

# Under the Arches

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This book contains a wealth of information about the Club.

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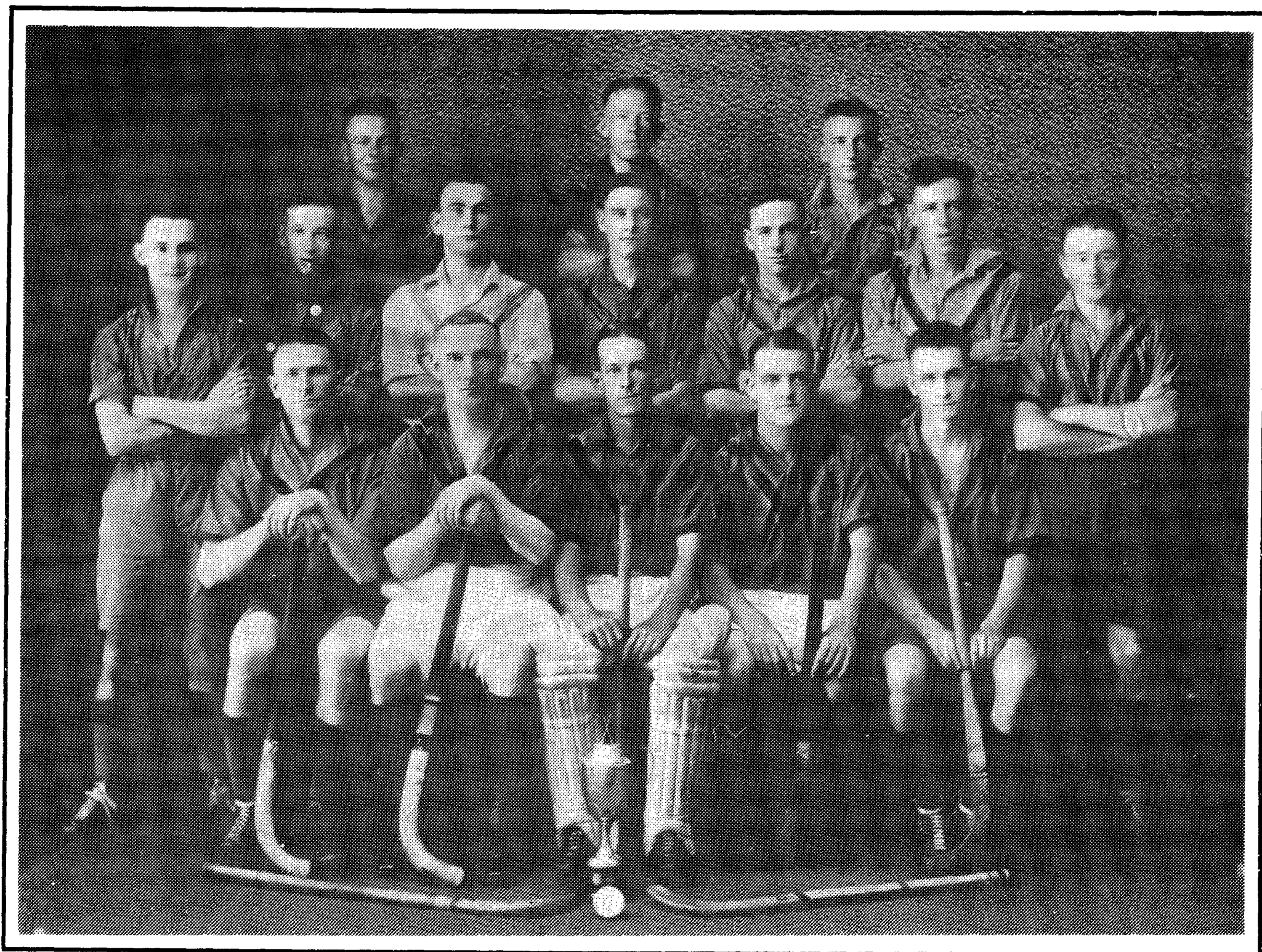
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*The first team fielded by the Club, the Saint James Sporting Club Hockey Team of 1931, showing the founder, Brother Maurice McCarten Keegan, who was captain-coach of the side.*

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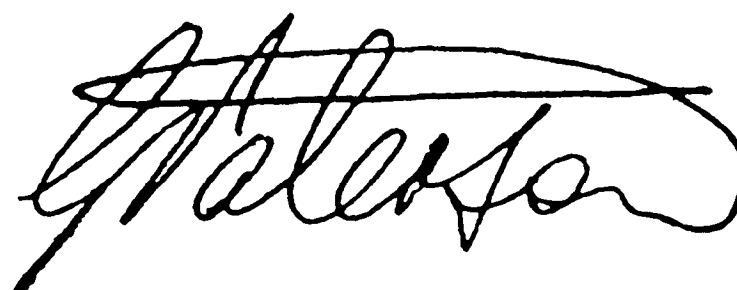
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# Foreword

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**T**o paraphrase the Duke of Wellington who led the forces that defeated the Emperor Napoleon's army at the Battle of Waterloo on the 18th of June 1815: "The Battle was won on the playing fields of Eton". 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. Sporting clubs dotted around the suburbs of Australian cities have provided healthy recreation, amusement, moral and social support and stimulation to millions of ordinary Australians. The contribution of these clubs to the social fabric of our society and the positive contribution they have made to the social cohesion of a local community is often overlooked. 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 for each 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  
The President of the Glebe District Hockey Club

Sydney 1994

# Preface

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Since the Second World War, the name of Glebe has been closely identified with hockey, a tradition that began in 1931 when the Reverend Brother Maurice McCarten Keegan, a Patrician Brother from Galway, taught members of the St James Sports Club the rudiments of the game. Two years later, in the depths of the depression, the Glebe District Hockey Club was born.

From the beginning, family ties to the Glebe Club have been a strong element. Its real strength is the loyalty and outstanding service of its members — an intricate social network has focused around the Club's activities. It became a matter of great pride for a local boy to pull on a maroon guernsey. Jubilee and Federal Park became places that evoked rich memories. Glebe's standard of play makes the game a spectacle, entertaining and sociable for barrackers. Afterwards they fraternised under the arch at Jubilee Oval, discussing the ebbs and flows of the game and enjoying the camaraderie of the Club.

Since its inception the Club has operated on a shoestring budget. There are approximately 18 games per season for each team and 75 members have played more than 200 games for Glebe — a remarkable statistic. Today, it is the largest outdoor sporting organisation in Leichhardt municipality. Many are active for their lifetime and are a source of hockey knowledge and pride. When their best playing days are over they stay on for exercise, to coach the juniors and to socialise under the arch. As a casual local observer, I admired the skill and fierce competitiveness Glebe teams displayed, and asked Fred Letts (then Club Secretary) whether any records have been kept of a club with such a proud tradition. He enthusiastically delivered a rich lode of material for me to mine! These were the bedrock for research, as hockey received little press coverage. Oral contributions from countless members have not only filled in gaps in documentary material, but breathed life and colour into the game in Glebe. I thank them for their generosity and patience.

Due largely to the expertise and assistance of Dr Harry Wark, whose enthusiasm for all things to do with the Club knows no bounds, the original draft has been expanded substantially. Harry has written a comprehensive account of the junior hockey (chapters 8 to 10) and of the women's game in Glebe (chapters 11 and 12) reflecting his deep involvement, knowledge and love for the game and the Club.



Max Solling  
Glebe 1994

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# *Chapter One*

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## *Sporting Life in Glebe (1880–1939)*

*I*n 1888 W.F. Morrison, the author of a classic tome, “Centennial History of New South Wales” declared that “Sport was one of the characteristics of Australian life”. Varied recreational amenities existed in Glebe by that time for its games-playing youth and adults.

Games playing, many said, was good for the physique, helped build character, brought the classes together and did much to bring out manly qualities. In Glebe men of wealth, status and power were pleased to lend their patronage, leadership and financial support to its new sporting clubs.

In July 1879 the boatshed of Glebe Rowing Club at the foot of Ferry Road, Glebe was opened — the first amateur rowing club to be established outside the city limits. However the expansion of local sport was inhibited by the lack of playing fields. After Blackwattle Swamp was filled with deposits of silt dredged from the harbour bed between 1876 and 1880 to form Wentworth Park, invitations were called to design a park described as being destined to be “the most attractive and beautiful recreation ground, second only to the Botanic Gardens”.

James Jones, the Overseer of Domains, laid out the park in the Gardenesque style with peripheral plantings of various evergreen and deciduous trees and a curving park system, with the central focus being the picket-fenced cricket ground, an ornamental lake with islands, a bowling green and pavilion, an unenclosed football ground and a rotunda around which residents of adjoining suburbs congregated on warm summer evenings to listen to the district brass bands. Contemporary accounts reveal it was a lively place that people enjoyed visiting.

From 1882, a network of sporting clubs focused on local loyalties and talent could be found playing at the park. In Glebe and Pyrmont, a growing sense of identification with place could be discerned; any club that took the name of the suburb or district attracted strong local support. Sporting clubs helped further a local consciousness, strengthening community bonds and fostering familiarity among participants. Games playing became a staple part of the local culture, thriving on inter-suburban competition. The park was an outlet on Saturday afternoons for the aggression and competitive instincts of young



men and a place where local people could give expression to their sense of community in the form of sporting loyalties. Local elders, too old to play but with emotion to expend watched, shouted and gained armchair satisfaction from talking over the day's play.

Throughout the 1880's, countless local cricket and rugby clubs played at Wentworth Park but sporting competitions took a more recognisably modern

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*Clubs for bowls, cycling, athletics, lacrosse, tennis and baseball were established in Glebe between 1881 and 1901 when its population swelled from 10,500 to 19,220.*

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shape in 1893 when the Sydney district cricket competition began. To represent their club, participants had to satisfy strict residential qualifications. The Glebe District Cricket Club, formed on 29 September 1892, was one of

eight teams to compete in the first season of district cricket. In May 1900 a district rugby competition became a reality, with the Glebe District Rugby Club emerging as premiers in all three grades. Glebe rowers wore their red, white and blue colours in regattas from 1879 to 1887, but in 1888 they adopted maroon as their new colours. By 1900 all clubs representing Glebe on the water and on the playing fields wore maroon. Perhaps these colours were influenced by the presence of Glebe Island abattoirs. A public abattoir operated at Glebe Island from 1860 to 1916 and secret overflows from the slaughter house, it was claimed, made Blackwattle and Rozelle Bays "blood red" at times. The local rugby league team, to The Bulletin sports writers, was identified with the abattoir: "The Glebe men, known as the butchers, wearers of the gory-coloured guernsey", they wrote, and in other accounts referred to them as: "the men of Glebe who wear red and live near the abattoirs".

The Glebe District Association Football (Soccer) Club was formed at the Excelsior Hotel in March 1903, and at Glebe Town Hall on the evening of 9th January 1908 the Glebe District Rugby League Club came into existence. At the end of rugby league's first season in 1908, seven Glebe men were selected to tour England with the first Kangaroos. By 1911 league had produced a sub-culture in Glebe as all-embracing as any local religion. Their supporters were unashamedly partisan and they flocked to Wentworth Park to see their men win. It was the working man's game and players were locals whom supporters knew as mates and neighbours.

The green pavilion of the Glebe Bowling Club opened on 11th February 1884 and its members engaged in district and inter-colonial competitions until it disbanded in 1901. From 1888 to 1890 members of the Glebe Penny Farthing Cycle Club pedalled around the suburb on weekends. It was an expensive and difficult bike to ride; a new Glebe Bicycle Club was formed on 25th May 1899 and the "safety bike" as it was called, provided the athlete with a new and exciting form of leisure; and the working man with new mobility. Athletes from Forest Lodge Harriers [1892] performed well on

the track and organised social outings with Glebe's oarsmen. The Glebe Lacrosse Club [1894] were Sydney's premiers in 1897, 1898 and 1900.

Cricket at Wentworth Park from the 1890's attracted crowds of 10,000 people and Glebe international representatives — Arthur Coningham, Albert Cotter, Warren Bardsley, Charlie Kellaway and Bert Oldfield were local heroes. Between 1901 and 1918, 14 Glebe cricketers played for NSW in the Sheffield Shield competition.

The Glebe Rugby Union Club boasted an even larger State representation than its cricketers; thirty-two local players won State caps between 1900 and 1914 when Glebe won the first grade premiership seven times. Twelve Glebe rugby union players wore the Australian guernsey during this time.

However, the largest crowds at Wentworth Park after 1911 went to see their rugby league players. To many of Glebe's working men, Saturday afternoon rugby league was their food and their drink. After the game they breasted local bars to discuss the game and in their eyes there were no finer players than half-back and Australian captain Chris McKivat and long striding lock Frank Burge, the finest try-scoring forward the game had seen.

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*The years between 1914 and 1918 was a period of trial and tragedy. Seven hundred and ninety-two Glebe residents volunteered for service in the Great War and one hundred and seventy-four were buried where they died at Gallipoli, in the Middle East and in France; others bore crippling injuries for the rest of their lives.*

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As Sydney's inner suburbs filled rapidly with people, the extension of tram and train tracks to the outer fringes of development facilitated a steady movement of the middle class out of the inner city to these new areas in search of a new way of life. A symbol of the changing social composition of Glebe in 1910 was Labor candidate Tom Keegan's defeat of James Hogue, Liberal member for Glebe since 1894. At the 1917 election the seats of Annandale, Balmain, Glebe, Leichhardt, Marrickville, Newtown and Redfern were Labor strongholds, while the Liberals held all seats north of the harbour. Glebe Municipal council had been controlled by professionals and small businessmen from its incorporation and in 1915 they vigorously opposed a proposal for adult franchise at local government elections. However, ten years later, when all residents won the right to vote, all members of Glebe Council were Labor men.

The strain of war weakened the fabric of local society; but many were anxious to return games playing to the pedestal it had occupied in the years before the war. Wentworth Park had been the main arena for the district's sporting clubs between 1882 and 1918; however the trustees of Wentworth Park

failed to ensure its playing fields were properly maintained after the war and local sporting clubs began to look elsewhere for venues on which they could play their games.

On Saturdays after the war, Jubilee Park and the oval served as venues for carnivals, galas and fairs, important outlets for pleasure that helped raise funds for the Glebe Distress Society, the War Memorial Committee and the Working Men's Institute. Jubilee became the main centre for local sport in 1922/23 when the Glebe District Cricket Club abandoned Wentworth Park and played all their first grade home fixtures at Jubilee. For the remainder of the 1920's the strong Glebe Cricket Club, first grade premiers in 1926 and 1927, attracted crowds of 2,000 to 3,000 to Jubilee.

A tract of four and one half acres adjoining Jubilee Oval and known to locals as "Allen's Glen", "The Hollow" or "Frog Hollow" had been used since the 1890's by the Forest Lodge Pony and Trotting Club as a trotting track. In 1900 butchers, milkmen and bakers, who drove their respective trade carts during the week, were eligible to race each other at the Forest Lodge track in tradesmen's events. Trotting took a more formal shape with the formation of the NSW Trotting Club which held its first meeting there in 1902. Originally called the Lilliebridge grounds, it became successively known as the Forest Lodge track, Epping racecourse and finally in 1929, Harold Park. The Trotting Club bought the site in 1911 and since that date it has been the main venue for Sydney trotting.

The "dogs" was a phenomenon of the 1920's — to own a greyhound was the ambition of many men. Mechanical hare racing began at Harold Park in 1927. Although efforts were made to introduce tin hare coursing at Wentworth Park about the same time, it was not until 1939 that a dog track was opened there. The backyards of many Glebe homes had greyhound kennels, for dog racing had become a popular local pastime. Large crowds were also drawn to Wentworth Park in the 1930's to watch bicycle racing on the main oval track and "Auto Thrills" and midget car racing flourished there.

Before the war Glebe had been the heart of football support, and loyalty to the Club bound players, officials and supporters in something like a blood relationship. The sense of community was strong. You belonged to Glebe and there was a strong devotion to the local football team or a champion sportsman. With the onset of the depression, local people witnessed the demise of the Glebe District Rugby League Club at the end of the 1929 season and they saw Drummoyne adopt the colours of its rugby union club in 1930. To lose two clubs Glebeites had closely identified with and were very proud of was a bitter blow indeed. The Glebe District Cricket Club continued playing at Jubilee Oval until 1964/65 when it amalgamated with Paddington to form the Sydney Cricket Club which had its home ground at Rushcutters Bay.

## *Chapter Two*

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### *The Development of Hockey in Sydney and Elsewhere*

*P*layers with curved sticks engaged in what appears to be a hockey bully are depicted on sculptured relief in the National Museum at Athens, which dates from about 478 BC. It is indeed a game of great antiquity. Since mediaeval times in Britain, various forms of club and ball games known as hurling, shinty or bandy flourished, and by the middle of the nineteenth century hockey clubs were being founded in London to play the game. The game was finally standardized by the Wimbledon Hockey Club in 1883. Its regulations (adopted in 1886 by the Hockey Association) thoroughly modernised the sport and made it highly scientific and skilful. From then on, it spread from England to other countries. British servicemen introduced the modern game of hockey to India in the 1880s and hockey was first played in the United States in 1890.

Irish gold miners introduced hurling into Victoria, where by 1880 they had established several clubs. Hockey was first played on Australian soil by members of the Royal Navy while their ships were in port and in late Victorian Sydney occasional hockey games were played. Hockey as an organised sporting activity was introduced to Australia near the end of Queen Victoria's reign. English schoolmistresses fostered and promoted hockey as a winter sport in private girls' schools in 1900. At about the same time members of the Royal Navy visiting Adelaide participated in exhibition games.

The first men's hockey association, the South Australian Hockey Association, was formed in 1903 and Forestville (1905) in South Australia is the oldest existing club in the country. Initially perceived as a women's sport, the popularity of hockey as a winter game for men grew in New South Wales; in 1906 four clubs, Pilgrims, Corinthians, Barbarians and the Bandits were behind the formation of an association controlling men's hockey in New South Wales. From the beginning, administration of men's and women's hockey was divided and they continued on their separate ways.

The NSW Ladies Hockey Association, established by six Sydney-based clubs in 1908, was the first women's association in Australia. A network of women's clubs sprang up around the country and in July 1910 a National Association, the All Australian Women's Hockey Association, was formed to control women's hockey.

The men's game did not develop as rapidly in the early years. A national body, the Melbourne-based Australian Hockey Association, was created to govern the men's game in 1925, the year when the first Australian Men's Championship was held. Women had been conducting regular interstate series since 1910, fifteen years before the men.

At Goulburn in 1910 the first country men's association was established. Twelve Sydney men's teams played in a loosely organised round of games in 1920; but visits by a New Zealand team in 1922 and by the Indian Army in 1926 did much to promote and popularise the game. Major Bill Foxall, a Goulburn businessman, donated a Cup in 1927 for competition between the Metropolis of Sydney and the Southern Hockey Association, later to become the Goulburn Hockey Association. The Cup is the oldest regularly contested event in NSW Hockey. International competition for men in the inter-war period was confined to regular contests with New Zealand for the Manning Memorial Cup.

Two years later, forty-two teams were playing the game in the metropolitan area and in the country regions of NSW there were four Associations with some twenty affiliates.

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*A District hockey competition began in Sydney in 1928 with Randwick emerging as premiers in the inaugural year.*

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The Metropolitan Hockey Association in Sydney was formed on 1st April 1931 with Frank Peach as Patron, Edward Foskett as Foundation President and Brother Maurice McCarten Keegan one of the Vice-Presidents.

A Northern Suburbs Association came into being in 1932 to control hockey other than A Grade on the north side of the harbour. The Metropolitan Hockey Association required players to reside in the District for whom they played and from 1936 any club which failed to field three teams (first, reserve and third grade) lost their District status.

By 1934 there were forty teams affiliated with the MHA and twenty affiliates of the Northern Suburbs Association. The MHA and the Northern Suburbs Association subsequently amalgamated in 1952 to form the Sydney Hockey Association.

In the country too the men's game was expanding, with a total of fifty-six country clubs affiliated with nine country associations (Federal Territory,





Orange, New England, Central Southern, Far North Coast, Newcastle, Crookwell, Mudgee and Riverina) which were in turn affiliated with the State Association. The strongest provincial body in NSW on the eve of the war was the Far North Coast Association based at Lismore — it had 16 clubs in its Association.

From the early 1930's there were regular junior and schoolboy interstate contests between NSW and Queensland and from 1938 the competition widened when Victoria and South Australia first took part.

The St James Sports Club had been formed at this time, and became the Glebe District Hockey Club on 20th December 1932.

Twenty-two clubs participated in the District competition conducted by the MHA between 1936 and 1940. They were Balmain Old Boys, Cumberland, Eastern Suburbs, Glebe, Gordon, Granville Old Boys, Liverpool, Manly, Mosman, Northern District, Old Masonians, Paddington, Parramatta, Royal Australian Artillery, Randwick, Ryde, St George, Teachers College, Sydney University, Western Suburbs and YMCA.

Holders of the Markham Cup (first grade premiers) between 1928 and 1940 were Sydney University (three times), Randwick (three times), Mosman (twice), Northern District (twice), Eastern Suburbs and Glebe in 1940.

In the reserve grade competition (Pilgrim Cup), St James and its successor Glebe were four times premiers between 1929 and 1940, with YMCA winning the competition twice and Mascot, Randwick, City, Cumberland, Mosman and Paddington each winning a premiership.

In other states, other men's associations were also formed to control the development of hockey. The Victorian Hockey Association came into being in 1906, the same year as the NSWHA. Hockey was being played in Western Australia in 1903 and they formed their own association in 1908. Queensland's association was formed in 1921 and Tasmania's in 1934.

No single state dominated the Australian men's titles between 1925 and 1939. Queensland was the most successful, winning on five occasions, Victoria and Western Australia three times each, and NSW twice. The striking feature of post-war Australian hockey has been the dominance of Western Australia in both the men's and women's national championships.

After a team was entered in the Olympic Games for the first time in 1956, where it reached the quarter finals, Australian men's hockey grew quickly in stature, winning a bronze medal at Tokyo in 1964 and silver medals at the 1968 (Mexico), 1976 (Montreal) and 1992 (Barcelona) Olympics. Women's hockey was admitted to the Olympic programme in 1980 and throughout the 1980's, Australian women ranked among the leading hockey nations. The Australian women's team defeated South Korea 2-1 in the final at the 1988 (Seoul) Olympic Games to win the gold medal.

# Chapter Three

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## *Jubilee Oval and Federal Park*

**B**y 1903, most of the swamps at Rozelle Bay had been reclaimed and were to become Jubilee Park. Annandale and Glebe Municipal Councils became joint trustees of the reclaimed lands to be devoted to recreational activities. Glebe Council considered proposals for a large tidal swimming pool at Rozelle Bay in 1901 and again in 1910; but any plans were shelved with the outbreak of war.

The Glebe Town Clerk told the Annandale Council in 1904 that it was “useless to approach the government for money”; but within two years Glebe council was preparing the reclaimed area for tree planting. On 23 September 1908, an area of 10 acres 1 rood and 18 perch at Glebe

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*The Public Works Department undertook substantial reclamation works of mangrove swamps at Rozelle Bay in the 1890's.*

*The reclaimed area within Glebe was called Jubilee Park in 1909.*

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Point was dedicated for public recreation purposes. After the Crown acquired further land from G.B. Allen, owner of the Toxteth Estate, the new reserve within Glebe municipality covered 13 acres 1 rood. On the other side of the storm water channel, Federal Park (within Annandale municipality) was dedicated for recreational purposes on 11 November 1899, adding 3 acres 3 rood 7 perch to the reserved area.

Commemorating 50 years of municipal government Jubilee was the centre point of festivities celebrating this significant milestone. The park featured winding paths, flower beds, Canary Island palms, Moreton Bay figs and other rain forest trees.

Glebe Council agreed that in return for the local cricket club laying down a turf wicket on a portion of the public lands, it would erect a picket fence for a cricket field and provide a pavilion at a cost of 80 pounds. Jubilee became the home ground for the Glebe's second and third grade cricket sides and Thomas Dowse, its groundsman from 1910 to 1933 kept the oval in magnificent condition. The oval's picturesque appearance altered in about 1917 when the Darling Harbour goods line was extended by the viaduct



across Wentworth Park and by tunnel under Glebe Point to the head of Rozelle Bay. The arches on the ground's perimeter were bricked in to serve as club houses for teams representing the district.

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*The St James' Sports Club, formed in 1929, fielded one hockey team in 1931 and two in 1932. Players from the St James Sports Club hockey teams formed the Glebe District Hockey Club four years later and Jubilee Oval was firmly established as its home ground. During the war years the Oval was used by the American Military and sport was not played on the ground.*

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Heavy rollers, harrows and light rollers were the only mechanical aids used at Jubilee Oval from 1909, towed by horses fitted with special shoes to avoid damaging the pitch. Throughout the 1930's the grass in Jubilee was kept under control by 50 to 60 sheep which were barricaded under the viaduct at night. In 1935 alderman Stephen McCormack complained that Jubilee Park was a disgrace,

with grass knee-high and wickets on the oval well below the standard required. Foreman George Cooper responded by claiming it was difficult to cut the grass with an obsolete machine, and new boots were required for the horse to prepare the pitch. It was not until 1940 that Glebe Council acquired a motor-driven machine, a Dennis lawn mower, to cut the grass on the oval.

Brass bands had been an important part of Glebe's recreational life from the 1860s. They tended to enjoy periods of great popularity (often during hard financial times) and then to be disbanded as their popularity waned. In 1910 the Glebe Brass Band was revived. Council erected a rotunda at Jubilee Park in 1923, and up to 1939 as many as 1,000 couples gathered around the rotunda on every second Sunday of the month to listen to the Glebe Silver Brass Band, conducted by Jack Walsh. The rotunda fell into disrepair in the late 1960s and was demolished in 1972.

Reclaimed land on the northern side of Federal Road was vested in the Sydney Harbour Trust (and its successor in title, the Maritime Services Board of NSW) and much of this land leased to timber companies relocating in Blackwattle and Rozelle Bays.

In 1907 the University Boat Club moved from Woolloomooloo Bay and re-erected its boatshed at Rozelle Bay on foreshore land which now forms part of the Bicentennial Park at Glebe. The Police Rowing Club was established near the University boatshed in Federal Road, Glebe in 1933. It continued to row from Rozelle Bay until it disbanded in 1941, the Second World War being a major factor in this decision. The Glebe Police Boys Club was opened in Federal Road, Glebe in 1943, with 400 members (taking over premises abandoned by the Police Rowing Club). The Glebe Police Boys Club, which claimed 2,000 members in 1955, was destroyed by fire on 30 August 1962 and a new club re-established at Minogue Crescent, Glebe.

The Number 4 Arch had been used by the Saint James' Sporting Club Rugby League team from 1941. This Club had negotiated a five year lease with the Glebe Council and this lease was extended after the Glebe Council was incorporated into the City Council. The Saint James' Rugby League teams played their last season in 1949 and disbanded in early 1950. A new junior Rugby League Club, called "Bing and Swing", was formed by the players who until 1950 had played for the Saint James' Sporting Club Rugby League team. "Bing and Swing" played in all white with a blue and gold vee. The Number 4 arch at Jubilee Oval was used by them until the club disbanded in 1960.

The Hockey Club was delighted at the prospect of acquiring the lease of Number 4 Arch. Negotiations between the Hockey Club and the City Council were skilfully handled by Jack Doherty who at the time was a chauffeur with the City Council. Jack Doherty had a son Ken, who at the time played hockey for the Club. This acquisition of a club room was a boon for the social life of the Club and provided a venue for players and supporters to plan strategies and conduct post-mortems about games played and games to come. On Saturday afternoons during the 60s, 70s and early 80s, it was not uncommon for there to be over 200 people at the club room under the viaduct after the first grade game at Jubilee. From the time Federal Park became their home ground in 1968, fourth graders were able to stroll across the canal, grab a beer and watch the first grade fixture.

In 1960, the Club's neighbours under the viaduct were the Glebe Youth Junior Rugby League Club, which became defunct in the late 60s, and the Glebe Cricket Club which left Jubilee after the 64/65 season. In the 80s The Glebe Greyhounds Australian Rules Club acquired the use of number 2 arch. The Hockey Club has always enjoyed a good working relationship with its co-user of the Oval, the Glebe Greyhounds. In 1986 the Hockey Club made application to Council to extend the boundary fence at Jubilee, thus enabling two fields to be sited on the oval. This proposal lapsed when the Club's push for a synthetic surface gathered momentum.

Malthoid cricket pitches were laid at Federal Park in the early post-war years but they soon deteriorated and were little used by 1960. Due largely to inadequate drainage, Federal Park was in a derelict condition in the early 60s, and with only minimal rain the ground became a quagmire. At that time, the Hockey Club was looking for a home ground for the fourth grade team which played its home games at St Paul's Oval at Sydney University. The fourths tended to be isolated from the higher three grades who played at the same venue each Saturday. The Management Committee of the day reasoned that if a ground close to Jubilee could be secured, and all the Club's players played in the Rozelle Bay precinct for home games, the social aspects of the game for lower grade chaps would be vastly improved.

Federal Park is Crown land vested in the Lands Department but controlled and maintained by Leichhardt Council. In 1968, the Club began negotiations with these two bodies with a view to securing Federal Park as a home ground

for the fourth grade side. Because of the complicated ownership/management aspects of Federal Park, negotiations were convoluted and lengthy. Bill Crabtree was the Minister for Lands, and his Secretary who helped the Club draw up a lease was Dick Curran. Fortuitously, Dick Curran was a friend of Glebe stalwart Keith Kipp and was supportive of the Club's endeavours. Honorary solicitor Gordon Sailer drafted a lease for the Club, initially for 10 years with a 10-year option. Club President Bill Stubbs, Secretary Fred Letts and Treasurer Ken Wark acted as trustees and signed the lease on behalf of the Club. Labour Party member Peter Thom, a Glebe Point Road Pharmacist, Les Rodwell, Mayor of Leichhardt Council and John Ragen, Town Clerk, gave the Club much support and encouragement during the tortuous negotiating process; and in 1969 Federal Park was leased to the Club.

The hockey field at Federal was as rough as a cow paddock at first, and the fourth grade captain of 1969, Keith Vincent, wrote in the annual report of that year, "The players deserve a better playing surface than Federal Park even if we have to move elsewhere". In 1970, with the aid of Leichhardt Council, the Club arranged working bees to add top soil to the area. The playing surface was raised six inches and graded 1:100, with the lower end being adjacent to Johnston's Creek Canal. Kikuyu grass runners were sprigged over the playing surface and the ground was allowed to lie fallow for 12 months. Ground works done in 1970 improved the drainage of the ground and in later years Ken Wark applied top soil to low spots, added fertiliser, and cut and rolled the grass with equipment purchased by the Club.

In 1970 the Club bought its own ride-on mower which Ken (a qualified fitter and turner) maintained and drove twice a week, every week, rain, hail or shine for close to 15 years. Over the course of 20 years, the Club had three ride-on mowers stolen from its rented arch at Federal Park, which had a significant impact on the financial situation of the Club. In 1973, the Council gave permission for the never-used, badly dilapidated malthoid cricket pitch to be removed, which significantly improved the playing surface from a hockey point of view. Starting from day one of the lease in 1969, Ken Wark, virtually single handedly, manicured the playing surface until it became of a sufficiently high standard to accommodate games in the Sydney first grade competition. The playing surface at Federal became significantly better than the playing surface at Jubilee and the Club used Federal as its home ground for first grade fixtures from the mid seventies until the mid eighties. At that point, all first grade fixtures were transferred to the water-based synthetic turf at the newly built State Sports Centre at Homebush. After that time Federal was used for lower grade, junior and women's matches. An international standard hockey field is a rectangle 100 by 60 yards. Because of the constraints of Johnston's Creek canal, the railway viaduct and Federal Road, the hockey field at Federal Park is only 88 by 50 yards. Hockey purists complain that Federal is too small, but the ambience next to the viaduct is magic and evokes rich memories for generations of Glebe players.

In the 1970's, for example, as the fourth grade were locked in a tense struggle with an opposition team, an engine pulling fifteen or twenty coal cars to the White Bay Coal Loader stopped on the viaduct overlooking the halfway line. The driver poked his head out of the window and shouted at the top of his voice "Good luck, Harry!" (addressing Harry Wark snr) and gently the train rolled off. His words of encouragement must have had some effect, as Glebe pulled off a stunning victory in the dying moments of the match.

As of 1984, all first grade hockey games were played on synthetic turf. In late 1985, in an attempt to bring first grade hockey back to Glebe, Arthur Moir and Kevin Sweeney, representing the Club, approached the then chairman of the Wentworth Park Trust, Dick Healy, about the possibility of siting a synthetic turf hockey field inside the Wentworth Park dog track. Preliminary discussions were undertaken, but it soon became clear that access for hockey would be limited as all dog racing and training commitments had priority. Wentworth Park was then ruled out as an option. The Club's search for a suitable synthetic turf venue within the Glebe area continued. Federal Park seemed the perfect location for a synthetic turf and discussions with Council and local residents commenced. Keith Paterson, then Club Secretary, submitted a concept plan for a synthetic turf surface at Federal Park to the Council on the 16th of November 1987. An on-site inspection was held on Thursday, 10 March 1988, with Leichhardt Council Mayor Nick Origlass, councillors Sharon Page, Larry Hand, Issy Wyner and Brian Thompson, Deputy Municipal Engineer Peter Head, strategic planner Alan Coker and 100 people in attendance. The deputy engineer's report stated that "the meeting was sympathetic to the proposal", and that the landscape architect Bruce Mackenzie saw no major problems of compatibility with the overall Bicentennial Park development, provided the height of the perimeter fence was reduced from 1.8 metres to a 1.2 metre Federation wooden picket fence.

A community group, the Save The Rozelle Bay Group, opposed the proposal on the basis of the loss of passive open space. After deliberation, Council asked the Hockey Club to explore the possibility of a synthetic turf at Lambert Park Leichhardt, as it was thought that Apia-Leichhardt Soccer Club was going to share Leichhardt Oval with the Balmain Tigers Rugby League Club. It became clear that soccer did not want to relinquish access to Lambert Park and after two years of negotiation, the Lambert Park option was abandoned.

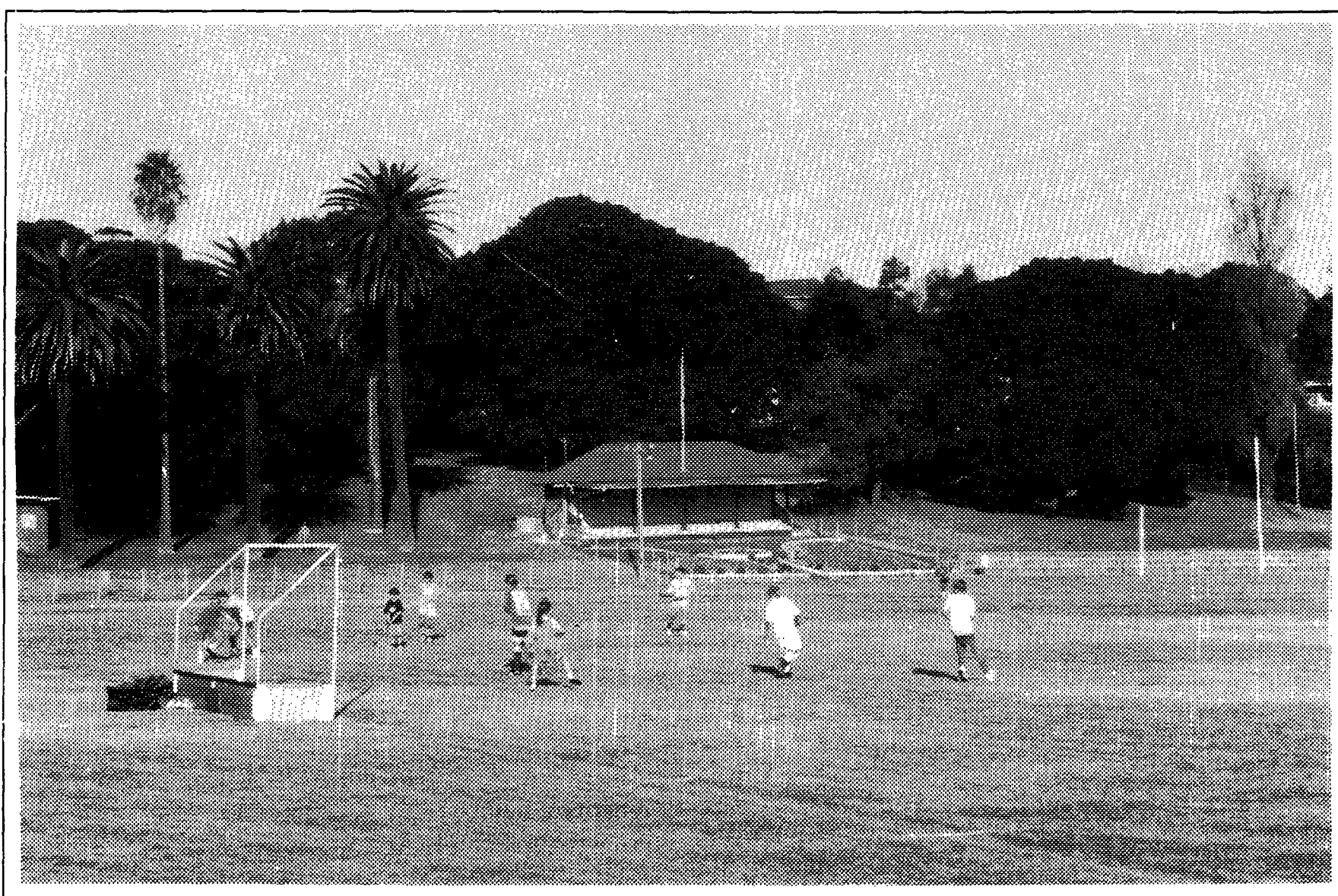
The Hockey Club remounted its push for a synthetic turf surface at Federal Park in May 1991 with the formation of a Synthetic Turf Committee comprising Les Wark (Chairman), Harry Wark jnr, Rodney Hammett, Jim Oman, Mick Tapsell, Eddy Crook, Col Rochester, Merv Goodridge, Bill Stubbs and Keith Corkery (Secretary). The proposal was extensively discussed at a series of meetings by the Rozelle Bay Working Party during 1992. At two separate meetings of the working party, a vote was taken whether the proposal should be supported or opposed. Voting on both occasions supported the Hockey Club proposal with a handsome majority

being obtained on both occasions. This Working Party was instigated by Council in December 1991 to discuss land use around Rozelle Bay and to canvass community objectives for the future use of the waterway. Landscape architect Bruce Mackenzie drew up plans (costing the Club \$4,000) for the Federal Park Synthetic Turf and Rodney Hammett and Les Wark, the Club's principal negotiator with Council, finalised the Club's DA application. After protracted negotiations extending over four years, a DA was finally lodged with Council on 19th September 1992. The DA was supported by a petition signed by over 2,000 people, letters of support from 17 principals from schools in the area and over 200 individual letters.

Around the same time that the Club lodged its DA, the NSW Harness Racing Association expressed an interest in extending its track at Harold Park. Given the impasse between the active and passive users of the Park, the Council proposed to the Harness Association that a synthetic turf might be incorporated into the extended Harold Park, and this option is currently being pursued. In order to extend the harness racing track by 80 metres, the international standard, it must be extended over a Water Board canal. This involves the acquisition of a small amount of public open space. Council has indicated that the handing over of the necessary open space will be forthcoming if, and only if, a synthetic turf for the Glebe Hockey Club is situated inside the new trotting facility. This proposition seemed to be acceptable to the Harness Association and lease negotiations are continuing along these lines. The Harness Association submitted the DA for the refurbishment of Harold Park, including the synthetic surface, in April 1994. The Federal Park DA currently lies on the table as the Club pursues the option of a Synthetic surface within the extended and upgraded Harold Park Paceway.

In late 1992, Maritime Services Board waterfront land on the Annandale side of Federal Road was transferred to Leichhardt Council for recreational purposes. In December 1993 earth works commenced for the new park. Many community planning meetings were held at the Annandale Neighbourhood Centre to determine the final layout of the park, and the Club requested that the hockey pitch be given enough room to become a full-sized field (100 yards x 60 yards). The original field at Federal fitted into a triangular piece of land bordered by the Railway viaduct, Johnston's Canal and Federal Road and ran parallel to the viaduct. After the removal of Federal Road during construction of the new park, the hockey field will be swung around thirty degrees and orientated parallel to Johnston's Creek canal in a north-south direction. Such an orientation for a sporting field is best, as this minimises the effects of the low setting winter sun on players' vision. With the Club fielding close to 20 teams (counting both senior and junior teams) in 1994, it is envisaged that the playing fields at Jubilee and Federal will be used for many years to come. Enlarging the playing surface at Jubilee Oval has been talked about over the years, to enable the ground to accommodate two full-sized hockey fields. The Club may pursue this option in the future after the synthetic turf issue is resolved.





*Jubilee Oval viewed from the northwest corner of the ground with the historical grandstand in the distance and some local children playing a pick-up game of hockey.*

*The grandstand and a picket fence around the oval were built at a cost of £80. To the left of the grandstand are several varieties of magnificent Canary Island palm trees and to the right are several huge Moreton Bay fig trees.*

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## Chapter Four

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### *Born in the Depression: Formative Years of the Glebe Club (1931-1945)*

**F**ollowing the First World War, Australia mourned the loss of 60,000 men and women — one in five of those who served — from a population of four million. On Anzac Day 1922 an impressive marble and granite statement of involvement to the 174 Glebe diggers who were killed in the war was unveiled in the park near Glebe and Bridge Roads. The war profoundly affected many lives and many had a lot to forget.

There was a strong desire to build a country fit for heroes; but volunteers from Saint Phillips Glebe returned home to find their homes condemned as “not fit for pigs to live in”. For these working class men there seemed few rewards for their service. The Glebe Picture Show at 84 Glebe Road remained the most popular source of entertainment in the early post war years while the main attraction of the Workingmen’s Institute was its six full sized billiard tables. Others enjoyed dancing at Record Reign Hall (the Anglican Church Hall on the corner of Derwent Street and St Johns Road, named in 1897 to celebrate Queen Victoria’s 60 years on the throne) or listening to the municipal brass band in the park on weekends. The advent of dog racing in 1927 was regarded as an exciting new attraction.

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*At the end of 1933 Glebe housed 19,874 people and with 39.5% of the male Glebe workforce unemployed and 21.4% of the local female workforce also out of work, the demands of the poor and unemployed stretched the resources of local charitable organisations to the limit.*

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Irregularity of earnings among many of Glebe’s blue collar workers during the inter-war years meant many families lived from week to week. For some, poverty was a constant companion. In times of unemployment, illness or stress, the close-knit pattern of collective life was their greatest protection. Sentiments of belonging developed within the neighbourhoods of Glebe, as well as strong kinship networks both within

families and the surrounding community. A network of neighbourly solidarities revolved around Glebe's fifty-five corner stores and its sixteen pubs. The two flourishing Glebe Road pawnshops were a visible sign of the vulnerability of the worker to unemployment and, like the corner store, another source of credit. A timber strike which began in February, 1929 and lasted for eight and a half months, had a catastrophic effect on the Glebe community, where the timber industry was a major employer. The depression had begun.

In August 1929, three years before the opening of the Sydney Harbour Bridge, Old Boys of St James Catholic School in Woolley Street, Forest Lodge, notably Ted Mockler, Jack Dwyer, Denis Donovan, Jack W Taylor, Stephen McCormack jnr, Karl Shultz and Billy Bourke formed the St James Sports Club. Its President was Jack Dwyer, and Jack Taylor was the Secretary. It cost two shillings and sixpence to join the Club and sixpence a week for continuing membership. St James School catered for infant and primary boys and girls as well as the few boys who continued until the Intermediate Certificate. In 1929, the school had approximately 500 pupils.

The Club received the blessing of Monsignor Pat Coonan (1856-1935) from Kilkenny, parish priest of St James from 1891 to 1935; and gained great assistance from the St James curate, Father Dominic Furlong (1901-1966) and Stephen McCormack snr (1873-1943) a Glebe alderman and prominent lay person in the parish. Steve was the founder of a successful local road transport company which still bears his name today. He serviced a wholesale fruit and vegetable business at the Haymarket and delivered produce to customers by horse and cart. After the day's work was done the horses were put out to graze at Wentworth Park. Steve McCormack jnr was a fearless

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*Brother McCarten convinced the "boys"  
that they would be better off playing  
hockey under his guidance — and that he  
might be able to make  
something of them.*

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goalkeeper who would think nothing of throwing himself at the feet of oncoming forwards in his attempts to prevent conceding a goal. This fearless quality first exhibited by Stephen McCormack has been a feature of Glebe keepers down the years.

Though initially a cricket club, from 1931 St James Sports Club was holding a social every Thursday night at the School of Arts (now Glebe Library) and from 1933 to 1941 social functions were held at Brays Hall, the upstairs of 223 Glebe Point Road. Live music was provided by an orchestra consisting mainly of Club members. The former pupils of St James exhibited considerable organisational skills in broadening the base of the Club to embrace a variety of sporting teams — soccer, tennis, rugby league, cricket, athletics and hockey teams. Non-Catholics could join and many did. A driving force in the Club was its General Secretary from 1932 to 1950, Denis "Doc" Donovan (1908-1994) who captained the cricket team for many years. A cabinetmaker by trade, Dennis worked for many years for the Road



and Traffic Authority and was the lifeblood of the St James Sporting Club. He moved to Ryde in 1950 and later served as an alderman on Ryde Council for twelve years, with a term as deputy mayor. Dennis, a Labor stalwart, lived at 72 Cowper St and was good friends with Bob Askin, Liberal Premier of NSW from 1965 to 1974, who lived three doors up the road.

St James Sports Club leased Jubilee Oval for three-year terms for cricket and Sunday football matches (something of a novelty at the time). They also leased tennis courts at Foley Park until they were dug up for trenches during the 1939-1945 War. The club's social activities ceased in 1939.

After the Saint James Hockey Club became the Glebe District Hockey Club, the sporting activities of the St James Social Club were confined to football.

Hockey in Glebe was pioneered by Maurice McCarten Keegan who arrived in Sydney from India in February 1929. In February 1931 Brother McCarten began teaching at St James school, Forest Lodge

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*Jack Strange relates that Brother McCarten was keen on training and if players did not train they were not selected for the Saturday team. Jack confessed that he was rarely chosen.*

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where predominantly Irish Patrician Brothers had been teaching since 1892 (the Patrician Brothers left St James in 1968). Maurice McCarten Keegan was born at Galway, Ireland in 1890. He entered the Patrician Brothers and was sent to Saint George's College at Mussoorie in the Punjab in India, in the foothills of the Himalayan mountains, where he began playing hockey. Brother McCarten soon exhibited great skill at the game and was good



*Saint James Sports Club's 1932 first grade team with Brother Maurice McCarten Keegan, founder of the Club and coach of this team, in his religious habit.*

enough to be selected in the All Indian Hockey team, no mean feat at a time when India was undisputed world champion. The rugged brother from Galway — tough, crafty and hard as nails — was able to pass on his great knowledge of the game to pupils at St. James and impress upon them the value of combination and short passes. The team played in a yellow shirt with a blue vee and white shorts, the colours of the St James Sporting Club. Club members, Tom Pearce recalled, played Rugby League in 1930 and got flogged.

The St James Hockey team played their first game on the ground outside Concord Oval. Early each season, many of the Club's games were played at Saint Pauls Oval at Sydney University as Jubilee Oval was still being used for cricket. Glebe Cricket Club were very protective of Jubilee Oval and prominent Cricket Club members Herb Cush, Jack Norton, Sid Stone, George Borwick and "Scouty" McMillan had inordinate sway with Glebe Council. The Hockey Club's access to Jubilee was very much determined by the requirements of the Glebe Cricket Club.

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*The first official annual report was published in 1937.*

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In 1931 the inaugural St James Sports Club hockey team of Roy Pearce, Tom Barklmore, Walter Batty, Ernie McGrade, Jack Quinlan, George Gold, Mick Cummins, Jimmy Burt,

Jack Taylor, Tom Pearce, Ted Mockler, Steve McCormack, Jack Ryan and Brother McCarten (captain coach) became B grade premiers of the Metropolitan Hockey Association, winning the Kippax Cup (donated by Alan Kippax, an Australian cricketer and then sports store owner in Sydney). 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. New men were Greg Walsh, Mick Dunn, Jack Strange (Glebe Post Office messenger boy) and George Mockler.

For several years the St James Sports Club fielded a ladies hockey team which, although competitive, did not win any competitions.

After the 1932 competition Billy Bourke and the Secretary, "Doc" Donovan had talks with the President of the Metropolitan Hockey Association Edward Foscett about the following season. It was decided that by fielding two teams in the competition in 1933, a first and a third grade side, the Club qualified for district status; the Glebe District Hockey Club came into existence on 20th December 1932 with St James providing virtually all the membership. The first lot of shirts was purchased from David Jones in Market Street, City. All players lived in the Glebe area. The firsts came tenth in the premiership in their first year. The thirds shared the premiership with Manly.

Brother McCarten (1890-1941) continued as patron, providing yeoman service to the Club until 1937, when he returned to India where he died on





*Photo of the 1935 A Grade team taken on the Rozelle Bay side of the grandstand at Jubilee Oval. The height of the Canary Island palms behind the players have increased almost tenfold since this picture was taken. The white federation picket fence has gone but the big rocks behind Danny Mockler remain in 1993.*

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12th April 1941, aged 51 years. One of the players Brother McCarten coached in 1932, Jimmy Kenny, was patron of the Club from 1962 to 1992, extending the influence of the rugged Patrician Brother with the Hockey Club to over 60 years. The hockey tradition in Glebe owes much to McCarten, who became something of a folk hero in the district.

