated expenditure, which includes upfront costs for the Mass & Luncheon is, but for \$36, in hand. The Committee approaches the next Annual Mass & Luncheon, scheduled to be held in February 2008, confident of a large attendance in celebration of the bicentenary of the foundation of the Brothers of St. Patrick. The Catholic Club, centrally situated in the Sydney CBD, has proved to be an outstanding venue which meets all our needs.

BUDGET 2007			
Mass/Luncheon	Postage & Stationery	Photos	Total
\$475	\$550	\$50	\$1075

AND A HAPPY ST. PATRICK’S DAY TO ALL