

GLEBE DISTRICT HOCKEY CLUB.

TWENTY - NINTH ANNUAL REPORT

AND

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

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GLEBE DISTRICT HOCKEY CLUBOFFICE BEARERS.SEASON 1961.

Founder : The Late Rev. Bro. McCarten Keegan
 Patron : K. Dickey Esq.
 President : N. Walker Esq.
 Sen. Vice-President : H. Wark Esq.

Life Members

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| J. Quinlan | J. Kenny | W. Ryan | J. Worley |
| <u>Honorary Secretary</u> | | <u>Honorary Treasurer</u> | |
| R. G. Thorpe | | W. Stubbs | |
| <u>Hon. Ass. Secretary</u> | | <u>Hon. Ass. Treasurer</u> | |
| F. Letts | | A. Stubbs | |
| <u>Club Captain</u> | <u>Club Vice-Capt.</u> | <u>Publicity Officers</u> | |
| H. Wark | G. Harris | P. Rogers & H. Butler | |

Delegates to S.H.A.

R. Thorpe & J. Thomson

Management Committee

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| R. Thorpe | H. Butler | H. Wark |
| N. Walker | R. Gilmour | G. Harris |
| W. Stubbs | A. Stubbs | J. Doherty |

Provisional Selection Committee

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| J. Taylor | G. Harris |
| R. Thorpe | H. Wark |
| L. Needham | |

Honorary Auditor

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

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

TO THE OFFICE BEARERS AND MEMBERS OF THE GLEBE DISTRICT HOCKEY CLUB :

Gentlemen,

Once again, I have much pleasure in introducing this, the 29th Annual Report of the Glebe District Hockey Club, but on this occasion with certain tinges of regret.

Due to personal and business commitments, as well as my place of residence, I find it necessary to relinquish my position as President of the Club. This has been a very difficult decision to make, in view of a very happy and active seventeen years association.

During the past couple of seasons, I have unfortunately not been in a position to devote the requisite amount of time and energy towards the activities of the Club. For this reason I feel I have made a correct decision.

I would like to stress the importance of younger members of the Club becoming interested in assuming executive duties. New blood is needed for the Glebe Club to maintain the high standard it has enjoyed in hockey since its inception.

During my association I have made many friends and I would like to take this opportunity of thanking all members, both past and present, for their wonderful co-operation during my activity as a player and also during my time spent in an executive capacity.

NOEL F. WALKER

PRESIDENT

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SPORTING REPORTS.FIRST GRADE

Once again we saw the Premiership slip from our fingers. The hurdle St. George presents to us seems to be getting higher each year. Although I am certain had we beaten the Saints we could have gone on to Premiership honours. The team itself hit off with some poor displays, but managed to 'pull their socks up' towards the finish of the season. One of the main reasons for their improvement was the stopping of the ball. It is essential if a team wants to play good hockey. The display given by this team in the semi-final was a credit to all the players. If that standard can be maintained then we will improve even more in this coming season.

The members of the team were :-

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| <u>F. Vanderputt</u> | Goalkeeper, who made many great saves for us. A little inclined to run out too far. |
| <u>G. Gilmour</u> | Full Back, with a lot of ability - should settle down to a good first grader this season. |
| <u>G. Harris</u> | Full Back, a good defensive player, a bit out of form compared with last season's effort. |
| <u>V. Westacott</u> | Right Half - A tower of strength in any team. |
| <u>L. Needham</u> | Centre Half. Adapted himself well to a difficult position. <u>Captain.</u> |

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R. Fox Left Half - playing as a stop gap half, gave a very good all-round display.
J. Thomson Left Wing with a lot of energy, always tried hard.
P. Nilan Left Inside - At times showed signs of brilliance, will go a long way at this game.
R. Thorpe Centre Forward - A player who always gives of his best.
R. Brown Right Inside - Has adapted himself well to his position, improving all the time.
T. Woodhouse Right Wing - one of the most consistent players in the team - always tried hard.

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SECOND GRADE.

Second Grade for the year 1961, had a very mixed season indeed, their form being spasmodic, mainly because the team had quite a number of players pass through it.

Although quite a number went from 2nd Grade to 1st Grade and were quite up to the expected standard of 1st Grade. Unfortunately, the team was not up to the previous year, mainly because of lack of team spirit and training.

Even with this the team was good enough to beat almost every team in the competition, only to be beaten in the finals by Ryde, who after a Grand Final went on to win the 2nd. Grade Premiership.

Finally, I wish to express my thanks to all players who played in 2nd Grade and hoping for every success for the coming season.

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THIRD GRADE.

This was the team that was most sporting and hated to beat its opponents or that is the opinion one gets from glancing at the number of draws during the season. The inability of the team to score goals earlier in the season, I think, was carried into the final where it appeared early in the first half as though victory was theirs, but once again they couldn't score and therefor were "runners-up" not "premiers" for 1961. As has been the "custom" in the last few seasons, this team, due to shortage of players etc., fielded a slightly (sometimes more) different team nearly every week - this proves a handicap to any team, however, they must be congratulated on reaching the final. Some of the players who put in sterling performances during the season were, firstly in the defense -- Pat Dalton (a little overweight), Rex Andrews (a very steady player), Dennis Lisk (one of the promising young players), Peter Howe (made a few appearances with the team), Kevin Weekes (reaching the veteran stage), and numerous others. On the attacking side they had Robert Bunning, Merv Allen (a newcomer to the Club), John Thompson (very promising), Ken Doherty (must learn to control his temper and play the game), Vince Wyer (a player with a very good future), and a special mention to Wally Wilson, a good Club man who will play anywhere, and the "old man" of hockey who made a brief re-appearance to the playing field, Vern. Turner, who helped greatly in the final matches.