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*Kevin O'Leary, a groundsman at Jubilee during the 30's, remembered how Tom Pearce spent many hours almost every day hitting a ball around the oval. Tom was an iceman and after he finished delivering the ice he was off to "Jub" to hone up his hockey skills.*

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On assuming District status the Club adopted the traditional colour of Glebe's sporting teams, maroon with a white vee. After the demise of the Glebe Cricket Club in 1965, only the Hockey Club and the Rowing Club represented Glebe at both senior and junior level. In 1994 the Glebe Rowing Club was taken over by the Sydney University Women's Sports Union.

The downturn in economic activity which began in 1929 reached its lowest point in 1932-33 and it is generally agreed that by 1938 the depression had

run its course. Tom Pearce, who with his brother Roy had an ice run at the time, recalled how a number of Glebe men without regular employment would gather together at Jubilee Oval and play hockey to fill in their days.

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*In the early years, few Club members had cars, and players got to games by tram; occasionally a taxi was hired from a Glebe hire car firm. One of the Club members, Jack Cummings, a tram conductor, often arranged with fellow workers not to collect fares from players travelling to games. The money saved was spent on a beer after the game.*

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The Glebe Club entered first and second grade sides in the Sydney competition in 1934, with the seconds winning the premiership. For the first time in the following year, Glebe had three teams in the competition. The seconds retained the premiership and the firsts, in their best effort so far, were runners up to University. Throughout the thirties Randwick, Western

Suburbs, St George, Mosman, Manly, Northern Districts, Eastern Suburbs, Sydney University, Teachers College and YMCA entered teams in the Sydney Hockey competition

The period from 1936 to 1939 was not a particularly successful one for Glebe. YMCA ended the seconds premiership run in 1936 and the first eleven of Dave McNiven, Tom Taylor, Jim Kenny, Jack Andrews, Tom Pearce, Jack Quinlan, Tom Barklimore, George Mockler, Basil Bates and Mick Cummins, though minor premiers in 1937, failed to win the premiership. Other players in the mid thirties were Billy Atkinson, Tom Irvine (both school teachers at Belmore Technical High School in the Western Suburbs), Hugh Gordon (Professor of Veterinary Science at Sydney University), Jim Heckenberg and Merv Nixon (a maritime industry unionist who became Secretary of the Trades and Labour Council at Wollongong). A new stand at the Steelers Rugby League home ground (Wollongong) was named after Merv Nixon. Eddie McGrade, a prominent player in the 30's, was the son of the publican of the Bridge Hotel on the corner of Junction Street and Pyrmont Bridge Road. Harold O'Keefe, licensee of the Ancient Briton Hotel and his family were staunch Club supporters and one of their sons played in the third grade team.

Tom Pearce (1910- ) was the club's most gifted player, a State colt in 1931 who went on to represent NSW seniors for the first time in 1936. Tom took up hockey at the ripe old age of 21 under Brother Keegan after giving up rugby league. He played in the inaugural team of 1931 which won the third grade premiership and went on to represent his country in 1937. War service prematurely curtailed Tom's representative opportunities.

Occasionally, Mick Dunn would join Tommy Pearce knocking the ball about the park. Mick worked at the family broom factory in Darghan Street Glebe and could "pop out" for the odd hour during the day to perfect his hockey

skills. Early reports describe centre half Pearce as the club's "most brilliant and outstanding player" a man who appeared in 159 games for Glebe before joining the St George Club after the war and remaining an active member until 1962. In August 1937 Pearce and another Glebe man, Basil Bates, wore the Australian jersey in a Test against New Zealand. Bates, an inside and centre forward, had played 80 games for the Club when he transferred to Randwick in 1938.

Left back Charlie Humphreys (1905- ) learned his hockey in India, where he was born. A fine positional player, he formed great combinations with Tom Taylor, representing NSW in 1938, appearing for the Club on 89 occasions and being Club President from 1937 to 1945. The Glebe first grade side in 1938 and 1939 — Dave McNiven, Tom Taylor, Charlie Humphreys, Tom Pearce, Jack Quinlan, Billy Ryan, Billy Atkinson, George Mockler, Mick Cummins, Jim Kenny and Jack Taylor was fast becoming a force to be reckoned with in the Sydney competition. In 1939, when the firsts came third in the premiership, the Club supplied two NSW captains — Billy "Jazz" Ryan captaining the colts and Tom Pearce leading the seniors, which also included full back Tom Taylor. By the end of the 1939 season, 16 members had played more than 50 games for the Club — Mick Cummins (147), Jack Quinlan (143), George Mockler (141), Mick Dunn (133), Tommy Pearce (133), Jack Taylor (132), Tom Taylor (119), Jim Kenny (104), Ted Mockler (100), Jack Andrews (91), Tom Barklmore (90), Billy Ryan (87), Frank Petteit (82), Basil Bates (80), Dave McNiven (73) and York Evans (61).

McNiven, a goalkeeper, hailed from Goulburn and the famous ice cream family. He came to Sydney to attend Sydney Tech and boarded with the Taylor's at 3 Boyce Street, Glebe.

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*Harry Wark relates that on rainy days, Dave McNiven would use an umbrella during the game to keep himself dry. If the opposition ventured into the Glebe 25, he would place the brollie on top of the goal and prepare himself for a bit of action. When the ball had gone, down would come the brollie from the top of the goal and he would light up a cigarette.*

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It is rumoured that Glebe had such a good side in those days that Dave very seldom had to part with his brollie or put his cigarette beside the goal-posts. Goal-keeping equipment was not readily available before and during the war and ever-resourceful Dave would make his kickers out of old car tyres. The kickers were not elegant, but effective none the less. David McNiven had a great sense of humour, well appreciated by his peers. J.C. Taylor recalls how one day before a game he was very nervous. Dave told him to take a swig from a bottle on the dressing room seat. Jack, who was 18 at the time, took a big breath and with trembling hand grasped the bottle, hesitated, put it to his lips and took a swig. His whole body shuddered and a chill went down his spine as the liquid slipped down the hatch. Jack asked Dave what

was in the bottle, to which Dave replied, “pee pee”, and started laughing. Not being easily rattled, young J.C. managed a forced laugh and peeked at the label of the bottle, which fortunately said, “Red Mill Rum, the rum you can trust”. Dave was a colourful character and enjoyed a good laugh.

Between 1933 and the outbreak of war, the club’s leading goal scorers were George Mockler in first grade (29 in 1939) and Ted Mockler, who set goal scoring records in second grade (24 in 1936) and in third grade (19 in 1931).

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*Larry Scanlon was wounded in action in New Guinea during the war and acquired several bits of shrapnel in his left knee. He still managed to play seven or eight seasons for Glebe after the war, shrapnel and all.*

*One of the Schultz brothers who played with St James and Glebe before the war served in the RAF and died after being shot down over Cologne in Germany. Tom “Bluey” Gardiner, who played in the 1940 first grade team, was killed in action in New Guinea. Tom was a schoolteacher by profession and a very likeable young man.*

*The legendary South Sydney and Australian Rugby League fullback Clive Churchill (1927-1985) as a teenager played a season for the Club in the early 40s.*

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John Campbell topped the fourth grade tally with 13 in 1939. The club’s ranks were strengthened in the late 1930’s with an influx of new recruits — Max Steedman, Jack Worley, Jack Cummings, Kel and Len Dickey, Charlie Wilkins, Melton “Fuzzy” Pitt, Frank and Wilf Murray, Tom “Bluey” Gardiner, Clarrie and Bruce Eling, Leo and Kevin Ryan and Harry Butler. In 1940, the Club had 60 registered senior players.

Jubilee Oval, Glebe’s home ground, was occupied by the American Army in 1942 and unavailable, so Allen’s Reserve near Johnstons Channel (close to where the Glebe Police Boys Club is now) and St Paul’s Oval at Sydney University became the Club’s main playing fields. Bob Hudson, the lessee of Allen’s Reserve, developed the area as a cricket field for his daughters who were

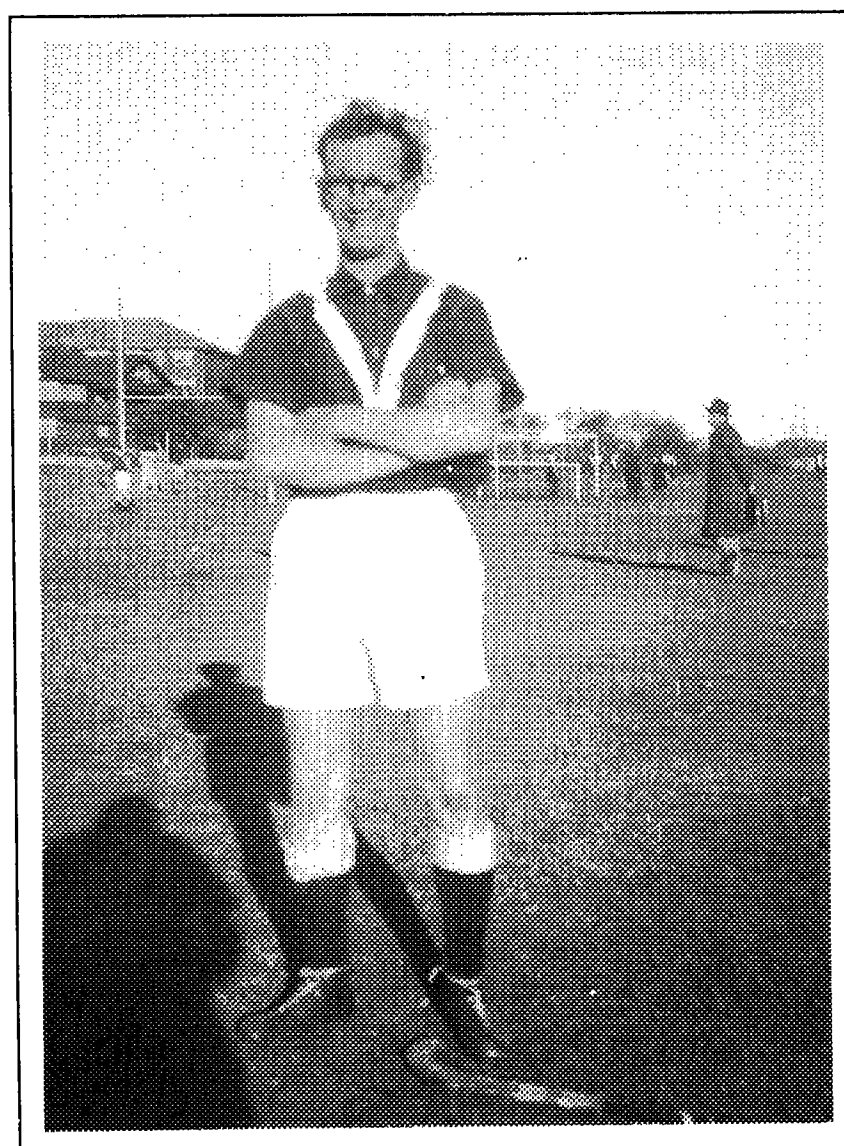
prominent in women’s cricket. The reserve became a popular place for hockey players on Sunday mornings with an old tram serving as the dressing shed. After the war Allen’s reserve was sold for housing. In the mid to late forties and early fifties the Club trained on a Sunday morning in the middle of Harold Park. These training sessions were popular and enjoyed with great gusto.

Glebe became firmly established as the most successful Club in Sydney hockey during the war years. In 1940 the firsts won the Markham and Walbow Cups for the first time. Members of the defence in that side were Sid Cairnduff (1924- ), Charlie Humphreys (left back), Tom Taylor (right





*The third grade premiers of 1940*  
*Back row left to right, Jack Hayes, Jack Tanner, Leo Ryan(c), Frank*  
*Mockler, R O'Brien, Kevin Ryan*  
*Front row left to right Merv Nixon, Jack Taylor, Jack "Fatty" Hegarty,*  
*Larry Scanlon, Harry Butler*



*John Logan (Jack) Quinlan*  
*The Club's first treasurer, first player to reach*  
*200 Club games and first Life Member.*

back), Billy Ryan (right half), Jack Quinlan (left half) and Tom Pearce (centre half). The forwards were Billy Atkinson, Kel Dickey, Frank Murray, Tom Irvine, Tom Gardiner and George Mockler (1917-1974). George was the club's leading goal scorer from 1938 to 1941, a veteran of 173 matches for Glebe and described as "our most brilliant forward". The seconds completely outclassed their opponents in 1940, scoring 74 goals for and 7 against to retain the Pilgrim Cup and emerge as premiers again in 1941.

The thirds too became MHA Premiers in 1940, but were defeated for the Kippax Cup by Kirribilli from the north side of the harbour. Most of the members of the 1940 firsts, together with Jack Worley, Jack Cummings, Les Waight, Harry Butler, Melton Pitt and Vernon Turner formed the backbone of the club's first grade premiership sides in 1941, 1942 and 1943. Between 1940 and 1943, Club records show that it was rare for the Glebe first grade side to lose a game; in 1943, for instance, the firsts went through the season undefeated, scoring 80 goals for and 12 against.

In 1941 two cups were presented for annual competition within the Club. The W.A. Oldfield trophy for "the most improved and well behaved colt" was won by Jack Taylor; and the W.J. Taylor trophy for the most improved player was awarded in its inaugural year to Frank Murray (1920- ) hailed as "a definite find, an ideal centre forward — unselfish, cool, dependable and a great team man". Murray went on to become Club captain from 1950 to 1953 and played 282 games for Glebe. William Albert Stanley Oldfield (1894–1976), a Glebe boy, played for the Glebe Cricket Club and went on to become one of Australia's all time great wicketkeepers. "Bert" Oldfield owned a sport store in the city from whom the Club purchased its first lot of hockey sticks. He was a great sponsor of the Glebe Hockey Club and one of the Club's perpetual trophies is called the Oldfield Cup.

In 1941, when the Association decided to run a gradeless competition, the Glebe first and second grades were evenly graded to form the Glebe "H" team led by Charlie Humphreys and the Glebe "Q" team captained by Jack Quinlan. The "H" team won the competition.

By 1942, as a result of the enlistments the Club was considerably under strength. From the 1942 annual report, the following is a list of players who were absent from our ranks due to enlistment in the fighting forces: Jack Worley, Fred Petteit, Norm Lochardt, Wilfred Murray, Frank Murray, Charlie Wilkins, Max Steedman, Leo Ryan, Mick Dunn, Merv Nixon, G. Dwyer, J. Mason, Vic Woodley, Kevin Spears, Kevin Ryan, Mel "Fuzzy" Pitt, Kevin "Sparrow" Carr, Tom Pearce, B. Wright, Dave McNiven, Larry Scanlon, "Bluey" Gardiner, George Mockler, Frank Mockler and Jim McMillen. Other members of the Club to enlist were Paul Rodgers, W. Mason, B. Bugden, W. Wright, Les Waight.

Some early stalwarts no longer playing in 1943 were George Mockler, Charlie Humphreys, Jack Andrews and Mick Cummins but Jack Quinlan came out of retirement to captain the first grade side, and achieve his ambition



to lead an undefeated premier team. In 1945 John (Jack) Logan Quinlan, a very solid left half and a great Club man, became the first member of the Club to play 200 games. Jack, a time-keeper with Westinghouse, was known to have the odd beer at the Toxteth Hotel in Glebe Point Road before home games. He appeared for Glebe on 257 occasions. During the next few years, five more Glebe men reached the 200-game mark — Jim Kenny and Tom Taylor in 1946, Bill Ryan (1947), Vern Turner (1954) and Jack Taylor (1957). This was a notable achievement as the maximum number of games played in a season was about 16 until the introduction of the three-round season in 1956.

Allen's Reserve was again being used on Sunday mornings in 1944 for training purposes.

A regular meeting place of the Hockey Club throughout the thirties and forties was No 3 Boyce Street, Glebe, the home of Bill and Esther Taylor.

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*The enthusiasm was displayed in training sessions was evident from a note in the Club report that "it was deemed necessary to have an ambulance officer in attendance".*

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Esther Taylor (1881–1953) was a great supporter of the Club, always present at its matches in the period from 1931 to 1945, keeping players well supplied with coffee and oranges. In recognition of her great service, "The Orange Lady" was made a life member in 1946. On occasions, the coffee was laced with a small dash of brandy to calm the nerves before the big game. J.C. Taylor (no relation to Esther) recalls how the prematch coffee often took his breath away. Esther Taylor nee Dickinson lived in Forysth St Glebe before she was married and had three brothers, Tommy, Vic and Sam. Tommy Dickinson was Australian bantamweight boxing champion and Esther was a second in his corner for many of his bouts. One of Esther's brothers died playing Rugby Union for Glebe, and her father was vehemently opposed to any of his other sons participating in the sport. Even so, Vic Dickinson was a first grade Rugby referee for a number of years.

William John Taylor (1883—1952) was as enthusiastic as his wife. Patron of the Club from 1941 until his death, he was a stalwart whose name is remembered by the club's annual trophy for the most improved player. Their two sons, Jack and Tom, were closely associated with the Club from the beginning. John William Taylor (1913—1946) was a great organiser, a foundation member of the Club, its Secretary for several years, a veteran of 173 games who died suddenly on 12 November 1946 from a heart attack. His memory is perpetuated by a cup presented by Glebe to the Association in 1947 for annual competition in the third grade. Tom Taylor was one of Glebe's best players. St. George stopped Glebe from winning the first grade premiership for the fifth year in succession in 1944; but Glebe recaptured their old form the following season, scoring 51 goals for with 12 against, losing only one game to regain the first grade premiership.

Kelvin Dickey, (1924–1993) played his first game for Glebe in 1938 and had an association with the Club until 1965 when he moved to Melbourne as director of apprentices for the Adelaide Steamship Company. An

electrician by trade, Kelvin, ably assisted by his wife Phyl, was Patron of the Club for 8 years, President for 5 years and one of the Club's most able administrators. He was an outstanding communicator who encouraged younger players to be ethical in their dealings with others. He promoted honesty and good sportsmanship, qualities which his proteges, of whom there are many still active in the Club, endeavour to pass on to the current crop of junior players. Kelvin played close to 250 games for Glebe, many in first grade, and represented NSW at schoolboy, Colts and Senior levels. His brother Len started playing for Glebe in 1934 and was very active in the 30's and 40's. Father

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*The Club members of those times all lived in the Glebe or surrounding areas. They were predominantly working class and were good friends who enjoyed each others' company and saw each other frequently. Saturday night house parties after the game at Jubilee were usually attended by most Club members and they were invariably popular events.*

*In those times of high unemployment, players in work paid for those chaps without regular employment and considered it an honour to do so. As Kevin O'Leary recalls, they were conscious that they never knew "when the boot might be on the other foot".*

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Andrew was an outstanding rower who rowed out of the Glebe Club on Blackwattle Bay. His mother, Mrs Dickey, was involved in Glebe Hockey affairs and was a Vice President for 25 years.

The Ryan family were prominent in the Club during the early years. They lived 50 metres from the Taylors at 50 Toxteth Road, Glebe. William Ryan

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*By the standards of the day, the Glebe teams were physically fit and often won in the dying minutes of a game as the opposition teams wilted ever so slightly.*

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senior, an Irishman who played hurling for County Cork, and Mrs Ryan hailed from Polar Creek just outside Kempsey. The Ryan boys, William jnr (1918– ), Kevin (1920– ) and Leo (1922– ), all educated at St James in the time of Brother Keegan, were intimately

involved with the Club for over 20 years. Bill Ryan played 320 games for the Club from 1935 to 1955, captained the NSW Colts in 1939 and played for the NSW Seniors in 1946/47.

On the administrative side Bill, supported by wife Joan, nee Cruise, was Club Secretary from 1943 to 1945 and again in 1954, and Club Captain in 1948/49. He was an assistant fitter who worked for the Australian Gas Light



*The second grade team of 1944 at Jubilee Oval, with the white Federation picket fence in the background and political graffiti painted on the railway viaduct, "OFFICIAL LABOUR VOTE I MORAN".*

*Back row left to right, Vince Halls Snr, Allan Cross, Vic Burton, Paul Rodgers, Vern Turner, Kevin Spears, Front row left to right Jacky Brown, Jack Quillan, Glen Elliott, Jim Kenny, Billy Taylor. Stan Moran, long-time resident of Forest Lodge, who organised the May Day march for 60 years, was reputed to be the first person to call Robert (later Sir Robert) Menzies, Australia's longest-serving Prime Minister, "Pig Iron Bob" back in 1937.*

Company and then TAFE for 19 years. Kevin was a handyman/kitchen cabinet installer who played 162 games for the Club from 1938 to 1953. His hockey career, like that of younger brother Leo, was interrupted by war service. Leo worked for Ampol for almost all his working life and played 165 games for the Club between 1938 and 1952. Bill, Kevin and Leo all played together in the 1946 Glebe first grade side which finished runner-up in the competition. Having three brothers play in the same first grade team is an unusual occurrence; but the Mockler brothers, Ted, George and Frank, performed a similar feat in the early 30's.

In several matches in the late 40's, the Glebe first grade team ran on with four sets of brothers – Bill and Jack Taylor, Harry and Ken Wark, Fred and Bob Needham and Bill and Kevin Ryan. Several other sets of brothers were prominent in the 30's and 40's – Kel and Len Dickey, Tom and Roy Pearce, Vince and Allan Halls, Frank and Wilf Murray and Paul and Bob Rodgers.

Kevin O'Leary (1923-1993) a pupil at St James school in the 30's, taught by Brother McCarten and a groundsman at Jubilee Oval from 1937 to 1941, recalls how the Glebe District Hockey Club of the 30's and early 40's was a close knit group.

This was a time when very few people owned cars, and entertainment was usually sought in the local area. Kevin remembers that, on a fine Saturday afternoon at Jubilee, close to 200 people would turn up to support the local lads. The team spirit of the Glebe teams was inspiring and attracted many local residents, as well as parents, friends, relatives, neighbours and retired players.

Tom Pearce was an enthusiastic trainer. Following in McCarten's footsteps, he emphasised physical fitness as well as hockey skills. Glebe frequently beat teams comprised of more skilful players, reinforcing the saying that "a champion team will beat a team of champions".





*William Taylor and Esther Taylor at a wedding circa 1939. They were driving forces in the Club before the war. Esther was the first female life member of the Club (the only other female life member is Molly Wark). William Taylor succeeded the Reverend Brother McCarten Keegan as Patron of the Club. They lived at 3 Boyce St Glebe.*

# Chapter Five

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## *After World War II: Glebe Carries All Before It (1946-1970)*

**D**istrict hockey was re-introduced in 1946 and Glebe fielded four teams, winning the fourth grade for the first time. The Glebe first eleven that season, composed of Harry Butler, David McNiven, Kevin Ryan, Tom Taylor, Jack Cummings, Frank Murray, Billy Ryan, Vernon Turner, Kelvin Dickey, Melton Pitt and Jack Taylor met Northern Districts in the grand final, going down 2-1.

The Club enjoyed a great season in 1947, winning the first, second and fourth grade premierships. The first consisted of a majority of the 1946 team, strengthened by three newcomers, goalkeeper Bill Lord (1926-1993) and Ken and Harry Wark, members of the Balmain Police Boys second grade premiership side the previous season. Ken Wark had a fetish for being the first dressed before a game — he thought it brought him and the team good luck. The Club report hailed its youthful first grade team, with an average age of 22, as “probably the strongest Glebe team ever fielded”. Jack Worley, Glebe’s Secretary in 1940 and 1941, played for the Club on 116 occasions. During his term as Club President from

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*From the 1947 annual report:*

*“With the discharge of servicemen accomplished, and the war years behind them, clubs were able to face the 1947 season with more certainty than has been possible for some years.”*

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1946 to 1957, Glebe won no less than nine first grade premierships. After his playing days were over, this event being precipitated by a knee injury, Jack became a prominent umpire. Jack, a great statesman, was a lieutenant in the Australian Army during the war, and most of his working life was spent with Shell Oil on the managerial side. He was an outstanding administrator and organiser and under his leadership the Club flourished.



Glebe's dominance in the Sydney competition continued in 1948, with the Club winning the first, second and third grades and the minor eleven (fourth grade) premierships. The Club championship began in 1948 when Eastern Suburbs Club presented the Brian Halse memorial trophy in memory of their member killed in the war.

In 1948 Glebe entered an under 16 team in the competition for the first time. At the end of the 1948 season, Tom "Digger" Taylor (1916-1993 ) retired, having appeared for the Club on 231 occasions. He was an outstanding fullback, remembered as "an artist with the stick".

The Club lamented the loss of Allen's Reserve as a Sunday morning training ground, when houses were built on it after the war. The Reserve was situated opposite where the Glebe Police Boys Club now stands. The Water Board viaduct ran through it and Johnston's Creek stormwater canal formed the northwest border. Players would arrive early at the reserve in the hope of getting a game. "It is not uncommon", a report added, "to see almost two teams waiting on the sideline ready for a run". For many years after the loss of Allen's Reserve to housing, Sunday morning training was held inside the trot and dog racing tracks at Harold Park.

Glebe consolidated its reputation as the most formidable opponent in Sydney hockey in the early post war years and into the fifties. The cornerstone of the club's phenomenal run of success on the playing field was its superior

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*For the thirty years after the war, team talks for the first grade at half time and after the match were often like a crowd scene from "Ben Hur" with juniors, supporters and lower grade players gathering around to hear the words of wisdom coming from the captain's lips. There was a real sense of occasion at these team talks — none of the behind-closed-doors talks favoured by coaches of the modern era. All the Glebe supporters knew what the tactics were — communication at its best.*

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coaching methods, a very efficient administration and a harmonious Club. Glebe was noted from the earliest days for their team spirit, determination and fierce will to win. Coaches constantly impressed on their charges the importance of first mastering the basic fundamentals of the game and Glebe teams evolved a defensive pattern in their play that opponents found difficult to penetrate.

A residential address in the inner city was no longer fashionable after the Great War and the occupants of

homes near the city had to live with the stigma of slum dweller throughout the depression and in the post war years. The boys who joined the Glebe Hockey Club felt that they had something to prove to the residents of the so called "better" outer suburbs and they did it in a most convincing manner on the hockey field.

Though Glebe always had difficulty raising money, they paid their way with management who put the Club first and everything else second.

Year after year, Glebe maintained its high standard of hockey, winning the first grade premiership and the Club championship every season from 1949 to 1953. The Glebe first eleven in 1949 was Bill Lord (goal), Vernon Turner, Ken Wark, Jack Taylor, Les Waight, Billy Ryan, Noel Walker, Harry Wark, Frank Murray and Billy Taylor. Most of these men figured prominently in the success of the firsts from 1949 to 1953, when they lost only 3 of their 80 games. Others promoted to first grade in the early fifties were Fred and Bob Needham, Ray Thorpe, Vince Halls and Glen Elliott. Among the stalwarts in Glebe's lower grades in the early post war years were Larry Scanlon (143 games), winger Barney Hayes (116 games) — who also played Rugby League for Balmain — and Jack Hegarty (52 games).

1951 was the final year that the competition was conducted under the auspices and direction of the Metropolitan Hockey Association, under whose banner Glebe had competed since 1931. In 1952,

M.H.A. amalgamated with the Northern Suburbs Hockey Association to form the Sydney Hockey Association. The great depth of talent in the Glebe Club was reflected in the number of its players who gained representative honours.

In 1946 two Glebe stalwarts and outstanding players, Kelvin Dickey and Billy Ryan, played for NSW seniors. Bill Lord, Vern Turner and Ken Wark gained their State jerseys for the first time in 1947 while Vince Halls and Bob Needham were chosen in the Colts. Vern Turner and Ken Wark were among the first men chosen in the NSW eleven up to 1954, and Ken Wark (1926- ), a brilliant player, became Glebe's third Australian representative when he toured New Zealand in 1952 and again played for his country in 1954. Others to be chosen in the NSW seniors were Frank Murray (1950), Ray Thorpe (1952), and Terry Reece (1953) in his very first season with the

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*Jack Taylor played hockey wearing a Glebe Cricket Club cap, which was designed with concentric white rings on a maroon background. His fellow players called the cap Jack's tea cosy, although Jack called it his brain warmer.*

*Harry Butler (365 games) and Dave Robertson (250 games) toolmakers by trade, were partners in the medium-size company "Roblan" in Moore Street, Leichhardt.*

*Fellow Glebe player, Jack MacParlane, was the firm's accountant. The company still flourishes in 1994.*

*It became a matter of great pride for a local boy to pull on a Glebe jersey; as one prominent player recalled "we read, ate and slept hockey".*

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Club. In the early fifties a number of promising Glebe youngsters were chosen to play in the NSW Junior eleven — Patrick Ward (1950), Bennett Dunn (1951), Vic Westacott (1953-4), Jim Flood (1954) and Bill Stubbs (1955).

Glebe's winning sequence ended in 1954 when they were beaten by St. George in extra time. The Club report lamented that "for the third time since 1940 the first grade team were defeated for premiership honours". But they were to bounce back in 1955, losing only one of their 16 games; and the Club was delighted when Jack Taylor (1924- ), a regular first grader since the early forties, after years of "near representation" was finally chosen to play for the State. Taylor played 401 games for Glebe.

The first grade side of Ray Thorpe, Bob Rodgers, Ken Wark, Vernon Turner, Len Needham, Jim Flood, Alick Robb (captain), Harry Wark and Noel Walker in 1955, was strengthened by the inclusion of Vic Westacott and Paul Rogers, both having their first season in the senior ranks.

Greg Harris, a State Colt, and Bennett Dunn fitted in well in the firsts in 1956, with Glebe retaining the premiership by beating Northern Districts in the grand final. Harry Wark was in outstanding form that season, the annual report adding that he constantly worried the opposition with his "whirlwind dashes".

Harry "Butch" Butler (1924-1990) and Les Waight (1920-1993) men who began playing for Glebe in the early war years, with 365 and 220 games respectively for the Club, were both about to retire. Left winger Vernon Turner (1924- ) played 261 games for Glebe between 1942 and 1957, a State representative who is remembered as an exceptional coach of junior players, one of his proteges being Pat Nilan. Vern Turner was still a good enough player in his fifties to captain New England University and be awarded a "blue".

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*The first girl to play for the Glebe District Hockey club was Lisa Williams when she turned out for the Under 10's in 1976.*

*Barry, Williams, the father of Lisa and a professional greyhound trainer, was an old Glebe stalwart who played in the 60's.*

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For the final of a country carnival, it was not uncommon to have a couple of thousand spectators ringing the ground, all cheering for the local team; but the Glebe teams of the 50s and 60s were impressive and frequently thwarted the ambitions of the local champs.

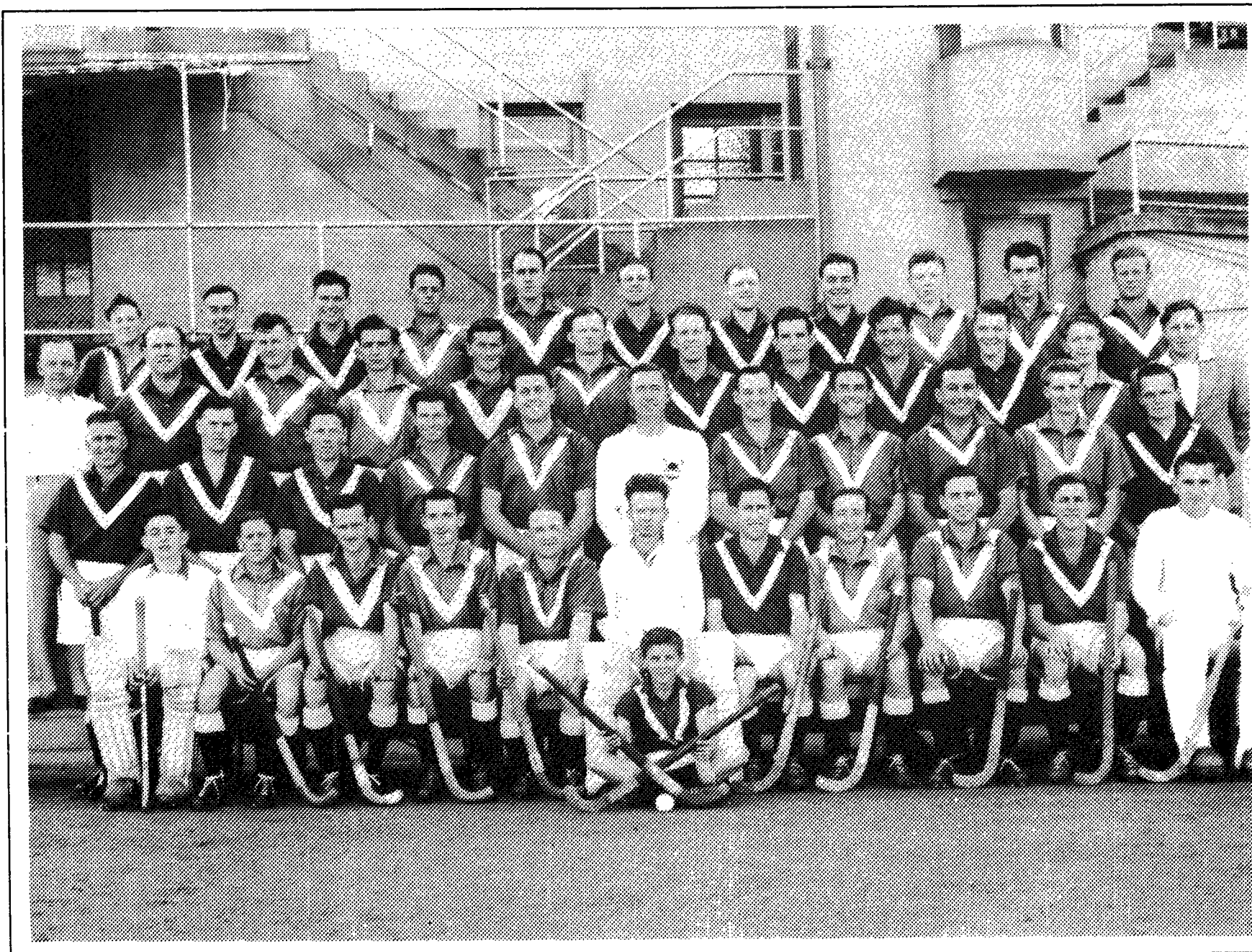
The atmosphere at the ground was electric and on countless occasions the Glebe team won in the dying minutes of the game due to superior fitness, determination and the mighty Glebe spirit.

The Glebe Club was going through a transition period in 1957, with a number of younger players finding their way into the higher grade. The lack of





*First grade Premiers 1945 at Saint Paul's Oval, Sydney University, with the magnificent sandstone retaining wall in the background. Back row: Harry "Butch" Butler, Jack Taylor, Clive Busch, Jim Kenny, Kelvin Dickey, Vernon Turner. Front row: Tommy Irvine, Leo Murdoch, Norm Lockhardt, John Quinlan and Bill Ryan.*



*Club Photo (46 Club Members) taken behind the now demolished grandstand at Harold Park Paceway Glebe in 1948.*





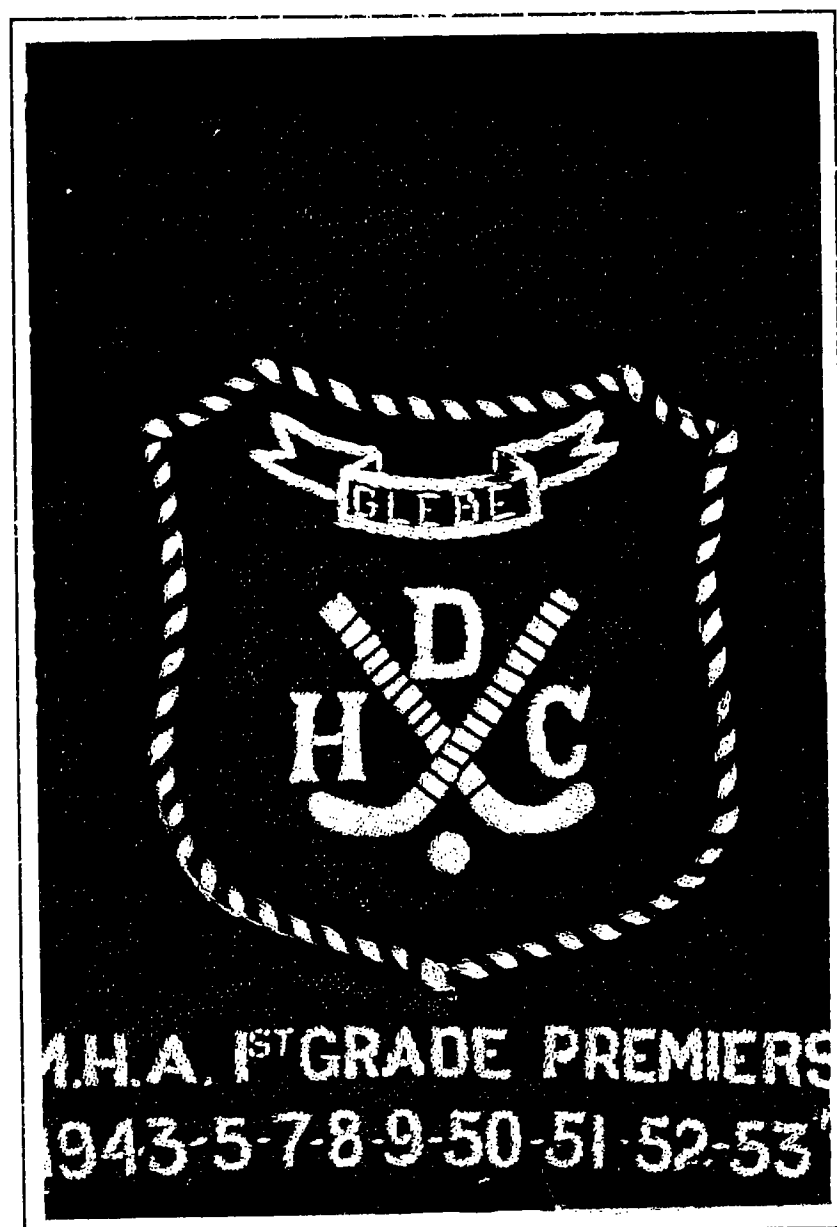
*The Second Grade team of 1948 at St Paul's Oval, Sydney University.  
 Back row: Bill Caffrey, Kelvin Dickey, Tom Taylor, Jack Cummings.  
 Middle row: Wilfred Murray, Billy Taylor, Vince Halls, Noel Walker.  
 Front row: Larry Scanlan, Billy Lord, Jack Buckley.  
 Note the large hooked sticks which provoke hysterical laughter from juniors of today. Compare the goalkeeper's kit with the modern keeper — it's a wonder the he survived the season.*



*Jack Taylor bogged in the Bulli soil at Jubilee in the late fifties. Note the corner flag and the white Federation picket fence in the background*



*The successful first grade team of 1952 which won the Sydney Premiership and carnivals at Goulburn, Bathurst and Sydney. Back row: Harry Wark, Vince Halls, Ken Wark, Billy Ryan, Bob Needham. Middle row Les Waight, Vernon Turner, Frank Murray, Dave McNivan, Noel Walker, Fred Needham. Kneeling, Jack Sutherland, Jack Taylor*



*The pocket from Jack Taylor's Glebe blazer of the forties and fifties. These were the golden years of Glebe first grade supremacy.*



experienced men was reflected in Glebe's play and they failed to make the finals; but with typical Glebe determination, the first grade side came storming back in 1958 to regain the premiership, losing only one of their 23 matches. A feature of the season was centre half Vic Westacott's fine trapping

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*Country carnivals at Bathurst, Goulburn and Mittagong were popular in the late 40s, 50s and 60s, and Glebe had a very successful carnival record. The players would assemble at 5 am outside the Glebe Post Office in dark, deserted Glebe Point Road before heading off on their three-and-a-half hour trip. Coming home, the players would stop off at a suitable watering hole (the Log Cabin at Kurrajong was a favourite) to discuss the day's triumphs before arriving back at the Glebe Post Office at around 10 pm — a full day's activity in anyone's language.*

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experience will go a long way". In the lower grades Dave Robertson played 245 games for Glebe between 1943 and 1958 and other long serving players to retire about 1961 were full back Alan Halls (199 games) centre forward Johnny Sutherland (187 games) and full back Harry Wilson (the fireman) (176 games).

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*On a trip back from Bathurst on a bitterly cold winter evening, after winning the carnival, several players were huddled in the back of Jimmy Kenny's father's ute, covered by a tarpaulin. The tarpaulin blew off down a cliff and Billy Ryan remembers that they nearly died from hypothermia. They arrived back at the Glebe Post Office purple from the cold, with goose bumps on their goose bumps.*

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and passing to his forwards, play that earned him a place in the State eleven. The team's defence of Ron Payne (goal), Ken Wark and Jack Taylor (full backs), Paul Rogers, Vic Westacott and Len Needham (halves) was one of the best ever. The agility and anticipation of Payne and the cover defence of Ken Wark was a formidable combination, their "mere presence on the field demoralising many of our opposing forwards". Jim Kenny reached 400 games in 1958 and the second grade report added that inside right Pat Nilan "with a bit more

Jim Kenny, Ken and Harry Wark, Len Needham, Bill Stubbs, Pat Nilan, Vic Westacott, Bennett Dunn, Paul Rogers, Fred Letts (the bank manager), Jack Taylor, Greg Harris (the mechanic), Ray Thorpe (the school-teacher), Ron Payne and Bob Fox were among those to appear in the firsts in 1959 and 1960, a strong squad of players not quite good enough to stop St. George becoming premiers in those two seasons.

Frank Vanderputt in goal, Graeme Gilmour and Robert Brown, all players with a lot of ability, were promoted to the senior ranks in 1961; but once



*Photograph of two Glebe players: Ken Wark, with white hat and Terry Reece, dark hat, playing for Sydney against New Zealand at Sydney University Number One Oval on 24 June 1950. Both players went on to represent Australia. Note the old grandstand, now demolished, in the background with the new medical school behind.*

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again St. George showed their supremacy, winning first grade for the third year in a row. Noel Walker (1925-1979), originally from a property near Goulburn, came to Sydney to become an industrial chemist. He was a member of the Glebe Club from 1944 and its President from 1958 to 1961. He stressed the need for new blood, "to maintain the high standard of hockey Glebe has enjoyed since its inception".

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*Pat Nilan, still eligible to play colts, showed what a gifted player he was in 1961 and was chosen to play for NSW seniors and Australia.*

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The Glebe first grade side played brilliant hockey in 1962, completely dominating the competition and ending St. George's bid for their fourth successive first grade premiership. The team of Vanderputt (goal), Ken Wark (right back), Graeme Gilmour (left back), Bob Fox (right half), Des Wise (centre half), Len Needham (left half), Robert Brown (right wing), Reverend John Collier (right inner), Ray Thorpe (centre forward), Pat Nilan (inside left) and Vic Westacott (left wing) remained undefeated in their 24 games, scoring 96 goals for and 22 against. In the 60's Jack "the wharfie" Farthing, one of Harry Wark's customers from Evans Street Rozelle, Molly Ellen Wark, Bob Gilmour, Tom Quinn, Arthur Stubbs and Norm "Richo"

Richardson were loyal, vocal and enthusiastic spectators and added to the atmosphere and ambience at Jubilee.

Glebe again made the 1963 competition a one-sided affair, scoring 94 goals and allowing only 16 in losing only one of their 20 games; but the first eleven took a long time to settle down in 1964 (though they lost only one game) but lifted their form near the end of the season to retain the premiership. In 1964 Pat Nilan became the first Club member to represent Australia at the Olympic Games in Tokyo.

Dave "Cementhead" Stevens, an engineer who came to Glebe from the bauxite mine at Gove, strengthened the top side in 1965, when the maroons became premiers for the fourth year in succession.

Des Wise, a warrant officer in the regular army and an ex Australian player, played for the Club during the 60's and early 70's. Des, a Queenslander stationed at North Head, played for Australia at the same time as Ken Wark, who enticed him to Glebe. During Des's stay at Glebe, a liaison developed between The Valley Club in Brisbane, Des's old Club and one of Queensland's leading clubs, and The Glebe District Hockey Club. The first game between Glebe and Valley was played in Sydney at Easter 1965, with Glebe the victors 2-1. At Easter 1966, over 35 Glebe Club members ventured



*Outside the Clubhouse (Number 4 Railway Arch) at Jubilee Oval, Glebe in 1961. Left to right: Brian Howe, obscured, Barry Goodrick, Fran Harris (with cigarette), Geoff Rogers in the stroller, Pat Rogers with her back to the camera, Dot Kenny behind the counter.*

*Note the billboard sponsored by Coca Cola with soup for 1/- (one shilling), Ecks drinks 10d., Smiths chips 9d.*

*The Clubhouse was first rented from the City Council in 1960.*





*The premierships winning side of 1964 at number two oval, Sydney University, with the H.K. Ward gymnasium in the background.  
From left to right: Robert "Charlie" Brown, Ken Wark, Dennis Lisk, David "Davey Crockett" Crocker, Greg Harris, Len Needham, Pat Nilan, Bennett Dunn, David Lisk, Victor Westacott.*

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to Brisbane for the game against Valley on Good Friday, and a weekend of hockey matches at the Adamson Cup Carnival. These Easter trips continued until 1977, when changes to the structure of the Brisbane and Sydney domestic competitions and waning interest brought an end to the tradition. Old habits die hard and at Easter 1991, Glebe took a team to Brisbane to

relive the great days of old, with more emphasis being placed on the social side than the playing side. The Valley Club came to Sydney at Easter 1992 and brought with them the good cheer for which they are famous.

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*Club president Kel Dickey expressed concern in the annual report that because Glebe "has gradually become a passing through area where families pause long enough to save money to buy a home and then move on", the Club had lost many young talented players.*

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*The Glebe trip to Brisbane in 1966, from the plane down to the bottom of the steps: Dennis Lisk, Billy Wallace, Fred Letts, Frank Whiteman, Paul Rogers, Peter Howe, Frank Vanderputt, Kevin "Yogi" Weeks, Graeme Gilmour, Peter Krepp, Russ Nicholls, Tony Morley, Tom Quinn, Dennis Brown, Jack Thompson, Bill Stubbs, Martin Howe, Harry Wark, John "Mouse" Cameron, Robert "Charlie" Brown, Bob Fox. Players standing on the tarmac: right to left Mick Letts, Paul Cuneen, Harry Wark, Ron Hall, Marvin Heaston, Greg Harris, Len Needham, Pat Nilan, Arthur Stubbs, Graeme Kirkland, Bob Gilmour.*

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*Des Wise directed traffic from the centre half position. If a team mate missed one of his perfectly-delivered passes he would yell: "Dunce! Get on your bike and chase it." The refrain was picked up by his team mates on the rare occasions he missed a pass.*

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Glebe lost only two of their 18 matches in 1966, and were perhaps a little unlucky to lose to St. George in the final. In 1967 and 1968 Glebe firsts were eliminated in the semi final as strong new clubs emerged. University of NSW were premiers in 1967 and North Sydney the following year. In





*“The Easybeats”, premiership winning second grade team of 1968 at Saint Paul’s Oval, Sydney University, in the Club uniform of the era. Back row left to right: Darryl Fishenden, John Nilan, Harry Wark, Tom Harvey (who travelled from Melbourne for the game), Brian “Bear” Howe, Graeme Kirkland, Fred Letts, Front row left to right: Bennett Dunn, Bob Fox, Colin Brown, Albert Hush, John Nelmes.*

1969 a number of young Glebe players were promoted to the senior ranks and Club captain Vic Westacott wrote of the need to “develop a pattern of play which would have our right side of Charlie Brown, Pat Nilan, Len Needham and Graeme Gilmour the main avenue of attack, with the left side of myself, Dave Stevens, Martin Howe and Harry Wark purely setting up and being capable of breaking up any opposing movements in this side of the field”. St. George came home strongly to beat Glebe 3-1 in the 1969 finals and went on to win the competition. Although Glebe missed out on first grade honours from 1966 to 1969, the second and third grade sides enjoyed great success and Glebe won the Club championship every season from 1964 to 1968.

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*A fourth grade player in the late 60s, Silvio Reatti, was profoundly deaf but could hear with his hearing aid in place. When his team mates or the opposition started to give Silvio a few verbals he would take the hearing aid out of his ear and place it in his pocket and give them the thumbs up sign — it sure beat listening to abuse.*

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Glebe seconds were premiers for five years in a row from 1964 to 1968. Prominent members of those champion teams were Harry Wark senior and junior, Paul Rogers, Jim Kenny, Martin and Brian Howe, Bill Stubbs, Graeme Shirley, Marvin Heaston, Kevin Doyle, Lindsay Weate, Ken Wark, Graham

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*Jimmy Kenny played with the same stick for decades, held together with more and more tape. In the end the stick was more tape than timber, but Jim was a goalkeeper in those days and reckoned that his stick was only for leaning on while he watched the game, never to be used in anger. Jim's wife, Dot, was a driving force in the ladies' auxiliary and spent many hours in the canteen.*

*Jimmy worked in the paint section of Hallstrom Refrigerators, and the company's paint coated the Club's balls for many years. In those days, old cricket balls coated with white paint were the standard balls used for competition matches. A panel pin (a small nail) was tapped lightly into the leather of the ball and string tied to the panel pin. The ball was then dipped into the tin of paint, hung up and allowed to dry. A member of each team was given the responsibility of match balls well coated with paint. It was not until the mid-70s that plastic purpose-manufactured hockey balls without a seam came into regular use. Originally, they were all white. Coloured hockey balls became popular with the advent of the greener-than-green artificial turf. Now it would seem that orange is the preferred colour if the playing surface is a pale shade of green. It was about the mid-80s that dimpled balls became the norm as the uneven surface of the ball made it less susceptible to exaggerated trajectories induced by spin. This problem did not exist when the game was played on grass.*

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Lisk, George Griffiths, Robert Wark and Gary Dunn. George Griffiths, a member of the Club in the 60s, played cricket for the Glebe Club and was a regular member of the New South Wales Sheffield Shield team for several years. A report at the time noted that new members of the side "were electrified by the comradeship and team spirit" of the seconds. Captains Harry Wark senior with "the ability to spreadeagle the defence with his fast take-off" and Billy Stubbs inspired team mates. The second grade side lost very few games between 1964 and 1968. In 1965, for example, they scored 64 goals for and only conceded six in winning all 17 games.

