

GLEBE DISTRICT HOCKEY CLUB

TWENTIETH

ANNUAL REPORT

and

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

SEASON 1952

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OFFICE -BEARERS

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J. Worley	F. Needham, Jnr.	V. Halls, Snr.
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Provisional Selection Committee:

F. Murray
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Under 16 Coach:
V. Turner

Hon. Auditor:

J. McParland

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

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

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

Gentlemen,

I present for your consideration and adoption the Twentieth Annual Report and Financial Statement.

As predicted in our last Annual Report Season 1952 was a momentous one as it marked the first year's operation of the Sydney Hockey Association. We think that it is fitting that the opening remarks of this Report should be to offer our congratulations to the first President and Executive of the Sydney Hockey Association who overcame many difficulties to make our competitions not only possible but highly successful. As always, the administration of the game was not faultless and much has been learnt which will serve the incoming Committee in good stead.

Our Club is deeply grateful to those who gave their time and ability to serve us and we trust that our support was always readily given when called upon. May we specially mention the work of Mr. R.O. Banks (President) who gave unstintingly of his time and we know that our fellow Club members Paul Rodgers and Vince Halls were pleased to support him on the Executive.

Another milestone in Club history was passed in 1952 with the formation of a Ladies' Auxiliary Committee, an idea which had been germinating for some time. Under the dynamic leadership of Mrs. W. Ryan the Auxiliary conducted successful functions with reckless abandon until, at time of writing the District Club was fast becoming an off-shoot of its own "creation". Their "piece-de-resistance" was, of course, our First Annual Ball which was a great success from every point of view and of which, more anon. Ladies, we thank you.

From a Hockey point of view it is pleasing to relate that we were again fortunate enough to win the Club Championship and 1st Grade Competition. We have now won the Club Championship every year since its inauguration, a fact in which we take great pride as it means that all of our Grades have been well to the fore in their respective Competitions. After trying for 20 years we also gained the doubtful distinction (?) of catching the judge's eye at Carnivals in Sydney, Goulburn and Bathurst. This, at least, proved physical endurance and ability to withstand the jibes of a hostile crowd. The latter quality was gained only after long practice.

For the second time in the Club's history one of our members joined the immortals by gaining selection in the Australian Team to tour New Zealand. This well-deserved honour went to Ken Wark and it goes without saying that his play and general deportment as a member of that team was a credit to his Country, State and Club.

Let us make Season 1953 a preparatory year for the Senior Interstate Carnival in Sydney in 1954. We can do this by looking to our Administration, Finances and standard of play. We must support fully our Association in their endeavours to make the Carnival the best ever.

First Grade:

Although all Club members are justly proud at winning the Club Championship for the past five years, the members of the First Grade Team are justified in sticking out their chests, because to win six consecutive Premierships is no mean feat. This has been achieved despite frequent team changes caused by players going on tour, sickness etc. and can only be attributed to co-operation and "Esprit de Corps". This is a credit to all concerned.

It is worthy of note that Sunday morning training always attracted at least 7 First Grade players, which fact should be noted by our Juniors.

The team consisted in the main of the following characters:-

- (Capt.) Frank Murray - the great dictator.
 Noel Walker - looks faster than ever in his "New Holden".
 Harry Wark - the man in the boxer hat, sometimes in the "dog house" in more ways than one.
 Ray Thorpe - imported Bloodstock - should improve Club's general education.
 Bob Needham - the flyer from Forsyth Street, too much glitter, not enough "gold".
 Vernon Turner - scholar and gentleman, renowned after-dinner speaker, especially with single female audience. Obvious State Captain.
 Les Waight - the dasher, thrives on Country Carnivals, the last of the Straightbacks.
 Bill Ryan - the Jazzer - remarkable similarity to 9 gl. keg. May not train on.
 Vince Halls - smooth, lounge-lizard type, stick-work, par excellence.
 Ken Wark - first class Butcher (on and off the field) - green and gold blazer type.
 Jack Taylor - the tea cosy, the man of a thousand repartees, the Court Jester.
 Bill Lord - painter and decorator, contender for Archibald Prize.
 Glen Elliott - the big critic, likes a wager and a pot.
 Fred Needham - left elbow forward, secretarial type, efficient on and off the field.