Overall, disregarding the draws, the team turned in a good performance and I hope to see all the players again this year striving to gain a coveted position in 1st Grade.

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FOURTH GRADE.

This team had a mixed season considering that they had different members in the side so many times, and they did very well to reach the finals only to be defeated by Liverpool 3 to 1 - it was very far from the big money.

We thank all members who participated during the year, especially the young brigade H. Wark (Junr), Young Howie, Brownie, Lou and Albert, and also the 3rd grade boys who doubled up each week to save the team going on short. Also the old faithfuls R. Payne-Scott, H. Butler, J. McParland, and A. Westacott who helped to keep the team on an even keel. Throughout the year the Fourths have great difficulty in keeping their team together, as happens every year; I cannot see any immediate solution to this problem, but it needs a lot of careful consideration in the coming year, to work out a scheme for the selectors and club members to have a closer contact with the lower grade players so that a record of what goes on down in this grade can be noted, instead of a lot of arguments as to what should have been done after it happens. Steps should be taken to give the side these instructions before the event really does happen.

The thing that stood out in this team was 'lack of discipline' and this was brought home in the Final, particularly, when the team went berserk, having 2 men sent off, which put the finish to any chance of winning the match or the premiership. Remember the game is not lost until the final whistle; also, it is not only up to the Captain to keep the team in check but to all playing members of the team; and always remember when you lose a game smile bigger than when you win.

Let's make 1962 a bigger and better year for hockey both on and off the field.

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CLUB TROPHIES.

The Club has three trophies that are competed for each year. Each trophy winner is selected by the Management Committee :- one for Seniors; one for Colts and one for Under 16.

W. J. TAYLOR CUP.

This trophy was first competed for in 1941. It was donated by W. J. Taylor, who at the time was Patron of the Club. He was a foundation member and up to his untimely death in 1946, had always held some office of responsibility in the Club.

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

After much discussion and consideration the trophy has been awarded to

Graham Gilmour

.... to whom we extend our congratulations.

Previous winners of this trophy were :-

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

W.A. OLDFIELD CUP.

This trophy was first competed for in 1941, also. It was donated by W.A. Oldfield, the former Australian wicketkeeper. It is awarded to the Junior, who, in the opinion of the Management Committee, has been adjudged "the most improved and best behaved junior during the season".

This year our congratulations and the trophy go to:...

Pat Nilan

Previous winners of this trophy were :-

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

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V.J. TURNER CUP.

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

Our congratulations to this year's winner...

Harry Wark Jnr.

Previous Winners :-

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

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REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS.

Each year members of the Club have the opportunity of being selected to play in many representative teams. These range from the Australia XI down to Sydney U/13.

AUSTRALIA This year saw a third Glebe player selected for Australia. The honour is made even greater when the player is still eligible to play Colts. Our heartiest congratulations to...

PAT NILAN

N.S.W. SENIORS Pat was also selected for N.S.W. and once again we offer our congratulations.

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| Under 13 | --- |
| Under 15 | R. Frazer, D. Brown, & H. Wark Jnr. |
| Under 16 | --- |
| Under 17 | D. Lisk |

SYDNEY COLTS G. Gilmour, B. Goodrick, & F. Letts. & B. Howe.

SYDNEY SENIORS F. Vanderput, G. Harris & L. Needham. P. Nilan and J. Thomson.

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SOCIAL TOPICS.

S M O K O ... Always enjoyed by those who attend - not as many this year as in previous years. Our catering for this function gets better each year. Would like to see us have a sit down affair.

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CARNIVALS ...

St. George This carnival joined Bathurst as our most successful. We have won both 5 times. In the Final we played the new district Club, University of N.S.W. They commenced at a terrific pace but soon ran out of steam, also allowing us to run out easy winners.

North Sydney Here we won the Minor Division very easily. This is a 7-a-side Carnival looked forward to and enjoyed by all.

Goulburn Yes --- we attended.

Bathurst Eliminated in the Semi-final, which under the circumstances was a good effort.

Tanworth This year we could not field a full team of Glebe players and had to depend on other clubs, and for the first time failed to qualify. This is a most enjoyable week-end, whether you play hockey or not, and is worthy of more support from members.

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| <u>Carnival Records</u> | .. | 1948 | .. | Bathurst | |
| | | 1949 | .. | Bathurst, Berrina | |
| | | 1950 | .. | Bathurst, Berrina | |
| | | 1951 | .. | Canterbury, | .. Goulburn (Minor) |
| | | 1952 | .. | Bathurst, Goulburn, Canterbury. | |
| | | 1953 | .. | Goulburn | |
| | | 1954 | .. | St. George, Moorebank | .. M'Bank (Minor) |
| | | 1955 | .. | Manly | |
| | | 1956 | .. | St. George, Cremorne | .. Manly (Minor) |
| | | 1957 | .. | St. George, Cremorne | |
| | | 1958 | .. | St. George, Wests, Canterbury | |
| | | 1959 | .. | Bathurst | |
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| | | 1961 | .. | St. George, | .. N. Sydney (Minor) |

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CONGRATULATIONS ... Our congratulations to ...

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| D. West | on his recent marriage |
| M. Jeffs | " " " " |
| R. Fox | " the birth of his daughter |
| K. Wark | " " " " " son |
| P. Rogers | " " " " " son |
| J. Taylor | " " " " " son |
| J. McParland | " " " " " son |
| A. Westacott | " " " " " daughter |
| W. (Jazz) Ryan | " " " " " son |

A rather prolific year and year and any members missed -- my sincere apologies.

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