Equally impressive performances were produced by the thirds, who were premiers in 1966, 1967 and 1968. Members of the successful combinations in those seasons were Bob Fox (a Minkey coach in 1993), Paul Rogers, Peter Howe, Fred Letts, Tony Morley, Gavin Howe, Brian Howe, Bennett Dunn, Tom Harvey, Harry Wark senior, Mick Letts and Graeme Shirley, a New Zealander.

In 1953, fullback Jim Kenny led Glebe to its third successive premiership in third grade. The Club report noted: "Jim has been playing hockey with the Glebe Club

since its inception, and during that time has amassed the grand total of 315 games, a record for the Club. The younger players of the Club could well take a leaf out of Jim's book in so far as practice is concerned. I don't think he missed a Sunday morning at Harold Park. On the field he is a tower of strength to the younger players, helping them whenever possible. A good man to have behind you, one that never gives up." A patron of the Club for many years, James Wilfred Kenny, born on 23rd July, 1914, continued to play for Glebe to 1964, playing 528 games, a record that remained until 1975 when eclipsed by Harry Wark senior (757 games).

The Glebe first grade sides continued to display plenty of skill and promised much in the early seventies, but were unable to get it all together at the right end of the season to win the premiership.

Up to the late 60s, eligibility rules dictated that a player had to reside within the designated boundaries of the area. Often, people who had played for many years for the Club had built up friendships and loyalties and were reluctant to change Clubs just because they moved house. Thus, in the mid 60s, 18 Glebe players were recorded as living at 107

Mansfield Street, Rozelle, where Harry Wark's mother rented out two flats behind Harry's butcher shop. By 1970, the rules regarding residential qualifications had been scrapped.

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*Stick technology has come a long way in the last 46 years. Originally, sticks were made from a solid piece of timber, steam-bent at one end. Then the two-piece stick became fashionable, with a hickory handle spliced into a willow head. It was clear that better ball control could be achieved with a tighter hook, and this drove the thrust for tighter and tighter hooks. The head was made from up to seven thinner pieces of timber which were steam-bent, then glued to achieve the desired hook shape. It was the development of glue technology which allowed the laminated head to be developed. To the desired hook shape has been added ceramic inserts and fibreglass coating. Around the handle has been added a carbon fibre sleeve. There are some modern sticks which are made of aluminium with interchangeable heads, epoxy carbon fibre, kevlar composites and polyurethane glass fibre composites in fluoro colours with computer-enhanced graphics — put a cracker under them and they'd make a moon shot.*

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## *Chapter Six*

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### *The Ebbs and Flows of a Vibrant Club (1970-1982)*

**A**fter a poor start to the 1970 season, losing the first two games, Glebe firsts played some excellent hockey to win their next eight games and then draw 3-3 with premiers St George. Despite being eliminated in the semi finals there were some fine individual performances. Pat Nilan was the Brian Booth medallist and nineteen year old Royce Jenkins, from Coraki, described as the find of the year, showed versatility by playing as half or forward. Graham Lisk's performances at right half earned him selection in the NSW Colts, in goal Col Brown made some superb saves and Robert Wark, another nineteen year old, showed a lot of dash on the right wing. Others to play for the 1970 firsts were Queenslander Col Dean, Martin and Barry Howe, Graeme Gilmour, Dave Cutler (a recruit from the north coast who went on to become a senior lecturer in Pharmacy at Sydney University), Robert and Dennis Brown, Harry Wark jnr, Russ Nichols, Mick Weatherley, Vic Westacott, Bill Stubbs, Steve Marshall (an ex Australian player from South Australia), Bennett Dunn and Rex Hanslow.

The first grade combination remained undefeated until the twelfth round of the 1971 competition and looked set to break St George's domination. The team of Pat Nilan (who scored 29 goals), Robert and Dennis Brown, Graeme Gilmour, Harry Wark jnr, Martin Howe, Royce Jenkins, Col Dean, Russ Nichols, Graham Lisk, John McDonald and Don Oakley (goal) lost three of their fifteen games but were eliminated 3-2 by St George in the semi final after leading 2-0. Glebe relinquished the Club championship to St George from 1969 to 1971; but in 1972 with the seconds, thirds and fifths emerging as premiers, Glebe recaptured the Club championship.

The 1972 firsts ended the season with an impressive goal tally (128-28) in losing only three of their twenty games. The team of Graeme Gilmour (captain), Pat Nilan, Martin Howe, Robert Brown, Harry Wark jnr, Les Wark and Glyn Pulling (both making their first grade debuts), Barry Gorringer, Marney Hughes, Dave Stevens, Royce Jenkins and Don Oakley were

defeated 3-2 by Cumberland in the semi final as, once again, the first grade pennant proved elusive. Vic Westacott captained the 1972 seconds to 22 wins, 1 draw and 2 losses, with a goal tally of 111 to 19. Among those to play in this side were Gary Morrison, Ian Mutton (from Bathurst), J. Kevin Haigh, Robert Wark, Wayne Sullivan, Dave Stevens, Steve Nance, Marney Hughes, Dennis Brown, Mick Weatherly, Gary Wark, John McDonald, Robert Brown and Hilary McDonald. They defeated North Sydney 5-2 in the Grand Final. In 1973 the seconds improved on their record of the previous season. Again captained by Westacott, they went through the season undefeated. Members of the 1973 seconds were Col Brown (goal), Bob MacLachlan, Peter Howe, Graham Lisk, John McDonald, Robert Wark, Robert Brown, Glyn Pulling, Dennis Brown, Royce Jenkins, Kevin Haigh, Gary Morrison, Hilary McDonald and Wayne Sullivan.

Among those to play for the undefeated thirds in 1972 were Ken Wark, Adrian Howe, Fred Letts, Ernie O'Connor, John McDonald, Gary Wark, Wayne Sullivan, Bob Godbold, Billy Stubbs, Hilary McDonald, Steve Casey, Peter Walker, Kevin Haigh and Greg Corben. First Grade Captain Pat Nilan stressed the importance of team spirit and team hockey throughout 1973 and it paid dividends. After some indifferent early displays, the first grade squad of Pat Nilan, Barry Gorringer, Ian Cooke, Marny Hughes, Ian Mutton, Greg Corben, Martin Howe, Dennis Brown, Gary Manou, John McDonald, Glyn Pulling, Royce Jenkins, brothers Harry and Les Wark and Graham Lisk played strongly near the end of the season to defeat North Sydney 2-0 in the semis and Liverpool 4-3 in the final. In the Grand Final, Glebe played some fine hockey but were defeated, with the final score being St George 4 to Glebe's 3.

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*Brian Booth, who originated from Bathurst, played most of his senior hockey with the St George Club in Sydney. He was a talented, well-liked, scrupulously fair player who represented Australia at both hockey and cricket. The Brian Booth medal was awarded to the player in the Sydney first grade competition who had gained most points during the season as "best and fairest" as judged by the match umpires.*

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Three stalwarts who continued to play an active part in the life of the Club were Vic Westacott, Bill Stubbs and Paul Rogers. As a centre half, Vic Westacott (1938- ) displayed outstanding ball skills, representing the NSW Juniors in 1953-54 and the Seniors in 1958. Vic joined the Club in 1950 and played in the first grade side for 16 seasons between 1955 and 1971.

Throughout the 1970's and 1980's he enlivened lower grade sides and at the end of the 1992 season, optical dispenser Westacott had played 629 games for the Club.

Bill Stubbs (1939- ), an accountant, has been involved in every aspect of the club's life since he joined in 1954. A regular member of the first grade side as inside left and inside right between 1956 and 1960, President of the





*The 1974 premiership-winning second grade team at Jubilee Oval Glebe featuring the three Brown brothers. Back row from the left: Gary Morrison, Bob MacLachlan, Graham Lisk, Robert "Charlie" Brown, John McDonald, Peter Howe. Front row left to right: Royce Jenkins, Dennis Brown, Colin Brown, Victor Westacott(c), Robert Wark.*



*In 1974 the Club won the first, second, third and fourth grade premierships, becoming the first Sydney Club to perform this feat. Photo taken on the presentation night at the Drummoyne Sailing Club with the respective captains holding their sides' trophies. Left to right: Robert Brown, second grade, Len Needham, third grade, Pat Nilan, first grade, Harry Wark, fourth grade.*



Club from 1967 to 1971, always closely associated with the juniors, and first grade coach from 1982-84, he appeared for the Club on 559 occasions to 1988. Bill's son, Craig, captained the NSW Colts 1983-84 and played in the Glebe firsts while his brother Brett was a member of the successful Under 17 side, progressing later to the first grade team. At the end of 1992 the Stubbs family had played 990 games for Glebe.

Another loyal Club man, Paul Rogers (1935- ), eclipsed the 500 game mark. Between 1950 and 1985 Paul appeared for Glebe on 558 occasions, playing in three first grade premiership sides (1955, 1956 and 1958) and also playing right or left half in the 1959 team. A book publisher, Paul Rogers edited the club's newsletter, "The Red Rag", for almost ten years.

Glebe regained the first grade premiership and the Markham Cup in 1974. Early in the season the first grade team revealed a very determined combination with a great will to win, and they performed consistently well throughout 1974. Ian Cooke made his presence felt in his second year with Glebe, and captain Pat Nilan, Greg Corben, Ian Mutton and Phil Downey (who travelled from Goulburn every Saturday to play) were in fine form. They received strong support from Barry Gorringer, Les Wark, Keith Pritchard, Martin Howe, Graham Lisk and Royce Jenkins. In goal, Col Brown made some magnificent saves. The firsts ended the season minor premiers by 6 points with a goal count of 92-14. They capped off the year with a Grand Final win 3-2 over their great rival, St George.

The Club had an outstanding season in the other grades in 1974, taking the second, third and fourth grade premierships. All four senior teams had the best scoring and defensive records in the S.H.A. competition. At a junior level, the Under 12's and Under 16's won their respective competitions.

In 1975 the record of the Glebe firsts indicated that again it was the best team in the competition. New faces in the firsts were Graham Bell in goal and centre forward Geoff Paterson. Ian Mutton played outstanding hockey to win the Brian Booth medal.

Glebe suffered only one defeat in the 1975 competition and that was at the hands of St George, 2-1 in the Grand Final. The seconds recorded the club's third consecutive premiership in this grade in 1974 when Robert Brown led the combination of Noel Anderson, Gary Wark, Peter Howe, Gary Morrison, John McDonald, Steve Nance, Hilary McDonald, Dennis Brown, Mick Moffitt, Wayne Sullivan and Geoff Paterson to a 3-1 victory over St George in the Grand Final. Paterson's class showed when he took a pass on the St George 25 yard line and ran through the defence, beating four defenders before being brought down in the circle. Peter Howe made no mistake with the stroke to seal the victory. Len Needham captained the thirds to the 1974 premiership. Members of the team were Billy Stubbs, Graham Bell, Darryl Seed, Bob McLachlan, Peter Naylor, Vernon Howe, Robert Diviney, Barry Howe, Chris McIntosh, Steve Casey, New Zealander Graham Shirley and Graeme Gilmour. The thirds retained the premiership in 1975, again led by



*Pat Nilan, beautifully balanced, scoring the winning goal in Glebe's defeat of Saint George in the 1976 grand final at St Paul's Oval, Sydney University. Pat played 361 first grade games for Glebe. The Glebe player to Pat's right is Les Wark and the St George goalkeeper is Australian international Bob Procter.*



*The 1977 first grade team at Heffron Park, Maroubra after winning the grand final 3-0. Players from left to right, back row, Ian Mutton, Robert Diviney, Les Wark, Graham Lisk, Harry Wark, Geoff Paterson, Robert Wark, John McDonald, Graham Bell, front Greg Corben, Pat Nilan(c).*

Len Needham, with Barry Howe netting 46 goals. Other members of the team were George Manou, Graeme Gilmour, Darryl Seed, Patrick Diviney, Ian Fawcett, Steve Casey, Tony Cowan, Roger McDonald, Mick Atterton and Englishman Col Smith, who added a touch of gentlemanly polish to the side.

The fourth grade teams, led by Harry Wark snr, went through the 1974 and 1975 seasons undefeated. The squad which played in those sides comprised Tony Martin, Graeme Kirkland, Roger McDonald, Patrick Diviney, Ian Fawcett, Glen Puckeridge, Noel Anderson, Brian Howe, John Cameron, Bobby Scanlan, Conny Savva, Bruce Jenkins, Paul Rogers, Dennis Brown, Alan Chu, Frankie Whiteman, Billy Jardine, Keith Kipp, Joe Serra and Ian and Gary Scotcher

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*Lenny would walk across broken bottles barefoot if it meant scoring a goal or saving a goal. Len, after he fell back through the grades, led the barracking for the first grade fixture, revved up by a can or two of Dr Toohey's famous elixir. A favourite saying of Lenny's was:*

*"Winners never quit, quitters never win, I can and I will."*

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Len Needham (1935-1989) graduated from being a ball boy while watching his older brothers play for Glebe, to begin his career with Glebe in 1948. First selected in the Glebe firsts in 1955, he played left half in seven first grade premiership sides between 1955 and 1969. A member of the NSW Seniors in 1962, 1963 and 1967, Needham continued to play in the lower grades to 1979, appearing for

the Club on 477 occasions. A jovial character who loved life, he was enthusiastic about his hockey and played to win. He is especially remembered for his goodnatured horse play which enlivened Saturday afternoons. Sadly, Lenny died of leukaemia at 54 years of age.

In 1976 Glebe entered six teams in the competition and reached the Grand Final in all grades, winning first, second and third grades and losing by the odd goal in A, B and C grades in second division. The first grade team of Pat Nilan (captain), Graham Bell (originally from Goulburn), Greg Corben, Ian Cooke, Ian Mutton, Martin Howe, Les Wark, Geoff Paterson, Robert Diviney, Kevin Sweeney and Jeff Dearing (both from Newcastle) went through the season undefeated (22 wins, 2 draws), defeating St George 4-2 in the Grand Final. Ian Cooke came to Glebe from Perthville near Bathurst, and played 74 games as left back in the firsts between 1973 and 1976. Exceptionally fit, Cooke tackled and defended well, and thumped the ball very hard. In 1976, he was a member of the Olympic team that won a silver medal at the Montreal Olympic Games.

During the 1976 season Corben, Sweeney, Les and Gary Wark, Paterson, Dearing and young Colin Rochester gained representative honours. Members of the undefeated second grade side in 1976, led by Robert Brown, were



Colin Brown, Gary Wark, Peter Howe, Graham Lisk, Vic Westacott, Wayne Sullivan, Harry Wark jnr, Tony Cowan, Royce Jenkins, Robert Wark and Vernon Howe. The thirds in 1976, led by Needham, won the premiership in fine style with a goal tally of 106-18. It was a well balanced combination of old hands Graeme Gilmour, Gary Manou and Barry Howe with a younger group of Adrian Howe, Patrick Diviney, Ian Fawcett, Roger McDonald, Hilary McDonald, Michael Atterton, John Howe and Ian Scotcher.

Glebe was again the dominant Club in 1977, being premiers in first grade and in A and C grades, and minor premiers in second and third grades and in B grade. The first grade side of Pat Nilan (captain), Graham Bell, Greg Corben, Harry Wark jnr, John McDonald, Ian Mutton, Graham Lisk, Robert and Les Wark and Robert Diviney gained a goal count of 94-24. They retained the premiership, defeating North Sydney 3-0 in the final. The fourth grade combination of Greg (Cowboy)

Howe (captain), George Manou, Dave Smith, Glen Puckeridge, Ian Mackay, Adrian Howe, Paul Puckeridge, John Nelmes, Bevan Ineson, Lex McPhee, Steve Casey and Con Savva regained the premiership in 1977; and Bill

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*In 1977, Glebe had seven teams  
in the grand final.*

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Stubbs led Glebe to its first premiership in sixth grade. The 13 players who played in the final were Billy and Craig Stubbs, Bruce Pink, Michael Gilfeather, Col Rochester, Danny O'Brien, Col Smith, Alan Chu, Ken Wark jnr, Graham Shirley, Bennett Dunn, Peter McQuade and Brian Bissaker.

Geoff Paterson's outstanding form throughout the 1978 season earned him the Brian Booth medal. Geoff was an artist with the stick, with outstanding ball control and agility — a real wizard. Ian Mutton finished second to Paterson in the medal tally. The first grade side of Graham Bell, Harry Wark jnr, Kevin Sweeney, Gary Wark, John McDonald, Ian Mutton, Graham Lisk, Robert and Les Wark, Robert Diviney, Tony Cowan, Geoff Paterson, Greg Corben and Pat Nilan were minor premiers, with 18 wins and 3 draws in 24 matches. Glebe led the University of NSW 2-1 but were defeated 4-2 in extra time. After twenty seasons, it was Pat Nilan's last appearance in the Glebe first grade side. Pat is undoubtedly the best forward ever to put on a Glebe shirt. Fast and with great anticipation, he always gave it everything he had. Pat achieved hero status with the Glebe supporters on the sideline, whom he frequently thrilled with his amazing feats.

Patrick Joseph Nilan was born on 30 June, 1941 at Darlington, the eighth of ten children of John Francis Nilan, labourer, and his wife, Annie nee Quinn, both Irish born. The Nilans arrived in Sydney in 1937 from County Cork. They lived in a terrace house at Darlington which was subsequently demolished to make way for an extension to Sydney University. Pat was educated at St Benedict's, Broadway and played for the school hockey team in 1956. The next year he turned out for the St James under 16 team as St



Benedict's could no longer field a side. He joined the Glebe Club in 1958 and the following season was hailed as "our most outstanding prospect" when selected as inside left in the Glebe firsts.

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*The patrons of the Toxteth Hotel loved to hear about Club affairs and to have some input into its smooth, effective functioning. Dan Withers painted the Club house and Doug Brewer looked after the Club pool table. The phone books which the Club contracted with Telecom to distribute were stored at Smith Brothers Transport on Federal Road (now the Bicentennial Park) with the co-operation of "Jungle Jim" Warwick. The Club distributed phone books around Balmain for several years for a fee of approximately \$6,000 as a fundraising measure. The Club lost the contract when Danny O'Brien overarmed a few books which landed in well-concealed backyard pools. Residents, lacking the Glebe sense of humour, complained to Telecom and that was that — Glebe lost the contract. Chook raffles at the "Tockey" were the life blood of the Club in the early 80s, contributing greatly to consolidated revenue. The Tockey patrons were a generous lot.*

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passes created. In Club competition he was given little room to manoeuvre, often "spotted" by several opposition players. He read the play well and throughout his career Nilan had an exceptionally high work rate. He

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*Pat is one of less than twenty hockey greats who rated a notation in The Oxford Companion to Australian Sport. This is testament to his achievements over an international career spanning ten years. For his achievements and contributions to hockey, he was awarded an Order of Australia Medal in 1982.*

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represented Australia in hockey at three Olympics — Tokyo (1964), gaining a bronze medal after Australia defeated Spain 3-2, Mexico (1968), winning a silver medal, and Munich (1972), Australia finishing fifth. He played for Australia as inside forward on 86 occasions, including 64 Internationals against India, Pakistan, Holland, Germany, New Zealand, Great Britain, Canada, Mexico, Japan, Malaysia, France and Italy and appeared 65 times for NSW, 29 as captain.

Pat worked at George Hudson's in Glebe, now the site of Glebe High School, and five nights a week went down to Jubilee Oval to train and then play for the Club on Saturday. It was a dedication that paid off. A member of the NSW Colts in 1960, he first played for the NSW Seniors and Australia in 1961. He played his first game for Australia at the age of 19 against New Zealand in Brisbane.

Playing as inside left, Pat's brilliant passes to players in the mid-field set up countless goals. Wearing the Australian guernsey, Nilan was more effective than at a Club level because international representatives were more able to take full advantage of the opportunities Nilan's

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*Federal Park in the late 70's, at a Glebe vs North Sydney first grade match; the Glebe players are from left to right: Robert Wark (7), Geoff Paterson (kneeling), Roger McDonald, Les Wark. Note the Railway Viaduct season ticket holders in their elevated vantage point: Dan "The Painter" Withers, Colin "The Voice" Brown, Kevin "Yogi Bear" Weeks, "Jungle Jim" Warwick, Peter Rowswell, Doug Brewer, absent Graeme "Have A Chat" Gilmour, Ralph "One For The Road" Rochester, Neville "The Accountant" Adcock, Don "the Old Salt" Wilson.*

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Pat Nilan was Club captain 1962-1966 and in 1971, and Club President from 1972 to 1977. He was an indispensable cog in the Reds' first grade combinations between 1959 and 1978. He captained Glebe for 12 seasons in the Sydney first grade competition and because of his class, was always closely marked. By 1978 he had played 391 Club games, 361 in the first grade. Pat continued to play in lower grades in the eighties, making his total appearances for Glebe 454. Pat coached senior teams after his playing days were over, coaching the Glebe first grade team in 1992/93. Pat's brother John played first grade Rugby League on the wing for the Newtown Bluebags and played hockey for Glebe after his football career ended. Shane and Aaron, Pat's two sons, played in the Glebe first grade team in the early 90s and Aaron won NSW senior representation in 1993.

In 1978 Glebe entered eight senior teams and five junior teams in the competition and, for the first time, two Glebe women's sides participated in the North Shore competition. The seconds were defeated in the final but the third, fourth, fifth and sixth grade sides were premiers and Glebe annexed the Club championship for the seventh consecutive year. Three of the junior teams also won their respective competitions.





*The 1978 second division C grade team at Heffron Park, Maroubra after winning the grand final. Back row left to right, Peter Casey, Michael Gilfeather, Scott Brown, Graeme Shirley, Craig Stubbs, Craig Cremen, Bennett Dunn, Michael Murphy. Front row left to right Pat McMahon, Peter Cremen, Craig Kennedy, Peter Matti, Terry Diviney, Bruce "Mittagong Mauler" Pink, Bill Stubbs, Ken Bennett, Craig Kirkland.*

Glebe, with 172 members on its books in 1979, was unable to capture a senior hockey premiership. Five players (Pat Nilan, Graham Lisk, Harry Wark jnr, Robert Diviney and Kevin Sweeney) were missing from the 1978 Grand Final team and the Club had difficulty settling a regular combination. The seconds and thirds were eliminated in the 1979 finals and the Glebe women's team (the minor premiers) lost a penalty stroke play-off in the final. The highlight of a disappointing season was Glebe's 6-5 win in the Indoor Hockey final and the outstanding play of the Under 14 side, who won the premiership.

The strength of the Glebe Club throughout the seventies is reflected in the number of players who gained representative honours. Among those chosen in the NSW Colts were Graham Lisk (1970-1971), Glyn Pulling (1971-1973), Robert Hughes (1972), Greg Corben (1973), Keith Pritchard (1974), Les Wark (1975-1976), Graham Bell (1975), Gary Wark (1975-1977), Geoff Paterson (1975-1976), Kevin Sweeney (1976), Robert Diviney (1976-1977), Tony Cowan (1977). Six Club members played for the NSW Juniors during the seventies — Gary Wark (1972), Roger McDonald (1972 & 1974), Robert Diviney (1973 & 1974), Tony Cowan (1973-75), Peter Casey (1975) and



*Three generations of the Wark clan before Wednesday night training at Jubilee Oval Glebe in April 1990. Back row Ken snr., Harry snr., Harry jnr., Robert, Garry, Ken jnr., front row, Michael (4), Gabrielle (6), Mary (12), Peter ( 8), Kate, sitting, (2), Matthew (6), Patrick (9). Absent: Les, Amy, Simon and Anthony*

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Craig Stubbs (1977). Thirteen players from Glebe played for NSW Seniors between 1970 and 1979 — Pat Nilan, Robert Brown, Dave Cutler, Robert Hughes, Ian Cooke, Barry Gorringer, Phil Downey, Keith Pritchard, Greg Corben, Jeff Dearing, Geoff Paterson, Les Wark and Robert Diviney. Two players, Nilan and Cooke, were Australian representatives.

Graeme Gilmour (1943- ), a product of Forest Lodge School and Fort Street High, has been a great stalwart and a fine player for Glebe, appearing for the Club on 335 occasions between 1959 and 1979. A member of the NSW Juniors in 1959, Graeme was left fullback for the first grade side from 1961 to 1972, captain in 1972, and a member of the NSW Seniors in 1967 and from 1969 to 1972. He coached the NSW Colts from 1972 to 1974 and when he stopped playing in 1979 he became actively involved in coaching Glebe juniors. From 1981 to 1984, when he was Club President, the business affairs of the Club were conducted at the public bar of the Toxteth Hotel.

Before he was married, Graeme lived in Victoria Road Glebe, overlooking Jubilee Oval, and was constantly “down the park” practising his hockey. The Cowans, the Attertons, the Sullivans, the Caseys and the Whitemans



were all families living in Victoria Road who had sons play hockey for Glebe. Bob Gilmour, Graeme's father, was a driving force with the Club's juniors in the 50s. Graeme's son, Brent, the third generation of Gilmours to be involved in Club affairs, came up through the junior ranks and is now a valuable cog in the Club's lower grades.

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*Graeme could talk the leg off an iron pot and this led to his nickname "Have-a-chat" Gilmour. When he was not playing or training for hockey, Graeme beat a mean tune on the drums in his brother's band, The Noel Gilmour Quintet, a popular band of the 60s and 70s which sometimes appeared on television.*

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Since the 1939-45 war, hockey in Sydney has been clearly identified with Glebe and it has retained an outstanding record on the field. For many Glebe families in winter, going to the hockey on Saturday was a weekly event and for decades Jubilee Oval and later Federal Park were places that evoked rich

memories. They played the game for seventy minutes but spent much more time fraternising under the arch at Jubilee Oval; it was a place where they could forget the worries of the previous week, discuss the ebbs and flows of the game and enjoy the camaraderie of the Club. Other teams loved to beat Glebe (an infrequent occurrence) but they also appreciated the friendly atmosphere which pervaded the smoke filled, beery area under the arch, especially after a game.

What was hockey's peculiar attraction in Glebe? The game received little coverage in the press, and the Club operated on a shoe-string budget. Without any sponsorship, raffles and distribution of telephone books helped make ends meet. Nevertheless, year after year the Glebe Club continued to produce formidable teams at senior and junior levels. The standard of Glebe's play made the game a spectacle, entertaining and sociable for barrackers on a Saturday afternoon. Boys dreamt of pulling on a guernsey in the first grade side. It was a matter of local pride.

Team-based and competitive, it was a theme on which community loyalties were built. Family ties to a team were a strong element in forming allegiances. The Taylors, living in Boyce Street, were the first of the Glebe hockey families and since the 1930's this tradition has been carried on by many families closely identified with the Glebe Club — the three Taylor families, McCormack, Bourke, Mockler, Ryan, Dickey, Pearce, Needham, Wark, Letts, Brown, Howe, Manou, Stubbs, Nilan, Gilmour, Westacott, Diviney, McDonald, Martin, Paterson, Busch, Casey, Rochester and others. It is a Club of friends who meet under the arches at Jubilee Oval and play hockey; its real strength lies in an intricate social network focused around the activities of the Club. Many men, after their best playing years are over, stay on for decades for exercise, to coach juniors (and frequently introduce their children to the game) and enjoy a beer and a talk with old team mates.

Many of the friendships formed between Club members are life long and within the social fabric of the Club, generations below and above maintain bonds of friendship. Evidence of long associations is reflected in the number of members who have played more than 200 games.

At the end of the 1993 season three families had played more than 7,200 games among them. They are the Warks, the Howes and the Browns.

A successful carcass butcher and meat wholesaler, Foster Henry Wark (1896-1943) established a successful retail butcher shop business at 107 Mansfield Street, Rozelle in 1941. He married Mary Ellen King in 1923. They had two boys, Harry Austin (b. 21 May, 1924) and Kenneth Edward (b. 13 January, 1926).

After leaving Drummoyne Boys High, Harry became a butcher and Ken, after serving

an apprenticeship as a fitter, joined his brother in the family butchery at Rozelle. Harry learned to play hockey at school and both boys played hockey for the Balmain Police Boys' Club before joining Glebe in 1947.

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*Harry's butcher shop was the place Club members rang to find out where they were picked for the Saturday game if they could not attend the Wednesday night training. The team lists were pinned to the wall next to the butcher shop phone. Many Club members would just call into the butcher shop for a chat, find out where they were picked, have a whinge about the selectors and buy some meat.*

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Ken quickly established himself as a player of considerable talent, being selected for the NSW Seniors in his first Glebe season. Contemporaries recall that just to run onto the field with Ken inspired them. He had that sort of impact. A fullback who was always pushing right up into the attack, Wark was gifted with great reflexes and great recovery. Not one to take a backward step, he was very competitive and tough, and became involved in a lot of hard play on the field. Being an Australian player, Ken was often given "the treatment" by the young, up-and-coming opposition forwards. This was always a mistake as Ken usually dished it back to them in spades — he never even thought about taking a prisoner.

Ken Wark was always one of the first choices in the NSW Seniors from 1947 to 1956 and became Glebe's third Australian representative when he toured New Zealand in 1952 and again played for his country in 1954. A member of the Glebe firsts from 1947 to 1968, he played in thirteen winning first grade premiership sides. Between 1947 and 1982 Ken played 342 first grade games, playing his last game in the first grade when he was 42 years old. He appeared for Glebe in 492 games. In the 1960's, Federal Park remained a piece of wet, spongy wasteland and its transformation into a magnificent hockey field is due largely to the voluntary labour of Ken Wark. He added topsoil, raising the level about six inches, improved the drainage and frequently cut the grass. Casuarinas and eucalypts were planted on the edge of the field.

Harry Wark played with his brother in the Glebe firsts between 1947 and 1959 when they won ten premierships. After an outstanding season in 1958, some thought this might be his final blaze of glory. They were a long way short of the mark. Club records continually referred to Harry's speed on the field. He was very fast. Playing at inside right, he possessed a powerful and accurate shot for goal which, combined with his acceleration, enabled him to score more goals for Glebe than any other player. He hit 226 goals between 1947 and 1959 alone.

Club captain from 1954 to 1957 and in 1961, Harry Wark passed the 200 game mark in 1959 and throughout the sixties, seventies and eighties the outstanding goal scorer continued to be a force to be reckoned with in the lower grades, captaining a number of sides to premiership successes. He had played more than 400 games for Glebe in 1969 and when he retired in 1989 at 65 years of age, he had appeared for the Club on 757 occasions, an extraordinary record by any standard.

By the 1960's some of the offspring of Ken and Harry Wark were playing in the Glebe colours. Ken Wark's three boys, Robert, Gary and Ken jnr began playing for the Club in 1967, 1970 and 1975 respectively. Robert (1951- ) broke into the first grade side in 1970 on the right wing, and between 1972 and 1976 was a member of powerful second grade combinations that won four premierships. Fearless and unpredictable, Robert on form and thundering down the right wing could do things an Australian winger couldn't do.

Robert Wark played in the firsts in 1977-78, 1981 and 1983 to 1985, was Treasurer for a number of years and President from 1987 to 1991. Between 1967 and 1993 he played 518 games for the Club. Gary Wark (1956- ), playing at left half, was chosen in the NSW Juniors in 1972 and the NSW Colts from 1975 to 1977. He played several seasons in first grade and was a member of the Glebe second grade premiership sides in 1972 and 1974. Gary Wark appeared for the Club 411 times between 1970 and 1993.

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*Ken Wark snr, a child of the depression, advised young Ken not to go to the Institute of Sport because he had a good job as a marine fitter at Howard Smith's of Balmain, and there was no guarantee he was going to make the Australian team. Ken jnr decided to take the chance and the rest is history.*

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At seventeen years of age, Ken Wark jnr (1961- ), "Big Ears" or "Wing Nut" to his marine fitter workmates, earned a place in the Glebe first grade side in 1979. Endowed with natural ability, he was selected in the NSW Colts in 1981-82 and first chosen in the NSW Seniors in 1983. The Australian Institute of Sport

in Perth put the finishing touches on his game and in 1985 he joined his father as an Australian representative. Playing at fullback, Ken Wark jnr's blistering acceleration and great reach enables him to quickly run down the

fastest opponent and has made him a valued member of the Australian team. He has played for his country on about 150 occasions. Between 1975 and 1993 Ken Wark jnr has appeared for the Glebe Club 279 times. He won a World Cup gold medal in London with the Australian team in 1986, played in the Australian Olympic team which came fourth at Seoul in 1988, and at the age of 31 won a silver medal with the Australian Olympic team at Barcelona in 1992. In 1986 and 1992 he was awarded the Player of the Series award at the Australian Championships, which meant that, in the opinion of the judges, he was at those championships the best player in Australia.

Harry Wark's two boys shared their father's great love of the game. Harry jnr (1947- ) studied pharmacy and then for his medical degrees, restricting the amount of time he could devote to hockey. After graduating as a doctor, he was often on call on weekends as an anaesthetist at the Children's Hospital. A member of the NSW Colts in 1967, he played as a fullback and inside right in the Glebe first grade sides from 1966 to 1970 and from 1977 to 1978. He was missing from Glebe teams in 1974-75 and 1979-80 while working at hospitals in London, but continued to play for the Club in the eighties. In 1993 he had appeared for Glebe in 546 games, having joined the Club in 1961.

A very keen player who trained hard, Leslie Wark (1955- ) worked on getting the fundamentals right. A tenacious and consistent forward, he made his initial appearance in first grade in 1972 and from 1974 to 1984 and 1987 to 1988 he was a regular first grader, appearing in four premierships sides and playing 301 first grade games. A member of the NSW Colts 1974-76 and the NSW Seniors 1977, 1979 and 1980, Les Wark was Club captain 1981 to 1983 and first grade captain 1983 to 1984. He has appeared for Glebe 486 times between 1970 and 1993 and has coached the Glebe first grade side several times in the late 80s and early 90s. He was assistant coach of the NSW senior team from 1990 to 1992.

For eight seasons, Robert "Charlie" Brown (1942- ) was Glebe Club captain (1967-1970, 1973-1975 and 1977). A regular member of the Glebe first grade sides from 1961 to 1972, he was a very good team player who did the fundamentals well. A clever right winger who delivered fine passes, Robert was a good reader of the game and varied his play depending on the opposition's weaknesses.

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*Dennis Brown was the best stand-up comic the Club has ever produced — a real wit. Tragically, Dennis died aged 39 years from oral cancer.*

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He represented NSW Colts in 1963 and NSW Seniors in 1964 and 1970, and appeared for Glebe 426 times between 1958 and 1992. Charlie made a comeback in 1991 after a lay-off of 10 years to play in the same team as his son Graeme. In the early sixties Robert's two brothers, Dennis and Colin, joined the Club. Local boys, they all received their schooling at Glebe Public and Newtown High. Dennis



Brown (1946-1985) played three seasons in the Glebe firsts (1968, 1970 and 1973) as centre forward and appeared for the Club on 369 occasions between 1961 and 1979. Dennis “Walt Disney” Brown worked on the wharves and is especially remembered as a fine storyteller who greatly entertained patrons of the Toxteth Hotel.

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*Col’s direct coaching style is legendary with the juniors. Never one to mince his words, Col has on occasion been known to call a spade a bloody shovel. On a one-time first grade coach (who shall remain nameless) who attained the premier coaching certificate after much practical experience and theoretical study, Col commented “He couldn’t coach a choko vine over a country dunny.” Col became a life member in 1991, recognition for his decades of involvement with the club’s juniors.*

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Colin Brown (1948- ) began playing for the Club in 1962 and at the end of 1993 had appeared for Glebe 658 times. Childhood polio left him with a pronounced limp. A consistent goalie with a very good eye and a sound technique, Col never let in a soft goal. He played in the firsts in 1970 and 1974 and featured in several premiership sides in the seconds and other lower

grades. The social fabric of the Club has occupied a big part of the goalie’s life.

All told, the Browns have played 1,495 games for Glebe.

Jim Howe, a PMG (Telecom) employee and his wife Kathleen (Molly) came to Glebe from Barellan in 1947. Jim and Molly Howe had 18 children, one of whom died in infancy; their 12 boys and 5 girls were educated at St James, Forest Lodge.

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*Most fathers dream of having enough children to field a hockey team. Jim was one of those rare breeds able to convert fantasy into reality.*

*Martin’s daughters, Helen and Colleen, came up through the junior ranks and in 1994 are prominent members of the women’s first grade team.*

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The eldest boy, Brian, joined the Club in 1958, followed by Peter (1959), Martin (1959), and Robert (1963). The other eight boys, Vernon, Jamie, Greg, Barry, Adrian, Gavin, John and Alan followed.

Brian Howe, (1942- ) a left winger with a fine turn of speed, played for the NSW Juniors in 1958 and in the Glebe firsts in 1964. He appeared for Glebe on 330

occasions between 1958 and 1979. Martin, (1945- ) a first grader as left half and fullback for nine seasons (1968 to 1976) was Club captain in 1972 and has played for the NSW Veterans. Martin has appeared 634 times for the Club between 1960 and 1993.



*A team of Howes and Glen Puckeridge at the 1975 Easter Saint George Carnival at Gardiner's Park, Banksia with the Saint George Club house and dressing shed in the background. Back row left to right: Jim Howe (civvies), Gavin (goalkeeper), Barry, Greg, Peter, Glen Puckeridge, Martin, Vernon, Bobby. Front row left to right: Brian, Adrian, Johnny.*

Peter (1943- ) has played 603 games for Glebe as fullback in several second grade premierships and other lower grade sides since 1959. A NSW Junior representative in 1959 and a NSW Veteran, Peter was elected Club President in 1985. Peter's daughter, Jemima, played in the women's first grade teams in the early 90s. His son, Ben, has played in the Club's junior teams for over ten years.

Vernon Howe (1957- ) one of the club's great characters, was a member of the NSW Juniors in 1971. A physical education teacher, he enjoys the exercise the game provides and the camaraderie of the Toxteth. A skilful player, most of Vernon's 337 games have been in the second, third and fourth grades. Four of the other boys have played more than 200 games: Barry (364), Greg (318), Adrian (411) and Jamie (249). The impact of the Howe fraternity on the Glebe Club is reflected in the aggregate number of games played by them — 3,592 in 1993.

The loss of many fine players meant the Club continued its rebuilding phase in 1980. The first grade side of Ian Mutton (captain), Graham Bell, Greg Corben, Kevin Sweeney, Royce Jenkins, Warren Birmingham, Ken Wark

jnr, Craig McPhee, Steve Nance, Geoff Paterson, Roger McDonald and Les Wark was defeated 3-2 in the final by Randwick. The Glebe seconds and thirds both made the finals, helping Glebe to regain the Club championship. The only Glebe side in the Grand Finals, the sevenths, defeated Manly 3-1.

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*Glebe humour in the 1970's:*

*A dedicated trainer, Club reports are dotted with examples of Vic Westacott's irrepressible sense of humour. Lamenting the loss by the second grade side in the 1975 Grand Final, he wrote: "Well, an unfortunate story for the mighty second grade side, as all hopes died with Dennis Sundin's arsey goal in the closing stages of an eventful Grand Final. Of the completely bewildered home side, we can say that throughout the premierships all members applied themselves to the best of their capabilities. But shit, we just couldn't bloody well put it all together in the 'one that counted'."*

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program. John Diviney became very involved in junior coaching as convenor of the Junior Committee, transporting children to games and running raffles. For his substantial commitment and unstinting service to the juniors on the managerial side he was honoured with life membership in 1980.

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*Two players in the 1980 first grade team, Buster Birmingham and Ken Wark went on to play for Australia, but still the side could not make it to the grand final.*

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Glebe on 101 occasions and, at inside left, was a member of the Glebe firsts from 1976 to 1978. He had the speed and outstanding stick work to represent Australia but was unable to play in 1980 or 1981 because of a groin injury. He was making a comeback in 1982 when tragically killed, struck by a car while crossing Parramatta Road.

Nine of the eleven Glebe teams (six senior and five junior) made the Grand Finals in 1981. The first grade combination of Ian Mutton (captain), Kevin Sweeney, Warren Birmingham, Geoff Paterson, Greg Corben, Ken Wark jnr, Graham Bell, Steve Nance, Roger McDonald, Les and Robert Wark

John Diviney, born on 6 February, 1929 in Galway, Ireland, arrived in Sydney in 1952 and four years later married Trudy Nilan. All six children — Patrick, Robert, Terrence, Kieran, Anne and Michael played hockey for Glebe. Anne Diviney, John Diviney's daughter and Pat Nilan's niece, married Colin Rochester, son of the Glebe stalwart Ralph Rochester, and himself a player who has played 354 games for Glebe. Both Anne and Colin have made substantial contributions to the social aspects of Club life and their three children play currently in the club's Minkey

On the hockey field, Robert Diviney (1958-1982) always seemed to be in control. He represented the NSW Juniors in 1974, NSW Colts in 1976 and 1979 and played in the NSW Seniors from 1977 to 1979. Robert appeared for





*The 1980 sixth grade team after winning the grand final 1-0 at Heffron Park Maroubra. Left to right including spectators, Victor Ferrari, Keith Vincent, David Rochester (boy), Paul Rogers, Greg Corben, Colin Rochester, Craig Stubbs, Brian Bissaker, Kieran Diviney, Martin Howe (obscured), John Howe (hat on), Alan Chu, Michael Gilfeather, Danny O'Brien, Bennett Dunn, Ian Mutton*

were defeated 2-1 by the University of NSW in the Grand Final. The second grade team of Royce Jenkins (captain), George Manou, Colin Rochester, Craig Stubbs, Gary Wark, Danny O'Brien, Harry Wark jnr, Henry Lysaght, Tony Cowan, Craig McPhee, Pat Diviney, Mark Gersback and Jason Hughes upset favourites North Sydney to become premiers. Glebe also emerged as premiers in fourth and fifth grades. The fourths, playing attacking hockey, defeated Gordon in the Grand Final. Members of the side were Paul Abate (captain) Col Brown, Pat

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*One Wednesday night after training and a few beers Vic Westacott stated, "Although I've lost a couple of yards in pace, I could still race the pants off you young blokes over a hundred." The eight or nine young blokes knew Vic could not run out of sight on a dark night and a race was duly arranged at 10 pm on the oval. After everyone had finished their beers and the prize money had been deposited on the bar, the starters lined up and the GO came, at which everyone except Vic bolted for the other end of Jubilee. Vic raced to the bar to collect the prize money. When the out of breath contestants arrived back under the arch, Vic said, "What kept you blokes so long? I said I'd race you but I never said anything about winning." The master prankster had conned the boys again.*

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Campbell, Jamie and Peter Howe, Arthur Moir, Ian Edgar, Paul Puckeridge, Barry Howe, Kerri Wise, Steve Casey, Alan Chu and Vic Ferrari.

The 1981 fifths were minor premiers and fought out an exciting Grand Final with St George winning 4-3. The team was: Noel Anderson, Ian Harvey, Tony Martin, Wayne Sullivan, Col Smith, Craig Spence, Lyall Ebert, Michael Galluzo, Scott Brown, Peter Holmes, Glen Puckeridge, Billy Jardine and Craig Kirkland. The University of NSW won the Club championship in 1981.

# *Chapter Seven*

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## *The Last Decade (1982-1994)*

**G**lebe came back with a vengeance in the 1982 season. The first grade side of Geoff Paterson (captain) Craig Stubbs, Keith Pritchard, Ian Mutton, George Manou, Colin Rochester, Danny O'Brien, Warren Birmingham, Henry Lysaght, Ken Wark jnr and Les Wark, coached by Bill Stubbs, were keen to win the premiership, which had eluded Glebe since 1977. Glebe was not expected to win the semi final against the premiers, University of NSW, but brilliant displays by Birmingham and Ken Wark jnr were highlights of Glebe's victory. The Glebe combination again took the field as underdogs against St George, but Keith Pritchard hit the winning goal to give Glebe a memorable 2-1 victory. Robert Diviney's death at the beginning of the season added to the emotional atmosphere among players and supporters alike.

Brother McCarten Keegan coached the second grade team of 1932 and advised subsequent Glebe teams until his departure for India in 1937, when it became the responsibility of team captains to organise the smooth functioning of the teams and to devise tactics, often in consultation with senior players. In 1982, Bill Stubbs was appointed non-playing first grade coach, the first such appointment the Club had made in 45 years. Les Wark, Geoff Paterson and Pat Nilan have followed Bill as non-playing first grade coaches. The tradition of a team captain organising training, tactics, fee collection etc. continues in the lower grades.

All other Glebe teams fared well in 1982. The thirds and under 17's were premiers, the seconds and fourths grand finalists, and the fifths and sixths were both beaten in the finals. All four women's teams reached the finals with the fourths being joint premiers.

Ian Mutton, Geoff Paterson, Greg Corben and Graham Bell were prominent members of the four Glebe first grade premiership combinations between 1974 and 1982.

Ian Mutton (1948- ) came to Glebe from Bathurst and played 251 games for the Club between 1972 and 1983. Initially a left half, he then moved to

centre half in the Glebe first grade sides from 1973 to 1982, which he captained in 1976 and from 1978 to 1980. An inspiring captain, and a good reader of the game, uncanny passing and ball control were a feature of his play. He won the Brian Booth medal in 1975.

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*Geoff Paterson married Maureen Casey whose family have been associated with the Glebe Club for decades. The hockey Club provides an ideal vehicle whereby young men and women can meet and socialise in a warm, supportive atmosphere.*

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Geoff Paterson (1954- ) will be remembered for the best and most deft stick work by any forward who has run on to the field for Glebe. It was spectacular. Short in stature, he played in the Glebe first grade side from 1975 to 1984, appearing for the Club on 217 occasions. Very quick and fit, he mostly played as centre forward.

Representative honours included the NSW Colts, 1974 to 1976 and the NSW Seniors in 1977 and 1979 to 1982. In 1978 he was the winner of the Brian Booth medal. Muscular problems ended his career prematurely, much to the disappointment of hockey supporters who marvelled at his brilliant dribbling technique. Geoff has continued his association with the Club, coaching Glebe sides and becoming its President in 1992, a position he still holds in 1994.

Robert Brown taught Greg Corben to play hockey in Wagga and when he came to Sydney in 1972 he joined his old coach's Club. Strong, fit and very competitive, Greg Corben (1953- ) worked on his game and was selected in

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*Johnny Howe, a successful real estate proprietor from Newtown, was a great motivator. He was into the psych-up many years before it became fashionable at the upper echelons of sport. Harry Wark snr often commented to John after his half-time pep talk, "John, you can't motivate mice to be rats!"*

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the NSW Colts 1973-74 and the NSW Seniors 1975-1977 and 1979. A good tackler and distributor of the ball, he played at fullback in the Glebe first grade sides from 1973 to 1977 and 1979 to 1983. Corben hit the ball sweetly and scored a lot of goals from corners and penalty strokes. He played 212 games for the Club between 1972 and 1983.

Graham "Dinga" Bell (1954- ) came to Glebe from Goulburn and was chosen in the NSW Colts 1974-75 and in the NSW Seniors in 1979. A good attacking goalkeeper, he established himself as the regular first grade keeper from 1975 to 1981. Bell played 155 games for Glebe between 1974 and 1981 and hated to see a goal go past him.



*The 1982 first grade team at Primrose Park North Sydney after defeating North Sydney in the final. The last Glebe team to win the first grade premiership. Back row left to right: Keith Pritchard, Tony Cowan, Ken Wark jnr, Les Wark, Ian Mutton, Craig Stubbs, Gary Manou, Fred Letts (manager). Front row: Bill Stubbs (coach), Colin Rochester, Danny O'Brien, Geoff Paterson, Warren 'Buster' Birmingham.*



*Ken Wark jnr playing for the Australian Institute of Sport in 1984 against an Indian Airline team on the Institute's overseas tour. The Institute team won the match 4-2.*





*The fifth grade team of 1986, beaten 2-1 by Saint George in the grand final at Heffron Park Maroubra. Back row left to right Harry Wark, Allan Howe, Carl Francis, Peter Cremen, unknown, Roy Fernance, Bob Fox, John McMahon, Kerry Boyd, Peter Mitchell, front row, Andrew Goodrick, Mike Oldfield.*

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After inconsistent displays during 1983, the Glebe first grade side of Les Wark (captain), Craig Stubbs, George Manou, Danny O'Brien, Warren Birmingham, Keith Pritchard, Geoff Paterson, Robert Wark, Col Rochester, Greg Corben and Tony Cowan came from fifth position with two competition rounds remaining to reach the Grand Final, but the fine University of NSW team were too good on the day.

Two Glebe teams emerged as premiers in 1983 - the sevenths and the under 17's. The "Savage Sevens" was made up of John Howe (captain), Bob Taylor, Harry Wark jnr, Pat Campbell, Alan Howe, Tony and Craig Martin, Frank Whiteman, Paul Rogers, Phil Dennis, Harry Wark snr, John Cremin and Peter Garland.

The Glebe team who retained the under 17 premiership consisted of Craig Schubert (captain), Craig Martin, Gavin Westacott, Jim Goaldie, David Rochester, Julian and Michael Dell, Robert Brown, James Longfield, Grant Martin, Stephen Dunn, Glen Dunn, Stewart Gatland, Andrew Traves and Simon Moore. In 1983 the seconds and thirds made it to the finals.

The loss of Ken Wark jnr and Warren Birmingham to the Australian Institute of Sport, and Geoff Paterson's absence through injury for much of the season,

didn't help the club's quest for first grade honours in 1984. The young first grade side of George Manou, Craig Stubbs, Kevin Sweeney, Danny O'Brien, Colin Rochester, Robert Wark, Tony Cowan, Keith Pritchard, Bob Barrett (from Lismore), Peter Busch, Terry Reece and Stephen Hurst (from Bathurst) were eliminated by St George in the semi finals. The Club failed to win a major senior title in 1984. The under 17's, premiers in 1982 and 1983, lost by the odd goal in 1984. Craig Stubbs, who captained the NSW Colts to its first national title in 15 years, was also selected in the NSW Seniors.