<u>Matches Played</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Drawn</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Goals For</u>	<u>Goals Against</u>
15	13	1	1	65	17

Second Grade:

For the past few seasons the Club's second grade teams have always contained a large number of players knocking on the door for First Grade selection. However, Season 1952 saw the Second Grade team composed, with few exceptions, of players who have reached the peak of their ability and a small sprinkling of rather junior members. In the latter class we saw Bennett Dunn and Keith Reilly, products of the under 16 competition; at times they found the standard somewhat high but they certainly improved during the year and this experience, so early in their playing career, should stand them in good stead for the years to come. Leo Ryan and Bill Caffrey shared the position of full back with Keith Reilly and early in the season Bill gave us a glimpse of his best form, was indeed back luck for him to have to retire for the season with a bad knee. Lets hope he will be well to the fore in Season 1953. Leo Ryan made his entry after the season commenced and was forced to wend his way up from fourth grade; at times he found (like other members) the going tough owing to lack of training. Early in the season the halves were the backbone of the team but as the season progressed they lost the dash so necessary to rob the opposing forward. Fred Needham was always hard to pass and proved himself the most reliable member of the team. A shortage of centre halves saw John Collett entrusted with the position and despite his lack of experience

he did very well, proving himself a good defender. At times he may have wandered a little too much but such knowledge comes only with experience.

Captain Paul Rodgers set a fine example for his team at all times playing copy-book games and generally inspiring the team to play above themselves. The forwards in the team commenced the season with a great share of the ball and although they were brilliant at times they did not capitalize on their opportunities and play as a unit - towards the latter half of the season they did not receive full support from the halves, particularly in the Semi-Final. The work of Bennett Dunn in the field was quite good for one of his experience, but his ability to shoot for goal let him down on more than one occasion. Don Graham after a few games as an inside forward found himself on the right wing and at times his lack of condition told after a sharp dash. Should he decide to keep his eye on the ball when centreing to the other forward, the selectors should not have far to look for a competent right winger. The departure of Jack Sutherland to the sidelines with a broken finger deprived the team of much of the thrust so badly needed and his absence was felt in latter games. Jack Martin gave some good displays but once again he saved his best form for the Country fans; has all the ability necessary for a good player but he should learn not to let the ever ready advice from the sidelines worry him. On many occasions the long runs of Leo Murdoch got the team on the attack and he was of constant trouble to the opposing halves.

Early in the season the selectors were faced with a shortage of goal keepers and it was a pleasure to see Glen Elliott display fine Club spirit and again don the pads; during the season he gave some fine displays both in 1st and 2nd Grade.

The team gave some fine displays during the year and managed to win their way to the Semi-Finals only to be annihilated by the fine Ryde-Hunters Hill team (the ultimate winners) with whom they drew only a week previous.

<u>Matches Played</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Drawn</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Goals For</u>	-	<u>Against</u>
14	10	2	2	29		15

Third Grade:

In the opening weeks of the Competition we were confident that the Third Grade team would be a mighty combination; unfortunately the demands made by higher grades for players was so great that no fewer than 28 players were used to complete the team at different times. The team comprised a solid nucleus of seasoned players and some very inexperienced ones. Considering all factors they did particularly well to win 10 games, although they were narrowly eliminated from the Semi-Finals.

We offer the following comments as an indication of the respective qualities of the more constant members of the team:-

(Capt.) Dave Robertson	-	By Business Man out of "the red".
Jim Kenny	-	By Lifer out of Breath.
Jack Thompson	-	By Left Winger out of Goals.
Jack McParland	-	By Auditor out of Pugnacious.
Paul Rogers	-	By Gallant Gentleman out of Vernon (Jnr.)
Len Needham	-	By Pcm Pcm out of Bodgie.
Allan Halls	-	By Legs out of Lime.
Harry Wilson	-	By Conflagration out of Side Leaver.
John Moore	-	By Civilian out of Bounds.
Bob Rodgers	-	By Courting out of Glebe.
Don Campbell	-	By Deafness out of Speed.
Ken Bolin	-	By Leak out of gas-pipe.
Will Murray	-	By Elegance out of Mishap.
Alan Fox	-	By Cunning out of Temporary Australian.
Harry Butler	-	By Old Iron out of The Past.