Glebe's hockey players were predominantly local products up to the 1970's. This pattern changed in the 1980's when a growing number of players from regional country centres, keen to sharpen their skills in the Sydney competition, were attracted to the Glebe Club. For example, the general storekeeper at Coraki, Royce Jenkins, a former first grader, persuaded Warren Birmingham to try his luck with the Reds. Other players came to the Club from Gloucester, Bathurst, Wagga, Lismore, Goulburn, Newcastle, Taree, Port Macquarie, Wollongong, Mittagong, Gosford, Crookwell, Tamworth and Murwillumbah.

The last first grade game was played at Federal Park in 1984, when the Sydney competition was restructured. The solidarity of Glebe Club members had been reinforced on Saturdays by players from all grades intermingling. During the years when the first grade played at Federal, the lower grade members stayed to watch and cheer on the first grade side, and afterwards to join in the conviviality and a discussion of how they fared during the day. The new competition structure meant that the firsts played at Homebush at a time which clashed with the seconds. Eventually, it had the effect of isolating first grade from the juniors and lower grades, a phenomenon experienced by all Sydney clubs. The hockey standard improved, but the social life declined and Club reports complained of poor attendance at socials and a decline in Club spirit. It took several years for the Club to rekindle the vibrant social life to which it had become accustomed.

Glebe fielded six senior and five junior sides in 1985. The under 17's regained the premiership and both the thirds and fourths were minor premiers and premiers. The third grade side consisted of five Howes — Barry (captain), Martin, Adrian, Jamie and Vernon, Col Brown, Craig and Grant Martin (father Tony played for Glebe in the 50's and 60's), David Rochester, Dave Cutler, Terrence and Michael Diviney, Pat Nilan, Geoff Paterson and Tony Cowan. With a goal tally of 91 for and 20 against they were undefeated, and in the Grand Final, Vernon Howe hit the winning goal in extra time.

The young first grade side of George Manou, Craig Stubbs, Col Rochester, Danny O'Brien, Steve Hurst, Bob Barrett, Terry Reece, Kevin Sweeney, Robert Wark, and Geoff & Peter Busch, coached by Les Wark, were again defeated by St George in the semi finals.

During the 1986 season there was considerable movement of players, both into and out of the Club, and it was reflected in the performances on the

field. There were two fine individual performances. Warren Birmingham was the NSW player of the year and Brian Morgan, who travelled from Bathurst each week to play for the Glebe firsts, won the Brian Booth medal. The first grade squad of George Manou, Ken Wark jnr, Warren Birmingham, Peter and Geoff Busch, Craig Martin, David Rochester, Tim Sutton (from

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*Glebe has had a strong association with the rural town of Coraki, near Lismore, with six or seven members of the Jenkins and Birmingham families playing for Glebe. Royce Jenkins, who played 268 games for Glebe, now runs the Coraki General Store.*

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Tamworth), Danny O'Brien, Brian Morgan, Terry Reece, Colin Rochester, Greg Randell and James Fitzgerald finished third in the premiership. The fifths lost to St George in the Grand Final but the seconds, captained by Colin Rochester, emerged as premiers. Among those to play in this side were David Rochester, Grant Martin,

Michael and Terrence Diviney, Kevin Chivers, Robert Wark, Harry Wark jnr, Les Wark, Tim Sutton, Tony Cowan, James Fitzgerald and Kevin Sweeney.

Born at Coraki on 22 August, 1961, Warren Birmingham came to Glebe in 1978 with a burning ambition to excel at hockey. Promoted to the firsts in 1979, he gained selection in the NSW Colts 1979-82 and has been a regular member of the NSW Seniors since 1981, interrupted by playing several seasons with Western Australia.

"Buster" Birmingham's natural ability and extraordinary dedication to the game, training seven days a week, earned him a place in the Australian

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*Tim Sutton was from Tamworth and came to Sydney to study Economics at Sydney University. Tim became a chartered accountant and a great Club man. The influx of young people from the bush was increasing.*

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team in 1984 at 23 years of age, and he joined the intense training programs of the Australian Institute of Sport. "Buster" found the life-style in Perth to his liking and remained living in that city following his graduation from the Institute of Sport. Glebe's loss was Perth's gain.

A player who reads the game

exceptionally well, his stick work is outstanding and for a centre half he scores a lot of goals. State and International representative commitments have limited his appearances for Glebe to 80. With Ken Wark jnr, he represented Australia at the Seoul and Barcelona Olympics and has played for Australia about 150 times.

In 1987 Glebe lost eight first grade players from the previous season through retirement, returning home or moving interstate. For the first time in the club's history, the first grade side failed to make the semi finals. The first

grade combination of George Manou, Peter and Geoff Busch (from Lismore), Danny O'Brien, Les Wark, Terry Reece, Warren Birmingham, Robert Wark, Kevin Chivers, Dave Rochester, Julian Dell and Tim Sutton nevertheless won the Sydney knock-out competition. The Glebe fourth grade side of Martin Howe (captain), Mick Bougakas, Leo Kalisperous, Arthur Moir, Steve Casey, Victor Ferrari, Glenn Dunn, Colin Chivers, Kieran Dell, Vernon Howe and Peter Cremin, with a goal count of 85-16 had an outstanding year and won the premiership.

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*George Manou, of Greek extraction, lived at his parents' corner store at the bottom of Trafalgar Street, Annandale, near its junction with The Crescent. He was custodian of the first grade goal for eleven straight years.*

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The sevenths, captained by Peter Howe, defeated the University of NSW 2-0 in the Grand Final. Members of the

team were John White, Gary Reid, Bruce Fuller, Eugene Beame, Kevin Lowe, Robin Crowhurst, Mick Lincoln, Eric Wade, together with veterans Bill Stubbs, Bennett Dunn, Bob Taylor, Vic Westacott and Bob Fox. The seconds were major semi finalists in 1987 and the thirds reached the Grand Final. The Under 15's and Under 13's both were premiers.

Glebe again fielded a young first grade side in 1988 - George Manou, Peter and Geoff Busch, Danny O'Brien, Stephen Cain (from Port Macquarie), Les Wark, Julian Dell, Doug Nicholls (from Port Macquarie), Terry Reece, Kevin Chivers, Mark Southwell (from Campbelltown), Darren Yates, Ken Bennett and Ken Wark jnr. They performed creditably, coming third outright in the premiership, and reaching the semi finals of the Sydney Cup.

The fourth grade of Bevan Ineson (captain), Col Brown, Martin Howe, Andrew Goodrick, Steve Casey, Vic Ferrari, Rick Delaney, Vincent Carpenter (from Melbourne), Mick Galluzzo, Vernon Howe, Peter Cremin, Kieran Dell, Gary Wark and Steve Arrowsmith kept the club's

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*To the aficionados of the lower grades, the atmosphere under the arch was better than any five-star hotel. It is this camaraderie which has enabled the Club to survive 63 years through good times and bad.*

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colours flying in 1988 by defeating North Sydney 4-0 in the Grand Final. Three other Glebe teams — the thirds, sevenths and under 17's made the Grand Finals in their respective competitions.

In 1989 Glebe regained the Club championship. At the end of the season, six of its senior teams and the under 17's contested the grand finals. The first grade squad of George Manou (goal), Peter and Geoff Busch, Ken Wark jnr, Colin Rochester, Craig Stubbs, Kevin Chivers, Les Wark (captain), Doug Nichols, Stephen Cain, Terry Reece, Danny O'Brien, Dean Verity (transferred to Sydney from Queensland with the RAAF) and Fred Luka



had been the best team in first grade throughout the season and were undefeated minor premiers. But on grand final day everything went right for Moorebank, who won the premiership. The seconds, also minor premiers, and the third grade combination tasted defeat in the grand finals. The Glebe fourth, fifth and sixth grade sides, all minor premiers in their respective grades, kept the Club flag flying by emerging as premiers.

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*The management of the Club saw the attainment of a synthetic turf in the Glebe area as a means of bringing the Club back together and substantially boosting the “esprit de corps” which had tended to ebb away because of the fragmentation into the “turf” set and the “grass” set.*

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During the mid to late 80's and the early 90's the Club was fragmented into two sub-groups, the higher grades who played on the artificial turf surfaces and the lower grades and juniors who had their home ground at Jubilee. By the end of 1990, there were four synthetic surfaces in Sydney — two at Homebush, one at Moorebank and one at

Sutherland. All first, second and third grade hockey was played on these four surfaces.

The fourth, fifth and sixth grade had a core of old stagers: Martin Howe, Gary Wark, Harry Wark, Steve Casey, Bevan Ineson, Bobby Taylor, Peter Howe, Mick Galluzzo, Victor Westacott, Bob “Charlie” Brown, Colin Brown, Peter Mitchell, Robert Wark, Vernon Howe, Adrian Howe, Eugene Beame, Robin Crowhurst, Eric Frazer, Arthur Moir, Peter Cremen, Paul Culshaw and younger players from the juniors and the country. Brent

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*In 1989, Glebe District Hockey Club was forced to become an incorporated body under the Associations Incorporation Act to protect its office bearers from being sued for injuries suffered by members while playing on the hockey field.*

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Gilmour, Alan Howe, Jason Rowswell, Nathan Lewis (Tony Martin's nephew), Graham Brown, Jason Taylor, Gavin Westacott, Andrew Goodrick, Damien Galluzzo and Darryl Waters were graduates from the club's junior ranks who made an impact on the fourth, fifth and sixth grade competitions in the late eighties and early nineties.

“After the lower grade home games under the arch, the atmosphere was magic” said the 1990 Club Captain David Rochester in his end of year report.

In 1990 a synthetic turf committee consisting of Harry Wark jnr, Jim Oman, Mick Tapsell, Bill Stubbs, Merv Goodrich, Keith Corkery, Rodney Hammett and Les Wark as convenor was constituted to pursue the goal of a local synthetic turf. Jim Oman, Rodney Hammett and Mick Tapsell had children

in the junior ranks and Keith Corkery and Merv Goodrich had sons (Stuart and Brad) who played in the second grade team, having joined Glebe from Northern Districts in 1989. Members of the synthetic Turf committee liaised extensively with councillors, working parties and various local interest groups before submitting the DA for a Synthetic Turf at Federal Park in May 1992. The initial plans for the “Turf” at Federal had been submitted to Council in November 1987. In support of its proposal at Federal the Club had letters of support from the Principals of 17 of the 18 schools in the Leichhardt Municipality and the signatures of over 2,000 local residents on a supporting petition. As of mid 1994, the question of a “Turf” in the local area remains unresolved but there is a likelihood that the surface may be sited within an extended Harold Park Paceway. The trotting track proposal is to lengthen the perimeter of the track by 80 metres, bringing it up to international standard.

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*Opposition teams called Robert Wark “Mad Dog” because of his tenacity and commitment when playing for Glebe. Robert could never be accused of taking the soft option.*

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Two members, Colin Brown and Keith Paterson (1923-1991), were honoured with life membership in 1989. Keith Paterson, born on 8th March 1923, was a first grade Cumberland hockey player for many years. He took an interest in Club affairs when son Geoff joined. He became actively involved in the managerial side of the Club, organising playing grounds and becoming closely associated with the synthetic turf proposal and other behind the scenes organisational work. He was Club Secretary from 1984 to 1986.

Between 1947 and 1994 the Glebe Club has created 18 life members — Jack Quinlan (1947), Esther Taylor (1947), Jim Kenny (1952), Billy Ryan (1956), Jack Worley (1958), Harry Wark snr (1964), Kel Dickey (1967), Ken Wark snr (1969), Pat Nilan (1971), Bill Stubbs (1975), Robert Brown (1975), Fred Letts (1975), Graeme Gilmour (1975), Paul Rogers (1977), John Diviney (1981), Molly Wark (1986), Colin Brown (1989), Keith Paterson (1989) and Martin Howe (1991).

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*In one memorable close win over the representative ACT team, the Senator for the ACT Bob McMullan remarked “That Ken Wark was like a vacuum cleaner the way he sucked in the opposition forwards”.*

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For the 1990 season, Robert Wark continued as President and as usual led the Club from the front.

In 1990, the under 17's, 3rd grade and 5th grade were premiers, the 1st and 4th grade grand finalists and the 6th and 2nd grade were finalists. During the season the first grade competed in and won the NSW Hockey Association State League which involved teams from all over NSW and the ACT. This competition was run on Sundays in parallel with the Sydney grade

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*Bill Lord, first grade goalkeeper immediately after the war, worked for the Civil Aviation Authority. He was killed shortly after the Diamond Jubilee dinner in an aircraft crash at Bankstown Aerodrome.*

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competition. Les Wark was coach of the team, ably assisted by Terry Reece snr, Pat Nilan, Geoff Paterson and Bill Stubbs. Terry Reece was the massage man and his wife Val provided the best fruit cake in Sydney for afternoon tea.

The first grade also won the Sydney Hockey Association Summer Cup, which was run at the Synthetic Turf at Homebush over the summer months. Since the late 80's, some Clubs paid their players, but Glebe resolutely stuck to its policies of not paying players and not charging juniors to play hockey. This creeping professionalism enabled some Clubs to win the odd premiership here and there, but in the end the offending Club was usually deserted by its rank and file players.

It had become clear with the advent of Minkey hockey, where half the players were girls, that the Club needed to provide for the futures of these girls. Harry Wark jnr and Pat Nilan proposed to the 1990 AGM that the Women's teams once again become part of the Glebe District Hockey Club and this proposition was passed, after some debate, without a dissenting voice. The smooth passage of girls in the Club from age 5 to age 55 was thus secured. For several years the Club had just been hanging on financially, and management committee at the 1990 AGM proposed that the playing fees be increased from \$130 to \$210 for the 1991 season. After much heated debate the proposal was passed.

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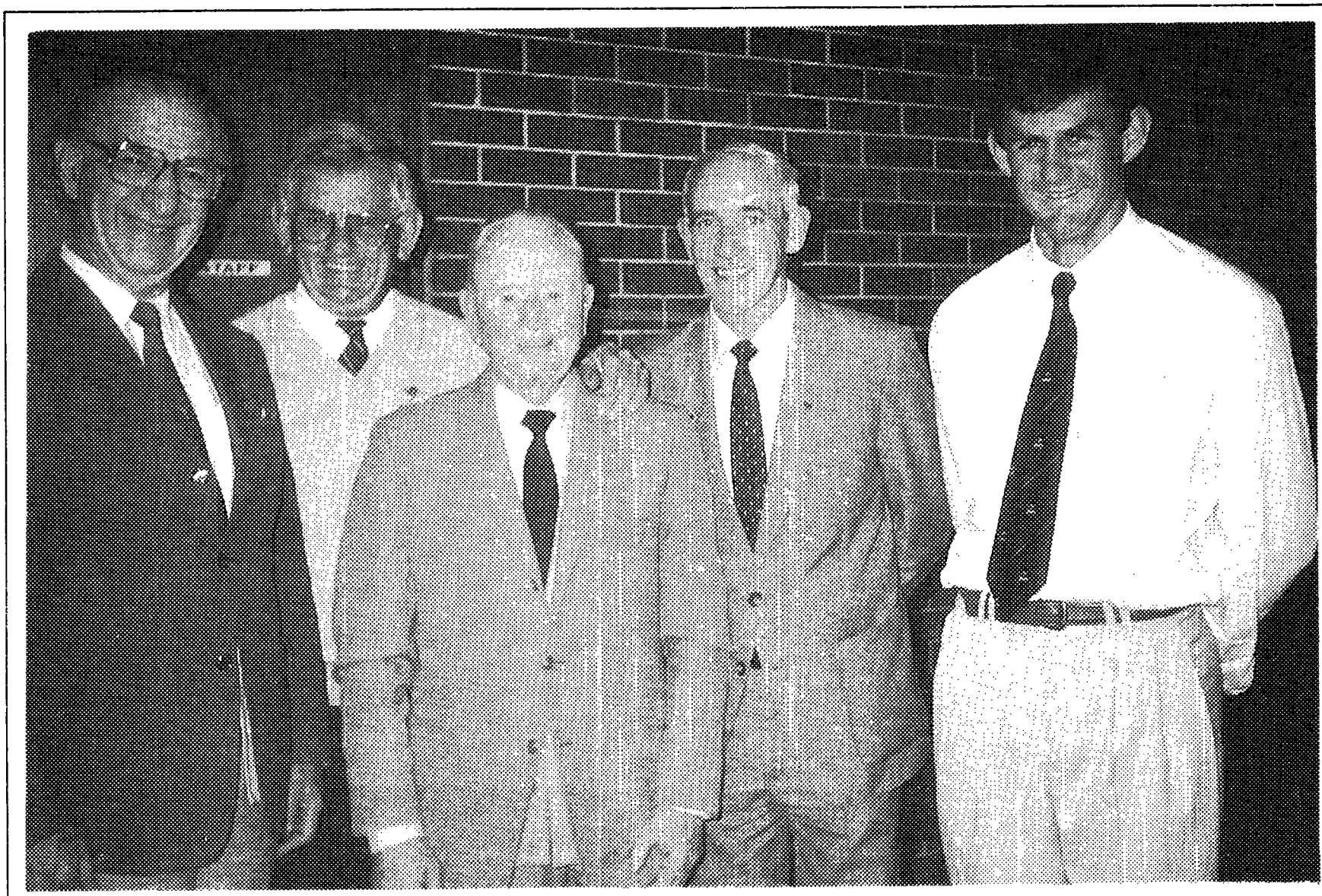
*Ralph "One-for-the-Road" Rochester was one of the growing band of fathers who contributed much to the behind-the-scenes activity which often goes unnoticed.*

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The social highlight of the 1990 season was the 60 year Diamond Jubilee Dinner held at the Western Suburbs Bowling Club and organised by the social convenor, Col Rochester. There were over 200 people at the function including alderman Issy Wyner, parents of junior

players, present players and past players, including Tom Pearce who was a member of the very first hockey team which played as the St James sporting Club. Other Club old boys to attend were Billy Lord, Jim Kenny (Club Patron), Jack McParlane, Tom "Digger" Taylor, Tony Martin, Bill Stubbs and Daryl Fishenden.





*Photo taken at the Club's sixty year celebration dinner in 1990. Some of Glebe's Australian representatives are shown with councillor Issy Wyner, former mayor of Leichhardt Council. Tom Pearce was in the Foundation team of 1931. Left to right Issy Wyner, Ken Wark snr., Tom Pearce, Pat Nilan, Ken Wark jnr.*



*Glebe, winners of the State League Cup Competition 1990, at the number one field State Sports Centre, Homebush. Back row from left to right: Ken Wark, Shane Nilan, Les Wark (coach), Peter Busch, Craig Martin, Terry Reece jnr., Tim Sutton, Adam Johnson, Mick Bougoukas, Kevin Chivers, Warren Adams. Front row from left to right: Julian Dell, David Rochester, Craig Stubbs, George Manou, Steve Cain.*



During 1991, two long time Glebe stalwarts, Ralph Rochester (father of Col and Dave) and Keith Paterson (father of Geoff) died. Both men worked hard for the members of the Club and made a significant contribution to the continuation of Glebe as a popular community based sporting organisation.

Many Club members had been playing for decades and some amazing tallies for the number of games had been accumulated: Colin Brown 658, Victor Westacott 623, Martin Howe 634, Peter Howe 601, Robert Wark 518, Harry Wark jnr 546, Les Wark 486, Steve Casey 458, Gary Wark 411, Adrian Howe 411, George Manou 365, Danny O'Brien 368, Colin Rochester 354, Victor Ferrari 337, Vernon Howe 337, Bevan Ineson 323, Peter Mitchell 307, Craig Stubbs 300, Ken Wark jnr 279, Lex McPhee 300 and Bob Taylor 270. Harry Wark snr who retired in 1989, but who continued as a very active non-playing member still held the record for most games with 757.

The Red Rag first appeared in 1958 with Paul Rogers and the late Harry Butler as editors. It has appeared intermittently since this time but had lapsed for many years before being revived by Mick Tapsell and Eddy Crook in 1991. The Club has a copy of every Red Rag which has ever been published. The reintroduction of the Red Rag by Mick and Eddy (both of whom had sons playing in the juniors) in 1991 greatly aided the dissemination of information in the Club and was a big hit, particularly with the junior players.

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*Phil Blee, the young 5th grade keeper, lived at Mort Bay, Balmain, and rollerbladed 5 kilometres to and from Jubilee Oval every Wednesday evening for training. He would come screaming through the clubhouse door complete with backpack and stick strapped to his back.*

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In 1991, all six senior men's teams and the under 17's made the finals, with the 4th's, 5th's and Under 17's progressing to the grand finals. Unfortunately, none were able to win the premiership.

The first grade squad comprised George Manou, Craig Stubbs, Ken Wark, Julian Dell, David "Chuck"

Rochester, Kevin Chivers, Shane Nilan, Steven Cain, Terry Reece, Craig Martin, Adam Johnson and Warren Adams (who joined the Club from Wollongong) and Tim Sutton. In the final they went down at the final whistle. Glebe did not have the same big name players as some of the other sides, but on their day they were a champion team, superbly coached by Les Wark.

2nd and 3rd grades lost to Ryde in the semi finals and the 4th grade team of Col Brown, Gary Wark, Martin Howe, Bevan Ineson, Steve Casey, Harry Wark jnr., Robert Wark, Mick Galluzzo, Adrian Howe, Glenn Dunn, M Anderson, Jason Taylor and Graham Noak (from WA) were beaten 2-1 in the grand final by Monterey. The 5th grade of Phil Blee, Alan Howe, Bruce Thompson, Anthony Moulay, Jason Rowswell, Eric (Chook) Frazer, Peter Mitchell, Henry Twaddell, Daryl Waters, Brent Gilmour and Vernon Howe were defeated 1-0 in the grand final by Ryde.

At the 1991 AGM, Robert Wark stepped down as President after many fruitful years in the job, to be replaced by Geoff Paterson. Ken Wark snr, after an absence of many years from official Club positions accepted the position of senior Vice President.

1992 was a lean season from a playing point of view, with only the 2nd and 5th grade making the grand finals. First grade was in rebuilding mode but did well none the less inspired by Glebe's Olympic representative Ken Wark.

The team managed a spot in the semi final by finishing equal fourth with Sydney University, but eliminating that team on goal difference. In the minor semi final against Ryde, the score was 4-4 after three lots of extra time, and Glebe were eliminated as the lower team on the ladder at the conclusion of the premiership rounds.

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*"A champion team beats a team of champions"  
is the Club motto.*

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Both the 1st and the 2nd grade teams comprised many promising younger players, Aaron and Shane Nilan, Craig and Jason Greaves, Brad Goodrich, Stuart Corkery, Pat McCann, Mick Diviney, Glen Barnes (from Maitland), Steve Cain, David Rochester and Glenn Dunn, who showed that they have the necessary ability to lead the Club's charge for another first grade premiership. The last first grade success was back in 1982 and many Club stalwarts are hungry for another first grade premiership.

Second grade were defeated 2-1 by Sydney University in the grand final after finishing the season as minor premiers. Third Grade lost to Ryde 2-1 in the minor semi final. The fourth grade team of Mick Bougoukas, Gary Wark, Damien Galluzzo, Amrat Parbhu, Steve Casey, Martin Howe, Graham Noak, Danny O'Brien, Bevan Ineson, Adrian Howe, Robert Wark and Andrew Goodrick were unlucky losers in the final to Monterey 3-2, after three periods of extra time.

Fifth Grade comprising Col Brown, Allan Howe, Jason Rowswell, Andrew McNamara, Harry Wark jnr, Nathan Lewis, Peter Mitchell, Vernon Howe (captain), Mike (The Pom) Anthony, Peter Cremin, Ti Tran, Brent Gilmour, Phil Winwood were defeated 3-1 by Ryde in the grand final. Sixth grade finished equal fourth on points but were eliminated from the semi finals on goal difference — one goal making the difference! The side (dad's army, with a sprinkling of players under 35 who could run) comprised Oleh Ploskodniak, Peter Howe, Gavin and Victor Westacott, Chris Smith (a recruit from Canberra), Lex McPhee, Ti Tran, Bob Taylor, Robin Crowhurst, Eugene Beame.

The highlight of the season was the Olympic silver medal won by Ken Wark at the Barcelona Olympic Games. Harry Wark snr was the bar manager in 1992 and together with Treasurer Bob Taylor and a dedicated band of

“bar girls” Maureen Paterson, Cheryl Oman, Maggie O’Sullivan, Anne Wark had the bar/canteen ticking over perfectly. They turned an \$89 deficit in 1991 into a \$9,000 profit in 1992. Some of the big nights under the arch — the Karaoke Night, Ken Wark’s send off to Barcelona and the junior barbecue — will be remembered long into the future. The barbecues each Wednesday night after training at Jubilee were extremely popular and there were often 100-130 people passing through the door on a Wednesday night. A sad note of the year was the death of a Club stalwart of the pre-war years, York Evans, who died after a short illness. The 1993 season started with a record enrolment in the juniors, with the Club fielding 4 under 11 teams and hopes for the future running high.

Few clubs can boast such an impressive list of successes on the hockey field. Between 1948 and 1990, the Glebe Club has won the Sydney hockey Club championship on twenty-five occasions, and since 1940 have been first grade premiers twenty-three times. The Glebe second grade side have

been premiers twenty times and the thirds have tasted premiership success on sixteen occasions.

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*1992 will be remembered for the many council-organised Rozelle Bay Working Party meetings which related to the club’s synthetic turf application at Federal Park Annandale. These were held at the Annandale Neighbourhood Centre.*

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1992 will also be remembered as the year of the burglaries. The clubhouse has been broken into many times over the years, but only one person has ever been charged and convicted — in 1992. On

that occasion, the police were cruising along Glebe Point Road about 2 one Monday morning when they saw a young man with a big bag, which aroused their curiosity. Stopping, the wallopers looked in the bag (a goalie’s bag) and found cans of beer, Kit Kats, Mars bars, Twisties and sundry other goodies. The possessor claimed to have been given the bag and its contents by a friend. Ever suspicious, the police looked a bit further and found an Australian shirt with the name Ken Wark on it. The police looked up Ken’s phone number and rang him. After some foggy deliberation, Ken realised that the shirt must have been stolen from its showcase above the clubhouse door. When the police went down to the Number 4 Arch at Jubilee, they discovered a 30-centimetre hole had been smashed through the 15-centimetre thick sandstone brick wall of the clubhouse. Strewn around the ground outside the back wall were lolly papers and a couple of empty Fosters cans. The moral of the story of course is that crime does not pay sometimes.

Throughout the 1970’s and 1980’s many experienced players, with 10 to 20 seasons behind them, continued to turn out for the Club on Saturday afternoons as well as coach and manage junior teams on the Saturday morning. Their experience is not only invaluable to younger players, but it ensured the club’s lower grade combinations were formidable.

Over the years, increasing in recent times, a number of young people have come to the Glebe Club from the country. These people come to Sydney for a variety of reasons and have greatly enriched the social base of the Club. They have provided the Club with an injection of talent to complement, but not displace, the Club's own juniors. A typical story is that of Peter Busch, who learned to play hockey in Lismore and who came to Sydney to attend Teacher's College after leaving school. After graduating, Peter has taught at several primary schools around Sydney and has been active in the Club. He has been Club Captain many times, coached women's teams, and was the founding father of the Club's extremely successful and popular Minkey movement. He is still the principal Minkey coach in 1994.

The Club has picked up many fine young men and some good hockey players with a similar story to Peter Busch. The late Noel Walker (one time President), Dave McNiven and Phil Downey from Goulburn, Ross Crocker from Crookwell, Marvin Heaston, John Nelmes and Kevin Sweeney from Newcastle, Graham Kirkland from Murwillumbah, Royce and "Tom" Jenkins, Roy and Buster Birmingham from Coraki, Ian Cooke, Ian Mutton and Brian Morgan from Bathurst, Marny Hughes from Gosford, Greg Corben from Wagga Wagga, Bruce Pink from Mittagong, Geoff Busch from Lismore, Steve Cain from Port Macquarie, Wayne Rankin from Gloucester, Tim Sutton from Tamworth, Warren Adams and Adam Johnson from Wollongong and Glen Barnes from Maitland are a few that spring to mind.

Older players often encouraged their children to take an interest in hockey and provided the enthusiasm, the energy, the transport and the means to enable the Club to survive where the other Clubs of Glebe — the Rugby Club, the League Club, the Soccer Club, the Athletic Club, the Lacrosse Club, the Bicycle Club, the Bowling Club, the Cricket Club and the Glebe Rowing Club — have all become defunct.

1993 was a good year, with a settled executive of Geoff Paterson, President; Keith Corkery, Secretary; Bob Taylor, Treasurer; Peter Busch, Club Captain; and Harry Wark snr, Club Room Manager. On the paddock, no premierships were won; but in every other way the Club thrived. The Wednesday night training sessions and barbecues at Jubilee were usually attended by over 120 people (juniors, seniors, parents and supporters); and Thursday night training at Homebush attracted on average 26 trainees per session.

In 1993, the Club's finances were turned around and returned to the black for the first time in many years. Income for the year was \$47,232 and expenditure was \$41,323. Managing a budget of this size in a sporting Club is difficult, and Bob Taylor did a sensational job. Raffles, barbecues, fund raising dinners and sponsorship all played their part in balancing the books. At some social gatherings there were over 200 people. Bar trading resulted in a profit of \$6,350 — which is a lot of meat pies and Mars bars; but due to the recessionary times, sponsorship was down. Fees in 1993 were \$210, with a \$10 turf levy to help fund the organisational aspects of the Club's synthetic turf proposal at Harold Park Paceway.



The Club's membership in 1993 stood at over 430 with 200 junior players and 50 social members reflecting the robust health of the Club. 1993 saw the running of the inaugural Glebe District Hockey Club Pace at Harold Park which was won by "My Beefifty Two". Over 100 Club members attended the fundraising dinner at Harold Park to watch the race. During the season there were two break-ins. As usual, the back wall was knocked in and a considerable amount of stock pilfered by the thieves. Due to poor health Jimmy Kenny stepped down as Patron after the 1993 season and was replaced by Harry Wark snr, player of some 757 Club games.

The Club was saddened by the deaths of Kelvin Dickey, Tom Taylor, Kevin O'Leary, Joan Ryan and Les Weight, five Glebe stalwarts who were associated with the Club from the 30's to the 60's. They were fine people and the world is a better place because of them.

On the playing field, the Club failed to win a premiership but were competitive in every grade. The seconds and sixths made the semi's, the fifths the finals and the fourths were unlucky to lose to Moorebank 2-1 in the grand final. First grade coach Pat Nilan reminisced in his report: "The power to hold on in spite of everything, the power to endure — this is the winner's quality. Persistence is the ability to face defeat without giving up — to push on in the face of great difficulty, knowing that victory can be yours. Persistence means taking pains to overcome every obstacle, and to do what's necessary to reach your goals." The team had everything except the ability to find the net and included Stuart Corkery, Ken Wark (279 games), Sean Sparks, Peter Busch (198 games), Craig Stubbs (300 games), Kevin Chivers, Pat McCann, Michael Diviney, Steve Cain, Glen Barnes, Brett Stubbs, Aaron Nilan, Brad Goodridge, Trent Benfield, Matthew Bass, Matthew Ottaway and Glenn Dunn.

Players in the second grade coached by Geoff Paterson were George Manou (365 games), Les Wark (486 games), Matthew Bass, Jason Greaves, Craig Sargeant, Pat McCann, Col Rochester (354 games), Jeff Busch (192 games), Trent Benfield, Jason Taylor, Mark Short, Matthew Ottaway, Danny O'Brien, Vic Ferrari (337 games), Kevin Chivers and Brad Goodrich.

Players in third grade included Victor Ferrari, Kieran Diviney, Andrew Goodrick, Amrat Parbhu, Mark Short, Ross Bowden, Dave Denson, Dean Smith, Matt Ottaway, Hannibal Hield, Dean Benfield and Adam Campano.

Captain Martin Howe (634 games) said of the fourth grade in the 1993 Annual Report: "You could put them in the veteran competition with the exception of a few of the younger players." The team list was Mick Bougoukas, Gary Wark (411 games), John McDonald (returning after a break of 10 years), Steve "Stinky" Casey (458 games), Adam Asprey, Brent Gilmour, Danny O'Brien (368 games), Bevan Ineson (323 games), Shane Casey, Lex McPhee (300 games), Adrian Howe (411 games) and Hannibal Hield.

Harry Wark jnr noted in the Annual Report about the fifth grade team: “When the team gets beaten, it always goes down with ‘guns blazing’, doing the best it can with what it’s got.” The team goalkeeper was Col Brown, who finished the season with 658 Club games, the most played by any current player and less than 100 games behind the 757 played by Harry Wark, who holds the record for the highest number of Club games played. Other players in the team were Allan Howe, Damien Galluzzo, Nathan Lewis, Jason Rowswell, Anthony Moulay, Peter Mitchell (307 games), Vernon Howe (337 games), Mike Anthony, Harry Wark jnr (546 games), Daryl Waters, Peter Casey and Martin Craig-McFeely.

Sixth grade got on very well together and provided each other with group therapy after the game on Saturdays. The average age of the side was well over 40, but they ran around like “spring chickens”. Players in the team were Ollie Ploskodniak, Richard Onslow, Gavin Westacott, Artie Moir (189 games), Noel Anderson (354 games), Chris Smith, Brian Van Der Plaat, Greg Howe (334 games), Narian Singh, David Jones, Peter Howe (601 games), Bob Taylor (270 games) and Robin Crowhurst. Victor Westacott (623 games) did not take the field this year because of hip trouble, but attended sixth grade matches to give the team its pep talk before the game, at half-time and after the game.

The Club also fielded two teams in the Sydney Hockey Association Summer Competition, took part in the State League Competition and had two senior teams and one under 19 team in the Summer indoor competition. Steve Cain and Aaron Nilan were selected for the NSW senior team, Ken Wark captained NSW and continued to gain selection in the National team.

# Chapter Eight

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## *The Junior Movement — Why, How, Where, By Whom (1948-1969)*

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**I**n 1948 the Metropolitan Hockey Association, the forerunner of the Sydney Hockey Association, introduced a Saturday afternoon competition for boys under 16 on a District basis. In the Glebe Annual Report of 1948, Honorary Secretary Paul Rodgers relates: “As with most new ventures there were quite a few obstacles to be overcome; but with the sterling assistance of a few staunch Club members these were soon a thing of the past. Special mention is due to Vince Halls snr who unselfishly gave up his Saturday afternoons to travel with these lads and look after their equipment etc. Without his help it would have been impossible to field a team.” The side won its way into the semi finals but were beaten 2-1 by St George. Players in the 1948/49 team included Vince Halls jnr., Don Campbell, J Liversage, Paul Scott, Len Needham, Robert (Bob) Rodgers, P McCormack, E Hennessy, Harry Fardouley, John Collett and Alan Halls. Secretary P.W. Rodgers said of the under 16 team: “Their general demeanour was good and we should always foster this above all”.

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*Before the war, sport for children was not organised by local sporting clubs but emanated from local schools. In the post war years, school sport, particularly at the primary school level, has declined. This gap has been filled by local sporting bodies providing sport on a Saturday morning.*

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*John Collett moved to Melbourne with his employer in the early 1950's but has retained a keen interest in the Club and has maintained his social membership for over forty years. This theme of encouraging sportsmanship, fair play and self discipline has been prominent in the Glebe juniors right from the earliest days.*

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Unfortunately, in 1949 the under 16 competition was upset by transport restrictions; but Vernon Turner was active in the encouragement of the junior

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*Pat Nilan and Martin Howe, players in the St James team that Vernon coached in the 50's, recall how he would explain moves to the team at half-time using coins. The halfpenny, the penny and the threepence (tray) would be the defenders and the sixpence (zack), the shilling (bob) and the two shilling (two bob) would be the attackers. It went something like this; if you were the zack Martin you would pass to Pat the bob and run behind the opposition fullback, the penny and receive the return ball before off loading to Brian the two bob etc, etc.*

*Bennett Dunn, in 1952, was the second winner of the V.J. Turner Cup for the most improved and best behaved junior under 16 years. In 1994, Bennett's son Glenn is carrying on where Bennett left off, being a vital cog in the second grade team.*

*Victor Westacott, Bob Fox, Bill Stubbs, Barry Williams, Graeme Gilmour, Barry Goodrick and Robert Brown, who were under-16s in the early 1950's, have children playing for the Club in 1994.*

*Ray Thorpe, a schoolteacher, was Club secretary for 12 years. He played 211 games for Glebe and represented New South Wales at the senior level before becoming principal at a primary school in Foster in 1963. Ray is always delighted to get news of the Club.*

*In 1955, largely due to Vernon Turner's drive and enthusiasm, the Club had 7 junior teams.*

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boys. Vernon Turner was studying Languages at Sydney University in the forties and fifties and first played for the Club in 1942, a prominent member of the Glebe first grade team and a NSW senior representative. He was the founding father of the Glebe Junior Movement and was an inspiration to many young men of the day.

Vernon played 261 games and scored 84 goals for Glebe before moving to Armidale and working at the Language Department of the New England University, where he subsequently became a Professor of Languages. In 1992 Vernon captained the NSW vintage team (over 60's) at the Australian Championships. In 1950, as a direct result of Vernon's dedicated coaching, the under 16 team was vastly improved on the previous season. They played 11 games for 6 wins, 1 draw and 4 losses, with 15 goals for and 10 against. The team narrowly missed a place in the semi final. In 1950 the Management Committee of the Club decided to honour Vernon's contribution to the juniors by dedicating a Cup

in his name. This Cup was called the V J Turner Cup and is awarded for the most improved and best behaved junior under the age of 16 years. The first two winners of the Cup were Keith Riley and Bennett Dunn

1951 saw Vernon's training methods bring the best out in the under 16 team and they made the final of the competition. In that year, Bennett Dunn was selected in the NSW junior team to tour Tasmania. Prominent members of the under 16 team in the early to mid 50's were Greg Harris, Victor and Allan Westacott, Bob Fox, Gary and Brian Sullivan, Jim Flood, Keith Roach,





*The Glebe Police Boys Club team of 1957 which won the U/14 premiership at Saint Paul's Oval Sydney University. Back row (L to R): Tony Martin, Allan McKeown, unknown, Brian Sullivan, Graeme Gilmour, Paul Ross, Bruce Chandler, David Lisk, Bill Huppatz, Frank Holliday. Front row: Dennis Brown, John Wright, Harry Wark*

Bill Parry, Joe Mullins, Max Jeffs, Darryl Fishenden, Bill Stubbs, Barry Williams, John Whittle, Don West, Graeme Gilmour, Barry Angus, Fred Letts, Barry Goodrick, Robert Brown and Pat McMahon.

In 1954 the Club entered its first under 14 team in the Sydney Competition. Premiership success eluded the juniors in the early to mid fifties but the Secretary Ray Thorpe wrote in the 1955 Annual Report: "While it is desirable to win competitions, it is also desirable that players learn the rudiments of fair play and sportsmanship, the basic philosophy of our Club".

The area competition was run at St Paul's Oval Sydney University and teams from Eastern Suburbs, Randwick, and Glebe competed. Charlton Boy's Home (a reform school for boys in Glebe Point Rd), St James (the Catholic Church at Forest Lodge), Glebe Police Boys Club (1 & 2 Teams), St Benedict's (the Catholic Church at Broadway), and Glebe were the names of some of the teams that competed. The most outstanding player of 1955 was Graeme Gilmour, the most improved back was Barry Goodrick and the most improved forward Brian Howe. In 1956, Glebe Police Boy's number one team won the under 14 zone competition, competing teams being St

James, Easts, Randwick, Glebe Police Boys number two and YMCA. On the City of Sydney Championship carnival day of 1956, St James under 14 managed to turn the tables on Glebe Police Boys and won the tournament. Pat Nilan received the award for the most improved forward in this year with Peter Howe receiving the most outstanding player award. Robert Brown

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*Bob Gilmour would collect the players from outside the Glebe Post Office in his Austin A40 ute (Bob was a self employed electrician) and the whole team would pile into the back for the two or three kilometre journey to St Paul's Oval, down Glebe Point Road and up City Road. The singing, cat calls, jokes and repartee emanating from the back of the ute made the team a well known feature on Glebe Point Road. If the side won by more than 10 goals, Bob would stop at the Riviera milk bar on the corner of Glebe Point Road and Broadway and shout milk shakes all round, before heading back to the Glebe Post Office where everyone would alight.*

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senior members of the Club" although Victor Westacott, Len Needham, Paul Rogers and Greg Harris tried hard to fill the gap created by the departure of Vernon Turner to the Language Department at the New England University.

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*At the time, St Paul's Oval at Sydney University was one of the best grass fields in Sydney. It is a most picturesque ground, with the grand old residential college in the background behind an impressive sandstone retaining wall. At the other end of the field, the tops of the University buildings can be seen behind a stand of big, old trees.*

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the GPBC under 14 team were Dennis Grief, Dennis Lisk, Colin Shoveller, Frank Whiteman, Tony Martin, Gary McKeown, P. Pierce, Brian Sullivan, Ken McKeown, N. Parker, L. Bronker, Dennis Brown, Noel Pye and Master McDonald. The team were zone winners (the St Paul's competition) but were beaten in the semi final of the Sydney under 14 competition. The two Glebe teams played out the final of the Sydney Hockey Association under 16 final, with St James the victors 2-0.

won an award for sportsmanship and conduct. Bob Gilmour was the manager of the victorious 1957 Glebe Police Boys under 14 one team, which romped away with the area competition based at St Paul's, scoring 140 goals for with 2 against.

Bob was a legend with the boys of the Glebe Police Boys Club team, a real enthusiast with an infectious optimistic view of life. There was a comment in the 1957 annual report that there was, "a lack of support and encouragement from the

Over the years, the degree of enthusiasm and support from senior members, parents and supporters has waxed and waned. Fortunately the Club has managed to ride out the lean times and prosper handsomely in better times.

In 1958 the Club fielded two under 16 teams, Glebe Police Boys Club and St James, and one under 14 team, Glebe Police Boys Club. Players in

It was a shame Vernon was not in Sydney to see the results of his dedicated coaching efforts over the previous eight or nine years. The result was a disappointment to the GPBC team who had finished on top of St James in the Zone Competition. The

GPBC team comprised Graeme Gilmour Capt, Allan McKeown vice captain, John Wright, P Russell, P Rose, P Harris, Barry Goodrick, David Lisk, Tony Martin, Frank Holliday, Doug Davis, G Swan, R “Charlie” Brown, Billy Huppatz, Noel Pye and Brian Sullivan and the St

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*The St James Catholic School at Forest Lodge has provided the Club with more players than any other school in the area – not surprising since the Glebe Club had its origins as the St James Sporting Club.*

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James team comprised Reg Homer, Ron Melville, Tony Thomas, McGregor, Peter Howe, Gavin Howe, Vic Owen, Brian Whitt, Harry Bell, Brian Howe and Neville Gardiner. The Glebe Police Boys Club under 16 team of 1959 won the competition and throughout the season scored 147 goals for and had 7 goals scored against them from 19 games (including finals and semi finals). The Glebe Police Boys Club under 14 team won the Zone competition but were defeated 1-0 by St George in the semi final of the Sydney Zone Championship. The St James under 16 and under 14 teams in 1959 were not as successful as in previous seasons but still managed to enjoy their hockey.

Members of the team included Peter Howe, Bobby Howe, Greg Dwyer, John Davenport, Alan Baba, Albert Walters, Warren Radford, Martin Howe, Harvey Harris, David Eldridge, John Howe, Vince Dwyer, Vince Spaniel and Frank Dwan.

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*Because of a lack of junior players, the Club was facing extinction in the early to mid 60s.*

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In 1960, the Club acquired the use of the Number 4 Arch at Jubilee, which was a

landmark in the history of the Club; but the President, Noel Walker, mentioned in the Annual Report, “Most worrying, is the sad depletion of the junior ranks”. Instead of the under 16 and the under 14 age groups, the competition became under 15 and under 13. Glebe nominated two teams in each age division but could only manage to field one under 13 team, and the second under 15 team had only 7 players.

The situation was no better in 1961, 1962 and 1963. Kelvin Dickey, in the Annual Report of 1963, stated: “During the year your Management Committee has been endeavouring to find a solution to the lack of new players, This is something which your Club has been suffering from for a number of years now and if something is not done soon the name of the Glebe District Hockey Club could become extinct. We seem to be able to get boys in the 10 to 14 year group, but then they move out of the area and we lose them. To this I am afraid there is no solution as our area has gradually

become a passing through area, where families pause long enough to save money to buy a home and move on.” Kelvin continued: “With this thought in mind your Committee approached the Western Suburbs Hockey Club

with a view of having talks regarding a possible amalgamation of the two clubs.”

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*Young hockey players like to play against a variety of teams from a variety of areas. The outside competition is stimulating and holds their interest. Competitions between teams organised within a Club are doomed to failure.*

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In the early 60’s, the great Australian dream was the three bedroom brick veneer house on the quarter acre block. With “old” players moving out of the area, the pool of potential coaches,

managers and helpers available to supervise the juniors was considerably diminished. History has shown that when positive, cheerful, optimistic supervision and organisation is available, the junior numbers flourish, irrespective of suburban demography. Unfortunately, the converse is also true.

It should be noted that in 1963, Glebe won the first grade competition and the senior grades were as strong as ever. Towards mid 1963, activity at the junior level, although still unsatisfactory, was improving ever so slightly. District Clubs needed to field four junior teams to retain their District status but from 1960 to 1963 inclusive, Glebe had failed to fulfil this requirement. It was only because of Glebe’s prominent history in the senior ranks that the Club managed to persuade the Sydney Hockey Association to allow it more time to rectify the bleak situation. In 1963 Bob Brown, Pat Nilan, Vic Westacott and Barry Goodrick tried hard to foster the juniors and were able to scrape together four teams (most of the time) who played every Saturday morning at Jubilee Oval. The competition with only four teams lacked stimulation and variety. Eight weeks were washed out by rain, which made the competition very disjointed.

1963 was a watershed year for Glebe, and the juniors were on their way back. This was due entirely to Bob, Pat, Vic and Barry, none of whom had children playing in the junior teams at that time, although all of them subsequently had children who passed through the junior ranks and into the senior grades. In 1992, Bob “Charlie” Brown and Vic Westacott played in the Club’s sixth grade team, Pat Nilan coached and Barry Goodrick attended Glebe matches to see his son Andrew play for the third and fourth grade teams. Pat Nilan OAM, a life member of the Club, coached, managed and supported the Glebe juniors from 1963 to 1991 — a testimony to Pat’s extraordinarily generous nature. In 1992 Pat, who played 361 first grade games for Glebe, became Glebe’s first grade coach, and continued the association with many of the lads he coached as juniors. Two of Pat’s sons, Shane and Aaron, played in the 1992 first grade team, continuing on where their dad left off.



The decline of the previous five years following Vernon Turner's departure had been arrested. In 1962, Easts lost their District status because they were unable to field junior teams, and Glebe narrowly averted this outcome.

In 1964, the junior Club had 47 names on its books with an average age of 12. The Glebe Club conducted its own competition at Jubilee Oval with four teams participating, Glebe Tigers, Glebe Panthers, Glebe Devils and Forest Lodge. At times, the sides were short of players but by and large the competition ran well. Glebe Tigers ran out winners after defeating Forest Lodge 2-0 in the final. The coaching staff consisted of Charlie Brown, Pat Nilan, Graeme Gilmour, Barry Goodrick, Martin Howe, Kevin Weeks and Vic Westacott who coached a team with the nickname "The Untouchables", and when needed other members of the first and second grade sides. Leo Sherwood played for the Glebe team in the competition together with Mick Weatherly, Stephen Gore, George Phillips, Ciro Megilo, Terry Wallace, Master Bradley and Glen Wanaline. He recalls that in those days brothers were separated into different teams. His brother Eugene played for Forest Lodge as did Phil (Bub) Weatherly, Mick's brother. The

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*In 1993, Pat Nilan's son, Aaron, aged 18, was selected to play for the NSW senior team.*

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Sherwood brothers lived at 148 Hereford St, Forest Lodge, and Leo in the 80s became a full time coach/administrator with the NSW Hockey Association. In the early 90s he was assistant first grade coach with Les Wark. Leo's son, Stephen, played in the Glebe under 17 team of 1993.

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*Kevin Weeks was a shortish, rotund fellow who acquired the nickname "Yogi Bear" after the TV character of the same name and general outline.*

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1965 was a poor year for the juniors, with only 28 players registered. This was partly due to the lack of commitment from the senior players in making themselves available to coach, organise and transport the lads. Pat Nilan, Charlie Brown, Vic Westacott and Molly Wark did the best they could under difficult circumstances. Two sides, Glebe and Forest Lodge, played in the Zone 5 Competition with the Randwick Club at Heffron Park, Maroubra. Neither side won a game in the competition, due largely to the fact that the Randwick chaps were, on average, two or three years older than the Glebe players.

Glebe played in the North West Zone in 1966, with Cumberland, Gordon, Northern Districts, Ryde and Western Suburbs, which was a much improved competition. There were 49 registered juniors and the Club fielded an under 10, under 12 and under 14 team. Pat Nilan was the junior organiser and was

ably assisted by the under 12 coach Charlie Brown, under 12 manager Molly Wark and under 10 substitute father Graeme “have-a-chat” Gilmour. The under 10 side won 8 of their 12 games and the squad consisted of Michael

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*Maureen Cowan, Kath Casey and Nancy Atterton (a champion runner) — the Foggerty sisters — coached the boys after school on a Friday afternoon. They didn’t have much hockey knowledge but they had enthusiasm to burn — and nothing beats a good dose of enthusiasm.*

*Adrian Howe, Steve Casey and Tony Cowan, juniors in the 60s, are now actively involved as managers and coaches in 1994.*

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were Les Wark, John McMahon, Paul Abate, John Chelpko, Adrian Howe, Ray Holdern, Paul Puckeridge, Phillip Ioannou, Tony Morgills, Murray Reynolds and Steve Casey.

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*Transporting players to their games was a problem and Graeme Gilmour only had a little banger at the time which was not adequate for the task. On a Saturday morning he would drive over to Harry Wark’s butcher shop at Mansfield Street, Rozelle, collect Harry’s big utility, leave the little banger, drive to the Glebe Post Office and collect the team before driving them to the ground for their game. After the match the process was reversed and win, lose or draw the team had a great time on the return trip, huddled together in the back of the utility, being gazed at by passers-by and giving cheek to all and sundry. The team was out of its depth on the hockey field but champions in the repartee stakes.*

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competitions. Glebe’s revival in the Juniors was due to the enthusiasm of Pat Nilan, Charlie Brown, Colin Brown, John Cowan, Molly Wark, Graeme Gilmour and to a lesser extent Graeme Lisk and Gary Manou. The Club was able to field four teams this season, and an under 16 team was added to the under 10, under 12 and under 14 teams.

Atterton, Tony Cowan, Peter Casey, Jamie Howe, Trevor Bradley, Michael McMahon, David Sutherland, Michael Satherbas, Bruce Sutherland, Gerald Waterford, Peter Waterford and Lucky Louke.

The under 12 team won 16 games and lost 3 (including 4 games at the St George Carnival) and scored 106 goals for with 22 against. St George beat the under 12 side 8-1 in the final of the Zone winners competition. Players to appear for the under 12’s

The under 14 team won 6 of their 13 games and although not a brilliant side always gave of their best. Players included Laurie Brown, Con Savva, Greg Howe, Glen Warnecks, Ron Williams, Michael Weatherly, Richard Bassett, George Chelpso, Paul Hansen, Les McMahon, Locky Lee, Bruce Lullum, Glen Puckeridge, John Wallis, Ian Wills, Fred and Chris Nuhagiar, Ciro Morgillo and Noel Anderson.

The junior teams gave a tremendous performance in 1967, with the under 10 and under 12 winning the Sydney

Five teams were fielded in 1968, with the under 10 team winning the premiership for the second year in a row, expertly coached and tuned by Graeme Gilmour. Russ Nicholls and Col Dean, who joined the Club from Valley's in Brisbane, helped coach the teams in 1968, as well as the usual stalwarts Graeme Gilmour, Pat Nilan, Charlie Brown, Colin Brown, John Cowan and Molly Wark. A roster system was worked out, whereby senior teams were responsible for transporting the junior sides to their games, and this worked well. The Annual Report of 1968 mentioned that: "it was very encouraging for the kids to have two or three senior members in attendance with each team every Saturday morning". The Glebe Police Boys Club supplied shirts and equipment for two teams and two mothers, Cath Casey and Maureen Cowan (the Foggerty sisters) worked tirelessly in the fund raising area.

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*John Cowan, Tony's dad, was a distance runner of some note and made sure the lads were superbly fit. John was the best trainer-conditioner the Club has ever had.*

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Continuing the impressive successes of 1968, 1969 was a champagne year for the Glebe Juniors. In the Zone Competition, the under 16's and under 14's were runners-up, the under 12's joint Premiers and the under 10's Premiers. In the competition between the Zone winners and runners-up to determine the Sydney premiers, the under 16 team were runners-up and the under 14, under 12 and under 10 teams were Premiers. The roster system of senior players to provide transport for the juniors worked well and was organised by the Club President, Bill Stubbs.

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Pat Nilan, Col Brown, Charlie Brown, Graeme Gilmour, Molly Wark, John Cowan, Gary Manou, Maureen Cowan, Mrs Van Bilsen, Cath and Christine Casey and Mr Power all helped in the running of the Juniors, some on the coaching side and some on the organisational side. The under 12 team list was Michael Power, Jamie Howe, Spiros Evangeliscus, Mark Van

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*For many of the players, the trips out and back were a bigger highlight than the game itself. Backseat post mortems always had the team annihilating the opposition, irrespective of the score on the umpire's match card.*

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Bilson, Michael Atterton, Peter Casey, Vernon Howe, Shane Marsden, Tony Cowan, Graham McMillan and Gerald Waterford. The St James under 10 team, coached by Bill Stubbs and Victor Westacott, included Victor Ferrari, Brian Bissaker, Stephen Grelish, Peter Rizzardini, Raymond Greate, Gerard Britton, Danny O'Brien, Peter McQuade, Anthony Yarnold, Martin Marshman, Max Gorbach and Milan Pletersky. The Glebe under 10 team were the zone and Sydney winners for the third consecutive year and scored

52 goals for and had 6 scored against them. Members of the team were Patrick McMahon, Stephen McMillan, Paul Waterford, Mark McMillan, Nicholas King, Craig Stubbs, Terry Murphy, Paul Van Bilson, Gary Lewis, Michael Galluzzo, Geoffrey Rodgers, Ross Nealon and Max Gorbech.



# Chapter Nine

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## *Juniors : Wax and then Wane (1970-1981)*

**I**n 1970 Glebe won the under 10 and under 12 Zone Championship and went on to win the Sydney Competition. The Club fielded one under 16 and one under 14 team and two under 12 and under 10 teams. Coaches were Graeme Gilmour, Charlie Brown, John Cowan, Gary Manou, Colin Brown and Pat Nilan, with John Atterton the Junior convenor. The under 14 and first under 12 teams were sponsored by the Glebe Police Boys Club, who had been sponsoring Glebe teams from the early 50's, and the second under 10 team was called St James. Father Francis Xavier Roberts, the parish priest of St James Catholic Church at Forest Lodge from 1967 until his death in 1988, was a great supporter of the St James team and of the Glebe Club. He was a frequent spectator at Jubilee and Federal, and occasionally attended away games to keep an eye on his "flock". Father Roberts died on 30th October 1988, aged 67 years having been born on 4th August 1921.

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*Many of the Reverend Father Roberts's altar boys played for Glebe and they reckoned that his presence on the sideline was inspirational. Father Roberts maintained that his blessings were only of use if the team members were good hockey players — a wise man was Father Roberts.*

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Father Roberts kept twenty-odd hockey sticks in the corner of the choir room at St James. After choir practice on a Thursday night, the choir boys, many of whom played in the Glebe juniors, delighted in a pick-up game of hockey in the grassed area between the church and the presbytery.

Coaches were under 16 Pat Nilan, Molly Wark, under 14 Col Brown, under 12 Charlie Brown, under 12 seconds Gary Manou, under 10 Graeme Gilmour, under 10 second team John Cowan and John Diviney, with Maureen Cowan and Nancy Atterton taking them for coaching every Friday afternoon. Unfortunately the under 14 and the second under 12 team were short of a full complement of players. Prominent players in the under 16's and under 14's were Graham Gallagher, Steve Casey, Les Wark, Vernon Howe, Phillip Ioannou, Pat Diviney, Wayne Sullivan, Adrian Howe, Roger McDonald and Tony Graham.

Prominent players in the under 12's and under 10's were Joseph Cerro, Michael Galluzzo, Victor Ferrari, Robert Diviney, Jamie Howe, Peter Casey, Colin Rochester, Lee Adler, Serge Bordignon, Danny O'Brien, Mark McMillan and Milan Pletersky. Parents who toiled away during 1970 to make the season a success were Trudy Diviney, Ken and Harry Wark snr,

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*The Junior Convenor, John Atterton, in the 1970 Annual Report reminded the senior members of the logistic difficulties in "administering, coaching, umpiring, transporting and handling seventy-two boys every Saturday morning and at several Sunday Carnivals".*

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Cath Casey, Mr Rowen, Mr Adler, Mrs Atterton snr, Nancy Atterton and Carol Letts. A Summer Coaching Clinic was organised in 1970/71 and this was well attended.

By 1972, the Glebe Club had transferred from the North-West Zone to the Central Area and now played against Moorebank-Liverpool, St George, Sutherland,

Bankstown and Cumberland, later to become Parramatta. John Atterton, because of work commitments, stood down as Junior Convenor after the 1972 season following several years in the job. Five teams were fielded in 1972, two under 10 teams and an under 12, under 14 and under 16 team. The under 10 and under 14 teams were Area Champions with the under 12 making the semi final and the under 16 the grand final. The under 10 team won the Sydney championship for the fifth time in six years under the guidance of Graeme Gilmour as coach and Ralph Rochester, Pat McQuade,

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*Steve Casey, Vernon Howe, Peter Casey, Adrian Howe and Danny O'Brien from the 1970 junior teams played together in the club's 4th grade team in 1993. They were beaten in the grand final by Moorebank 2-1 — you'd think they'd be able to read each other's game after having played together for 23 years!*

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Frank Adler and John Diviney as co-managers. Les Wark, when aged 18, was the coach of the St James under 10 team, the little tigers with the never-say-die attitude. Players in the under 12 team were Patrick Harte, Serge Bordignon, Michael Gilfeather, Rick Sandblom, Steven Grealish, Bernard Harte, Terry Murphy, Alan Chu, Brian Bissaker, Gary Willis and Paul Hanna.

1972 was a vintage year for the under 14's coached by Gary Manou, winning the Sydney Competition and the three carnivals the team entered during the season. Team personnel were Joe Cerro, Jamie Howe, Michael Murphy, Nick King, Michael Atterton, Victor Ferrari, Michael Galluzzo, Robert Diviney, Tony Cowan, Gary Lewis and Peter Casey. Colin Brown coached the under 16 team, who usually needed a couple of under 14 players each week to make up the numbers. Prominent members of this team were Vernon Howe, Gary Wark and Danny Weatherall. Ralph Rochester and Pat McQuade



*Robert "Charlie" Brown coaching juniors at Federal Park Annandale on 22nd July 1972. The boy immediately to Charlie's right is Alan Chu and the boy immediately to Charlie's left is Mick Weatherly. Note the 7 foot white federation picket fence in the background around Jubilee and the railway viaduct built in 1922.*

were junior convenors in 1973 and were ably assisted by John Atterton and coaches Graeme Gilmour, Bill Stubbs, the late Dennis "Tubby" Brown, Colin Brown and Gary Manou. The under 16 's went through the season undefeated, winning the Sydney Competition and two carnivals. The under 14's were Central Zone Premiers, under 12's Central Zone semi finalists and under 10's Central Zone finalists. The Annual Report of 1973 commented "that few parents showed their interest by attending matches and that the Club did not wish to be merely baby-sitters". Six under 10 games were won on a forfeit during the season, and the junior committee were concerned that the Zone Committee try hard to eliminate this occurring in the future. Organising a stimulating, interesting and competitive junior competition can, at times, be difficult, but with good communication and a spirit of co-operation these difficulties can be minimised. The Glebe Police Boys Club again sponsored

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*Mick Galluzzo was the son of a family of greengrocers who have had a shop in Glebe Point road for over 60 years. The Galluzzo family have donated more boxes of fruit to the Club than most people have had hot dinners. Mick became a dentist not a grocer, although younger brother Damian continues the family tradition.*

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*The premiership winning U/16 team of 1973. Holding trophy: Robert Diviney; back row left to right: unknown, Michael Murphy, Tony Cowan, Graeme Johnson, Peter Casey, Jamie Howe, Graeme Robinson; front row left to right: Tommy Salter, Roger McDonald, Michael Atterton, Garry Lewis, Normie Morrison.*

the under 12 and under 14 teams. Players who played in the under 16 team were Vernon Howe, Robert Diviney, Peter Casey, Roger McDonald, Gary Lewis, Michael Atterton, Patrick Diviney, Jamie Howe, Joe Cerro, Michael Murphy and Tony Cowan. Players who played in the under 14 team were Vic Ferrari, Nick King, Sergio Bordignon, Peter O'Rance, Michael Gilfeather, Mick Galluzzo, Milan Pletersky, Brian Bissaker and Alan Chu.

Players who played in the under 12 team were Danny O'Brien, Fulvio Pallazzolo, David Hronsky, Franco Bordignon, Terry Diviney, Justin Bancks, Colin Rochester, Stephen Grealish, Chris King, Paul Muir, Ken Asplund, Lee Adler, Peter McQuade with Dennis Brown coach. Players who played in the under 10 team were Craig Stubbs, Paul Van Unen, Mark Hillier, Mark Hronsky, Grant Booth, Ken Bennett, Kieran Diviney, Mark Edwards, Patrick McMahon, Peter Mattei, Tony Galluzzo, Warren Arndell, Kieran Dell, David Mullins and Allan Howe, with Peter Howe assistant coach.

In 1974 the number of juniors dropped off, perhaps due to the extremely wet weather that prevailed during the season, the poorly run competition



the previous year or more likely, the lack of support from the senior members of the Club. Secretary Fred Letts commented in the Annual Report that “More juniors were needed urgently”, and he went on to say that “Some very serious thought must be given into the structure of the junior competition. It seems apparent the Zone system is not a satisfactory set-up”. The under 16 and under 12 teams won the Zone and Sydney Competition.

Junior Convenors in 1974 were John Cowan and John Diviney and Janice Martin (Tony’s wife) and Grace Martin (Tony’s mother) ran the canteen under the arch every Saturday. 1975 continued in the same vein as 1974

with too few coaches, umpires, transport personnel, interested seniors and interested parents. John Diviney was junior convenor and Janice and Grace Martin continued to run the canteen. Other Clubs were having the same trouble as Glebe in fielding junior teams and in 1975 a grading system rather than an age system was introduced. Under 16, under 14

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*Janice and Grace Martin did a fantastic job with the canteen. Many boys went much better around the counter of the clubhouse bar than they ever went on the field. As they say in the classics, “Whatever cranks your handle or stokes your boiler!”*

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and under 12 players were folded into the same teams with a separate under 10 competition. Glebe fielded three teams in the older age bracket and two under 10 teams. The new grading system was a limited success, as some of the younger players were out of their depth and the older, better players had to pull their punches.

Coaches and managers in 1975 included John Diviney, Colin Brown, Robert Wark, Kevin Weeks, Bill Stubbs, Graeme Gilmour, Tony Martin, Ralph Rochester, Pat McQuade, Barry Goodrick, Cath Casey and Bennett Dunn with Janice Martin and Grace Martin running the canteen.

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*The experiment of grading junior teams on ability rather than age was a failure. It led to many David and Goliath struggles which some parents thought was unfair and other parents thought was downright dangerous.*

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The Glebe Club has recognised the enormous contribution of both John Diviney and Colin

Brown towards running the juniors of the Club by making them both life members.

In 1975 George Manou had his first season in goals. George went on, after graduating from the Juniors, to succeed his brother Gary in the Glebe first grade team, a position he held for ten years. The Glebe Police Boys Club team in the older age division comprised Terry Iannou, Butch McDonald, Patrick McMahon, Peter Cremin, Craig Stubbs, Kieran Dell, Matthew

Sandblow, Ken Bennett, Peter O'Rance, Chris King, Glen Lewis and Murray Wehr. Players in the under 10 teams included G Booth, Allen Howe, Stephen Dunn, Grant Martin, Kieran Diviney, Craig Martin, Anthony Bennett, David McDonald, Michael Diviney, David Rochester, Mark Edwards, Gavin Westacott, Darryl Waters, Andrew Goodrick and Julian Dell.

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*John Diviney, from Galway, Ireland, had a touch of the blarney in him and was very persuasive (gently so) in getting people to help. John could sell ice to an eskimo or coals to Newcastle — a great attribute for a junior convenor.*

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Junior Convenor, John Diviney, as usual put in a magnificent effort in 1976 and was able to improve the functioning of the juniors from the previous season.

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Colin Brown again coached the under 16 team which included Brian Bissaker, Alan Chu, George Manou, Michael Gilfeather and Ken Wark jnr. Ken went on to represent Australia on over 150 occasions but they were unable to make the semi finals. The under 14 team won the competition, scoring 106 goals for with 8 against. Players in the team were Terry Ioannu, Patrick McMahon, Colin Rochester, Peter Cremin, Danny O'Brien, Craig Stubbs, Lee Adler, Peter McQuade, Terry Diviney, Ken Bennett, Chris King, Ken Asplund, Stephen Shepherd and coach Bill Stubbs. Robert Wark coached the under 12 team to the grand final of the Central Area Competition. Players in this team included Kieran Dell, David McDonald and Allan Howe.

The under 10 team won the Area Competition and the Cumberland Carnival with long serving coach Graeme Gilmour at the helm. Players in this team included Lisa Williams the first girl to play for the Glebe Juniors, who went

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*The Glebe Club was run in those days on the proceeds of The Tocky chook raffles. A decadent lot were The Tocky patrons, but generous nonetheless, for which the Club was truly grateful.*

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on to play many seasons for the Glebe Women's first grade team in the 80s and 90s. Lisa, whose dad Barry was associated with the Club for many years, lived in Glebe and she was a pupil at the Hockey Nursery, St James School. Other players in the under 10 team were Stephen Dunn, Grant Martin, Gavin Westacott and

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Andrew Goodrick, all of whom had fathers who had played for Glebe both as juniors and seniors. David Rochester was another player in the under 10 team. His father, Ralph, had never played hockey but had been a Glebe stalwart for a decade. Ralph was part of the Toxteth Hotel "Mafia" who played such a large part in the running of the Club over forty years. Chook raffles were run at "The Tocky" to support the juniors and were legendary.

The Club fielded six junior teams in 1977, two under 10, one under 12, one under 14 and two under 16 teams. Graeme Gilmour coached the under 10 one team and they had 9 wins and 3 losses during the season. Players included Lisa Williams, Craig and Grant Martin, Michael Diviney, Andrew Goodrick and Glenn Dunn. Bennett Dunn, Barry Goodrick, Cathy Williams and Tony and Janice Martin all contributed to the enjoyable season by providing transport and supervision for the team. The under 10 second team, a very young side, never won a game during the season but they never lost courage. Players in the team included Matthew and Chris Bleasel and Mark Jordan.

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*Bruce "The Mittagong Mauler" Pink, the under 10 coach, wrote in his 1977 report "You should have been there the day we scored our first and only goal, you would have thought we had won the grand final".*

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As usual the Glebe Police Boys Club sponsored the under 12 team which won the Zone Competition with Roy "The Boy" Birmingham as the coach. Players in the team included Kieran Dell, Mark Edwards, Alan Howe, Daryl Waters, Stephen Dunn, Gavin Westacott and Leo Kalisperos. The Glebe Police Boys Club under 14 team were defeated 3-2 by St George in the semi final. At times the side had only 8 or 9 players but Bill Stubbs, the coach, commented in his report: "They were a fine bunch of boys, very well behaved both on and off the field". Players in the team were Chris Barnes, Terry Ioannou, Patrick McMahon, Peter Cremin, Craig Stubbs, Neil "Butch" McDonald, Ken Bennett, Peter Matti, Peter McQuade, Anthony Bennett and Robert Barnes.

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*Butch was the youngest of the four McDonald boys who played for Glebe. John, Roger and Hilary all played over 160 games for the Club. John made a comeback in 1993 and played in the club's 4th grade team. His sons, James and Adrian, played in the 1993 U/15 team, travelling all the way in from Penrith to do so.*

One under 16 was coached by Col Brown, the other by Royce Jenkins and the playing strength was spread through the two teams. This meant that both sides were competitive but neither side was good enough to be a premiership candidate. This problem of whether to pick a one and two team on ability, or spread the playing strength, is an old chestnut and has occupied hundreds of hours of discussion down under the

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*At times, some of the better U/16 lads were called upon to fill in for the men's senior teams when they were short. The boys loved the opportunity to have a second game in the afternoon, a sign that they had "come of age".*

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arch, with no consensus ever being reached. In some years, 51% favour selections on ability and in other years, 51% favour spreading the playing strength — a line ball as they say in tennis. The team coached by Col Brown included Allan Chu (the St James altar boy) as captain, Col Rochester,

Michael Gilfeather, Stephen Grealish, Phil Tuchscherer, Bernard Harte, Joe Cremin, Mark Dare, Brian Bissaker, Craig Kirkland and Stephen Shepherd. Royce Jenkin's team comprised Ken Asplan, Danny O'Brien, Justin Banks, Craig Spence, Ken Wark, Terry Diviney, Scott Brunston, Terry Murphy, Scott Brown, Lee Adler and Chris King. Teams in the competition were Port Hacking, St George, Bankstown 1 and 2, Cronulla, Boystown, Wests, Granville and Connell's Point.

1978 was a very successful year for the juniors. The under 10, under 12 and under 16 teams won the premierships and the under 14's were beaten in the semi final. This was the first time that Glebe had won three junior premierships in the one season and the junior convenor, John Diviney, was

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*Royce's advice to a few of the players in the Annual Report was: "Don't let umpire's decisions upset your pattern of play. Accept umpires decisions" — wise advice. His comment should be compulsory reading for every sportsperson, junior or senior, at the beginning of every new season.*

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delighted. Allen Chu coached the under 10, Tony Martin umpired, Janice Martin washed the shirts and Graeme Gilmour was around when necessary. Allen Chu commented in his report that "Graeme Gilmour's presence lifted the side (if you know what I mean)". Players in the team were Brett Stubbs, Michael Diviney, Julian Dell,

Lisa Williams, Michael Bleasel, Andrew Goodrick, S. Phreeman, Dave Rochester, Grant Martin, Glenn Dunn, Dimos Moriatis, Mark Jorden, David Ryan, M. Voigtlander, Paul Nelson. The side was undefeated throughout the season, won 12, drew 2, scoring 86 goals for with 6 against. Roy "The Boy" Birmingham (cousin of Warren Birmingham the 1990-1994 Australian Hockey Team Captain) coached the under 12 team. Roy was Royce Jenkins's cousin, and they both hailed from Coraki on the far north coast of NSW, coming to Sydney to find work. Roy said of the under 12 side "As usual, these boys played their hearts out during the season and were a credit to the Club, their parents and to all who were connected with them".

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*Alan Howe was the youngest of the eighteen Howe children — the last of the seemingly endless supply of young hockey talent from the Howe family.*

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Teams in the under 12 competition were Bankstown, Liverpool, Cronulla, St George, Granville and Glebe. Geoff Paterson and Robert Diviney coached the under 14 team (Glebe Police Boys Club) to 6 wins, 5 losses and 3 forfeits. Players included

Kieren Dell, Neil (Butch) McDonald, Darryl Waters, Kieren Diviney, Anthony Bennett, S. Michael, John Cremin, Rodger Harte, Paul Freeman, Leo Kalisperas, David Shepherd, Robert Barnes and Alan Howe. Two under 16 teams were fielded in 1978. The number two team was coached by



Graham Lisk and included Barry Martin, Ken Asplund, Steven Shepherd, Craig Spence, Peter Cremen, Craig Kirkland, Chris King, John Smith, Peter Matti, Greg Suptut, John Mullins and Anthony Bennett. Royce Jenkins coached the under 16 number one team to the premiership although Royce commented that: "the competition was poor in that two teams, Glebe and Liverpool, dominated throughout. This was disappointing to the players and did little to assist them in improving their standard of play". The side scored 107 goals with only 12 goals against. Players in the team were Chris Barnes, Colin Rochester, Justin Banks, Patrick McMahon, Danny O'Brien, Terrence Diviney, Ken Bennett, Peter McQuade, Scott Brown, Craig Stubbs, Lee Adler and Peter Matti. Gene Bennett and Bill Stubbs were the transport officers.

The Club Secretary, Bruce "The Mittagong Mauler" Pink, wrote in the Annual Report: "This year saw the poorest junior competition in living memory. All seniors must take a more active part in the juniors in 1980. Remember any assistance is good assistance". John Diviney was junior convenor in 1979 and as usual did a great job, but did not receive sufficient support from the senior Club Members. John wrote in the Annual Report: "As a Premier Division Club, we have to field four junior teams. We did not fulfil that obligation on seven occasions last season, due to lack of transport, brought about by the apathy of our members".

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*The perennial question plaguing any junior team competition with 8 or 9 teams is whether or not the playing strength is spread among teams or whether the teams are selected on playing ability. On the one hand, the better team plays only a few hard games in the season and the weaker team is often flogged. On the other hand, if the playing strength is spread between the teams, the better players dominate the play and the weaker players are pushed into the background. The Club has oscillated on its decision in this matter over the years.*

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The under 10 team lost the grand final to Moorebank-Liverpool 1-0 and during the season played 12 games for 8 wins, 1 draw and 3 losses. Gilly the coach commented: "It was interesting and very good to see so many players' sons playing for the first time — Brett Stubbs, Shane Nilan, Shane Kirkland, Brent Gilmour and Andrew Goodrick". Players in the team were Andrew Goodrick, Julian Dell, Brett Stubbs, Paul Nelson, Mark Jordan, Brent Gilmour, David Rochester, Shane Nilan, Shane Kirkland, David Ryan, Scott Shepherd, Dimos Moriatis, Matthew Bleasel, Robert Casali, Peter Cruden and Nevio Casali. Roy Birmingham for the first half of the season, and Ian Mutton for the second half of the season, coached the under 12 team of Demitrious Moriatis, Craig Martin, Michael Raif, Richie Stone, Chris McGregor, Matthew Larkum, Robert Brown, Chris Bleasel, Grant Martin, Glenn Dunn, Michael Elliot and Chris Dunn. Roy was transferred to the country half way through the season and Ian stepped into the breach. At times, the side only had 8 or 9 players but managed to make it through to the final which they lost on a flick-off. The under 14 team, coached by

Geoff Paterson, won the Premiership by defeating Liverpool 3-2 in the grand final. People who helped in organising the team were the Cremens, Warren and Mrs Dell, Mr and Mrs Reader, Bennett Dunn, Harry Wark snr., Peter Casey and Tony Cowan. Geoff Paterson lamented in the Annual Report:

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*A Sydney-wide junior competition had been talked about for decades but had been resisted by the outlying clubs on the basis that they would have to travel for over an hour to attend away games.*

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“Of the 10 games set down for the season, the team played only 5, due to forfeits by us and some wash-outs.” Players in the team were Michael Reader, Kieran Diviney, Michael Kalisperas, Paul Cremen, Alan Howe, Michael Stavros, Mark Edwards, Stephen Dunn, Kieran Dell, Anthony Bennett, Darryl Waters, Mark Carey and Frabcus Reader.

Royce Jenkins, the Boy from Coraki, coached the under 16 team in a disappointing season. There were only 8 competition games and Royce commented: “It is quite obvious that the competition structure needs urgent revision to enable the players to participate at the highest level possible. Under present arrangements there are only two strong teams in the competition, Liverpool and Glebe. A Sydney wide competition, rather than areas, would seem the solution to the problem.”

The under 16's were defeated 3-2 by Liverpool in the grand final, and players in the team included, Chris Barnes, Patrick McMahon, Neil McDonald, Peter Cremen, Craig Stubbs, Peter Matti, Darren Kirkland, Peter McQuade, John Smith, Ken Bennett, David Robinson, Robert Barnes, John Cremen and David Shepherd. Jean Bennett, Mrs Shepherd, Mr Kirkland, Mr McDonald and John Smith's brother helped with transport.

Sixty-two boys took the field for Glebe in 1980, with the under 10 team Zone runner-up, under 12 team Zone premiers, under 14 team Zone runner-up and the under 16 team unlucky to miss the semi finals. Continuing his

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*In 1980, the unprecedented number of three girls turned out for the U/10 team. Slowly, the Club was embracing the concept of mixed junior teams.*

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phenomenal job as junior co-ordinator was John Diviney and he was joined by Warren Dell as assistant co-ordinator. Gillie coached the under 10's helped by Pat Nilan and Bill Stubbs, Ian Mutton the under 12's, Geoff “Paddo” Paterson the under 14's and Col Brown the under 16's.

The under 10 team had 18 or 20 players at the beginning of the season, not enough for two teams but too many for one team. This is a problem often faced in the junior Club and having to replace 8 players at half-time is a soul-destroying task for coach and players alike.

As the season progressed, a few more players materialised and it was possible to split the team into two, which meant that every player was getting a full game. Additional players appearing as the season gets under way seems to be a recurring theme over the years, and if at all possible, the Club has tended to try and field the maximum possible number of teams. Three girls turned out for the under 10's: Caroline Mason, Jane Heavens and Kellie Gilmour.

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*Some of Royce's insights into the players included: "... played steady hockey when on the field (he got sent off a lot), a little hot tempered, needs to review approach to other players/umpires." These comments were probably applicable to the 1948 team as well as the 1993 team — human nature being what it is, and teenagers being what they are.*

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Other players were James Felton, W. Parker, Peter Cruden, Shane Nilan, Matthew Tully and Simon McGuick. The under 12 team comprised

Grant Martin, Paul Nelson, Matthew Bleasel, Nebo Casole, Grant Dunn, Julian Dell, Andrew Goodrick, Jesse Sully, Chris McGregor, Grant Porter, Michael Diviney (the youngest of the five Diviney boys to have come through the Club's junior ranks), Steven Trueman and Mark Jordan. The under 14 team consisted of Craig Martin, Chris Bleasel, Richie Stone, Glenn and Stephen Dunn, Raef Sully, Mark Edwards, goalkeeper Jimmy, Mathew Larkum, Chris Brown, Robert Allan and Paul Cremin. Players in the under 16 team were Michael Reader, Francis Reader, Kieran Diviney, Stavros, Alan Howe, Leo Kalaspiros, Kieran Dell, Darryl Waters, Mark Kerry, David McDonald, Young Cremin and Butch Neil McDonald.

# Chapter Ten

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## *Juniors : A Triumph of Dedication over Apathy (1981-1993)*

**A**fter many years in the job, John Diviney, a life member of the Club, stepped down as junior convenor in 1981 and was replaced by Warren Dell, the previous year's assistant convenor. Glebe fielded five teams in the 1981 season, two under 10's, an under 12, under 14 and under 16 team. Glebe made the area grand final in all age divisions. The under 14 team won the area premiership and were runners-up in the Sydney Wide Competition and the under 16's won the Sydney Wide competition.

The second under 10 team just missed out on the semi finals. Harry Wark snr coached the under 16 side with organisational assistance from Ken Wark snr, Jean Bennett and Mr and Mrs Cremen. Mrs Cremen's end of season cake was particularly well

received by the team. Harry said of the team: "They developed into a very good under 16 team, keen to try, dedicated and very disciplined (qualities that I hope will last all their lives)."

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*After the U/16 side won the grand  
final, Mrs Cremen brought out a cake  
and an instant party developed.  
It was a magic day.*

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Determination, dedication and discipline, the three D's, were Harry's basic tenets of coaching in hockey and in life. Col Brown coached the under 14 team in an enjoyable season. After winning the area competition they were beaten by Gordon in the final of the Sydney Area Winners, knockout competition. Ian Mutton coached the under 12's and he said in his report "To a team with tremendous enthusiasm it again has been a privilege to be your coach. Unfortunately we were beaten in the Grand Final but the fighting spirit of Glebe was very evident on the day".



No team lists were available for the teams in 1981 — they were great coaches but poor historians. (The Club has very good records and has every Annual Report stretching back to the first one in 1937.) Graeme Gilmour coached the under 10 one team, which was sponsored by David Ensor's DJE Building Services. The two girls in the team, Kellie Gilmour and Stacey Shepperd,

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*In 1982 Pat Nilan was awarded the Order of Australia Medal in the New Year's Honours List.*

*It was encouraging to see recognition by the Government of Pat's contribution to the community in playing and fostering sport at the local, state, Australian and international levels.*

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both performed well. Shane Nilan was captain and Bill and Bev Stubbs and Pat Nilan helped organise the team. Moorebank-Liverpool beat Glebe 3-2 in the grand final. Graeme Gilmour commented in the Annual Report: "It is hoped that the moves afoot to change the structure of the Competition for next year bear fruit. I know that I hope so for the betterment of the game all over." Organising a competition to hold the interest of the children has,

from time to time over the years, been a problem. Some of the teams in the Central Area Competition were struggling to survive and shared the same difficulties that Glebe faced — lack of senior and parental support. Without the encouragement, direction and coaching of dedicated adults, the junior movement in a Club withers on the vine.

1982 saw the introduction of the under 17 age group from the previous under 16 competition which had been used since 1948. The reason for the increase in the age limit by one year was said to be the desire by the Australian Hockey Association to keep juniors playing hockey and not let them give up the sport because they thought they were too young to progress to the

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*After 17 consecutive seasons, Graeme Gilmour stepped down as U/10 coach after the 1982 season. An amazing example of devotion above and beyond the call of duty.*

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senior ranks. Warren Dell was junior convenor, with Ken Bennett his assistant. Pat Nilan and Phil Body coached the under 10 two team, Graeme Gilmour the under 10 one team, Les Wark the under 12's, Col Brown and Tony Martin the under 14's and Harry Wark snr the under 17 Team. The under 17 team

came from fifth spot with four rounds remaining to beat the previously undefeated Randwick in the grand final. The under 14 team were undefeated all season and won the Zone Championship, the Sydney Championship and the Parramatta Carnival. At the start of the season, the under 12 team had seven players, but at the end of the season had 14 players. This pattern of picking up players as the season progresses seems the norm, and if possible

the Club has tended to enter teams even when the numbers aren't there for the first game of the season, preferring to double up younger players and give everyone a full game rather than see players only get half a game in a team with 4 reserves.

Graeme's unselfish devotion to the youngest players in the Club was an inspiration to others and he was made a life member of the Club in the late 70's to honour him for this contribution. Graeme's father, Bob, had been a manager of Glebe junior teams in the 50's. Graeme was a President of the Club in the 80's and Graeme's son Brent was an active member of the Club in 1993. The Gilmour Clan have made a substantial contribution to Glebe Hockey.

Players in the under 10 team included Brett Stubbs, Brent Gilmour, Aaron Nilan, Simon McGuirk, Hannibal Hield and Stacey Shepherd. They were defeated by the odd goal in the final by Liverpool. Graeme in his report mentioned that the side played: "In the fine traditions of the Club". Tradition, commitment, a sense of history, effort, trying, responsibility and gratitude were all qualities that Graeme had tried to instil in his young charges over the long period that he coached the sides. The roster system for transport worked well in 1982 and the attendance by senior players at the junior games was the best for decades.

Junior Convenor in 1983 was Warren Dell, with assistance from Anthony Bennett, Kieran Dell and Peter Holmes. This year saw a change in the age groups to under 11, under 13 and under 15 from the previous under 10, under 12 and under 14. The under 17 continued from the previous season when it was introduced. Glebe fielded one team in each of the under 13, under 15 and under 17 competitions and two teams in the under 11 age group, with all but the under 11 teams making the Zone finals. The under 15 and under 17 teams won the premiership. The under 17 team won the premiership from Moorebank-Liverpool in a flick off after the score was even after extra time. Players in this team were Craig Schubert, Craig

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*Bob Taylor, a Queenslander, came to the Club in the early 80s and has been a tremendous worker for the junior teams. Bob's energetic, positive approach is contagious and he encourages fellow Club members to follow his lead.*

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Martin, Gavin Westacott, Jim Goaldie, David Rochester, Julian Dell, Michael Dell, Robert Dell, Robert Brown, James Longfield, Grant Martin, Stephen Dunn, Glenn Dunn, Stewart Gatland, Andrew Traves, Simon Moore. Col Brown coached the under 15 side that was defeated only once during the season, and was ably assisted by Warren Dell and Tony and Janice Martin. Les Wark coached the under 13 team and Pat Diviney coached the under 11 one team. Pat Diviney commented in his report: "Hopefully, next year will see more of our ex-juniors put back into the Club some small part of the

time which has been given to them". By and large, the transportation and umpiring duties were well looked after by the senior players. Jamie Howe and Phil Dennis coached the under 11 second team which had twenty players. This meant replacing eight or nine players at a time — no mean feat when they were in the thick of it. Jamie commented: "Although we did not win a game, it was a very enjoyable and happy season for all involved with the

team". Bobby Taylor, Pat Nilan, Dan and Ann Dillon helped organise the team.

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*As in the previous season, Glebe fielded five junior teams and attempted to introduce Minkey Hockey for the 7-9 year age group. Unfortunately, the Minkey venture was a failure due to limitations of available grounds and not enough children.*

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Peter Holmes was junior convenor in 1984, with assistance from Bob Taylor and Peter Howe.

A second under 11 team was entered in the competition half way through the season, coached by Jamie Howe with assistance from Peter, Martin

and Margaret Howe, Col Brown and Peter Holmes. This team ended with 22 players — 15 boys and 7 girls — and although they did not win a game or score a goal, Jamie Howe wrote in the Annual Report: "I'd like to emphasise how enjoyable the season was". That spirit shows what sport is all about — meeting people, keeping fit and having a good time.

The under 17 team of Craig Martin, Allan Lambert, Dave Rochester, Jim Zamfiris, Ben Carter, Shane Filwood, Grant Martin, Anthony Reckin, Matthew Larkum, Andrew Goodrick, James Fitzgerald, Peter Cruten, Julian Dell, Chris Young, Mark Pocock, Mark Jordan, Robert Brown with Harry Wark snr as coach, were defeated in the grand final by Moorebank-Liverpool. Harry Wark commented in the Annual Report: "Again, it has been a pleasure for me to be associated with these fine young men".

Danny O'Brien and Craig McPhee coached the under 15 team to the premiership, with Col Fitzgerald and Ian Pocock helping with transport. The under 13 team of Shane Nilan, Damien Galluzzo, Jessie Jennings, Adrian Low, Brett Stubbs, Silas Clancy, Hannibal Hield, Matthew Sully, Jason Taylor, Brent Gilmour, Adam Newbold, Adam Vanderpole and Steve Hammond with Bill Stubbs as coach and Bob Taylor as manager made it through to the final but were beaten 1-0 by Moorebank in extra time. Phil Dennis coached the under 11 one team which played 14 games for five wins, one draw and eight losses. Phil remarked: "We would like to thank our washing lady Anne Dillon for keeping our shirts 'squeaky' clean".

In 1985, one of our junior coaches from days gone by, Dennis Brown, died aged 38 years of a tumour of the mouth. Dennis had contributed a lot to humanity, to Lorna his wife, to his family and also to the Glebe juniors in those 38 years.

For the third time in four years, the under 17 team coached by Danny O'Brien won the competition by defeating Moorebank 3-1. Members of the team in 1985 were Jim Zamfiris goalie, Andrew Goodrick, Julian Dell, Shane Filewood, David Rochester, Michael Diviney, Shane Nilan, Alan Lambert, Grant Martin, James Fitzgerald, Mark Jordan and Ben Carter. Jamie Howe was junior convenor, assisted by Martin Howe and Bob Taylor. Vernon Howe and Eric "Chook" Frazer coached/managed the under 15 side and said of the team: "They were definitely winners when it came to effort, team work, sportsmanship and general demeanour on and off the field". They won 8, drew 1 and lost 3 games during the season, and lost 1-0 to Sutherland in the final. Players in the team were James Fitzgerald, Shane Filewood, Shane Nilan, Peter Cruden, Temogen Hield, Michael Phillips, David Chan, Steve Hammond, Tom Sutton, Nathan Toohey, Adam Newall, Damien Farrington, Matthew Sully, Tim Booth, Silas Clancy, Mark Simpson, Glenn Armstrong, Jack Ng and Sergio Piovesan. Players in the under 13 team were Damien Galluzzo, Hannibal Hield, Jess Jennings, Brendon Dillon, Adrian Low, Brett Stubbs, Jason Rowswell, Cameron Booth, Brent Gilmour, Jason Taylor, Adrian McKeown, Simon Gilfeather, Adam Vanderpole, Aiden Archer and Alex Stevens, with Bill Stubbs the coach.

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*Adrian Low was born without a lower leg. He had an artificial leg and could run as fast if not faster than most of his team mates. He did not let his disability, which would have prevented most people from playing, stop him from becoming a very good hockey player.*

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The under 13 team was beaten 1-0 by Bankstown in the semi final. Phil "Body" Dennis coached the under 11 to the final in a season consisting of eight wins, three losses, one draw and two washed out games. The under 11 second team had 23 registered players and was coached by Peter Howe with Margaret Howe as assistant coach. A victory eluded the team during the season, but the young side gave away quite a few years in age to most teams in the competition and had a very creditable season.

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*Junior carnivals are a great source of delight for junior players — a social event of unrivalled importance in the junior calendar and talked about for years later.*

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Martin Howe succeeded his brother Jamie as junior convenor from 1986 to 1991. In 1986, the under 13's and under 15's both made the semi finals and the under 11's only just missed out on a semi final berth by one point. The under 17's finished equal fourth, but missed out by goal difference on a semi final spot. One less team was fielded in 1986 than in 1985 and the Junior Convenor commented in his report: "To maintain our numbers, we must have a concerted recruitment drive". Coaching staff in 1986 were Peter and Margaret Howe under 11's, Vernon Howe and Eric Frazer under 13's,



Bill Stubbs and Bob Taylor under 15's, Grant Martin and Bill Stubbs under 17's. Players in the under 13 team were Aidan Archer, Jason Greaves, Craig Greaves, Adrian McKeown, Robert Van Landenberg, Nathan Waters-Lewis, Tim Frazer, Aaron Nilan, Jemima Howe, Sean O'Mara, Ian Lesslie, Patrick Lesslie, Alistair Gillies and Michael Penny. Three junior carnivals were attended during the year at St George, Wests and Parramatta, and these were much enjoyed. Plenty of hockey, plenty of food, plenty of drink, plenty of jokes, good humour, fun and laughter and above all plenty of good company.

The under 11 team did well when they had a full team, but in the middle of the season they lost a few games they could, or perhaps, should have won because of an inability to field a full team. Prominent members of this team were Aaron Wallis, Morgan Newall, Scott Sheppard and Ben Howe with Stan Sheppard and Greg and Marion Newall providing much of the transport.

1987 saw the under 13's and under 15's win the premiership, with the under 17 and under 11 teams both finishing fifth. It was a wet year in 1987 and many games were postponed. Glebe were fortunate to be playing in the Central Area competition as The Crest at Bankstown, Gardiner's Park in Banksia, and the Erin Smith Reserve at Junction Road in Moorebank all had good drainage. On those grounds, some games could be played which would otherwise have been cancelled. Sutherland's home ground was at Sylvania Heights Reserve at Sylvania, and Parramatta's home ground was

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*Bevan Ineson, from the South Island of New Zealand, joined the Club in 1977 and has played over 300 senior games. Since 1987, Bevan has been a human dynamo when it comes to junior training and coaching. Bevan, "patron saint of the hopeless", has electively taken the number two teams. He has been the catalyst for those team to have an enjoyable season, irrespective of their form on the hockey field.*

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the Rydalmere Mental Hospital and then the Dan Mahony Reserve at Parramatta. Glebe's home grounds at Jubilee and Federal had a poor wet weather capability. The land has been reclaimed from Rozelle Bay and is only centimetres above sea level. Since 1987, top dressing has been applied to Jubilee and Federal and the level of the playing surface elevated, with the desirable effect of

improving drainage. On a sunny, cloudless, winter Saturday morning, with the grass freshly cut and the palm trees in the background, Jubilee is one of the best settings for a hockey game in Sydney, perhaps even Australia. Across the canal at Federal Park in Annandale, the back drop of the railway viaduct makes for a picturesque setting. The Club's Juniors have used this field since mid 1968, and in the 70's and 80's it had a better playing surface than Jubilee, thanks to the "curator", Ken Wark snr.

Teams in the 1987 Central Area Competition were St George, Sutherland, Bankstown, Moorebank, Parramatta and Glebe, some Clubs fielded more than one team in each age group. Coaches were Peter Howe, Bevan Ineson

under 11, Vernon Howe, Eric Frazer under 13, Danny O'Brien under 13 two, Col Brown, David Rochester under 15 and Bill Stubbs and Les Wark under 17.

Pat Nilan, Colin Fitzgerald and Sid Hammond helped out with transport for the under 17 team who always gave a 100% effort. Winner of the Most Improved Back Award for the under 15 team was Adrian Lowe who played with an artificial lower leg. Adrian, in the words of his coach was: "Undoubtedly one of the gutsiest juniors to play for Glebe". In the under 13 one team, Vernon Howe stressed "hockey skills, sportsmanship, comradeship and team work". 1987 was the first time for five years that a junior team had won the Competition for the Glebe District Hockey Club. The premiership winning under 13 team consisted of Sean O'Mara, Jason Greaves, Tim Frazer, Helen Howe, Nathan Lewis, Aaron Nilan, Jemina Howe, Adam Farrawell, Ben Sully, Craig Greaves, Scott Shepherd, Curtis Lambert, Robert Van Langenberg and Ben Howe.

The under 13 number two team contained many players who qualified for the under 11 age bracket but preferred to play in a team with their schoolmates. Adrian Howe was a teacher at Camdenville Primary school in Newtown, and most of the team were pupils at this school. No wins were recorded and only one goal was scored, but

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*In its 63-year history, the Club has never charged juniors to play the game. For an amateur Club, this is a remarkable and possibly unique achievement.*

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importantly a good time was had by all. Coach of the under 11 team Peter Howe lamented that although there were 18 registered players in the team, a full team could not be fielded on many occasions. He went on: "... to stress upon the parents of the children involved, that it is imperative if they want the kids to play, that they make every effort to ensure that they turn out for each game. It should be appreciated that in a team sport absenteeism is letting down their team members."

The documentation of the junior teams reports for some years is excellent, while in other years it is rudimentary. Coach/Managers of hockey teams may be good at imparting hockey knowledge, living skills and moral principles, but awkward when it comes to expressing themselves in the written form. The Club is fortunate that the Club records are as complete as they are, due in no small part to the conscientious job done by many junior convenors over the years. Some of the reports in 1988 were sketchy, and little meaningful information could be gleaned from them. The under 17's were beaten in the grand final, the under 11's beaten in the semi final and the under 13's and under 15's failed to make the final four. The Sydney Credit Union donated some money with which to purchase shirts. This was a boon for the Club, as Glebe is the only Hockey Club, perhaps the only sporting Club, not to charge its juniors money to play the game.

Martin Howe said in his Junior Convenor Report: “With the exception of the (coaches), the general apathy within the Club towards the Juniors is alarming, and unless this situation is arrested, we could find ourselves in very distressed circumstances, as without Juniors the Club has NO future”.

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*A sense of optimistic realism has always been part of Bill Stubb’s coaching philosophy, and he did a great job of imparting it to the U/17’s of 1988.*

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He went on to say how crucial the formation of a Minkey squad was for the healthy future of the Glebe Club. History has proven how right Martin was. Bill Stubbs, coach of the under 17’s, said in his report: “At times, we lacked a belief in our ability to reach the heights we finally achieved in the finals”.

Bob Taylor managed the side, Pat Nilan umpired and Sid Hammond was the transport operative. The highlight for the under 15 team in the bicentennial

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*Transporting players to away games is sometimes a problem and the establishment by the junior committee of team managers has helped to overcome this problem.*

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year was winning a bronze medal at the St George Carnival. Players were Craig and Jason Greaves, Aaron Nilan, Sean O’Mara, Jemima Howe, Tim Frazer, Nathan Lewis, Aiden Archer, Adrian McKeown, Alistair Gillier, Martin Wright, Jackie Walter, Jodie McLean,

Nicole Williams, with Vernon Howe and Eric Frazer coaches. The under 13 team struggled on the field, but their coaches Bevan Ineson and Martin Howe had this to say about them in their report: “It was a pleasure to coach

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*The eating of the oranges and the drinking of the magic water at half time is the highlight of Saturday morning for some players — different strokes for different folks.*

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this team of young boys and girls as their manners and sports-personship were exemplary”. Players were Glen Baker, Helen Howe, Peter McKeown, Morgan Newell, Ben and Hayden Sully, Adam Farrawell, Scott Sheppard, Hugh Rutherford, James Wright, Amanda Daly, Samantha Knight and Chris

Hale. Greg and Marion Newall, Stan and Lola Sheppard, Kath and Darrell Farrawell, Gideon Rutherford, Alison and Ted McKeown and Danny O’Brien all helped with the administrative duties.

With the under 11 it was either a feast or a famine as far as numbers went. Some days there were 18 players while on other days, particularly away games, we only had 8 players.

Players in the team were Ben Howe, George Triantafyllou, Mary, Anthony and Patrick Wark, Carl Krug, Scott Corey, Nicholas Pikos, David Baxter, Tim Hancock, Lewis McKeown, Hugh Carrick-Alan, Angus Harriman, Sascha Zdenkowski with Harry Wark jnr. and Peter Howe coaches. Ivor Carrick often helped out with the Wednesday afternoon training and his assistance there was needed as Harry Wark notes in his report: "A lot of help was needed at practice as some players treated each game as a test match.

Bob Fox did the umpiring and his wife Kathy provided the oranges, with Ros Howe washing the shirts.

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*In the late 70s and early 80s, the Central Area Competition was often weak and lacked stimulation. Forfeits were common. The organisation of the competition is now very professional and the competition is thriving, due largely to the efficient operation of the Central Area Management Committee.*

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Wednesday night training at Jubilee needed to be fostered and closely supervised for the teams to be competitive, harmonious and well organised. Unfortunately, most senior players have jobs which prevent them reaching Jubilee at 5 pm for the junior training session. Harry Wark jnr, Martin Howe, Bevan Ineson, Geoff Paterson, Danny O'Brien, Robert Wark, Colin Brown and Andrew Goodrick all helped on a Wednesday night when they could.

1989 was a wet, wet year and we were lucky to be part of a well organised Central Area Competition with availability of synthetic surfaces. Under 17's and under 15's were both defeated by Sutherland in the grand final, under 13's narrowly missed the semis and the under 11 team were beaten in the final. In the late 80's, Sutherland had consistently won the junior Club Championship and had become the dominant Club in Sydney Junior Hockey.