<u>Matches Played</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Drawn</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Goals For</u>	<u>Goals Against</u>
13	10	-	3	32	11

Minor "C" Grade:

This team was in very much the same predicament as the Third Grade side owing to the large number of players whose services had to be called upon to complete the team on numerous Saturdays. Although many of the team were virtually untrained, we were well satisfied with their efforts in suffering only 3 defeats including a Semi-Final. We were more than pleased with the team's spirit which prevailed in this grade and with few exceptions their general demeanour and general approach to the game was excellent. The more frequent members of the team were as follows:-

- (Capt.) Pat Bourke - The Irishman who lacks the wildness of his forefathers, his nature having been softened with many a good pipe and the ability to laugh long and heartily. A likeable customer.
- Bernie Watson - the lad from the Navy. His footwork in goals often saved many an anxious moment. He showed his versatility by coming out into the field when his team was short and scored in a manner befitting an established forward. Bernie is one of those men who can spin a good tale while enjoying a pot after the game.
- Jack (Barney) Hayes - our genial Club selector has been a great help to the fourth grade. His tactical advice from the sideline and at half time has on more than one occasion helped the lads in this grade to change the tenor of the game to Glebe's advantage. In the semi final last year, Barney proved that although out of condition, he was able to put into practice the theories he had advocated. When moved into centre forward he immediately made an opening, picked a pass, raced up the centre of the field, drew the full-back, goaled and then wished he was a lot younger.
- Pat Atkins - is one of the keenest fellows that play hockey. The game of hockey or any sport is only possible through the enthusiasm of lads like Pat. However, at times he allows his keenness to win to run away with him and is prone to talk and forget stick and ball.
- Johnny Moore - ever keen to improve, was just beginning to settle down after playing in different positions when Mr. Francis (Minister for Army) took an interest in his welfare. John's cheerfulness and will to win was missed by his team-mates.
- Reg Mathews - while being a little short of a gallop, was dynamite in the circle, especially from the left.
- Paul Rogers, Jnr. - just up from the under sixteens often amazed his bigger and more experienced opponents with his stick work and if his passing becomes stronger may go on to bigger things.
- Bruce Jeffree - is one of those evergreens who seem to be able to play a good game in any position and when things seem hopeless comes from the clouds and clears an almost certain goal. A good Club man is Bruce, and one who appreciates the good things of life.

One would go a long way before finding a greater trier than Alan Gaugh. It is refreshing to find a lad such as Alan. He listened to suggestions and kept trying until he mastered tactical moves suggested to him.

The boy in the "Tea Cosy" Jack Thompson. A very versatile lad who is inclined to become hot headed and resent advice. Ability beyond doubt. Next year will probably find him wiser (or sadder) and more even in temperament.

Pat Ward, a very silent lad, spent most of last year in camp. However, his return towards the close of the season showed that he has lost none of the ability displayed by him during 1951 and which in the opinion of many promised better things to come.

The fireman, with his bike, was unfortunately absent on different occasions serving the community. There were occasions when the Fourths sadly missed Harry Wilson's experience (and side-leavers).

Noel Dundas, the bank clerk from the bush. Future prospect as player and Club member providing he forgets to lead with his nose.

Arthur Snelling - takes the game seriously - man of action - on many occasions too much action. Keen.

Dicky Hume - a most promising youngster - his enthusiasm took him to hospital from over-exertion.

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14	9	2	3	33	15

Under 16:

Once more under the capable guidance of "Perce" Turner we fielded a Junior side. Although the team was not successful in making the Semi-Finals we were well satisfied with their general standard of play and conduct. Despite the loss of several leading players at a vital part of the Competition we were always able to field a team and give the opposition a tough battle. We felt that the competition was not as well organised as in previous years owing to the "growing pains" of the amalgamation of two Associations, however, much has been learnt from these errors. The outstanding players of the team were Greg. Harris, "Mo" Cownie, Vic Westacott, Jimmy Flood, Joe Mullins, Bill Parry, Pat McMahon, Gerry Sullivan, K. Roach, Darrel Foster.

<u>Matches Played</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Drawn</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Goals For</u>	-	<u>Against</u>
13	7	4	2	80		17

Club Trophies:

Once more the Management Committee were faced with a difficult task in endeavouring to select the respective Cup winners for the current Season. The discussions were very lengthy and animated and the results obtained, we feel, formed a correct majority opinion from all concerned. We detail below the trophies and respective winners:-

W.J. Taylor Cup - Most improved player - J. Martin.

W.A. Oldfield Cup - Most improved and best behaved colt - L. Needham.

V.J. Turner Cup - Most improved and best behaved Junior under 16 years - M. Cownie.

Country Carnivals:

The 1952 season proved to be one of our most successful for Carnivals, winning at three of our four attempts. Our Country trips took