Patrick Casey, Ross Tapsell, Damon Jones, Owen Macindoe and Kate and Mark O'Sullivan were the regulars at Minkey. A junior committee was formed in 1989 under the Chairmanship of Bob Taylor

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*Minkey hockey was introduced for the second time in 1989, following a failed attempt in 1984. Peter Busch, a primary school teacher and inaugural Minkey coach, ensured the success of this junior Club initiative. Peter is still the head Minkey coach in 1994. The kids love him.*

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and this was a resounding success, as the task of organising the junior teams had become too large a job for a single junior convenor. Under 17 coach was Bill Stubbs with Chook Frazer, Danny O'Brien and Pat Nilan helping with transport, organisation and umpiring. Quoting the 1989 Annual Report: "The under 15 team was a mixture of sheer brilliance, steady play, hard triers and team members all playing for Glebe, and they gave their best for



their team and Club on the majority of occasions — with not many witnesses!” The team consisted of Aaron Chilcot, Nathan Lewis, Jason

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*It's not the dog in the fight but the fight in the dog which determines the outcome of many of these U/11 games.*

*Kim Rizzo, one of the two girls in the U/11 side was silver-quick and frequently showed the lads a clean pair of heels. She was a recruit from Balmain Little Athletics.*

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Morgan Newall, Adam Campano, Chris Hale, James Rogers, Helen Howe and Amanda Daley with Peter Howe as coach and Bob Fox manager. Greg and Marion Newall helped with transport, Kathy Fox with the oranges, and

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*The convenience of bringing children of both sexes to the one location for their sporting activities is an appealing concept for local families. No other outdoor sporting Club in the Glebe area offers this sporting facility for children in the 6 — 7 year age group.*

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Maxwell and Joseph Matar with Harry Wark coach and Bevan Ineson assistant coach/Umpire.

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*The three McKeown brothers Adrian, Peter and Lewis have all played for the juniors. Father, Ted McKeown is prominent in the Glebe Society and an ex-president of this organisation.*

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1989 season playing in the Glebe under 11's. Victory was greeted with humility and defeat was accepted in good grace.”

Greaves, Graham Brown (Charlie's Son), Aaron Nilan (Pat's Son), Jemima Howe (Peter's Daughter), Adam Farrawell, Craig Greaves, Sean O'Mara, Scott Shepherd (Royce Jenkin's nephew), Alastair Gillies and Sean Fulton, with Chook Frazer as Manager and Pat Nilan as Coach. The under 13 team comprised Ben Howe, George Triantafylou, David Baxter, Peter McKeown, Ros Howe washed the shirts. The under 11 side had 8 wins, 1 draw and 9 losses during the season, scoring 41 goals for with 51 against. Team personnel were Tim Hancock, Lewis McKeown, Joshua Whyte, Mary, Patrick and Anthony Wark, Geoffrey Hammett, Alexander Crook, Kim Rizzo, Jason Bowden, Christian Campano, Robert

Beryl and. Brian Maxwell, Joan Whyte, Kay Rizzo, Eddy Crook, Marilynne Smith, Alan Hancock, Trevor and Christine Bowden and Rodney Hammett were frequent supporters. Harry Wark wrote in his report: “The team spirit was infectious and I feel sure that all players developed personally, socially and emotionally as a result of the

1990 saw the Minkey Scheme take off under the watchful eye of Peter Busch, and the Club fielded a team in the under 17, under 15, under 13, and under 11 competitions. The Secretary in the Club's 1990 Annual Report said: "Minkey will be of an ever increasing significance to the junior development of the Club, and Peter's contribution this year was reflected by the children's eagerness to learn and their parents' acceptance of the scheme."

1990 was a watershed year for the Club's Juniors and reversed the dwindling enthusiasm and declining player numbers of the previous five or six years. The under 17 team won the competition under the guidance of Master Coach Pat Nilan. Danny O'Brien, Merv Goodridge, Geoff Benfield, Eric "Chook" Frazer and Shane Nilan helped Pat throughout the season. In a season disrupted by rain, the under 15 team played 13 games, won three, drew three and lost seven. Coach Martin Howe said in his report: "It was apparent that lack of commitment to both training and match attendance was the major reason for not reaching the semi finals and achieving the goals of the team's abilities". Players in the team

were Krys Drysdale, Helen Howe, Peter McKeown, Jeremi Gray, Adam Farrawell, Peter Flood, Scott Shepperd, Chris Hale, Ben Farrawell, Adam Campano, Brook Atkinson, Morgan Newall, Tim Colquhoun, Andrew Davis, Amanda Daley with Darryl Farrawell the transport officer with a minibus.

Bob Taylor, Greg and Marion Newall, Alison McKeown, Kath Farrawell and Stan Shepperd also helped with transport. Of the under 13 team coach Peter Howe wrote: "As the season progressed the team developed into a happy, harmonious unit which gave 100% effort in every game. The players accepted defeat with dignity and on the odd occasion when they won they were understandably over the moon."

Players to appear for the under 13 were David Baxter, Jason and Karen Bowden, Christian Campano, Paul Dabinette, Ben Farrawell, Catherine Feain, Tim Hancock, Ben Howe, Claire Ivers, Aaron Oman, Matthew Pellarini, George Triantafyllou and Adrian White with Bob Fox manager and Jim Oman transport officer. The under 11 team which finished fifth out

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*Harry Wark jnr's end of season report said: "For some players the trip out and back to the game was more fun than the game itself. For other players half-time oranges were the highlight of the morning. As the saying goes: 'there was something in it for everyone'. All the children enjoyed the meat pies, soft drinks, Mars Bars, Flakes, etc, etc, after the game, while discussing the salient features of the team's performance."*

*Harry also wrote: "Sport — and Junior Hockey is no exception — has always been more than the time spent on the pitch. It is physically, socially and intellectually stimulating, and that is why it is as popular today as it was in the time of Ancient Rome."*

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*The U/11 Maroon team of 1991 with the Jubilee grandstand in the background. The trunks of the Canary Island palms have grown many times since they featured in the 1935 team photograph shown earlier in the book. Left to right, Anthony Wark, Mark O' Sullivan, David Wall, Thomas Wingfield, Owen Macindoe, Sandy Gittins, Cameron Mackay, Pat Wark, Kate O' Sullivan, Ross Tapsell, Mark Paterson, (absent Robert Austen, Nicholas Kelleher).*

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*Richard Ware, proprietor of Raine and Horne, Glebe has donated \$1,000 per annum for many years to help defray the expenses incurred in running the junior teams. Galluzzo's Fruit Shop, Byer's Meats Rozelle, Glenmore Meats of Wentworth Park and Fred Fallzon's Shirt and Hat Business all helped by donating prizes for the raffles throughout the year. Sponsorship will need to be more actively pursued in the years to come.*

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of seven teams comprised Anthony, Mary and Patrick Wark, Patrick and Danielle Casey, Lewis McKeown, Geoffrey Hammett, Kim Rizzo, Alexander Crook, Owen McIndoe, Ross Tapsell, Nicholas Kelleher, Rebecca Howe, Aaron Oman and Alexander Yuen with Harry Wark jnr, Steven Casey, Geoff Paterson coaches. Corrie Kelleher umpired many games and husband Ray helped with

transport as did Marilynne Smith, Eddy Crook, Kay Rizzo and Jackie Casey.



*Spectators at Parramatta Junior Carnival August 1991 at the Dan Mahoney field. Left to right: Martin Howe, Margaret Howe, Danny O'Brien, Jason Bowden, Patrick Casey, Matthew Wark, Elizabeth Wark, Michael Wark, Elise Taylor, Liam Casey, Ian Paterson (sitting), Steve Casey (standing), Maureen Paterson, Geoff Paterson, Mark Paterson, Ernie O'Connor, Marilynne Smith, Butch the dog, Hannah Oman, Mark O'Sullivan, Gabrielle Wark, Kate O'Sullivan, unidentified posterior.*

Minkey players in 1990 were Liam Casey, Emma Cullen, Amy and Simon Wark, Andrew Scarrott, Andrew and Emma Fox, Gabrielle and Michael Wark, Jessica and Kate Flood, Kate, Mark and Jim O'Sullivan, Melissa Newton, Mark Paterson, Jessica Howe, Ross and Tim McNally, Andrew and Louisa Hammett, Elise Taylor, Kylie and Rebecca Lawson, Lindsay Griffith, David Wall, Andrew and Amanda Cheong, Kathleen Oman, Cameron McKay, Kara Jones and Terry Rochester.

It was becoming increasingly expensive to provide for the playing costs of the Club's Juniors, mainly because of the Synthetic Turf fees and the increase in the number of Minkey players. In 1991 the Club spent approximately \$4,200 on the Juniors, but voted at the Annual Meeting to maintain the proud tradition of not charging juniors under the age of 17 any playing fees whatsoever. The main fund raising activities

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*Overheard in the clubhouse — Aaron, an U/13, speaking to Tony, an U/11. "How did you go today Tony?" said Aaron. "We crushed 'em!" came back the reply from Tony. "What was the score Tony?" asked Aaron. "One — nil!" came back the reply. One man's crushing is another man's fluke victory — it all depends on your perception.*

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were social membership for parents, a raffle, sports cards and a Junior barbecue night which altogether raised \$3,600.

Another feature of the 1991 year was the revival of the Club newsletter, The Red Rag. It related mainly to the junior side of the Club, but as the months went by, the Senior and Ladies news content increased. Paul Rogers

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*Kids love to read about their team's exploits and occasionally to see their name in print. The Red Rag magazine is extremely popular. It gives the children a sense of their own importance and self worth. We all need to feel important at times.*

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was the initial Editor of the Red Rag, which first appeared in 1958 and which has made spasmodic appearances since then. The Editor of the revived Red Rag was Mick Tapsell, a chemistry master at St Joseph's Hunters Hill, with Eddy Crook doing the production design and M&M Printing, printing the magazine. Appreciation of the publication was instant

and the juniors and seniors alike could not wait to get their hands on a copy. The initial print run of 200 copies was never enough.

Martin Howe, the Junior convenor, commented in his 1991 report: "It was good to see two new faces elected to the junior committee this year, namely Jim Oman and Mick Tapsell, whose innovative ideas and efforts throughout the year were invaluable." Peter Busch continued his sterling work with the Minkey, assisted by Geoff Paterson, Les Wark, Margaret Bourke from the women's Club and rostered members of the women's Club who gave up

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*One of the more unfortunate incidents of the 1991 season was when Amy Judd, a girl in the U/11 white team, had a couple of teeth dislodged after being struck in the mouth by a hockey ball. It's an uncommon occurrence, but mouthguards are essential to minimise the risk. Parents and coaches nevertheless have difficulty convincing children of the logic of the argument unless there's been a recent injury.*

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their Saturday mornings to help. There were about thirty children at Minkey each Saturday morning and they included Emma Brockway, Michael Brown, Daniel and Rebecca Carey, Anthony Charlton, Amanda and Andrew Cheong, Emma Cullen, Jessica Donahue, Michelle and Stephanie Eiroa, Andrew and Emma Fox, Andrew and Louisa Hammett, Peter Hey-Cunningham, James Hurrell, Owen Jones-

Hawke, James Kelly, Ralph Loyola, Stephen McInerney, Ross and Tim McNally, Melissa Newton, James O'Sullivan, Kathleen Oman, Scott Page, Chris Reddie, James Renshaw, Terrence Diviney, Andrew Scarrott, Matthew



*The Minkey training squad of 1991 at Jubilee with the grandstand circa 1908 in the background, left to right, Andrew Cheong, Kylie Lawson, Peter Busch (head coach), Randolph and Ralph Loyola, Andrew Fox, Gabrielle Wark, Kathleen Oman, Daniel Carey, Amanda Cheong, Bob Fox (background), Helen Howe (Assistant Coach), Mark Paterson, Emma Fox.*

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Sneddon, Elise Taylor, Michael and Gabrielle Wark, Amy and Simon Wark, Bill and Alice Warner and Rebecca Towns. At the beginning of the 1991 season, with players flowing on from the 1990 Minkey, it was clear that the Club would have the numbers to field two under 11 teams. There was much discussion as to whether the playing strength should be spread evenly between the teams or a “good” and a “bad” side chosen. After much discussion and on a 3-2 decision, it was decided to run with the equal teams approach.

Steve Casey and Bevan Ineson coached the under 11 whites to 2 wins, 2 draws and 14 losses. Players in this team were Lindsay Griffith, David Mullins, Joshua Whyte, Lewis McKeown, Alexander Yuen, Amy Judd, Patrick, Danielle and Liam Casey, Rebecca and Kylie Lawson, Liam Hibbert and Douglas Cronin.

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*The Minkeys played at Jubilee at 10 am each Saturday and as they went through their paces could see the older children engaged in their games on the hockey field proper. Being able to see the “next rung up the ladder” educated the Minkeys and their parents about what the future could hold for them. It also provided the older juniors with work experience in looking after young children.*

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Harry Wark and Geoff Paterson coached the under 11 maroons, with Mick Tapsell manager. The side won 6, drew 2 and lost 10 games during the season. Maggie O'Sullivan, Corrie Kelleher (umpire), Stan McCarroll and Bill and Bronwyn Austin were all involved with the efficient, effective running of the team which comprised Robbie Austen, Sandy Gittins, Nicholas

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*Scott Sheppard did a small acting job for a TV soapie during the season, and the lads "gave him heaps". Fortunately, Scott saw the funny side of the bagging and the repartee of the U/17 games profited from the material available.*

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Kelleher, Tom Wingfield, Mark and Kate O'Sullivan, Mark Paterson, Cameron Mackay, Owen Macindoe, Ross Tapsell, David Wall and Anthony and Patrick Wark. At some home games, the side had 40—50 spectators, the biggest crowds for some years.

Jim Oman and Bob Taylor managed the under 13 team and enlisted the help of Michael Diviney and Tim Sutton as coaches. The team of Colleen Howe, Mary Wark, Kym Rizzo, Alexander Crook, Christian Campano, Simon Bracht, Matthew Pellarrini, Kyle Jones, Jason Bowden, Geoffrey Hammett, Eddie Johnson, Steven and Claudia Salem and Bram Tullock won 11 and lost 6 games during the season and lost in the semi final to Sutherland. Teams in the competition were Moorebank, Sutherland Blue, Glebe, Sutherland Sharks, Parramatta, St George and Liverpool, with Bankstown unable to field a team in this age group. The under 15's had 5 wins, 1 draw and 11 losses during the season and comprised David Baxter, Adam

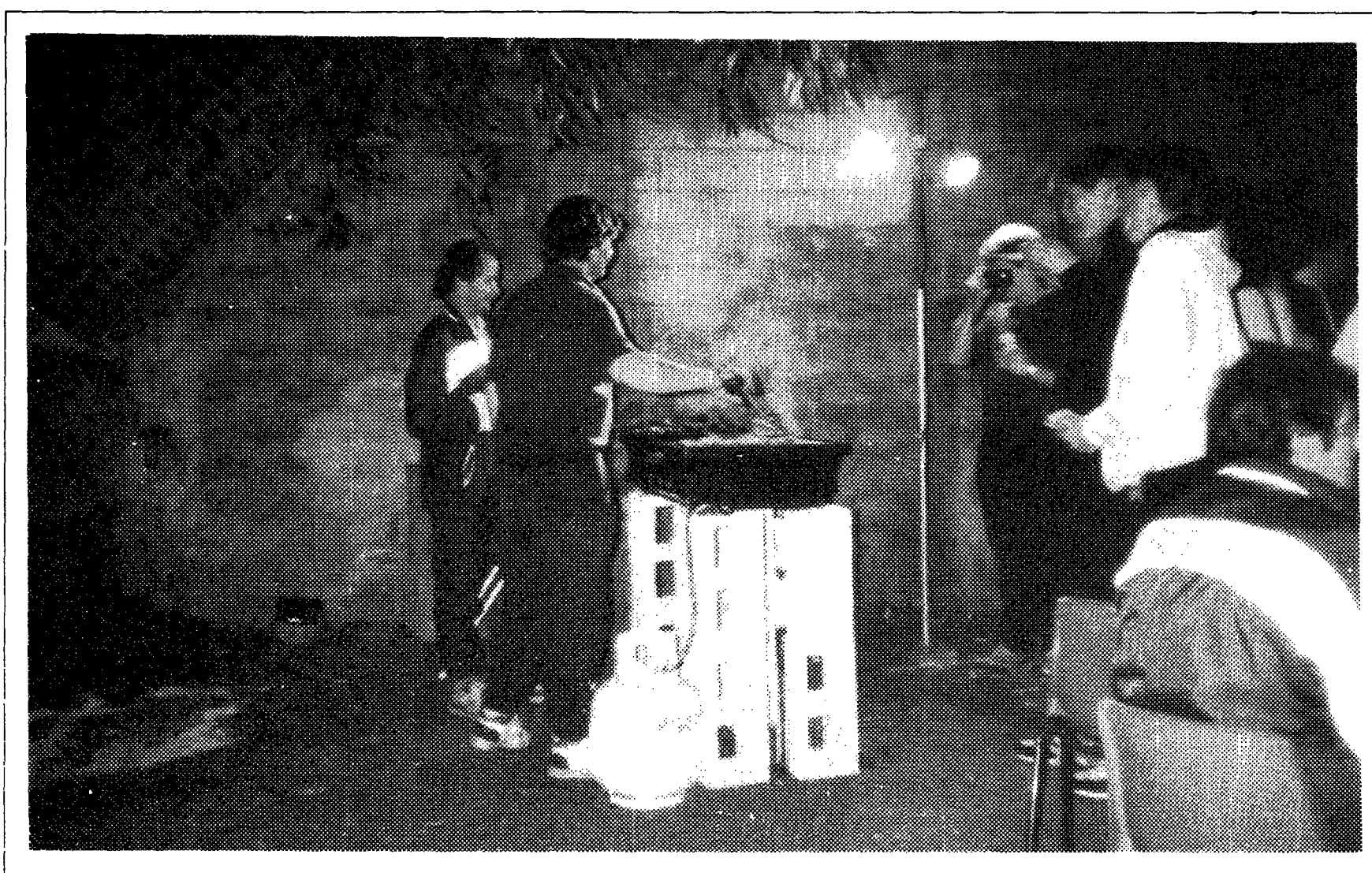
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*The junior barbecue of 1991 at the Club house was a big night, with over 200 people in attendance. The highlight of the night was the impromptu performance on the Spanish guitar by professional musician and father George Campano, ably assisted by the less-than-professional but enthusiastic Tony Cowan on the spoons and tin.*

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Campano, Timothy Colquhoun, Ben Farrawell, Jeremy Gray, Ben Howe, Helen Howe, Peter McKeown, Tam Sherwood, Adrian White, Karen Bowden and Christian Terry. Mark Short coached the team, with help from Martin and Margaret Howe, Peter Howe, Danny O'Brien and Kath and Darryl Farrawell. They finished in sixth place in a seven-team competition.

The under 17 team were certainties, beaten in the grand final against Liverpool where they lost 1-0. This was the only time they were beaten during the season but they lacked two things on the day — luck and determination. Players in the under 17 team were Dean Benfield, Matthew Bass, Scott Sheppard, Adam Farrawell, Warren Hodges, Jason Greaves, Erin Schlecht, Patrick McCann, Andrew McNamarra, Graeme Brown, Craig Greaves, Brad Goodridge and Trent Benfield.



*A typical barbecue scene outside the Number 4 Arch at Jubilee Oval. This photo was taken at the 1991 Junior barbecue attended by over 200 people. Left to right: Mark Short, Trevor Bowden (chef), unknown photo taker, Pat McCann, Aaron Nilan, Bevan Ineson (in the Glebe jacket).*

Pat Nilan coached the team with help from Col Rochester, Shane Nilan, Danny O'Brien, Charlie Brown and Merv Goodrich. Since 1986, the under 17 competition had been played on synthetic turf surfaces, with the other junior teams continuing to play on grass fields. With Moorebank-Liverpool acquiring a synthetic surface in 1987, Sutherland a synthetic surface in 1990 and Bankstown a synthetic surface in 1993, the younger teams now have the opportunity to play on artificial grass, thus improving their dribbling and ball skills.

1992 continued in the same vein as the previous year, with the junior teams ticking over well socially and organisationally, although on the field no premierships were won. The junior committee of Martin Howe, Jim Oman, Peter Howe, Bob Taylor and Mick Tapsell contributed to the expansion of the junior numbers in 1992 to over 130 registered junior players (including Minkies). Two under 11, Two under 13, one under 15 and one under 17 team were fielded, and numbers at Minkey averaged 40—45 every Saturday morning. Club Captain Peter Busch was again in charge of Minkey, with assistance from the women of the Club, allocated on a roster basis each Saturday. Peter's manner with our champions of tomorrow was a joy to behold, and appreciated by the parents of the Minkey players. Some of the players who came to Minkey included Hugh Anderson, Zoe Bradshaw, Sonny Butterworth, Daniel and Rebecca Carey, Andrew and Amanda Cheong,



Emily Crompton, Amy Cullen, Ben Cutler, Karl and Sven Eisner, Andrew and Emma Fox, Liam and Thomas Gready, Nick Halbert-Lillyman, Andrew and Louisa Hammett, Camilla and Louisa Holt, Sarita Ibbotson, Matthew Jenkins, Lachlan Johnston, Ralph and Randolph Loyola, Melissa Newton, Jim O'Sullivan, Kathleen Oman, Kate Pearsell, James Renshaw, Terrence

Rochester, Ryan Sadler, Max Schollar-Root, Dylan Shaw, Matthew Sneddon, Dean Storey, Amy and Simon Wark and Gabrielle and Michael Wark. Many more children played in the Minkey but failed to be fully documented in the Club's records.

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*Down at Jubilee one windy Saturday morning, Thomas Rolls was standing in his goalkeeping gear in front of the goals when a particularly strong wind gust blew the goals over on top of him. He was trapped like a fish in a net. When it was clear that Tom was uninjured, the sideline crowd broke up with laughter — it was situation comedy at its best.*

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The under 11 teams were chosen on ability in 1992 as opposed to splitting the playing strength as was the

case in 1991. As usual, this decision was hotly contested and argued for many hours, but at the end of the season there were no regrets. The under 11 maroons were a good side and capable of winning the competition. As it turned out, they were beaten by Moorebank in a very close final; but in this game, given a few breaks, they could easily have reversed the result. Steve Casey was coach and Mick Tapsell manager. Players in the team were Alexander (Sandy) Gittins, Owen Macindoe, Peter Wark, Patrick and Liam Casey, Kate and Mark O'Sullivan, Ross Tapsell, Andrew French, Patrick Wark, Melanie Cox, Rebecca Towns and Kylie Lawson. Steve Casey says in his report: "All in all it was a very bright year with the flow of talented young players increasing. It is a tribute to the Junior Committee and to the efforts of managers, coaches, parents and various helpers that we are able to

thrive so. It is certainly an exciting time to be involved with the junior development of the Club". At the beginning of the season the younger, weaker under 11 team, the Whites, got a couple of "floggings"; but as the season wore on, the team showed a vast improvement and troubled the better teams in the competition. Geoff Paterson did a fine job as coach, as did Bob Taylor as

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*In 1992, Rodney the Club house rat died after many years of faithful attendance. On some Wednesday nights, Rodney would walk along a ledge on the side wall of the Club where he (or was it she?) would be subjected to a barrage of empty cans from the throng — great practice for the throwing arm.*

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manager. The parents of the players in this team were particularly keen and it was by no means unusual to have 15 or 20 parents on the sideline, even at away games. Players in the team were Thomas Rolls, William and Alice



*Junior Presentation Day November 1992, at the Club House, number four arch, Jubilee, with some of the trophy winners.*

*Back row left to right: Mary Wark, Robbie Austen, Graeme Burnell-Jones, Yuri Schimke, Ben Howe. Middle row: Rowan Kelly, Ben Everist, Pat Wark, Melanie Cox, Adrian White.*

*Front row: Mark Paterson, Aaron Oman, Simon Bracht, Adam Campano.*

Warner, Anthony Charlton, Mark Paterson, Nicholas O'Connor, Andrew Crawford, Chris Reddie, Rowan Kelly, James Hurrell and Emma Brockway.

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*Bar Girls (behind the counter) included Maureen Paterson, Cheryl Oman, Anne and Robyn Wark, Maggie O'Sullivan, Chris Newton, Jan Everist, Maureen Flynn and Lorraine Cheong who formed the Glebe Hockey Club Wednesday Wine Tasting Society.*

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The under 13 maroons, the weaker of the two under 13 teams, had two wins during the season and finished second last in a competition of 8 teams; but the camaraderie, enthusiasm and spirit of this team was tremendous. This spirit was nurtured by coach Bevan Ineson and manager Neil Lawson, and it was a most rewarding season for those involved: Callan Gilding, Nicholas Kelleher, Alexander Yuen, Yuri Schimke, Damon Jones, Grahame Burnell-Jones, David Wall, Robert Austen, Lindsay Griffith, Rebecca Lawson, Cameron Mackay and Julian Reynolds.

The under 13 whites, the better of the two under 13 teams, finished a creditable third. In the words of coach Harry Wark: "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.” He went on to say: “Many friendships were cemented during the course of the season, and the players enjoyed each other’s company.” Jim Oman managed the team, Fred Falzon donated the shirts, Gary Cronin umpired, Eddy Crook and Marilynne Smith provided transport and the team hummed along all season. Players in the team were Alex Crook, David Mullens, Martin Smith, Lewis McKeown, Kym Rizzo, Geoff Hammett, Mary and Anthony Wark, Eddy Johnson, Sam Everist, Simon Bracht, Aaron Oman and Doug Cronin.

Martin Howe coached the under 15 team with Peter Howe as manager. The team were a happy, harmonious unit which gave their best in every game, just missing out on a spot in the semi’s. Players in the team were Ben Farrawell, Karen Bowden, Kyle Jones, Adam Tozer, James McDonald, Jason Bowden, Kristi Barrow, Matthew Pellarini, Colleen Howe, Ben Howe, Christian Campano, Adrian White and Tam Sherwood. Ken Wark snr coached the under 17 side, Ian “Moose” Treharne was manager and the team finished fourth in Division A.

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*Some of Ian Treharne’s succinct comments on players in the team make interesting reading: “Hold your tongue boy, listen to the coach a little”, “The Yellow Card Kid”, “Should concentrate more and give up skiing”. From the comments, they seem to be an average bunch of 17 year olds.*

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Players in the under 17 team were Dean Benfield, Ben Sully, Scott Sheppard, Helen Howe, Ben Farrawell, Matthew Bass, Adam Campano, Shane Casey, Mark Baxter, Peter McKeown, Garth Fain and Brook Atkinson.

Although girls have played in the Sydney junior competition from the mid-70s, they were ineligible for selection in the Sydney representative teams. In 1992, after vigorous debate by the Sydney Junior Hockey Association and strong lobbying by Jim Oman from Glebe, this stance was amended and girls became eligible for selection for all Sydney teams up to and including the under 15 age group. At the Sydney Junior Zone Championship in 1992, Mary Wark, a Glebe under 15 player, was selected in the Sydney under 15 Number Two team for the 1993 season, becoming the first girl to achieve Sydney Junior selection. Chaperoning girls at the State Championship weekend is a nuisance, but it does not present an insurmountable problem. As the number of girls playing in the junior competition escalated in the 1990s, the concept of selection on merit, irrespective of gender, won wide support among the clubs.

The social highlights of the junior club’s season in the 80’s and 90’s were the annual junior barbecue and the annual junior presentation day. Both these functions were always held under the arch, where it would be usual to have close to 200 people (men, women and children) in attendance. In 1992, the junior barbecue raised \$1500 to help defray the costs of fielding the junior teams. Profits from bar/canteen trading on Wednesday night and

Saturday morning also provided a good source of income, as did the \$1,000 donation by Richard Were of Raine and Horne, Glebe. The Bar Manager in 1992 was Harry Wark snr.

After-training barbecues developed into an institution on Wednesday night and were well attended. Bob Reddie, Andrew Goodrick, Les Kaylinger, Ron Cheong and Mick Tapsell cooked the sausages. On most Wednesday afternoons from 1989 to 1993 there would be upward of 50 children at Jubilee, and these sessions were run by Harry Wark, Bevan Ineson and Geoff Paterson with help at times from Harry Wark snr, Robert Wark, Danny O'Brien, Martin Howe, Pat McCann, Shane Nilan and Andrew Goodrick. Trying to co-ordinate about 50 children in a training session was an organisational feat in itself, with the pick-up games at the end of the session being particularly well liked by the kids (the young and the young at heart).

The management team of 1992 continued in 1993. Jim Oman was junior convenor and other committee members were Mick Tapsell, Martin Howe, Peter Howe and Bob Taylor. Mick did a magnificent job at the beginning of the season informing players when the season was starting, computerising the junior records and formulating provisional teams for the selectors to examine. Jim Oman did a great job co-ordinating coaches, managers, umpires, equipment and grounds and representing the Junior Club at Central Area meetings and Senior Club management committee meetings.

During 1993 the Bankstown Hockey Club synthetic turf at The Crest came on stream and brought to three the number of "turfs" used in the Central Area Competition. Glebe fielded 7 out of 26 junior teams in the 1993 Central Area Competition, the highest number of teams fielded by the Club in many years. This increase in playing strength in the early 90's is directly related to the enthusiasm of the junior committee and their ability to inspire other people to become

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*At Wednesday night training, the younger siblings of the trainers form their own band of thrill-seekers, running about playing tag, I Spy, tips etc. while waiting for the barbecue tea to commence. On some Wednesday nights there can be as many as a dozen of these Club weenies tripping the light fantastic on the bitumen outside the Club house at Number 4 Arch, operating in a state of high excitement.*

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involved in the many tasks required to produce a harmonious, happy Club. Two under 11 teams, one under 13 team and the under 15 team made the semi finals of the Central Area Competition. The under 13's and under 15's lost in the final and the under 11 team went down in the grand final. During the season the Club contested three carnivals: Northern Districts at Pennant Hills Park in April, St George at Gardiner's Park in June and Lithgow at Glandmire fields in August. At each carnival there were at least 60-70 players and 40-50 spectators, which made for interesting, entertaining and social Sunday activities.



Jim Oman commented in his report: “The most satisfying aspect of the season by far was the manner in which our junior teams conducted themselves on the field. Almost without exception, each and every one of them were a credit to themselves, their coaches and families.” The junior presentation day on 7 November 1993 saw a huge crowd at the Club house under the arch, with the Club packed to capacity and some 50 people standing outside listening to proceedings.

The Junior barbecue in July was equally well attended when 200-250 people came along. Monies generated via the junior barbecue, canteen profits and raffles more than covered the cost of running the junior teams which in 1993 was well in excess of \$3,500. Glebe remained one of the few sporting clubs in Sydney not to charge junior players to play, relying on parents to support the Club financially in other ways. Over 50 parents paid \$20 to become social members of the Club; and other parents contributed by attending social functions and serving behind the bar/canteen (depending on what you are drinking). Five teams were coached by ex/current players who brought their children down to Jubilee to learn the game and two teams were coached by generous current players — Colin Brown, Andrew Goodrick, Bevan Ineson, Shane Nilan and Pat McCann. This tradition of ex-juniors bringing their children back to Glebe to learn the game has been a recurring theme since the early days of the Club and looks likely to continue. Some parents bring their children in from west of Penrith, outside Liverpool, north of Gosford and beyond, just to expose them to the sense of “family” and belonging which they had experienced as children at the Club.

The Junior committee agreed that participation, enjoyment, fun and sportspersonship are the essence of sport, so it was decided in 1993 to select teams, not on a win-at-all-costs basis, but so that each child could reach his or her potential both on and off the field. In reality, this meant that our strongest teams would probably not win premierships; but it meant that the coaches, managers and transport could be spread wisely and that friends, siblings and children living near each other could be appropriately selected in the one team. In 1993 there were 102 junior players (under 11 to under 17) and 120 registered Minkies (too young or too inexperienced for inter-district competition). Clubs to participate in the Central Area Competition in 1993 were Sutherland, Moorebank, Randwick, Bankstown, Illawong and Glebe with Sutherland, Moorebank and Glebe usually having more than one team in each age group.

Michael Newton the administrative chief of the Minkey Squad in 1993 wrote in his report: “As the day dawns on a Saturday winter’s morning, the question is constantly heard: ‘is it Minkey day today?’ and throughout the morning: ‘Is it time to go to Minkey yet?’.” Peter Busch, our Pied Piper and head Minkey coach since the inception of Minkey, ably assisted by Les Wark and the delightful personnel from the Club’s women’s teams, did a fantastic job with the younger brigade. It’s probable that they’ve tutored several children who will go on to represent NSW and perhaps Australia in the years to come. It is one of the wonders of the world watching the Minkies have a

game on Saturday morning — better than reading the paper. As Michael Newton put it: “... the game is commenced and a loud cheer goes up and the two teams begin to look like turtles moving up and down the field, hockey sticks waving in the breeze. Nevertheless, no-one ever seemed to have won but we all had fun.” Many lasting friendships have been forged at the canteen after Minkey has finished, debating the nuances of the morning’s activities. (For a list of the 1993 Minkey Players turn to the appendix at the back of the book.)

Shane Nilan and Pat McCann coached the under 15 team in 1993 with Martin Howe as the manager. Players were Christian Campano, Mary Wark, Leigh Casey, Martin Smith, Jason Bowden, Graham Burnell-Jones, Yuri Schimke, James McDonald, Colleen Howe, Simon Bracht, Geoffrey Hammett, Aaron Oman, Adrian McDonald and Wayne Benfield.

The under 13 number one team was coached by Colin Brown and Andrew Goodrick (graduates of the University of Hard Knocks) with Gary Cronin and Mick Tapsell (graduates of academe) co-managers. Players in this team were Alex Crook, Nick Kelleher, David Mullins, Sandy Gittins, Kristian Haigh, Ross Tapsell, Anthony Wark, Patrick Wark, Robbie Austen, Patrick Casey, Melanie Cox, Doug Cronin, Andrew French and Sam Everist. Gary Cronin wrote in his report: “Over the whole season both the skills of the individuals and the team as a whole improved markedly, while the attitude of the players to the game was exemplary. The players respected each other, their opposition and the referees and were a credit to the Club.” The team was disconcerted in the middle of the season when the goalkeeper, Alex Crook, dived to make a save in a “friendly” at Jubilee and suffered a broken arm (and they scored on the rebound). His place was ably filled for the rest of the season by newcomer Kristian Haigh, who was then able to make the claim of having played in almost every position during his first season playing hockey.

Bevan Ineson said of the under 13 B team: “To the credit of the team after being beaten by double figures against the top teams, they never gave up and most were back at training Wednesday night. They backed up again the following Saturday which showed the side had great spirit.” The spirit in this team was inflamed by Bevan, manager Neal Lawson and umpire Carl Francis, who encouraged and praised and were never negative in their approach to the team and the individuals in the team. Players in the under 13 B were Damen Jones, Max Francis, Alex Yuen, Brooke Richards, Tristan Roach-Turner, Lewis McKeown, Owen Macindoe, Tessa Haberfield, Simon Patterson, Rebecca Lawson, Lindsay Griffith, Rebecca Towns, David Wall, Cameron Mackay, Aaron Lacey.

As a direct result of the popularity of the Minkey program, the Club fielded more under 11 teams than in any year in its history. The under 11 one team was coached by Club President Geoff Paterson and managed by Sue Jenkins. They reached the grand final where they were beaten by Moorebank. Players in this team were Ben Everist, Tris Hardman, Tim Harvey, Liam Hibbert,

James Hurrell, Rowan Kelly, Simon Kennewell, Matthew Jenkins, Mark Paterson, Pat Wark, Peter Wark, William Warner. Ex-junior Danny O'Brien managed the under 11 (2) team with Donna Crawford as the coach. Players in the team were Hai Pham, Elly Williams, Moira Williams, Sarita Ibbotson, Steve Kaylinger, Edan Lacey, Anthony Charlton, Chris Reddie, Andrew Crawford, Kara Jones, Kylie Lawson, Sam Wheatly. Transport Officers for the team were Colin Jones, Les Kaylinger, Aviva Lacey, Bob Reddie, Peter and Gayle Williams and Neal Lawson.

The under 11 (3) team, the youngest and most inexperienced of the four under 11 teams, was coached by Harry Wark jnr with Les Wark as his assistant. Harry captained the under 14 Glebe Police Boys Club team to the premiership in 1958. Cheryl Oman managed the team and parents of the players were only too happy to pitch in when needed. Players in the team were Thomas Walenkamp, Amy Wark, Brooke Schuberg, Daniel Carey, Andrew Hammett, Andrew Cheong, Kate Walenkamp, Michael Wark, Louisa Hammett, Amanda Cheong, Kathleen Oman, Melissa Newton and Gabrielle Wark.

"We lost that semi, but as usual every player tried their hearts out right to the end. At the end of the game they knew that they had done their best and like their coaches, parents and supporters, were proud of themselves and their team-mates." wrote Christine O'Connor in the 1993 Annual Report. Chris managed the under 11 (4) team with Adrian Howe and Steve Casey as the coaches. Chris went on to say: "They relished victory and accepted defeat, they tried 100% and they had fun". Players in the under 11 4's were Rebecca Howe, Liam Casey, Emma Brockway, Catherine Asquith, Alix Higgins, Emma Cullen, Hugh Fowler, Nicholas O'Connor, James Casey, Peter Buckwalter, Matthew Wark, Ben Day, James Kelly and Jack Webb.

Today's juniors are the players, officials, coaches and managers of the future. Reverend Brother Maurice McCarten Keegan, Patrician Brother and Founder of the Glebe Club in 1931, has a lot to be thanked for.

In the 90s, marital breakdown is common and there is an increasing percentage of children in the junior teams who come from one-parent households. The accepting and non-judgemental attitudes common in the Club have been of benefit to solo parents who have custody of the children and those who, although not living in the family home, try hard to have meaningful input into their children's development. For any family grouping, hockey provides a common interest for child and parent and both can benefit from the non-threatening and relaxed social life which is a feature of the Club, without feeling awkward or embarrassed.

In the junior ranks, players have a coach, a manager and usually several other interested adults who organise equipment and transport and make sure that the team functions happily and effectively. When players leave the juniors after the under 15s for girls and after the under 17s for boys — a point presently under debate — a large number cease playing hockey. There

are a number of reasons for this: new jobs, study, new adult interests, lack of money for the fees or simple disorganisation when Mum and Dad no longer provide transport. Another reason may be the strong competition for playing spaces in the senior teams. The Club needs to address the high attrition rate if it's to grow and prosper, especially now that the number of younger players has increased over the last few years.

Even if they don't continue to play, junior hockey puts young people in contact with others during their childhood and adolescent years and gives healthy recreation. The skills learned aren't confined to the sport and motor skills. Team experience can quicken the social development and expertise of those who would otherwise have had a more limited range of experience.

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*Harry Wark jnr, an anaesthetist,  
has a sure-fire remedy  
for injuries on the field:  
"Give it a rub — it'll be right..."*

Countless children and adolescents have benefited physically, morally and socially from their association with the Glebe Hockey Club

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and it has only been possible because of the unselfish contribution of countless senior players, parents and supporters. Without this spirit of co-operation and commitment to put in more than is taken out; without the drive, the desire to succeed and great tenacity shown over 63 years by many generous human beings, the Glebe Hockey Club would have become defunct — a fate which has befallen the Glebe Cricket Club, the Glebe Rugby Union Club, the Glebe Rugby League Club, the Glebe Soccer Club, the Glebe Lacrosse Club and the Glebe Athletic Club. If the Glebe Hockey Club is to survive into the next millennium and provide for the leisure time of the local people, community support and nurturance will be needed.



# Chapter Eleven

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## *The Ladies: How It All Began*

**D**ennis “Doc” Donovan, general Secretary of the St James Sporting Club for over 20 years, relates how the St James Sporting Club fielded a women’s hockey team in 1931, ’32 and ’33. The team performed creditably and socially it was a great success but no premierships were won. No written records of the early women’s team are available. When St James became the Glebe District Hockey Club in 1933 no women’s teams were fielded by Glebe.

Ladies who appeared for St James in the early years were Dot Byrnes (who later married Jim Kenny), Marg Barnes, Elma Massong, Joan Massong, Gwen Cummins, Doris Jackson, Thelma Worley, Margaret Bourke (who later married Doc Donovan), Frances Ostergarde, Bernice Watson, Elvey Barton and Kath Fallon. Guernseys were purchased from David Jones and sticks from Bert Oldfield.

For The Glebe District Hockey Club, it all began during the 1977 season. The wives and girlfriends of some of the Glebe District Hockey Club members thought that, instead of coming to watch their men play, they would organise a women’s team and play themselves. Many had played in the country and/or at school and were accomplished hockey players. The concept of a women’s team as part of the GDHC was fully supported by the management committee and the men gave support, help and encouragement in their efforts.

The idea gathered momentum and by the time the 1978 season came around, enough players had been recruited for the Club to field two women’s teams. There were 28 registered players. 7 had never played hockey before and 7 had very little experience. Prominent in

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*Once the idea of a women’s team was proposed,  
the players started coming out of the  
woodwork. It seemed like a fun thing to do.*

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the organisational aspects of the women’s teams were Royce Jenkins and his wife Jocelyn, Roy “The Boy” Birmingham and his wife Bev, Robert Diviney and Molly Wark. Players in the 1978 season were Bev Birmingham



*The original first grade team of 1978 at hockey square, Sydney University, with the Teachers College Building in the background. Back row left to right: unknown, Lyn Parfrey, Chris Stubbs, Kevin Sweeney, Lisa Barrett, Janet Gollan. Front row left to right: Barbara Henry, Jackie McNicol, Chris Townsley, Jocelyn Jenkins, Jenny Stringer. Absent: Bev Birmingham*

(nee Issacson), Chris Ridgley, Jocelyn Jenkins, Jenny Sullivan, Kathy McCormick, Christine Stubbs (who later married Adrian Howe), Jackie McNicol, Elaine McNicol, Jenny Stringer (who later married Buster

Birmingham), Glenda Buckley, Robyn Letham, Molly Wark (wife of Harry snr.), Jan Hammond, Joy McFayden, Jenny Pratt, Sandy Lisk, Joy Edytton, Ann Cremin, Lisa Barrett (who later married Kevin Sweeney), Barb Henry, Cheryl Puckeridge, Maija

*Foundation women's players Christine Howe (nee Stubbs) and Elaine McNicol are still playing with the Club 16 years later.*

Gibson, Phyl Ryan, Cathy Lluede, Anne Wark (wife of Harry jnr.), Roselind Cooper, Louise McNicholls, Sue d'Apice, Tracey Reid, Jennifer Jansson, Caroline McMahon, Louise Hickey and Jane Knapinski.

The first season together was a successful one, with the first team winning the Minor Premiership in the third grade of the North Shore competition. In



*The 1978 second grade team (inaugural year of the women's Club). The photo was taken at Primrose Park, North Sydney, while a men's fixture was in progress. Back row left to right: Caroline McMahon, Jocelyn Jenkins, Anne Wark, Chris Ridgley, Maija Gibson, Lisa Barrett. Front row left to right: Bev Birmingham, Robyn Letham, Jan Hammond, Jackie McNicholl.*

the semi final match the score was 2-2 at full time but the team bowed out of the final series following a period of extra time and penalty strokes. Gary Manou, the coach, made sure the Glebe women were the fittest in the competition. The second team played in the 4th grade of the North Shore competition and missed out on a semi final berth by a point. Coaches of this team were Gary Morrison, John Nelmes, Royce Jenkins and Roy Birmingham. Molly Wark captained the mighty seconds and was able to bring the best out in the players.

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*Molly Wark started playing hockey at 14 and, 39 years later, was still a force to be reckoned with on the field.*

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Losing the 1978 first grade semi final on a penalty stroke shoot out, after being minor premiers, did not sit well with many players. After the game a view was put that they should try a different hockey association for the following season, and as Glebe was situated in the inner west, the eastern district competition was considered a viable alternative. The decision to change hockey associations however, was not unanimous. Some players had enjoyed the season at North Shore and were keen to stay put.



In 1979, after much discussion and some disagreement, two teams were entered in the Eastern District competition and one team was entered in the fourth grade of the North Shore competition. At the Annual General Meeting of the Glebe District Hockey Club at the end of 1979, it was decided (on show of hands) that the respective women's teams be encouraged to conduct their own affairs, independently from the men's teams. This course of action was taken to distance the men's sides from internal politics which had

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*After a single season there was a "domestic", with some players wanting to enter the Eastern District competition and others wanting to continue in the North Shore competition. This led to a "divorce", with each group going their separate ways.*

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of the men's Club. 1980 saw two teams entered in the North Shore (5th and 6th grade) with the first grade winning the competition and the 2nd grade finishing runners up. Teams in the competition in 1980 included North Sydney, Chatswood, Macquarie University, Gordon, Mackellar, Yanko,

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*The four McNicol sisters Lorraine, Jacki, Christine and Elaine have formed a presence in the activities of the Club both on and off the field — a real family effort.*

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Manly, Aringa and Turramurra. The women who played in the Eastern District Competition in 1979 decided to disband after the end of the season, and Glebe had no further association with Eastern Districts for over 10 years. In 1981, the Club fielded three teams in the North Shore Women's Hockey Association. Other teams in the competition included Gordon, North Sydney, Mirrabooka, Woodstock, Berowra, Macquarie University, Chatswood, Pymble, Killara, Manly, Yanko, and Aringa. The Glebe teams were competitive but failed to make the semi finals, finishing 5th, 6th and 7th respectively. Prominent players in this season were the Mates sisters Lesley and Sharon, the four McNicol sisters Lorraine, Jackie, Christine and Elaine, Sue D'Apice, Janice Farquharson, Liz Whittaker, Robyn Letham, Carole Knight (who later married Les Wark), Jan Hammond, Jenny Stringer, Lesley Larkum, Margaret Quill, Anne Wark, Toni Sheppard, Jane Goldsmith, Finau Kato, Carol Purdy, Jill Strachan and Joy McFadyen.

It was noticeable that, although there was a core group in the GWHC, there was a large turnover of other players due to job transfers, overseas trips, injury, pregnancy and changed work arrangements. This large turnover of



players has been evident throughout the history of the women's Club, although the Club has been fortunate in being able to attract country players and women in Australia on working holidays, to swell the ranks.

In 1982, 44 players trialled before the start of the season. This allowed the Club to field four teams in the North Shore Competition, all of whom reached the finals. Unfortunately, only fourth grade progressed to the grand final where, after extra time, Glebe and Yanko were declared joint premiers.

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*Women have come to the Club from many diverse backgrounds and enriched the ambience, attitudes and thinking of the women's Club.*

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Two indoor hockey teams were entered in the Macquarie University Indoor Competition, and both won their respective competitions. The Club raised revenue by holding house parties, barbecues, a dinner dance and a big raffle. During 1982, four games were played at Jubilee Oval. This venue was extremely popular with the players. In 1982 Jan Hammond was the Treasurer, Molly Wark President and Sid Hammond barbecue chef. Coaches were Les Wark, Doug Mates (father of Lesley and Sharon and ex-North Sydney player) and Ken Wark jnr (the women taught him a lot) who went on to represent Australia on well over 150 occasions. Conditioner was John Cowan (Tony's father) who was responsible for making the women "super fit".

Four teams were fielded again in 1983, with the 2nd, 3rd and 4th grade all making the semi finals. First grade didn't have the discipline and dedication of previous seasons and had eight losses and one draw during the season.

The team lists are as follows:

2nd grade — Christine McNicol, Margaret McKeller, Jenny Jansson, Fiona Williamson, Linda Tait, Toni Sheppard, Narelle Wills, Gail Robinson, Elaine McNicol, Jill Strachan, Joy Lakomy, Jan Hammond and Cathy Andrews.

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*John Cowan, the conditioner in 1982, conducted some gruelling exercise sessions at Jubilee on a Wednesday night. He made the women appreciate muscles they never knew they had.*

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3rd grade — Jodi Crammond, Kim Walmsley, Janice Farquharson, Wendy Smith, Sharron Glassey, Tracey Reid, Patti Bray, Karen Peter, Gemma Klough, Liz Whittaker, Susan McCloud, Lyn Cunningham and Rachael Blake,

4th grade — Pauline Sunderland, Molly Wark, Carol Purdy, Bernadette Alvarez, Jenny Sullivan, Jenny McIntosh, Jenny McCloud, Terri Williams, Sharon Mates, Lyn Triviais, Susan King and Simone Oliver.

Bernadette Alvarez continued to play for many years, although she did have the odd season off due to pregnancy and child birth. Coaches for the season

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*Balmain High School has been a great nursery for the women's Club. Bernadette Alvarez, a Glebe player, taught at the school and was instrumental in bringing many girls to the Club.*

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were Colin Rochester, Doug Mates, Janice Farquharson and Arthur Moir. Teams were entered in the 7-a-side North Sydney Carnival, the Macquarie University Carnival, the Camden Carnival, the University of NSW mixed carnival and the Sydney Metropolitan C grade indoor competition.

Three barbecues, a tupperware party, a dinner dance at the Drummoyne Rowing Club and a presentation night at the James Craig Tavern were the major social functions held in this year.

In 1984, 2nd, 3rd and 4th grade made the semi finals with the 4th grade beating Aringa 2-0 in the grand final to become Premiers, C grade, 2nd Division. During 1984, training was poorly attended, Club spirit was not as good as previous seasons, and social functions were poorly attended. The Club entered a team in the Bathurst Carnival and won the division entered. Teams were also entered in the Mosman, Baulkham Hills, Goulburn and Tamworth Carnivals as well as the Macquarie indoor Super B Competition. Members of the C grade premiers were Molly Wark, Carol Purdy, Bernadette Alvarez, Terri Williams, Gretchen Gamble, Jennifer & Susan McCloud, Melinda McCorriston, Sharon Mates, Gina Actypis, Alaina Ammit, Shirley Reid, and Lesley Larkum.

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*Lesley Larkum was an accomplished musician who went to school at the Conservatorium of Music. She later went on to London where she became an orchestral conductor.*

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By the end of 1984, Molly Wark, Jan Hammond, Joy Lakomy, Sue d'Apice and Tracey Reid had played 100 games for the Club and Carole Wark, Liz Whittaker, Janice Farquharson, Toni Sheppard, Gina Actypis and Robin Letham had played 50 games.

Large turnover of players from one season to the next is characteristic of women's sport. Players taking a few years off for one reason or another frequently return to the game and renew old acquaintances. At the start of the 1985 season, 17 players from the previous season were unavailable; but 17 new players joined the Club and 4 teams were again entered in the North Shore Competition. Second grade made the semi final, third grade made the final, first grade came fifth and fourth grade for the first time in many seasons failed to qualify for the semi's. Coaches were Arthur Moir, Doug Mates and Kieren Diviney. The Club entered teams in the North Sydney 7-a-side,



*The Glebe Women's second grade team of 1985 taken at Forsyth Park, North Sydney. Back row left to right, Kerry Dival, Lisa Williams, Jan Hammond, Janet Dunn, Elizabeth Whittaker, Sharon Mates, Carol Wark, Anne Rochester, Sue Anderson, front row left to right Adele Lucas, Doug Mates (coach), Margaret Bourke, Cath Farrawell.*

Macquarie University, Ryde- Eastwood, Fairfield and Tamworth carnivals. Lesley Mates, Christine McNicol, Judy Dean and Terri Williams achieved the 50 game total and Elaine McNicol and Carol Purdy reached the 100 game mark during the season. At the end of the 1985 season the Club had \$2,351.10 in the bank.

Over the years, fund raising activities included street stalls, barbecues, dinner dances, raffles, make-up parties, fashion parades, car rallies, aerobics nights, sausage sizzles, theatre parties, champagne breakfasts and tupperware parties.

The West End Hotel in Mullens Street, Balmain, was a great source of revenue for the Club. The hotel, owned by the Inns Family, donated over \$1,000 for over four years in the late 80's and allowed the women to conduct meat raffles, which were a good moneyspinner. To show their appreciation to the publican, the women would stop off at the West End on a Saturday after the game and have the odd drink or two. Many a post-mortem was conducted at the West End Hotel.

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*Some of the women could sniff a dollar from miles away. The women's Club has always been well managed financially. They even invite the chaps to their make-up parties — anything to turn a dollar.*

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For the 1986 season, the President was again Molly Wark, Secretary Judy Dean and Treasurer Jan Hammond. At the 1986 annual meeting, Molly Wark and Jan Hammond were elected life members of the women's Club. Fees were \$60 (\$45 for full time students). Christine, Elaine and Jackie McNichol achieved the 100 game milestone and Narelle Wills, Janet Dunn, Linda Tait and Melinda McCorriston reached the 50 game mark. The Molly Wark Trophy for the Most Outstanding Club Woman in 1986 was won by Ann Rochester. The second, third and fourth grade teams made the semi finals in 1986, with the fourth grade team taking out the C grade second division premiership. Players in the winning team were Dana Klintias, Gretchen Gamble, Sara Potter, Kathryn Dival, Angela Ryan, Michelle Opitz, Margaret Bourke, Carol Purdy, Molly Wark (aged 60 years), Jenny Learmonth, Kerry Stammell, Rachael Williams, BB Bear and Terri Williams.

In 1987 the Club fielded 5 teams in the North Shore competition for the first time and fielded a team in a night competition at the Homebush Supergrass. It also fielded a team in a summer competition at Homebush. As usual weddings, transfers, births, engagements, overseas trips etc, etc caused a high turnover of personnel. During the season Liz Whittaker and Jill Lucas (nee Strachan) chalked up 100 games for the Club and Ann Rochester, Margaret Bourke, Gretchen Gamble, Gemma Keogh and Adele Lucas reached the 50 game milestone. 4 out of the 5 teams made the semi finals with the fourth grade finishing joint premiers with Freshwater in the C grade second division competition. In the summer period the Glebe Women's Hockey Club entered a team in a touch football competition at Timbrell Park, Five Dock. The coaches for the season were Colin Rochester, Doug Mates, Peter Busch and Janette Brazel.

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*The President's report commented that social functions were poorly attended and another comment was: "discipline and dedication seem to be going out the window."*

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1988, Australia's Bicentennial Year, was the tenth anniversary of the Glebe Womens Hockey Club. Membership was down and the Club reduced the number of teams it fielded from five to four. From reading the President's Report, it appears that '88 was not a vintage year for the Club.

The Club Captain, Lisa Williams, in her report stated that: "attendance at Tuesday night training was extremely disappointing."

Although they were not devoted trainers, the unstoppable 4ths did it again in '88, taking out the C division premiership. Stephen Cain from the men's Club coached them for the season and did a fine job. Clubs who played in this season were Mirrabooka, Gordon, North Sydney, Harbord, Woodstock, Freshwater and Mackellar. Jan Hammond, Jackie Sinclair (nee McNicol), Elaine Trodden (nee McNichol) and Molly Wark reached the 150 Club game



mark. Lisa Williams, Sharon Mates, Lesley Mates, Linda Glassock(nee Tait), and Carole Wark reached the 100 game mark and Michelle Opitz, Stacey Sheperd, Pauline Sunderland, Joanne Simmons, Kathy Hadley, Lisa Williams, Billy Warne and Jenny Evans reached the 50 game mark. The first grade team played a week-night competition at the Homebush State Sport Stadium both summer and winter, but no team was entered in the indoor competition. With the advent of the Homebush Synthetic Surface there was little interest in Sunday Hockey Carnivals, and since the mid '80's carnivals have become a thing of the past.

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*Overheard on a Tuesday night training session, uttered by a lower grade player just about to sip her first mouthful of white wine at the Club house bar, "Only wimps train. I don't want to waste any of my brilliance on the training paddock." — sentiments we all must have had at one time or another.*

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In 1989 Janice Farquharson was elected President, succeeding Molly Wark who had held the position for 10 years, since the inception of the Womens Club. Office Bearers for '89 were Gretchen Gamble (Vice President), Jill Strachan (Secretary), Pauline Sunderland (Treasurer) and Jenny Evans (Club Captain). The Balmain Sports Club gave the Club \$1,000 to buy much needed equipment. 1989 was one of the wettest years on record, and the low lying grounds of Forsyth Park, Lane Cove and North Sydney spent much of the winter underwater.

A decision was taken in late June by the North Shore Women's Hockey Association to abandon the 89 season. The first grade squad continued to play in the week-night Supergrass competition at Homebush but the lower grade players saw little hockey in that year. By the end of the season the Club had \$8,972 in the bank, which was testament to the prudent management adopted by the Club over the years.

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*The 1989 season was washed out with bad weather, which emphasises why the Club needs an all-weather synthetic surface — it's difficult to trip the light fantastic on a field which is underwater.*

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Over the summer months, the Club entered a team in the Supergrass competition at Homebush, which was enjoyed by the hockey devotees. At the start of the 1990 winter competition, there were 58 players available for the four teams entered in the North Shore Competition. Terry Reece snr. was appointed Club coach for the season, and his efforts were greatly appreciated. Terry played for Australia in the early 50's and passed on a lot of his considerable knowledge to the women. Fund raising activities for the year were a car rally, aerobics night, make-up party, and monster raffle which raised \$2,261. Revenue from playing fees was \$4,505 (\$60 per player). By

the end of 1990, the Club achieved a profit of \$1,409 for the season. Club Officers for 1990 were President Janice Farquharson, Vice President Gretchen Gamble, Secretary Roberta Inns, Treasurer Pauline Sunderland and Club Captain Elaine Trodden. The Best and Fairest awards went to the following: first grade Lyn O'Keefe, second grade Lesley Mates, third grade

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*The Inns family who ran the West End Hotel at Mullens Street, Balmain, were substantial sponsors of the Club over the years. The women patronised the pub after their games and charmed the storemen, painters and dockers who frequented the place in those days.*

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Ann Rochester and fourth grade Ros Heron. The Molly Wark Award for the Most Outstanding Club Woman of the year went to Elaine Trodden, and the West End Hotel award for consistency in effort and good demeanour went to Jenny Learmonth. The Club's third grade finished the season as joint premiers with Mackellar.

The Club has had many players selected to represent the North Shore Hockey Association. In 1982, the Club had Raelee Smith, Carole Wark, Janice Farquharson and Jenny Stringer as members of the North Shore second team, with Judy Dean as team manger and Les Wark as coach. Other members to represent over the years have been Christine McNicol, Lisa Williams, Sue D'Apice, Jill Strachan, Mary Wark (daughter of Harry and Anne), Adele Lucas, Jemina Howe (daughter of Peter and Ros), Helen Howe (daughter of Martin and Margaret) and Janette Brazel.

## *Chapter Twelve*

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### *Junior Hockey for Girls at Jubilee, The Return to the Fold (1990-1992)*

*R*ecruits to the women's ranks had usually learned to play hockey at school or in the country junior competitions. It was not until the mid-80s that Glebe saw an influx of girls into the junior ranks. These players, in the fullness of time, will filter through to the Club's senior ranks.

Lisa Williams (daughter of men's Club stalwart Barry Williams) played for the GDHC's under 10 mixed team in 1976; but it was not until the mid '80's that the junior teams (under 11's, 13's and 15's) began to see the introduction of an increasing number of girls with Jemima Howe, Helen and Colleen Howe, Mary Wark, Kim Rizzo and Karen Bowden being prominent. In 1988, Minkey hockey was introduced by the Glebe District Hockey Club for children too young to play in the under 11 team. Minkey was played every Saturday morning during the season at Jubilee Oval and proved to be extremely popular. From a core squad of about 10 players in 1988, numbers increased to about 40 by 1990. Peter Busch, a primary school teacher, was the co-ordinator of the Minkey squad (1988—1994) and women from the Glebe Women's Hockey Club helped Peter with this task. In 1990 there was an even number of boys and girls in the Minkey squad and there were at least 10 girls playing in the older junior teams. The GDHC appreciated the involvement of the GWHC with the juniors and the relations between the two clubs became increasingly cordial. With over 30 girls on the books, the GDHC was concerned that these girls be given a career path which involved continuous membership of the same hockey Club, and this view was shared by some members of the women's Club (GWHC).

At the 1990 Annual General Meeting, a motion was put by Pat Nilan and seconded by Harry Wark jnr, that women could again be part of the GDHC and that the Club field women's teams. This motion was carried without a dissenting voice. The logic behind the move was obvious to the members of the men's Club.

The GWHC had been a separate entity from the GDHC for over 10 years and some members of the women's Club were of the view that they would like to remain a separate entity, an entirely reasonable point of view. This group of women remained with the North Shore Hockey Association and established The Glebe Women's Sports Club, which was subsequently renamed as the Glebe Women's Hockey Club.

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*The Eastern District competition is the strongest in Sydney and plays in the premier division at the NSW State Championship. When the management committee decided to move from the North Shore competition to the Eastern Suburbs, they were looking to the future when the Glebe women's teams would be at the forefront of women's hockey in Sydney.*

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To avoid any confusion about which team was which in the minds of the opposing teams in the North Shore Competition, the women's teams of the GDHC, decided to join the Eastern District Competition. Before the winter season got under way, the women of the GDHC played in a summer competition held on the artificial surface at Homebush. The team won this competition with some

very good play. In the 1991 winter competition, the GDHC entered three teams in the Eastern District Zone. Teams in this competition included YWCA, Everjays, Esquires, United, Randwick, University of Sydney and the University of NSW. The competition was played mainly at Heffron Park, Maroubra and David Phillips Field, Daceyville, both of which are first class grass fields. On Saturdays, the first two grades of the Eastern District competition play on the synthetic surface at Homebush and 3rd, 4th and 5th grades play on grass. Three Glebe teams played in the Eastern District 3rd, 4th and 5th grade grass competition. The first grade team made the semi final but were beaten in extra time by Esquires while the third grade team played a draw in the semi final (after extra time) and were eliminated because the opposing team were higher on the ladder. The Club won the Eastern District minor Club championship, which was a pleasing result considering it was the club's first year in the competition.

In 1991, the first grade team consisted of Janette Brazel, Lisa McPhail, Amanda Berthold, Carole Wark, Colleen Millar, Jill Lucas, Linda Glassock, Nicole Horley, Jane Goldsmith, Vanessa Hardman, Christine McNicol and Ann Rochester, with Peter Busch the coach. The second grade team consisted of Judy Dean, Rebecca Pincham, Lesley Mates, Monique Beguely, Penny Brown, Margaret Ballandin, Joanne Davison, Kerry Divall, Jane Hoddinott, Kathy Hadley, Michelle Opitz, Cathy Andrews, Margaret Bourke and Helen Howe, with Geoff Busch the coach.

The mighty thirds consisted of younger and inexperienced players, but they enjoyed their game of hockey. The team personnel consisted of Adriana D'Agostino, Renee Dillon, Adele Lucas, Michelle Andrews, Kristi Barrow,





*Glebe Women's third grade team of 1991 at Heffron Park, Maroubra. Back row left to right: Vanessa, Cathy Busch, Kieran Diviney (coach), Joanne Davidson, Kerry Dival, Adriana D'Agostino, Adele Lucas, Penny Jones. Front row left to right: Christie Barrow, Alison Black, Helen Howe, Michelle Andrews (behind Helen), Renee Dillon, Christie Jones*

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Kerri Lambourn, Vanessa Gregory, Maryanne Sheedy, Cathy Busch, Kristi Jones, Cindy Jones, Alison Black and Anne Meldrum-Hanna, with Kieran Diviney as coach. Kristi Barrow, Penny Brown, Helen Howe, Mary Wark and Kim Rizzo (a player in the under 13 junior team) represented in Association teams in 1991. In June 1991, at Darwin, Carole Wark passed a field test to become an Australian Badged Umpire. Office bearers in the women's Club for 1991 were:

President Anne Rochester, Secretary Linda Glassock, Treasurer Jeanette Brazel and Club Captain Jane Goldsmith. Jill Lucas, Linda Glassock, Janette Brazel, Christine McNicol and Anne Rochester all achieved the 50 first grade mark in 1991. Carole Wark played her one hundredth first grade game for the Club during the year as well as totting up her 200th Club game. Margaret Howe (Martin's wife) did a fine job co-ordinating the "loose ends", which made for a harmonious season.

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*Cathy Andrews' brothers were champion rowers and Rugby Union players for Drummoyne. Brother Geoff played a few games for the Australian Rugby Union team in the second row — a sporting family.*

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1992 marked the second year back in the Eastern District Competition, and the Club were successful in winning the Eastern District Minor Club Championship, the third grade premiership and the fourth grade premiership. The Club's remaining team, third grade, which competed in the Eastern District's fifth grade competition, missed out on the semi finals by a point.

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*The Club has had an unfortunate reputation over the years for bagging umpires and it was pleasing to see one of its members, Carole Wark, become an Australian badged umpire in 1991.*

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The Club also entered a team in the Sydney Women's Hockey League Competition at the Synthetic Turf at Homebush, which was beaten by Mirrabooka in the semi finals. Office bearers for the season were: President Elaine Trodden, Secretary Jane Goldsmith, Treasurer Ann Rochester and Club Captain Michelle

Opitz. Socially, the season was a success and the Karaoke sing-a-long and Ken Wark's Barcelona send-off night were extremely successful with around 150-200 men, women and children in attendance. Other fund raising efforts involved an Easter raffle, home game barbecues, a Lamington drive, a Sports drive and a night out at an Italian Restaurant.

The women's Club finished with a surplus for the year of \$747.00, a good result considering the number of students in the ranks who pay substantially reduced fees. Wednesday night training sessions were well organised by Pat Nilan (first grade men's coach), Peter Busch, Geoff Busch and Kieran Diviney and usually well attended by the women, who enjoyed the exercise and the lively social atmosphere. Most of the time the men and the women

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*A snippet from the Red Rag magazine of 1991: "A special mention must go to our Mother and Daughter combination of Margaret and Helen Howe, who played together in one of our third grade matches."*

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trained together under Pat Nilan's watchful eye. Peter Busch coached first grade, Geoff Busch coached second grade and Kieran Diviney coached third grade and these respective gentleman did a fine job. On grand final day at David Phillips Field at Daceyville there were about 100 spectators, including a sizeable contingent from the men's teams present to cheer them on to greater heights.

The encouragement helped as the first grade beat YWCA 2-1 and the second grade team won 1-0, also beating YWCA. The matches were played at a frantic pace and the "Y" girls put up a spirited display, giving the Glebe spectators many nail-biting moments. The mood at the Club House after the grand final victories was jubilant, and it was clear that full integration of the women's teams back into the Glebe District Hockey Club had taken place.

Jill Strachan, a player with 214 games under her belt, left Sydney during the season to live in Brisbane and her cheerful face was sadly missed by the Club members. Melanie Reid from Tamworth and Rowena Mackie from Wollongong strengthened the Club in 1992 and contributed to the Club's success. Some of the younger women: Helen Howe, Dina Murray, Kristi Barrow and Yonneka Overduin showed great improvement over the previous season. Liz Whittaker returned to the Club after living for several years in South Australia and showed much of her old form.

The first grade team of 1992 comprised Linda Tait, Elaine Trodden, Christine McNicol, Melanie Reid, Nicole Horley, Adele Lucas, Ann Rochester, Lisa McPhail, Helen Howe, Carole Wark, Jane Goldsmith, Leanne Hodges, Colleen Millar, Jill Strachan and Vanessa Hardman. In the second grade team were Michelle Opitz, Trish Robertson, Jill Wallace, Cathy Andrews, Margaret Ballandin, Monique Beguely, Joanne Devison, Judy Dean, Cathy Hadley, Jane Hoddinott, Fiona McVicar, Rowena Mackie, Annette Wilson and Antonia Varoli. Third grade comprised Liz Whittaker, Alisa Stackpool, Tracey Robertson, Yonneka Overduin, Dina Murray, Keri Lambourn, Cindy Jones, Caroline Fraser, Kate Dowling, Renee Dillon, Adriana D'Agostino, Cathy Busch, Kelly Black, Alison Black, Jeneene Barratt and Kristi Barrow.

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*Liz came to the Club from Crookwell via Macquarie University and has given the Club yeowoman service over the years. Liz's husband, Neil, played first grade Rugby League for many years as Balmain's hooker before Ben Elias.*

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There were 45 players on the books in 1992, but on the odd Saturday one or other team had players who had doubled up from the preceding grade. The first grade player's player award went to Helen Howe, with Christine McNicol winning the most consistent individual performance award. In second grade Rowena Mackie won the player's player award with Annette Wilson winning the most consistent individual performance. In third grade Caroline Fraser won the player's player award with Dina Murray being judged the player with the most potential. Each Saturday morning, the women's teams supplied three players to help Peter Busch organise the Club's Minkey squad, which at times was 50 strong. The Minkies of today are the players of tomorrow, and future administrators after their best playing days are behind them. In 1993 the women of the Club did their best to cement the future of a Club which forms part of the social fabric of Glebe.

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*Rowena Mackie, a graduate of Wollongong University and a sports mistress at Leichhardt High School should be on a retainer from the Club as a talent scout.*

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Since its inception in 1978, the women's Club has won several lower grade premierships but have yet to become a force at the first grade level.

Because of the Club's location close to the city centre, it has always had a sprinkling of women from Britain and Ireland on working holidays in Australia. Despite this lack of success at the highest level, the women's Club has provided a healthy recreation in a convivial atmosphere to many hundreds of local women. Their Saturday afternoon game provides a release from the domestic, study, work and family responsibilities of the preceding week. The esprit de corps and camaraderie developed within the Club has

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*The goal for the women in the Club is to win a first grade Eastern District premiership. When this occurs it will be a red-letter day in the life of the Club. Out of the Minkey participants, the Club hopes an Australian women's representative will be forthcoming. Our Club needs a heroine and let's hope she's not long in coming.*

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helped many girls and women cope with difficulties in other aspects of their lives. Just as Glebe has provided this release for its men for over sixty years, now its women could enjoy the same pleasures and opportunities.

The women who maintained their independence from the men's Club continued in the North Shore competition, entering three teams for the 1991 season. This Club incorporated during 1991 and

chose to be named The Glebe Womens Sports Club. Office bearers in this Club for the 1991 season were President Janice Farquharson, Secretary Jo Simmons and Club Captain Alison Cummins. Although the players enjoyed the season, none of the three teams made the semi final. In 1992 this Club changed its name to the Glebe Women's Hockey Club.

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*The highlight of the mid-season barbecue was the dummy-spitting competition which attracted a huge following. Some of the women were very accomplished spitters but could not get near the eventual winner, defending champion Alan Howe, who won with a monster spit of 5.64 metres from a standing start. Hannah Oman won the shortest spit hands down. As she was only two, Hannah was hailed as a spitter with a big future.*

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Following the successes of 1992, the women of the Glebe District Hockey Club entered four teams in the 1993 season to cater for the influx of new players. The additional team played in the second grade of the Eastern District Competition and the other teams played in the third, fourth, and fifth grade competitions. Despite the additional team there was still a surplus of players in the Club and each team had 15

players, which made it difficult at times to give everyone a worthwhile run on a Saturday. Michelle Minett was Club Captain, Jane Goldsmith Secretary,





*The women's 1992 Eastern Districts Third Grade Premiers (Glebe's first grade) after the 2-1 grand final win over YWCA at David Phillips Field, Daceyville. Back row left to right: Peter Busch (coach), Linda Tait, Elaine Trodden, Christine McNicol, Melanie Reid, Nicole Horley, Adele Lucas, Ann Rochester, Lisa McPhail, front row left to right Helen Howe, Carole Wark, Jane Goldsmith, Leanne Hodges, Vanessa Hardman*

Ann Rochester Treasurer, Jane Hoddinott Junior Convenor, Linda Tait equipment officer, Carole Wark Umpiring Convenor, Molly Wark Publicity Officer and Elaine Trodden, Caroline Fraser and Linda Tait were on the social committee. A full list of the players in the women's Club for the year 1993 is given in the appendix.

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*By 1993, the Club had over 100 women and girls on its books, and over time there will be as many females as males in the Club. This can't be a bad thing.*

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Les Wark coached the first grade team assisted by Shane Nilan and Ken Wark jnr, with Margaret Howe as manager. Pat Nilan helped coach the women on Wednesday nights. The age ranges of the firsts was from 14 to 30 plus and they just missed out on the semi's by a point. Lisa Williams, Melanie Reid and Janette Brazel were three of the more experienced members of the team which included many girls just out of the junior ranks, Dina Murray, Helen and Colleen Howe and Mary Wark. The defence was outstanding, but the team lacked an ability to take their chances and put the ball in the net. Over the course of the season, the conversion rate from penalty strokes was about 15%, which in anyone's estimation is woeful.

1994 promises to be a good year for the women's first grade team with the appointment of the energetic Janette Brazel as coach and Margaret Howe as manager. The second grade bowed out in the semi's and the thirds and fourths made it through to the finals. All sides, given a good slice of luck, could have won the premiership.

The Players' Player Awards in 1993 were: fourth grade Phillipa Williams, third grade Jane Hoddinott, second grade Linda Tait and first grade Helen Howe. Most consistent individual performances went to: fourth grade Hilary Green, third grade Christine Howe, second grade Ann Rochester and first grade Jemima Howe. Scoring goals proved difficult for the Club in 1993, but the highest goal scorer for the season was fourth grader Phillipa Williams, with 16 goals. Club honours achieved in 1993 were: 200 Club games, Christine McNicol and Linda Tait; 150 Club games, Ann Rochester and Michelle Minett; 100 Club games, Jane Hoddinott and Kathey Hadley; 50 first grade games to Christine McNicol. Jeff Busch coached second grade, Kieran Diviney third grade and Janette Brazel fourth grade.

Attendance at social functions was up on previous years and the Karaoke night, the dinner at Harold Park, the junior barbecue and the Presentation night at the Huntley at Parramatta were well attended. The chocolate drive, the raffle and the sale of refreshments at Federal Park netted the women's Club \$2,395. Financially, the women's Club has always been prudently run and this year was no exception, with the Club finishing well into the black. Getting players to put the pads on proved difficult in 1993 and a couple of forwards, Kathy Smith and Annette Wilson had to be persuaded into the custodial position. Molly Wark, life member and publicity officer, did a fine job and the Club weekend results were usually present in the local newspaper, "The Glebe" every Wednesday. In 1994 the Club is going to field five teams, and year by year the Club's numerical strength grows. This is a direct result of the outstanding organisation of the Club and the influx of junior girls from the Club's junior program.

As Janette Brazel said in her fourth grade report: "We learned much from our year but especially that nothing is impossible — no matter how high the hurdle."

# Chapter Thirteen

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## *Into the Future*

**S**port is an irrelevant frivolity to some, an all-consuming passion to others and a convivial, enjoyable, healthy diversion from mainstream life for the majority. Whatever one's perception of the meaning of life, how to live it and the relevance of the life hereafter, there is little argument that a local Club, hobby group, community group or organisation which puts people with a more or less common purpose or interest in contact with each other serves a useful function.

The Glebe District Hockey Club, which had its origins as the St James Sporting Club formed in 1929, is a local community-based Club where people from all walks of life and all colours and creeds meet, mix and enjoy a cheerful, positive atmosphere while keeping fit. In an era where people have a wide variety of options available on how to spend their leisure time, and where participation in sport is shrinking, the Glebe Club has managed to maintain its popularity. The Club provides a framework for people to contribute to the common good without feeling awkward or overly altruistic. For any sporting group to survive, flourish and prosper, there have to be dedicated, generous, capable, industrious people who attend to organisation affairs, financial matters, coaching and public relations. Fortunately, over the years, Glebe has been blessed with people who have attended to these matters. Without effective administrators, a Club withers and, if the situation is not remedied, eventually dies.

The Glebe Rugby League team, the Glebe Rugby Union Club, the Glebe Harriers, the Glebe Soccer Club, Apia-Leichhardt Soccer Club, Bing and Swing and Glebe Youth Junior Rugby League Clubs, Glebe Cricket Club,

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*To paraphrase the late American President John F. Kennedy: Some people see things as they are and say why, others see things as they are and say why not.*

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*At an Australian vs Germany test match at Homebush in 1993, the New Zealand umpire missed an obvious infringement. Colin Brown, from the sidelines, yelled: "Where's your guide dog Ref? The New Zealand umpire could see the funny side of the comment and laughed for minutes after the interjection.*

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the Glebe Cycle Club and the Glebe Rowing Club were all once flourishing local clubs which do not exist in 1994. These now extinct local clubs once provided support and social cohesion to the communities they served, and with their passing the community was the loser. Avenues for putting people in contact with each other in a healthy, optimistic, social environment were lost. Loneliness, boredom, alienation, a lack of belonging, aimlessness and isolation are problems in today's society and local interest groups of which the Hockey Club is an example, help to address these difficulties which afflict many Australians.

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*The Glebe Club's reputation for toughness extends to its spectators, who are legendary for their one-eyed, single-minded, loud and vocal support for their teams. They aren't known for any sense of restraint and umpires have been known to quiver — for various reasons — at the insults from the sidelines.*

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In 1993 the Club had over 300 playing members, fielding 6 senior men's teams, 4 senior women's teams, 8 junior teams (mixed, boys and girls), had 80 registered Minkey players (players too young or too inexperienced for a team) and over 50 social members (parents, friends and loyal supporters). The Club initiated its Minkey program in 1988 and it has proved extremely popular with the families of the area, the pre-school for the junior teams so to speak. Minkey is definitely here to stay and it may even

expand in future years, perhaps to a local 7-a-side Minkey Competition. Numerically the Club has never been stronger and its star is on the ascendancy, thanks mainly to a particularly able administration.

The Glebe District Hockey Club is only as good as the people who nurture and care for her. Over the years juniors, having appreciated what was done for them, remained with the Club as the years passed and contributed their talents, what ever they may have been, to subsequent generations of children/adolescents. If the flow of generous community-minded individuals stops, then the Club will flounder. If as we would all hope, the juniors of today flourish into the administrators of tomorrow, then the future of the Club is assured. In order for our current crop of juniors to acquire a generous heart, community spirit and a willingness to contribute to the common good, they have to be nurtured, encouraged and cultivated by senior Club members.

A recurring theme through out the club's history, has been that Club members having appreciated the "esprit de corps" and discipline that playing a team sport like hockey brings, encourage their own children to take up the sport. Many of the coaches of the junior teams are ex or current players whose children have taken up the sport. Nurturing of the juniors is, was and always will be, crucial to the club's survival and this has been recognised since the



club's inception. One of the proud traditions of the Club is that juniors have never been charged a fee to play the game, their costs being met by the senior members of the Club and in more recent times by a small amount of sponsorship money. A Club that neglects its juniors is a Club in danger of extinction. Some of the club's junior coaches do not have children of their own playing hockey but are extraordinarily generous people. There are also senior players who give up their time and energy freely and cheerfully for the betterment of the following generation. Most of the junior team managers and some of the Club administrators are parents of children who have taken up the sport. Involved parents are the life-blood of the Club, and need to be encouraged to contribute their talents in Club affairs.

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*According to the Sports Unit at the Department of School Education, there were 1,624 boys and 1,834 girls competing in the inter-school primary hockey competition and 2,870 boys and 3,374 girls competing at the high school level. (Sydney Morning Herald, 15 March 1994)*

Hockey is a popular sport in provincial Australian cities and rural Australia, and increasingly the Club is being enriched by an influx of young men and women who have learned to play hockey in the "Bush" and come to Sydney for educational and work opportunities. By joining the Hockey Club young people from the bush are provided with an instant circle of contacts, friends and a robust social life. Conversely, the country lads/lasses broaden the horizons of our Glebe born and bred juniors. Some of the club's best players and administrators have come to the Club from the "bush".

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*The Australian Hockey Association has more than 83,000 male hockey players spread across the six states and two territories of the country.*

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The Club has always tried to provide hockey for all members in a fair and equitable fashion, it has never discriminated against players of lesser abilities and prides itself on its egalitarian principles. As was so aptly put by the founder of the modern

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*To paraphrase again John F. Kennedy: "Ask not what the Club can do for you, but what you can do for the Club".*

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Olympics in 1884: "Participation and enjoyment is everything." This philosophy ensures a harmonious Club, a robust Club spirit and an ambience where all people feel welcome, wanted and accepted. A District Club that deviates from this modus operandi will in the end become extinct.

While stressing the common good and "hockey for all" attitude, it should be appreciated that the Club has, and will continue to, produce champions. Eleven Australian players have played for Glebe and of these five have

come from the ranks of our own juniors. The Club has the coaching expertise to nurture, encourage, identify and foster talented young players, without taking the fun and enjoyment out of the game. Glebe will continue to produce

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*The professional marketing of the Club and the ability to attract sponsorship remains a challenge for the future.*

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elite players and if history is to repeat itself, these players will stay with the Club through thick and thin to develop the next generation of junior players.

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received modest sums of money to play and coach. Australian players in 1994 can command \$12,000-\$20,000 per season to play. Glebe has never had the money to be able to pay players, preferring to use any surplus cash to foster the juniors and help its representative players defray their travel expenses.

Hockey is an amateur game, but since 1976 some of the better players have

Without a big sponsor, Glebe is unlikely to be in a position to pay players, a policy favoured by the vast majority of members. In 1994 Ken Wark, who has played over 150 games for Australia, and is in the current “world best team”, gets no money from the Glebe, where he could command \$20,000 from other clubs. This is an example of the intense loyalty, patriotism and affinity that our own juniors have for their Club, and long may it continue.

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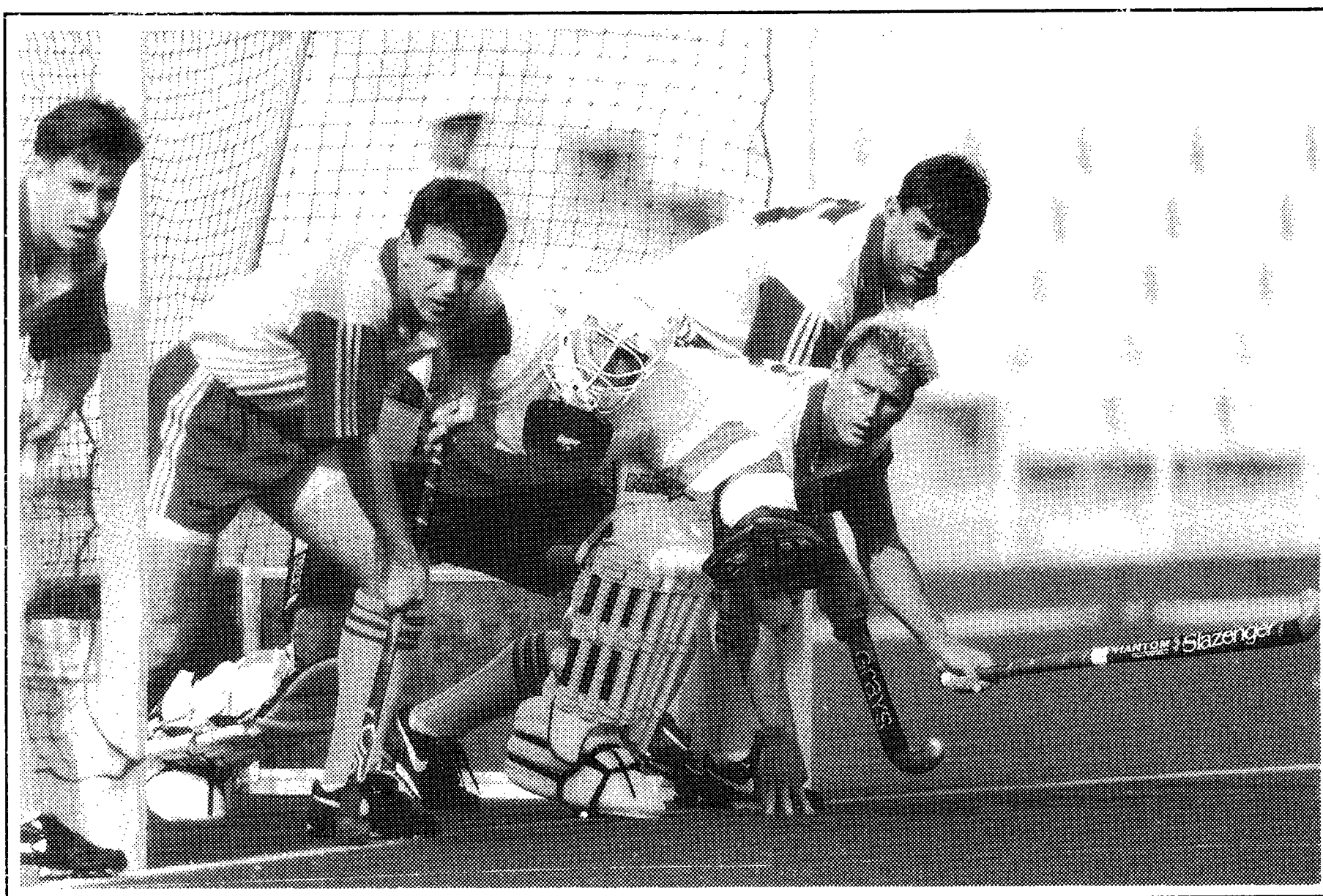
*The Club first submitted plans for a synthetic surface at Federal Park, Annandale in November 1986. Much water and many words have passed under the bridge since this time but the Club is determined that the dream of a “Turf” will become a reality in the not too distant future.*

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The full integration of the women’s and men’s teams in 1990 was a landmark for the Club. The two parts together are much better, stronger and more robust than the two parts individually. A family can bring down their children, both boys and girls, to the Minkey when they are 6 or 7 and watch them progress with their peer group into adult life playing a healthy, vigorous, Olympic sport which requires skill

rather than brute force. Having boys and girls play in mixed teams up to age 15 is an appealing concept to many families and is one of the advantages the Hockey Club has over men only, or girl only sporting bodies. The Club has fully embraced the concept of equal opportunity for women.

To remain at the forefront of hockey in Sydney it is imperative that the Club obtain its own synthetic turf surface within the Glebe area.



*The Australian Olympic team defending a short corner at the 1992 Barcelona Games. Left to right: Dean Evans (WA), Ashley Carey (QLD), Damian Diletti (WA), Buster Birmingham (Glebe), Ken Wark (Glebe).*

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This would allow the first, second and third grade to play at home, something that has not happened since 1984. Local support for the Glebe Hockey Team is there in the community. It was not uncommon in days gone by to get 200 – 300 people at Jubilee on a Saturday afternoon to watch the first grade team. Unfortunately, because all fixtures are currently played outside the Glebe area, crowds at the top grades are poor. In 1994, there are synthetic surfaces at Bankstown, Sutherland, Little Bay, Moorebank and two at Homebush. The Club is currently negotiating with Leichhardt Council and The New South Wales Harness Association to site a synthetic surface inside an up-graded Harold Park trotting track. If this proposal eventually becomes a reality the Club will be

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*Every Olympic medal-winning men's hockey team has included a member of the Glebe Hockey Club. Pat Nilan played in the bronze medal-winning team at the 1964 Mexico Olympics and the silver medal-winning team at the 1968 Tokyo Olympics. Ian Cooke was a member of the silver medal-winning team at Montreal, Canada, in 1976. More recently, Ken Wark won a silver medal with the Australian team at the 1992 Barcelona Games."*

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and the surface will present a place for Club members to meet and share each other's company.

In 1994 there are approximately 200 men's hockey teams in Sydney and 500 women's teams, together with hundreds of school teams of both sexes.

As a sport, the future of hockey seems secure. A flourishing competition, with many evenly matched teams has been achieved and this situation looks set to continue. The Australian Government spends several million dollars per annum in financing the Australian Institute of Sport for hockey and funding administrative activities in all Australian States. It is likely that this Governmental support will continue. Media coverage of hockey has increased in the last few years, and the profile of the sport has never been higher. This wider exposure of the sport to the general community will no doubt bring more recruits to the Glebe Club.

With the Olympic Games in Sydney for the Year 2000, sport will receive an enormous boost in public awareness and government funding, and hockey is one of those sports which is likely to be given an extra boost because of its medal-winning potential. The Glebe Hockey Club is working towards making sure that there are Glebe representatives in the Sydney Olympics — that some of “the wearers of the gory-coloured guernseys” play on the site of that other abattoir at Homebush in the year 2000. The juniors of today are the Olympic players of tomorrow.

There's an Irish blessing: “May the road rise to meet you, may the wind be always at your back, may the sun shine warm upon your face, the rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again may God hold you in the palm of his hand.” It seems to fit the tradition of a hockey club founded by the larger-than-life Irishman Brother Maurice McCarten Keegan, and it's to be hoped that it will continue to guide the Club.

In its 63-year history, the fortunes of the Club have waxed and waned, the tide has come in, gone out and come in again, peaks have been reached and roughs negotiated. The tradition of a positive, cheerful, optimistic, “can-do” approach is still carried on by the players and administrators of today.

The road ahead looks exciting, rewarding and interesting. The spirit of the Glebe Hockey Club has endured and strengthened, and the authors have no hesitation in saying:

*HANG ON TO YOUR HATS —*

*THE BEST IS YET TO COME.*



List of Club Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers  
(1931-1936)

Year	President	Secretary	Treasurer
1931	unknown	unknown	unknown
1932	E Mockler	J Donovan	J W Taylor
1933	E Mockler	J Donovan	J W Taylor
1934	E Mockler	G Mockler	J W Taylor
1935	E Mockler	J W Taylor	R Dunn
1936	E Mockler	J W Taylor	J Quinlan

*169 addition to Under the Arches*

# Appendices

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## *List of Club Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers (until 1946)*

*(from 1947 onward the Treasurers column  
is replaced by a column headed Club Captain)*

<i>Year</i>	<i>President</i>	<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Treasurer</i>
1937	E Mockler	J W Taylor	J L Quinlan
1938	C Humphreys	J W Taylor	J L Quinlan
1939	C Humphreys	C Eling	J L Quinlan
1940	C Humphreys	J Worley	J L Quinlan
1941	C Humphreys	J Worley	J L Quinlan
1942	C Humphreys	J W Taylor	J L Quinlan
1943	C Humpherys	W F Ryan	J W Taylor
1944	C Humpherys	W F Ryan	J W Taylor
1945	C Humpherys	W F Ryan	J W Taylor
1946	J Worley	J W Taylor	H Butler
<i>Club Captain</i>			
1947	J Worley	M Steedman	T Pearce
1948	J Worley	P W Rodgers	W F Ryan
1949	J Worley	P W Rodgers	W F Ryan
1950	J Worley	F Needham	F Murray
1951	J Worley	F Needham	F Murray
1952	J Worley	F Needham	F Murray
1953	J Worley	F Needham	F Murray
1954	J Worley	W F Ryan	H Wark
1955	J Worley	R Thorpe	H Wark
1956	J Worley	R Thorpe	H Wark
1957	J Worley	R Thorpe	H Wark
1958	N Walker	R Thorpe	G Harris
1959	N Walker	R Thorpe	V Westacott
1960	N Walker	R Thorpe	V Westacott
1961	N Walker	R Thorpe	H Wark
1962	K Dickey	R Thorpe	H Wark
1963	K Dickey	R Thorpe	P Nilan
1964	K Dickey	F Letts	P Nilan
1965	K Dickey	F Vanderputt	P Nilan
1966	G Harris	F Vanderputt	P Nilan
1967	W Stubbs	F Letts	R Brown

<i>Year</i>	<i>President</i>	<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Club Captain</i>
1968	W Stubbs	F Letts	R Brown
1969	W Stubbs	F Letts	R Brown
1970	W Stubbs	F Letts	R Brown
1971	W Stubbs	F Letts	P Nilan
1972	P Nilan	F Letts	M Howe
1973	P Nilan	F Letts	R Brown
1974	P Nilan	F Letts	R Brown
1975	P Nilan	F Letts	R Brown
1976	P Nilan	F Letts	I Mutton
1977	P Nilan	F Letts	R Brown
1978	R Brown	G Manou	I Mutton
1979	F Letts	B Pink	I Mutton
1980	F Letts	B Pink	I Mutton
1981	G Gilmour	B Pink	L Wark
1982	G Gilmour	D O'Brien	L Wark
1983	G Gilmour	D O'Brien	L Wark
1984	G Gilmour	K Paterson	K Sweeney
1985	P Howe	K Paterson	D O'Brien
1986	D O'Brien	K Paterson	C Rochester
1987	R Wark	I Treharne	K Sweeney
1988	R Wark	D O'Brien	P Busch
1989	R Wark	G Wark	P Busch
1990	R Wark	D O'Brien	P Busch
1991	R Wark	D O'Brien	D Rochester
1992	G Paterson	K Corkery	P Busch
1993	G Paterson	K Corkery	P Busch
1994	G Paterson	K Corkery	P Busch

### *Life Members of the Club*

Jack Quinlan  
Basil Bates  
Esther Taylor  
Jack Worley  
Jim Kenny  
Kelvin Dickey  
Bill Ryan  
Harry Wark snr.  
Ken Wark snr.  
Pat Nilan  
Bill Stubbs  
Fred Letts  
Robert “Charlie” Brown  
Graeme Gilmour  
Paul Rogers  
John Diviney  
Keith Paterson  
Colin Brown  
Martin Howe  
Molly Wark



*Premierships won by the Club since 1931*

1931 3rd  
1932 2nd  
1933 3rd  
1934 2nd  
1935 2nd  
1936  
1937  
1938  
1939  
1940 1st, 2nd  
1941 1st, 2nd  
1942 1st  
1943 1st  
1944  
1945 1st  
1946 3rd, minor B  
1947 1st, 2nd, Minor B  
1948 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Minor B  
1949 1st, 2nd, 3rd  
1950 1st, 2nd  
1951 1st, 2nd  
1952 1st  
1953 1st, 2nd  
1954 Minor C  
1955 1st  
1956 1st, under 14  
1957 3rd, under 14  
1958 1st, 3rd, Minor B, under 16  
1959 under 16  
1960 2nd  
1961  
1962 1st, 3rd  
1963 1st  
1964 1st, 2nd  
1965 1st, 2nd  
1966 2nd, 3rd, 4th  
1967 2nd, 3rd, 4th, under 10, under 12  
1968 2nd, 3rd, under 10  
1969 under 10, under 12, under 14  
1970 C Grade, under 10  
1971 under 12, under 14  
1972 2nd, 3rd, 5th, under 10  
1973 2nd, 4th, under 16  
1974 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, under 12, under 16  
1975 3rd, 4th, A Grade (second Division)  
1976 1st, 2nd, 3rd, under 10, under 14  
1977 1st, 4th, 6th, under 12

*Premierships won by the Club since 1931 (continued)*

1978 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, under 10, under 12, under 16  
1979 under 14  
1980 1st grade 3rd Division, under 12, under 14  
1981 2nd, 1st & 2nd Grade 2nd Division  
1982 1st, 3rd, under 17, under 14 Twilight, Super 10A Indoor  
1983 under 17, 1st Grade(Third Division), under 15  
1984 under 15  
1985 3rd, 4th, under 17  
1986 2nd  
1987 4th, 7th, under 15, under 13 SHA Knock-Out Cup  
1988 4th  
1989 4th, 5th, 6th  
1990 3rd, 5th, under 17  
1991  
1992  
1993

*Glebe Women — Premierships Won*

1984 4th grade C grade 2nd Division North Shore  
1987 4th grade C grade 2nd Division North Shore  
(joint premiers with Freshwater)  
1988 4th grade C grade 2nd Division North Shore  
1990 3rd grade 3rd grade 1st Division North Shore  
1991 Minor Club championship Eastern District  
1992 3rd grade and 4th grade premierships  
(Minor Club Championship Eastern District)  
1993

*Club Members Selected for Australia  
While Playing for Glebe*

1937	Tom Pearce, Basil Bates
1952	Ken Wark snr
1954	Ken Wark, Terry Reece snr
1961	Pat Nilan
1964	Pat Nilan
1965	Pat Nilan
1966	Pat Nilan
1967	Pat Nilan
1968	Pat Nilan
1970	Pat Nilan
1972	Pat Nilan
1974	Ian Cooke
1975	Ian Cooke
1976	Ian Cooke
1984	Warren "Buster" Birmingham
1985	Buster Birmingham, Ken Wark jnr
1986	Buster Birmingham, Ken Wark jnr
1987	Buster Birmingham, Ken Wark jnr
1988	Buster Birmingham, Ken Wark jnr
1989	Buster Birmingham, Ken Wark jnr
1990	Ken Wark jnr
1991	Ken Wark jnr
1992	Ken Wark jnr
1993	Ken Wark jnr
1994	Ken Wark jnr, Buster Birmingham

*Glebe Players Selected to Represent NSW Seniors*

1937	Tom Bates, Basil Bates
1938	Tom Pearce, Charlie Humpheys
1939	Tom Pearce, Tom Taylor
1946	Kel Dickey, Bill Ryan
1947	Bill Lord, Bill Ryan, Vern Turner, Ken Wark snr
1948	Vern Turner
1949	Vern Turner
1950	Frank Murray, Ken Wark snr., Vern Turner
1951	Vern Turner, Ken Wark snr
1952	Ken Wark snr., Vern Turner, Ray Thorpe
1953	Vern Turner, Terry Reece snr., Ken Wark snr
1954	Vern Turner, Ken Wark snr, Alex Robb, Des Wise
1955	Vern Turner, Jack C Taylor
1956	Ken Wark snr

*Glebe Players Selected to Represent NSW Seniors (continued)*

1957	Ray Thorpe
1958	Vic Westacott
1960	Ron Payne
1961	Pat Nilan
1962	Pat Nilan, Len Needham
1963	Pat Nilan, Len Needham
1964	Pat Nilan, Robert Brown, Des Wise (coach)
1965	Pat Nilan, Des Wise(coach)
1966	Pat Nilan, Dave Stevens, Des Wise(coach)
1967	Pat Nilan, Graeme Gilmour, Len Needham
1968	Pat Nilan
1969	Graeme Gilmour
1970	Graeme Gilmour, Pat Nilan, Robert Brown, Dave Cutler
1971	Pat Nilan
1972	Pat Nilan, Marnie Hughes, Ken Wark snr (coach), Fred Letts (manager)
1973	Ian Cooke, Barry Gorringer, Marnie Hughes, Ken Wark snr (coach), Fred Letts (manager)
1974	Ian Cooke, Phil Downey, Keith Pritchard
1975	Ian Cooke, Keith Pritchard, Greg Corben
1976	Ian Cooke, Greg Corben, Jeff Dearing
1977	Greg Corben, Geoff Paterson, Les Wark, Robert Diviney
1978	Robert Diviney
1979	Greg Corben, Graham Bell, Robert Diviney, Geoff Paterson, Pat Nilan (coach)
1981	Geoff Paterson, Buster Birmingham
1982	Geoff Paterson, Buster Birmingham
1983	Ken Wark jnr
1984	Ken Wark jnr, Buster Birmingham, Craig Stubbs
1985	Ken Wark jnr, Buster Birmingham
1986	Ken Wark jnr, Buster Birmingham
1987	Ken Wark jnr, Buster Birmingham
1988	Ken Wark jnr, Buster Birmingham
1989	Ken Wark jnr, Buster Birmingham
1990	Ken Wark jnr
1991	Ken Wark jnr
1992	Ken Wark jnr
1993	Ken Wark jnr, Aaron Nilan, Steven Cain
1994	Ken Wark jnr, Steven Cain, Buster Birmingham, Glen Barnes, Shane Nilan, Brad Goodridge, Pat McCann (NSW B Team)



### *Glebe Players Selected to Represent NSW Colts*

1935	George Mockler, Jim Kenny, Tom Taylor
1937	Dave McNivan
1938	Clarie Eling
1939	Bill Ryan
1947	Vince Halls, Bob Needham
1948	Alan Cross, Vince Halls
1950	Bob Rodgers
1956	Greg Harris
1958	Bob Fox
1960	Pat Nilan
1963	Robert "Charlie" Brown
1967	Harry Wark jnr, Ken Wark snr Coach
1968	Ken Wark Coach
1970	Graham Lisk
1971	Graham Lisk, Glyn Pulling
1971	<i>Under 18's</i> Mick Weatherly, Graeme Gilmour, Coach, Kevin Weekes Manager
1972	Marnie Hughes, Glyn Pulling, Graeme Gilmour, Coach
1973	Greg Corben, Glyn Pulling, Graeme Gilmour Coach
1974	Greg Corben, Les Wark, Graham Bell, Geoff Paterson, Keith Pritchard, Graeme Gilmour, Coach
1975	Les Wark, Graham Bell, Geoff Paterson, Gary Wark, Robert Brown, Coach
1976	Kevin Sweeney, Les Wark, Geoff Paterson, Robert Diviney, Gary Wark, Robert Brown, Coach
1977	Tony Cowan, Gary Wark, Robert Brown Coach
1978	Robert Diviney, Tony Cowan
1979	Warren Birmingham, Robert Diviney, Tony Cowan
1980	Warren Birmingham
1981	Warren Birmingham, Craig Stubbs, Mark Gersback, Ken Wark jnr
1982	Warren Birmingham, Craig Stubbs, Ken Wark jnr
1983	Craig Stubbs, Captain, Danny O'Brien
1984	Craig Stubbs, Captain
1991	Steven Cain
1992	Glen Barnes
1993	Aaron Nilan

*Glebe Players Selected to Represent  
the NSW Juniors*

1939	Kel Dickey
1950	Pat Ward
1951	Bennett Dunn
1953	Victor Westacott
1954	Victor Westacott, Jim Flood
1955	Bill Stubbs
1958	Brian Howe
1959	Graeme Gilmour, Dennis Lisk, Peter Howe
1971	Vernon Howe
1972	Gary Wark, John McDonald
1973	Robert Diviney, Tony Cowan, Gary Manou coach
1974	Robert Diviney, Tony Cowan, Roger McDonald, Gary Lewis
1975	Tony Cowan, Peter Casey
1977	Craig Stubbs
1978	Mark Edwards, Danny O'Brien, Col Rochester, Craig Stubbs
1979	Craig Stubbs, Kieran Dell, Patrick McMahon
1980	Kieran Dell
1981	David Rochester, Ken Wark snr, Coach
1982	Grant Martin
1983	David Rochester, Steven Dunn
1986	Julian Dell, James Fitzgerald
1987	James Fitzgerald, Aaron Nilan
1993	Wayne Benfield

*New South Wales Indoor Hockey Representatives*

1978	Geoff Paterson, Robert Diviney, Graham Bell
1979	Geoff Paterson, Robert Diviney, Graham Bell
1980	Geoff Paterson
1981	Geoff Paterson, Warren Birmingham
1982	Geoff Paterson, Warren Birmingham, Graham Bell, Ian Mutton coach
1993	Stuart Corkery, Brett Stubbs, Matthew Bass (under 19)

### *Sydney Hockey Association Club Championship*

1948	Glebe
1949	Glebe
1950	Glebe
1951	Glebe
1952	Glebe
1953	Glebe
1954	Ryde
1955	Ryde
1956	Glebe & Ryde
1957	St George
1958	Glebe
1959	St George
1960	St George
1961	Glebe
1962	Glebe
1963	Ryde
1964	Glebe
1965	Glebe
1966	Glebe
1967	Glebe
1968	Glebe
1969	St George
1970	St George
1971	St George
1972	Glebe
1973	Glebe
1974	Glebe
1975	Glebe
1976	Glebe
1977	Glebe
1978	Glebe
1979	North Sydney
1980	Glebe
1981	NSW University
1982	Glebe
1983	St George
1984	North Sydney
1985	North Sydney
1986	Moorebank-Liverpool
1987	Moorebank-Liverpool
1988	Moorebank-Liverpool
1989	Glebe
1990	Glebe
1991	Moorebank-Liverpool
1992	Sutherland
1993	Moorebank-Liverpool

## *Club Trophies*

*The Club has nine trophies that are competed for year by year. Trophy winners are selected by the management committee at the conclusion of each season.*

### *W J Taylor Cup*

This trophy was first awarded in 1941. It was donated by W J Taylor who succeeded Rev Brother McCarten Keegan as the patron of the Club.

The award was originally for the “Most Improved Player”, however, since 1954 the wording has been altered to “The Club Member who has set the Best Example by Consistent Play and General Demeanour”.

1941	Frank Murray
1942	Not awarded
1943	Jack Taylor
1944	Not awarded
1945	Leo Murdoch
1946	Alan Cross
1947	Bob Needham
1948	Jack Buckley
1949	Fred Needham
1950	Jack Martin
1951	Vince Halls
1952	Jack Martin
1953	Glen Elliott
1954	Alex Robb
1955	Vern Turner
1956	Jack Taylor
1957	Reg Matthews
1958	Paul Rogers
1959	Greg Harris
1960	Greg Harris
1961	Graeme Gilmour
1962	Ken Wark
1963	Pat Nilan
1964	Pat Nilan
1965	Graeme Gilmour
1966	Dave Stevens
1967	Ken Wark
1968	Martin Howe
1969	Robert Brown
1970	Keith Vincent
1971	Graeme Gilmour
1972	Vic Westacott
1973	Col Smith



*W J Taylor Cup (continued)*

1974	Pat Nilan
1975	Ian Mutton
1976	Greg Corben
1977	Greg Corben
1978	Royce Jenkins
1979	Mike Buckley
1980	Geoff Paterson
1981	John "Todd" Smith
1982	Les Wark
1983	Danny O'Brien
1984	Terry Reece
1985	Bob Barrett
1986	Colin Rochester
1987	Tim Sutton
1988	Bevan Ineson
1989	R. "Ted" Edmondson
1990	Tom Jenkins
1991	Bevan Ineson
1992	Harry Wark
1993	Stephen Casey

*W A Oldfield Cup*

The W A Oldfield Cup is another Club Trophy first awarded in 1941. The Cup was presented to the Club by the late W A (Bert ) Oldfield, the former Australian Wicketkeeper. The trophy is awarded to the "Colt Under 21" who has been adjudged "The Most Improved and Best Behaved Junior During The Season".

1941	Jack Taylor
1942	<i>Not awarded</i>
1943	<i>during</i>
1944	<i>War years</i>
1945	John Richards
1946	John Collett
1947	Not awarded
1948	Don Campbell
1949	Allan Halls
1950	Bob Rodgers
1951	Ken Bolin
1952	Len Needham
1953	Ken Bolin
1954	Paul Rogers
1955	Paul Rogers
1956	Greg Harris

*W A Oldfield Cup (continued)*

1957	Vic Westacott
1958	Pat Nilan
1959	Pat Nilan
1960	Bill Stubbs
1961	Pat Nilan
1962	Robert Brown
1963	Graham Kirkland
1964	Ross Croker
1965	Marvin Heaston
1966	Garry Manou
1967	Harry Wark jnr
1968	Graham Lisk
1969	Graham Lisk
1970	Royce Jenkins
1971	John McDonald
1972	Wayne Sullivan
1973	Les Wark
1974	Greg Corbin
1975	Geoff Paterson
1976	Robert Diviney
1977	Robert Diviney
1978	Ken Wark jnr
1979	Ken Wark jnr
1980	Ken Wark jnr
1981	Danny O'Brien
1982	Ken Wark jnr
1983	Craig Stubbs
1984	Ken Bennett
1985	David Rochester
1986	Michael Diviney
1987	Julian Dell
1988	Wayne Southwell
1989	David Annan
1990	Shane Nilan
1991	Stuart Corkery
1992	Glen Barnes
1993	Patrick McCann

## *V J Turner Cup*

In their efforts to foster Junior Hockey in the Club, the Management committee of 1950 decided to present a trophy for the “Most Improved Junior Under the Age of 17 Years”.

The Cup was named after Vern Turner in appreciation of his work for Juniors. Vern was an outstanding player and an equally outstanding coach. He first started with the Club in 1942, playing at left wing and soon went into first grade. He played 261 games and scored 84 goals. His ambition was to coach a winning under 16's team. This ambition was unfilled when he left the Club in 1957 to take up an academic appointment teaching in the language department at the University Of New England, Armidale NSW. In the following season, 1958, two teams which he had coached played out the final.

1950	Keith Riley
1951	Bennett Dunn
1952	Maurie Cownie
1953	Eddy Kenny
1954	Bill Stubbs
1955	John Whittle
1956	Gary Sullivan
1957	Barry Angus
1958	Brian Howe
1959	Graeme Gilmour
1960	Dennis Lisk
1961	Harry Wark jnr
1962	Dennis Brown
1963	Colin Brown
1964	Not Awarded
1965	Not Awarded
1966	Graham Lisk
1967	John McMahon
1968	Wayne Sullivan
1969	Michael Weatherly
1970	Wayne Sullivan
1971	Les Wark
1972	Robert Diviney
1973	Robert Diviney
1974	Robert Diviney
1975	Tony Cowan
1976	Brian Bissakker
1977	Allen Chu
1978	Scott Brown
1979	Peter Cremin
1980	Leo Kalisperos
1981	Leo Kalisperos
1982	Kieran Dell

*V J Turner Cup (continued)*

1983	Craig Schubert
1984	Julian Dell
1985	Shane Filewood
1986	James Fitzgerald
1987	Damien Galluzzo
1988	Brett Stubbs
1989	Damien Galluzzo
1990	Aaron Nilan
1991	Aaron Nilan
1992	Adam Campano
1993	Adam Campano

*Michael “Abbo” Atterton Memorial Trophy*

Michael Atterton died tragically in early 1978 and this trophy was awarded by the Club in fond memory of him. In 1965 at the age of 6 “Abbo” commenced his hockey with Glebe. Whilst still a junior, at the age of 14, he played his first senior game with the Club and was considered an outstanding prospect. The trophy is awarded for the “Player with the most Potential”.

1980	Danny O’Brien
1981	Warren Birmingham
1982	Leo Kalisperos
1983	David Rochester
1984	Craig Martin
1985	Michael Diviney
1986	James Fitzgerald
1987	James Fitzgerald
1988	David Annan
1989	Craig Greaves
1990	Craig Greaves
1991	Craig Greaves
1992	Aaron Nilan
1993	Aaron Nilan



### *Ralph Rochester Trophy*

The late Ralph Rochester donated this trophy to the Club in 1972. The trophy is awarded to the most outstanding Junior 13 years and under, with the best general demeanour on and off the field.

1972	Danny O'Brien
1973	Chris King
1974	Danny O'Brien
1975	Neil McDonald
1976	Steven Dunn
1977	Steven Dunn
1978	Mark Edwards
1979	Andrew Goodrick
1980	Michael Diviney
1981	David Rochester
1982	Shane Nilan
1983	Shane Filewood
1984	Shane Nilan
1985	Aaron Nilan
1986	Jason Greaves
1987	Jason Greaves
1988	Adam Farrawell
1989	Ben Howe
1990	Karen Bowden
1991	Geoffrey Hammett
1992	Mary Wark
1993	Anthony Wark

### *J W Kenny Cup*

This Cup was donated by Jim Kenny a Patron and Life Member of the Club. It is awarded to the Best and Fairest Senior player in the Club

1976	Ian Mutton
1977	Robert Diviney
1978	Geoff Paterson
1979	Greg Corben
1980	Graham Bell
1981	Garry Manou
1982	Warren Birmingham
1983	Ken Wark jnr
1984	Col Rochester
1985	Les Wark
1986	Robert Wark
1987	Danny O'Brien

*J W Kenny Cup (continued)*

1988	Peter Busch
1989	Danny O'Brien
1990	George Manou
1991	Ken Wark jnr
1992	Craig Stubbs
1993	Ken Wark jnr

*Robert Diviney Memorial Trophy*

This Trophy was donated by the Club in memory of Robert Diviney who died in 1982. He was hit by a car on his way home from hockey training at Jubilee Oval, Glebe. The trophy is awarded to the "Most Outstanding Club Player Junior or Senior.

1982	Warren Birmingham
1983	Ken Wark jnr
1984	Craig Stubbs
1985	Grant Martin
1986	David Rochester
1987	Ken Wark jnr
1988	Ken Wark jnr
1989	Ken Wark jnr
1990	Craig Greaves
1991	Ken Wark jnr
1992	Ken Wark jnr
1993	Craig Stubbs

*Pat Nilan Trophy*

Pat Nilan, Triple Olympian, donated this trophy to the Club in 1984. It is presented to the most outstanding Club member for the year as adjudged by the Management Committee.

1984	Graeme Gilmour
1985	Keith Paterson
1986	Keith Paterson
1987	Martin Howe
1988	Gary Wark
1989	Eric "Chook" Frazer
1990	Col Rochester
1991	Harry Wark jnr
1992	Jim Oman
1993	Maureen Paterson

### *The Molly Wark Memorial Trophy*

This Trophy was donated by Molly Wark, the first President of the Ladies Division Of The Hockey Club, who remained in office for over ten years. Molly was instrumental in initiating the formation of the ladies Club in 1977 and has been actively involved since then in the affairs of the Club.

The Trophy is awarded annually, to the Clubwoman who has contributed the most to the Club by their activities both on the field and/ or in administrative affairs.

1985	Jackie McNichol
1986	Anne Rochester
1987	Carol Purdy
1988	Lisa Williams
1989	Jill Strachan
1990	Elaine Trodden
1991	Jane Goldsmith
1992	Carol Wark
1993	Margaret Howe

### *Players who played at least 50 games for the Club and other prominent players, officials and long term loyal supporters*

<i>Name</i>	<i>Career Span (Years)</i>	<i>Games Played</i>	<i>Comments</i>
<b>A</b>			
Paul Ablate	70-82	130	
Warren Adams	1991	20	from Illawarra
Neville Adcock	68-93	—	Loyal Supporter
Roy Albreck	70-84	—	Benefactor
Noel Anderson	70-88	327	
Jack Andrews	31-38	91	Foundation member
Barry Angus	55-58	47	
David Annan	88-89	43	
Ben Anthony	82-85	47	
Mick Anthony	92-93	39	from England
Paul Atkins	49-52	47	
W “Billy” Atkinson	40-45	41	
John Atterton	69-77	—	Junior Convenor
Michael Atterton	74-77	88	
<b>B</b>			
Don Barker	66-67	29	from Perth
Tom Barklimore	31-37	90	Foundation member

<i>Name</i>	<i>Career Span (Years)</i>	<i>Games Played</i>	<i>Comments</i>
Glen Barnes	92-93	38	from Maitland
Daryl Barnett	76-79	69	
R “Bob” Barrett	82-86	63	from Lismore
Matthew Bass	92-93	37	
Basil Bates	33-37	80	Australian player
Walter Batty	31-32	30	Foundation member
Eugene “Cobra” Beame	84-92	56	
Graham Bell	74-80	155	from Goulburn
Dean Benfield	91-93	36	
Geoff Benfield	91-93	—	Loyal Supporter, coach
Trent Benfield	91-93	32	
Ken Bennett	78-94	275	
Anthony Bennett	80-87	100	
Warren			
“Buster” Birmingham	78-83	79	Australian player
Roy Birmingham	70-79	145	from Coraki
Brian Bissaker	76-81	97	
Keith Bolin	50-56	80	
Cliff Boyd	62-64	50	
Kerry Boyd	86-88	36	
William “Billy” Bourke	31-34	50	Foundation member
Tommy Bourke	34-38	65	Balmain Footballer
Mick Bougoukas	82-93	128	
Fred Bowden	1967	18	conscript in Army, from Grange club Adelaide
W “Bill” Brady	44-46	51	
Peter Branson	84-87	67	
Doug Brewer	65-85	—	Pool Table Maintenance
Colin Brown	62-93	638	Life Member, junior coach
Dennis			
“Walt Disney” Brown	61-79	369	
Graeme Brown	90-92	42	
Jacky Brown	44-55	89	
Robert “Charlie” Brown	58-92	426	NSW player
Scott Brown	78-82	94	
Clive Bush	43-45	38	
Jack Buckley	43-58	195	
Jim Burt	31-35	60	Foundation member
Vic Burton	42-47	89	
Jeff Busch	84-93	190	from Lismore
Peter Busch	84-93	200	Foundation Minkey Coach
Clive Bush	43-45	38	
Harry Butler	39-60	365	Assistant Editor Red Rag
Isobel Butler	39-60	—	Social Committee



<i>Name</i>	<i>Career Span (Years)</i>	<i>Games Played</i>	<i>Comments</i>
C			
Bill Caffrey	48-52	68	Grandson plays for Liverpool. from Port Maquarie, NSW player Glebe Cricketer
Stephen Cain	88-93	118	
Sydney Cairinduff	40-47	75	
Max Campbell	55-58	69	
Don Campbell	48-57	132	
Ron Callaghan	58-67	119	
John “Mouse” Cameron	63-73	127	Dog Trainer
Kevin “Sparrow” Carr	39-42	43	
Chris Casey	75-93	—	Canteen Management Junior Organiser
Kath Casey	65-93	—	
Paul Casey	69-73	55	
Peter Casey	70-93	176	
Shane Casey	92-93	29	
Steve Casey	70-93	458	
Tom Casey	65-93	—	Loyal Supporter
Joe Cerro	76-78	65	
Alan Chu	78-85	157	
Kevin Chivers	86-93	115	
Ian Cooke	73-76	74	Australian player
R “Dick” Callaghan	58-67	119	
George Collett	57-59	48	
John Collett	46-54	124	Moved to Melbourne From Wagga Wagga, NSW player
Greg Corben	72-83	212	
Keith Corkery	90-93	—	Secretary
Stuart Corkery	90-93	67	
Billy			
“The Mouth” Cormack	62-64	55	
Maureen Cowan	68-75	—	Junior Organiser
Tony Cowan	73-93	212	
John Cowan	69-85	37	Club Conditioner
Morrie Cownie	52-55	52	
Craig Cremin	77-80	70	
Joe Cremin	80-83	62	
Peter Cremin	79-92	184	
Ross Crocker	64-66	53	From Crookwell Publisher Red Rag
Eddy Crook	89-93	—	
Robin Crowhurst	87-93	70	
Alan Cross	44-52	98	
Bob Cullen	54-61	97	Liverpool coach in 70’s
Paul Culshaw	83-89	86	
Jack Cummings	38-48	164	
Mick Cummins	31-39	147	Foundation member
Paul Cunneen	65-66	31	
David Cutler	70-86	91	From North Coast, Australian Squad

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D			
Colin Deane	68-71	74	From Queensland
Jeff Dearing	1976	15	From Newcastle
Julian Dell	83-90	114	
Kieran Dell	80-89	89	
Warren Dell	75-89	—	Junior Convenor
Phil “Body” Dennis	76-85	125	
Kelvin Dickey	38-58	239	President, Patron
Len Dickey	34-48	66	War service interruption
Mrs Dickey	34-54	—	Vice President
Phyl Dickey	40-60	—	Ladies Committee
Ken Doherty	60-62	31	
Jack Doherty	60-62	—	Acquired Club Room
Kevin Doyle	62-66	67	From Bathurst
Phil Downey	1974	24	From Goulburn
John Diviney	70-93	—	Life Member, Junior Convenor
Kieran Diviney	81-93	205	
Michael Diviney	83-93	157	
Patrick Diviney	73-83	211	
Robert Diviney	73-80	110	NSW player
Terry Diviney	78-87	183	
Denis “Doc” Donovan	32-50	—	Secretary St James Sports Club
Noel Dundas	52-56	61	
Bennett Dunn	50-72	333	
Glenn Dunn	84-93	83	
Mick Dunn	31-41	137	Not related to Bennett, Foundation member
Stephen Dunn	83-89	75	
Jack Dwyer	29-32	—	First President St James Sports Club
E			
Lyle Ebert	80-83	63	From New Zealand
Ian Edgar	82-86	50	
R “Ted” Edmondson	1989	20	
Gus Edwards	44-50	16	Umpire, from New Zealand
Mark Edwards	89-90	34	
Dave Ellyard	69-70	21	Weatherman on television
Glen Elliott	46-54	140	Goal keeper
Bruce Eling	38-41	43	
Clarrie Eling	38-40	50	
York Evans	34-39	61	Lifetime supporter, Glebe postman

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F			
Adam Farrawell	89-92	40	
Daryl Farrawell	89-92	—	Junior manager
Jack Farthing	55-65	—	Loyal Supporter
Ian Fawcett	73-76	82	
Roy Fernance	82-87	117	
Victor Ferrari	75-93	337	
Shane Filewood	86-88	49	
Darryl Fishenden	54-70	200	
James Fitzgerald	84-88	90	
Jim Flood	51-56	89	
Ted Foskett	29-54	—	Vice President, from Northern Districts and Sydney Hockey
Allan Fox	50-55	56	
Bob “Rocker” Fox	50-93	378	
Carl Francis	81-88	139	
Bobby Fraser	61-67	63	
Eric “Chook” Fraser	84-91	125	
Eddie Fulmer	47-51	49	
Father Dominic Furlong	29-35	—	Curate St James Church
G			
Graham Gale	65-67	46	
Damien Galluzzo	89-93	79	
Frank Galluzzo	75-93	—	Benefactor, Green Grocer
Melena Galluzzo	75-93	—	Benefactor, Green Grocer
Michael Galluzzo	78-91	219	
Tom “Bluey” Gardiner	37-40	47	Died on active service in PNG
Peter Garland	83-86	56	
John Garlic	84-86	61	From South Australia
Michael Gilfeather	76-80	82	
Brent Gilmour	87-93	129	
Graeme Gilmour	59-93	335	President, NSW Player
Robert “Bob” Gilmour	55-63	—	Junior Manager
Bob Godbold	72-74	56	
George Gold	31-32	30	Foundation member
Andrew Goodrick	84-93	150	
Barry Goodrick	57-69	191	Junior Organiser
Brad Goodrich	90-93	84	
Merv Goodrich	90-93	—	Turf Committee, NSW Player
Barry Gorringe	72-74	58	From Tamworth

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Alan Gough	52-56	76	
Don Graham	50-59	136	
Steven Grealish	77-80	64	
Craig Greaves	89-92	77	
Jason Greaves	89-93	97	
Billy Greaves	83-92	—	Junior Manager
George Griffiths	57-69	56	NSW Cricketer
Ray Griffiths	66-68	26	
Neville Gullickson	82-84	54	Treasurer
H			
Lindsay Hackett	55-59	83	
Kevin Haigh	72-73	45	From mid north coast
Ron Hall	63-69	111	
Gloria Halls	45-61	—	Ladies Committee
Vince Halls snr	44-54	—	First Junior Manager '48
Vince Halls jnr	44-61	278	
Alan Halls	48-61	199	
Rodney Hammett	88-93	—	Engineer Adviser, Loyal Supporter
Rex Hanslow	70-71	42	
Greg Harris	50-66	265	
Ian Harvey	76-81	118	
Jack Hayes	40-52	116	Balmain Footballer
Marvin Heaston	64-66	52	From Newcastle
Jack "Fatty" Heggarty	39-42	52	
Doug Henderson	79-81	45	
Paul Henry	80-93	36	Junior Organiser
Reg Honeysett	45-47	44	
Peter Holmes	78-84	131	Junior Convenor
Adrian Howe	70-93	411	
Alan Howe	83-93	124	
Barry Howe	69-87	364	
Brian Howe	57-74	330	
Gavin Howe	1972	20	
Greg Howe	66-93	318	
John Howe	69-81	121	
Jamie Howe	73-86	249	
Jim Howe	57-90	—	Loyal Supporter
Margaret Howe	64-93	—	Junior Manager
Martin Howe	61-93	634	Life Member
Peter Howe	59-93	601	President
R "Bobby" Howe	66-69	83	
Vernon Howe	72-93	337	
Alan Hughes	41-47	91	
Jason Hughes	79-82	71	



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Marnie Hughes	72-73	30	From Gosford
Gary “The Five Minute Rest”			
Hume	62-80	181	
Charlie Humphreys	37-42	89	President
Steven Hurst	83-93	65	From Bathurst
Albert Hush	67-71	75	
I			
Bevan Ineson	77-93	323	Junior coach from New Zealand
Noel Irvine	64-66	44	
Tom Irvine	40-47	85	
J			
Billy Jardine	71-84	260	
Bruce Jeffree	46-55	144	
Max “The Voice” Jeffs	54-63	185	
Bruce “Tom” Jenkins	73-92	100	
John Jenkins	75-77	46	
Royce Jenkins	70-81	268	From Coraki
Adam Johnson	1990	20	From Wollongong
K			
Leo Kalisperos	84-89	79	
Maurice McCarten Keegan			
	31-37	20	Founder, Patron, from Galway, Ireland
Dot Kenny	35-64	—	Ladies Committee
Jim Kenny	32-64	528	Patron
Keith Kipp	71-81	148	Treasurer
Graeme Kirkland	62-80	326	Fom Murwillumbah
Milcho Klimoski	83-85	47	
Joe Krepp	64-67	34	
Peter Krepp	64-67	80	To Sutherland
L			
Alan Lambert	82-85	41	
Keith Langshaw	53-57	50	
Jack Lansley	43-49	93	
Matthew Larkum	83-85	32	
Fred Letts	57-93	350	President, Secretary
Mick Letts	63-67	86	
Nathan Lewis	92-93	37	
Mike Lincoln	84-90	109	
David Lisk	59-70	133	

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Dennis Lisk	60-67	131	NSW player
Graham Lisk	66-80	279	
Norm Lockhardt	41-46	60	Glebe Cricketer
Billy Lord	47-52	87	Died in aviation crash at Bankstown aerodrome
Henry Lysaght	79-82	78	From Cairns
M			
Bob Maclachlan	72-74	69	
Vic Mahoney	46-50	54	
Ian Mackay	75-79	54	
Garry Manou	66-83	361	
George Manou	75-93	365	
Steve Marshall	1970	6	Australian Player
A Tony “Fonz” Martin	59-92	310	
Craig Martin	83-92	185	
Grace Martin	60-84	—	Canteen Management
Grant Martin	83-92	121	
Jack Martin	50-56	64	
Janice Martin	77-92	—	Canteen Management
Reg Matthews	42-57	146	
Gary McCann	91-93	—	Loyal supporter
Pat McCann	91-93	67	
Alan McConnell	34-37	50	
Steve McCormick jnr	31-34	50	Foundation Member
Steve McCormick snr	31-40	—	Loyal Supporter
John McDonagh	67-69	49	
Butch McDonald	81-83	38	
Hiliary McDonald	70-79	184	
John McDonald	70-93	194	
Roger McDonald	71-81	166	
J McDonnell	39-42	53	
Ernie McGrade	31-34	50	Foundation Member
A “Tony” McGregor	67-74	68	
Chris McIntosh	74-83	100	Now Monterey
Ian McKay	77-79	54	
Brian McKeough	1971	20	Howe brother-in-law
Arthur McKillop	42-45	53	
John McMahan	69-79	73	
Patrick McMahan	78-80	58	
Dave McNiven	36-51	171	From Goulburn
Jack McParland	48-59	146	
Craig McPhee	79-90	204	
Lex McPhee	77-93	300	
Terry McPhee	87-89	44	

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Pat McQuade	72-80	—	Junior Manager, loyal supporter
Peter McQuade	77-83	103	
Peter Mitchell	77-93	288	From New Zealand
E “Ted” Mockler	31-37	100	Foundation Member
Frank Mockler	38-41	69	
George Mockler	31-43	173	Foundation Member
Arthur Moir	81-93	174	
J “Ginger” Moore	50-55	65	
Brian Morgan	1986	24	From Bathurst
Tony Morley	64-68	76	
Gary Morrison	71-83	151	From Newcastle
Ralph Motim	87-88	30	
Anthony Moulay	90-93	50	
Michael Murphy	79-81	39	
Frank Murray	38-61	282	
Wilfred Murray	38-55	179	
Leo Murdoch	44-54	107	
Ian Mutton	72-83	251	From Bathurst
N			
Steve Nance	70-80	64	
John Nelmes	64-78	117	From Newcastle
Fred Needham snr	46-55	—	
Fred Needham	46-59	228	
Len Needham	49-77	477	
Robert “Bob” Needham	47-55	100	
Doug Nicholls	86-89	70	From Port Macquarie
Russ Nicholls	65-71	131	
Aaron Nilan	88-93	94	
John Nilan	60-92	14	Loyal Supporter
Pat Nilan, OAM	57-93	454	Triple Olympian, President
Shane Nilan	85-93	123	
Merv Nixon	40-46	57	Secretary Wollongong Trades and Labour Council
Graham Noak	91-92	38	From Perth
Jack Norton	34-50	—	Loyal Supporter, President NSW Cricket Association.
O			
Don Oakley	71-73	50	
Danny O’Brien	77-93	368	
Ernie O’Conner	71-93	42	In Navy
Harold O’Keefe	41-46	33	Publican Ancient Britain
Kevin O’Leary	32-93	—	Jubilee Groundsman
Pat O’Leary	33-38	62	

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Peter O'Rance	77-80	71	
Maggie O'Sullivan	87-92	—	Canteen Management
Cheryl Oman	88-93	—	Canteen Management
Jim Oman	88-93	—	Junior Organiser
Matthew Ottaway	92-93	33	
<b>P</b>			
Amrat Parbhu	91-93	52	From New Zealand
W "Bill" Parry	52-55	52	
Geoff Paterson	74-93	220	NSW player, President
Maureen Paterson	75-93	—	Canteen Management
Keith Paterson	74-90	—	Life Member
Arthur Payne	57-61	66	
Ron Payne	57-61	67	
Richard			
"Studley" Payne-Scott	54-64	138	
Tom Pearce	31-48	199	Australian Player, Foundation Member
Roy Pearce	31-32	30	Foundation Member
Paul Pellerini	1971	20	A Howe brother-in-law
Frank Petteit	34-41	96	
Bruce Pink	77-82	98	From Mittagong, Secretary
Melton "Fuzzy" Pitt	38-47	111	
Oleh Ploskodniak	91-93	97	
Anthony Poljack	89-92	40	
Keith Pritchard	81-84	82	
Gil Puckeridge	81-83	60	
Glen Puckeridge	69-80	248	
Paul Puckeridge	71-84	185	
Glyn Pulling	71-73	60	
Noel Pye	65-68	40	
<b>Q</b>			
Mrs Quinlan	31-39	—	Loyal Supporter
John Logan Quinlan	31-48	262	Life Member
Tom Quinn	55-68	—	Loyal Supporter
<b>R</b>			
Wayne Rankin	87-89	56	From Gloucester
Silvio Reatti	68-71	65	
Terry Reece snr	53, 84-91	20	Australian Player
Terry Reece jnr	84-92	120	
Val Reece	84-92	—	Loyal Supporter
Gary Reid	84-86	51	
John Richards	44-47	45	
Harry Richardson	55-65	—	Loyal Supporter



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Darcy Riley	49-58	—	Loyal Supporter
Keith Riley	49-58	105	
Alick Robb	54-55	27	From Queensland
Father F.X. Roberts	67-88	—	Loyal Supporter, Parish Priest Forest Lodge
Dave Robertson	40-58	245	
Colin Rochester	77-93	354	
David Rochester	83-94	225	
Ralph Rochester	73-90	—	Junior Organiser, loyal supporter
Paul Rodgers	41-54	155	Secretary
R. “Bob” Rodgers	48-56	135	
Paul “The Editor” Rogers	50-84	557	Editor, Red Rag, Life Member
Jason Rowswell	87-93	90	
Peter Rowswell	65-93	—	Loyal Supporter
Jack Ryan	31-32	30	Foundation Member
Joan Ryan	35-55	—	Ladies Committee
Kevin Ryan	38-53	162	
Leo Ryan	38-52	165	
W. “Jazza” Ryan	35-55	320	NSW Player, Secretary
S			
Col Sargaent	91-93	60	
Ron Saunderson	79-81	60	
Con Savva	70-80	169	
Garry Scanlon	69-73	59	
Larry Scanlon	40-52	143	To Parramatta
R “Bobby” Scanlon	70-74	71	
Craig Schubert	84-86	46	
Michael “Wibby” Schultz	34-38	65	
Gary Scotcher	75-76	41	
Ian Scotcher	75-76	30	
Jock Scott	42-48	75	
Paul Scott	48-51	37	
Daryl Seed	73-79	118	To Monterey
Leo Sherwood	90-93	—	Coach
Graham Shirley	64-79	171	From New Zealand
Mark Short	85-93	163	
Narian”Singhy” Singh	91-93	40	
Sammy Singh	61-69	99	
Chris Smith	92-93	30	From Canberra
Colin Smith	67-83	277	From England
Dave Smith	77-79	68	From England

<i>Name</i>	<i>Career Span (Years)</i>	<i>Games Played</i>	<i>Comments</i>
Todd Smith	79-81	59	From Glebe
Arthur Snelling	49-57	61	
Max Solling	65-93	—	Club Historian
Mark Southwell	87-89	62	
Wayne Southwell	88-91	50	From Campbelltown
Sean Sparks	92-93	32	From Gloucester
Kevin Spears	40-47	63	
Craig Spence	78-81	57	
George Stammell	84-86	39	
Max Steedman	37-55	126	
Dave Stevens	65-69	88	From Queensland
Arthur Stubbs	54-66	—	Loyal Supporter
Brett Stubbs	87-93	129	
Craig Stubbs	76-93	300	NSW Player
W “Billy” Stubbs	54-93	561	President
Gary Sullivan	52-58	84	
Wayne Sullivan	70-83	281	
Jack Sutherland	48-59	187	
Tim Sutton	86-91	136	From Tamworth
Kevin Sweeney	77-88	200	From Newcastle
T. Swennson	46-51	63	
T			
Jack Tanner	39-42	66	
Mick Tapsell	89-93	—	Editor Red Rag
<i>Three unrelated families of Taylors have been associated with the Club</i>			
Esther Taylor	31-60	—	Life Member
John William Taylor	31-46	173	Foundation Member
Tommy			
“Digger” Taylor	32-48	231	NSW player
William John Taylor	31-46	—	Patron,
Jack Taylor	40-62	401	NSW player
Billy Taylor	41-50	159	
Jason Taylor	87-93	110	
R. “Bob” Taylor	77-93	270	Junior Convenor, from Queensland
Jon Teplitzky	89-91	38	
Bruce Thompson	90-91	35	
Jack			
“Cabbie” Thomson	51-67	302	
Beryl Thorpe	52-63	—	Ladies Committee

<i>Name</i>	<i>Career Span (Years)</i>	<i>Games Played</i>	<i>Comments</i>
Ray Thorpe	52-63	211	Secretary
Ian Treharne	83-92	—	Secretary, Treasurer
Vernon Turner	42-58	259	Junior Founding Father, NSW Player
Glen Turner	88-90	40	from Campbelltown
V			
Frank Vanderputt	61-68	133	Secretary
Trevor Vanderputt	66-67	34	To WA
Keith Vincent	67-75	169	From Melbourne
W			
Eric Wade	87-91	61	
Leslie Waight	39-58	220	
Noel Walker	46-59	217	From Goulburn, Secretary
John Wallis	68-71	35	
Greg Walsh	31-32	30	Foundation Member
Richard Ware	80-93	—	Sponsor
Gary “Gazza” Wark	70-93	411	
Harry Wark snr	47-93	757	Life Member
Harry Wark jnr	61-93	546	
Joyce Wark	47-93	—	Records Officer
Ken Wark snr	47-93	492	Life Member, Australian player
Ken Wark jnr	74-93	279	Double Olympian
Les Wark	68-93	486	NSW player
Molly Ellen Wark	47-80	—	Orange Lady
Molly D Wark	47-93	—	Life Member
Robert Wark	67-93	518	President
“Jungle Jim” Warwick	65-93	—	Loyal Supporter
Daryl Waters	80-93	140	
John Waterson	54-59	107	
Bernie Watson	52-59	102	
Michael Weatherley	69-76	99	
Lindsay Weate	66-68	49	From Melbourne
Don West	56-59	65	
Alan			
“Wocker” Westacott	52-65	81	
Gavin Westacott	83-93	115	
Victor Westacott	50-92	629	
Kevin			
“Yogi Bear” Weeks	57-69	115	
Frank Whiteman	65-83	289	
John Whittle	57-61	104	
Mark Whitwell	78-81	83	

<i>Name</i>	<i>Career Span (Years)</i>	<i>Games Played</i>	<i>Comments</i>
Charlie Wilkins	38-47	62	
Barry Williams	65-93	20	Dog Trainer, Loyal Supporter
Don Wilson	71-93	—	Loyal Supporter
Harry “Fireman” Wilson	47-60	175	
Wally Wilson	52-62	95	
Des Wise	60-66	90	Army Warrant Officer, from Queensland
Kerry Wise	81-83	45	
Dan “The Painter” Withers	73-84	—	Loyal Supporter
Ted Woodhouse	59-61	61	
Jack Worley	38-57	116	President
Win Worley	38-57	—	Ladies Committee
Vince Wyer	60-64	62	
 Z			
Jim Zamfris	83-88	100	

### *Glebe Women Members*

<i>Name</i>	<i>Games Played</i>	
 A		
Gina Aetypis	50	
Cathy Andrews	47	
 B		
Margaret Ballandin	54	
Jeneene Barratt	28	
Kristi Barrow	45	
Monique Beguely	51	
Bev Birmingham	36	Foundation member
Alison Black	40	
Margaret Bourke	135	
Janette Brazel	99	
Cathy Busch	58	
 D		
Adriana D’Agostino	34	
Sue D’Apice	100	
Joanne Davison	51	



*Glebe Women Members (continued)*

<i>Name</i>	<i>Games Played</i>	
Judy Dean	173	
Renee Dillon	51	
Kate Dowling	35	
Janet Dunn	50	
E		
Jenny Evans	146	
F		
Janice Farquharson	163	
Caroline Fraser	36	
G		
Gretchen Gamble	50	
Jane Goldsmith	136	
H		
Jan Hammond	180	
Vanessa Hardman	36	
Jane Hoddinott	118	
Kathy Hadley	115	
Leanne Hodges	31	
Nicole Horley	80	
Chris Howe(nee Stubbs)	57	Foundation member
Helen Howe	62	
Margaret Howe	—	Manager
J		
Jocelyn Jenkins	36	Foundation member
K		
Gemma Keough	50	
L		
Joy Lakomy	100	
Kerrie Lambourn	45	
Robyn Letham	50	
Adele Lucas	163	
M		
Rowena Mackie	38	
Doug Mates	—	Coach
Lesley Mates	151	
Sharon Mates	100	

*Glebe Women Members (continued)*

<i>Name</i>	<i>Games Played</i>	
Melinda McCorriston	50	
Chris McNicol	200	
Elaine McNicol (Trodden)	236	
Jackie McNicol (Sinclair)	150	
Lisa McPhail	51	
Fiona McVicar	31	
Colleen Millar	35	
Michelle Minett (nee Opitz)	150	
P		
Carol Purdy	158	
R		
Melanie Reid	31	
Tracey Reid	100	
Trish Robertson	33	
Anne Rochester	157	
S		
Toni Sheperd	50	
Stacey Sheperd	50	
Joanne Simmons	129	
Jill Strachan (nee Lucas)	211	
Pauline Sunderland	50	
T		
Linda Tait	221	
W		
Carole Wark	222	
Molly Wark	155	Life-Member
“Billie” Warne	50	
Liz Whittaker	106	
Lisa Williams	111	
Terri Williams	50	
Narelle Wills	50	
Annette Wilson	49	

## *Men Playing Members 1993/94*

Alderson Alan  
Anderson Noel  
Anthony Michael  
Asprey Adam

Barnes Glen  
Bass Matthew  
Beame Eugene  
Benfield Dean  
Benfield Trent  
Birmingham Warren  
Bougoukas Michael  
Bowden Ross  
Brown Colin  
Bush Jeff  
Bush Peter  
Byrne Roger

Cain Steven  
Casey Peter  
Casey Shane  
Casey Stephen  
Chivers Kevin  
Cook Matthew  
Corkery Stuart  
Craig-McFeely Martin  
Crowhurst Robin

Davis Andrew  
Denson David  
Diviney Kieran  
Diviney Michael  
Dunn Glenn

Ferrari Victor  
Fraser Eric

Galluzzo Damien  
Gilmour Brent  
Goodrick Andrew  
Goodridge Brad  
Greaves Jason

Hammond Steve  
Heild Hannibal  
Hodges Warren

Howe Adrian  
Hoew Alan  
Howe Ben  
Howe Greg  
Howe Martin  
Howe Peter  
Howe Vernon  
Hurst Steven

Ineson Bevan

Jenkins Warren  
Jones David

Lewis Nathan

Manou George  
McCann Patrick  
McDonald John  
McPhee Lex  
Mitchell Peter  
Moir Arthur  
Moulay Anthony

Nilan Aaron  
Nilan Shane

Onslow Richard  
Osborne Richard  
Ottaway Matthew  
O'Brien Danny

Parbhu Amrat  
Pate Richard  
Patterson Geoff  
Ploskodniak Oleh  
Poljak Anthony

Randhawa Jey  
Reece Terry  
Roberts Geoff  
Rochester David  
Rochester Colin  
Rowswell Jason

*Men Playing Members 1993/94 (continued)*

Sargent Colin	Trimmer Chris
Sherwood Steve	
Short Mark	Vander Plaat Brian
Singh Gary	
Singh Narian	Wark Gary
Smith Chris	Wark Harry jnr
Smith Dean	Wark Ken jnr
Sparks Sean	Wark Les
Stubbs Brett	Wark Robert
Stubbs Craig	Waters Daryl
	Welsh Rick
Taylor Jason	Westacott Gavin
Taylor Robert	White Adrian (AJ)

*Women Playing Members for 1993*

Ainsworth Robyn	Hoddinott Jane
Alexander Kate	Horley Nicole
Andrews Cathy	Howe Colleen
	Howe Christine
Ballandin Margaret	Howe Helen
Barrett Jeneene	Howe Jemima
Barrow Kristi	
Beguely Monique	Kriketos Voula
Black Alison	
Brazel Janette	Lamborn Kerrie
Bush Cathy	Larnach Tara
Connell Sarah	McNicol Christine
	McVicar Fiona
Davison Joanne	Mackie Rowena
Dean Judy	Marks Gayle
Dowling Kate	Marriott Jane
Dincan Melanie	Minett Michelle
	Murray Dina
Fraser Caroline	
	O'Hare Mary Louise
Goldsmith Jane	Overduin Yonneka
Green Hilary	
	Parr Joanna
Hadley Kathy	
Hall Alice	Reid Melanie
Halliday Keren	
Hodges Leanne	Sidoti Kathy



*Women Playing Members for 1993 (continued)*

Smith Kathy  
Smythe Annabelle

Tait Linda  
Thomson Allison  
Trodden Elaine

Wallace Gillian

Wark Carole  
Wark Mary  
Wark Molly — Life Member  
West Miranda  
Williams Lisa  
Williams Phillippa  
Wilson Annette  
Woodward Jodi

*Junior Playing Members for 1993/94*

Asquith Catherine  
Atkinson Brook  
Austen Robert

Barrett Katherine  
Baxter Mark  
Benfield Dean  
Benfield Wayne  
Bowden Jason  
Bowden Karen  
Bracht Simon  
Bradley Ben  
Brockway Emma  
Brown Leigh  
Buckwalter Peter  
Burnell-Jones Graham

Campano Adam  
Campano Christian  
Carey Daniel  
Casey James  
Casey Lee  
Casey Liam  
Casey Patrick  
Casey Shane  
Charlton Anthony  
Cheong Amanda  
Cheong Andrew  
Colquhoun Tim  
Cox Melanie  
Crawford Andrew  
Cronin Douglas  
Crook Alexander

Cullen Emma

Davis Andrew  
Dixon-Willshurst Alice  
Dixon-Willshurst Nicholas

Edwards Gareth  
Everist Ben  
Everist Sam

Fowler Hugh  
Fox Rishi  
Francis Max  
French Andrew

Gittins Sandy  
Griffith Lindsay

Haberfield Tessa  
Haigh Kristian  
Hammett Andrew  
Hammett Geoffrey  
Hammett Louisa  
Hardman Tristan  
Harvey Timothy  
Hibbert Liam  
Higgins Alix  
Howe Ben  
Howe Colleen  
Howe Helen  
Howe Rebecca  
Hurrell James

*Junior Playing Members for 1993/94 (continued)*

Ibbotson Sarita

Jenkins Daniel  
Jenkins Matthew  
Jenkins Nathan  
Jones Damen  
Jones Kara

Kaylinger Steven  
Kelleher Nicholas  
Kelly James  
Kelly Rowan  
Kennewell Simon  
Kirby Elizabeth

Lacey Aaron  
Lacey Edan  
Lawler Ben  
Lawson Kylie  
Lawson Rebecca

Macindoe Owen  
Mackay Cameron  
Mc Donald Adrian  
Mc Donald James  
McDonald Jason  
McKeown Lewis  
McKeown Peter  
Meehan Lindsay  
Moran Kate  
Moseley James  
Mullins David

Newton Melissa

O Connor Nicholas  
Oman Aaron  
Oman Kathleen

Patterson Mark  
Patterson Simon

Pilkington Kestrel

Raniga Sharod  
Raniga Tushar  
Rauwendal Evert  
Reddie Christopher  
Richards Brooke  
Rivers Joel  
Rivers Saul  
Roache-Turner Tristan

Schimke Yuri  
Schofield-Georgeson Eugene  
Schuberg Brooke  
Sherwood Steve

Tapsell Ross  
Tham Hi  
Towns Rebecca

Vadas David  
Valpiani Anna

Walenkamp Kate  
Walenkamp Thomas  
Wall David  
Wark Amy  
Wark Anthony  
Wark Gabrielle  
Wark Mary  
Wark Matthew  
Wark Michael  
Wark Partick  
Wark Peter  
Warner William  
Webb Jack  
Wheatley Sam  
White Adrian "AJ"  
Williams Elly  
Williams Moira

Yuen Alex

*Social Members of the Club in 1993/94*

Adams Gayle

Barrett Stephanie

Barrow Maie

Benfield Beverley

Booth Colin

Booth Helen

Bortfield Geoff

Bowden Christine

Brockway Lindsay

Buckwalter Peter R.

Campano Family

Casales Estevan

Castellini Guillerino

Cheong Lorraine

Clark-Ferraino Vivien

Collett John

Colquhoun John

Corkery Diana

Corkery Keith

Cox Lynne

Cromin Gary

Crook Eddy

Cullen Joh

Day Caroline

Dodd Joy

Drysdale Bruce

Drury Chris

Drury Kim

Flynn Maureen

Fowler Brian

Fox Bob

Gatliff Kerry

Goodridge Merv

Goldman Lacey Family

Hammett Lesley

Hammett Rodney

Hardman Kerry

Higgins Anne

Higgins Steven

Howell Colin

Hurrell Elizabeth

Hurrell Graham

Johnston Gwenda

Jones Colin

Jones Pam

Jones Pauline

Kaylinger Family

Kirby Christine

Klein-Beernink S.

Lawler Ben

Lovett Ian

Lyon Cameron

McIndoe Family

Mackell Maria

McCann Gary

McDermott Christine

McKay Margaret

McKelvey (French) Susan

McKeown Alison

McKeown Ted

Morris Rodger

Moseley Graeme

Montrone Family

Newton Chris

Newton Michael

Nilan John

Nilan Shane

O'Connor (Casey) Christine

O'Sullivan Maggie

Oman Cheryl

Oman Jim

Paterson Family

Pavey Alice

Pearsall Robert

Pink Bruce

Reddie Robert

*Social Members of the Club in 1993/94 (continued)*

Rivers Family  
Roache Anna

Treharne Ian  
Turner Bill

Sheppard Stan  
Smith Freya  
Smith Janet  
Smith Marilynne

Vincent Keith

Wallenkamp Family  
Warner Fran & Bill  
Webb Greg & Julie  
Whitty Jan

Tapsell Family  
Thompson Ashley  
Towns John

Yuen Family

*Registered Minkey Players in 1993/94*

Andrews Jessica  
Andrews Louis  
Andrews Stephanie  
Ackman Geoffrey  
Ackman Sharon  
Asquith Nicole

Cullen Alister  
Cullen Amy  
Cutler Benedict

Baker Sarah  
Barber David  
Beck Christopher  
Bernauer Joel  
Berry Alexander  
Berry Anthea  
Bortfield Scott  
Bradshaw Tracey  
Budd Elliot  
Budd Owen

D'Aron Lauren  
De Launey Matthew  
De Launey Thomas  
Dennard Nathan  
Dodd Thomas  
Downie Sarah  
Drake Jeremy  
Drake Lachlan  
Drury Michael  
Drury Simon  
Drysdale Andrew

Caples Ben  
Carroll Edward  
Carroll William  
Casales Steven  
Castellini Damion  
Castellini Julieta  
Casey Christopher  
Cheong Alison  
Coleman-Hix Nicholas  
Coleman-Hix Rebecca  
Cook Mitchell

Ferraino Alessandro  
Foliari Jacinta  
Foliari Simoa  
Fowler Martin  
Fox Andrew  
Fox Emma  
France Brendan  
Freeman Lucy

Grove Daria  
Grove Freya  
Grove Julia

*Registered Minkey Players in 1993/94 (continued)*

Haberfield Claire	Oman Hannah
Haberfield Kate	
Halbert- Lillyman	Paterson Ian
Hamilton James	Pavey Alice
Henderson Kylie	Pavey Julian
Henderson Nicola	Pearsall Kate
Higgins Isobel	Plant Edward
Higgins Nicola	Plant Emma
Hornibrook Stephanie	Plant Isobela
Hughes Laura	
Hurrell Lloyd	Rochester Daniel
	Rochester Sharn
Ivory Sara	Rochester Terrence
	Rewi Whaiaipo
Johnson Lachlan	
Jones James	Scarera James
Jones Mark	Scarpellino Michael
Jones Rania	Scarpellino Sophie
	Schuberg Ashlea
Kaylinger Simon	Scott Nicholas
Kelly Michael	Scott Sara Jane
Khuoana Sharn	Smith Freya
Khuoana Simon	Straker Sean
Klein-Beernink Robert	Street Atlanta
Kuilder Nicholas	
Kunnen Larissa	Theobald Simon
	Thompson Liam
Lyon Rhys	Thompson Stewart
	Thomson Jas
Mackell Austin	Tutt Rhys
Madden Stanley	
McCaig Erin	Van Vorst Lauren
Montrone Susanna	
Moran Rory	Walker Ian
Moran Kate	Wark Catherine
	Wark Elizabeth
Newton Julie	Wark Simon



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