

GLEBE DISTRICT HOCKEY CLUB

THIRTYFIRST ANNUAL REPORT

and

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

SEASON . . . . . 1963.

GLEBE DISTRICT HOCKEY CLUB.

OFFICE BEARERS

SEASON 1963

FOUNDER : The Late Rev. Bro. McCarten Keegan  
 PATRON : J. Kenny Esq.  
 PRESIDENT : K. Dickey Esq.  
 SEN. VICE PRESIDENT : H. Wark Esq.

Life Members:

J. Quinlan                      J. Kenny                      W. Ryan                      J. Worley

Honorary Secretary:

Honorary Treasurer:

R. G. Thorpe  
 (resigned 22/7/63)

A. Stubbs

F. P. Letts  
 (appointed 22/7/63)

Honorary Ass. Secretary:

Honorary Ass. Treasurer:

F. P. Letts

P. J. Nilan

CLUB CAPTAIN:

CLUB VICE - CAPT.:

PUBLICITY OFFICERS:

P. Nilan

R. Brown

P. Rogers, F. Letts,  
 G. Griffiths -  
 (resigned)

Delegates to S. H. A.

Delegates to S.H.A. Jun. Ass.

R. Thorpe & P. Nilan

R. Brown

Management Committee:

R. Thorpe

P. Nilan

P. Rogers

A. Stubbs

R. Brown

G. Griffiths

K. Dickey

F. Letts

H. Wark

B. Goodrick

Thorpe & G. Griffiths resigned B. Goodrick appointed 22/7/63

Provisional Selection Committee :

Brown

J. Kenny

F. Letts

W. Stubbs

P. Rogers

Honorary Auditor:

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

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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 have very much pleasure in presenting to you, for your consideration and adoption, the 31st Annual Report and Financial Statement of the Glebe District Hockey Club.

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 then move on.

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. A combined committee meeting was called and held in our Club room. Many points were discussed at this meeting including name of club, club colours, etc. Nothing binding was decided upon but it was suggested at the meeting and is recommended to you by your committee that the incoming committee go into the amalgamation thoroughly this coming year and if necessary call a special General Meeting of the Club to decide whether we amalgamate or not. Unless someone can come up with a better suggestion I am afraid there will be nothing left for us but to combine with Western Suburbs.

Once again we had a successful season on the field, you will see by our records we were Minor Premiers in 1st and 2nd Grades and 4th Grade made the first four. 1st Grade alone were able to carry on and win the competition with 2nd and 4th Grades both being beaten in the Grand Final. We lost the Club Championship this year to Ryde by (1) point so you can see we were up there trying. Our congratulations must go to Ryde and St. George on their successes last year.

During the year we lost the services of Mr. Ray Thorpe our Hon. Secretary for the past (9) years, our thanks are due to you Ray on the work you have done for the Glebe Club and for hockey.

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Mr. Fred Letts offered to take on the position of Secretary and he was appointed by your Management Committee. Our Thanks to you Fred for a job well done.

The Club's list of unfinancial members is smaller this year and this due to the untiring work of your Treasurer. This list is something that no club can afford to have so lets cut it right out this year.

In Conclusion let me thank the members of the Management Committee and all the other Office Bearers for the work they have done in the past year and I wish the club a successful season for 1964.

K. DICKEY  
President.

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REPORT ON 1st GRADE.

This team once again had a successful season in winning the premiership, though their glory was not as great as last season. We lost one game so failed to maintain our unbeaten record of last season.

The team did not play as well as last season for several reasons. Firstly, some of the younger brigade did not fire as well as expected and the older brigade did not have the fire of yesterday. Secondly, as of last year the failure of some members to maintain self discipline when the going became a little tough.

The team results were as follows:-

PLAYED	-	20
WON	-	18
LOST	-	1
DRAWN	-	1

GOAL AVERAGES :

GOALS FOR : 94

GOALS AGAINST : 16

Congratulations go to Pat Nilan and Len Needham for State Colours and Robert Brown for Colt Colours. All three have been chosen in the State Training Squad. Congratulations also to Des Wise on his appointment as State Coach.

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REPORT ON 2nd GRADE :

Well for the third year in a row this team has made the finals only to be defeated by Ryde-Hunters Hill. It looks as though we will never win another second grade competition. Our congratulations must go to the young Ryde side for such a fine performance in the Grand Final. They played much better and more constructive than us and thoroughly deserved their victory and most important they made sure of their opportunities. Our forwards missed some easy shots at goals which normally would have won us the game. Well next season will soon be here and the side is young enough (with a little dabble of experience in the side - you know who) and with a little bit of a more concentrated effort we should be able to win the 2nd Grade competition of 1964.

The players that I can recall that played in the team during 1963 season were:-

- J. KENNY                   The oldest stalwart of the team and the bravest. Everyone is still wondering if he is going to retire or if he will see 50 out, always nice to see Jim in the goals.
- H. WARK Jnr.               Improving with every year, youngest member of the team, held his own quite well except when he was rattled and lost his temper. Must learn to control yourself at all times and give full concentration to the game.
- B. GOODRICH               First grade lost faith in Barry's ability so 2nd Grade smartly snapped up this young player. Played with a lot of fire and heart and tried very hard in the finals. If he concentrates, listens to advice from senior players doesn't lose his temper and keeps playing hard should be able to regain his place in first grade, either as a half or maybe right fullback.
- D. LISK                    The most improved player in the team and it won't be very long before he becomes a permanent first grade player. He was snatched up by first grade whenever a centre half or left half was needed to replace the absent or injured.
- P. HOWE                   Young vigorous player, who if his full attention was given to Hockey could become a first class player. One thing he must keep in his mind when playing wing half is that you cannot afford to leave the winger unmarked.

G. KIRKLAND

We could call Graham the savage young man when he starts attacking the opposition. Good young player with a lot potential, but must learn to play the ball and not the man, this could cost the team victory - had a couple of first grade games during the season.

H. WARK Snr.

The most experienced player of the team, as long as he leaves his cap on they will still think he is a young man. Still hitting the ball hard and a nice person to have in team to hit the shot corners (the club has very few players who can hit short corners) Harry was th team captain, till he was promoted to first grade for three (3) matches, but he continued as the team coach. Hope to see you next season - Harry.

B. HOWE

A player with plenty of ability but must play with more fire to become a permanent first grade player. Do not play the man by playing with more fire. Scored many goals during the season hope to see him score more in the 1964. season.

D. BROWN

Played on and off with the team during the year and played in the final scoring the only goal. A young vigorous player with plenty of potential. If he was conditioned a bit better would be able to acquit himself a lot better in second grade. Improving with experience.

F. LETTS

Vice-Captain and a great tryer, showed unusual fire on the left wing after watching him play half. Scored a couple of goals during the season and led the team quite well in the grand final in the absence of the captain.

W. STUBBS

Finished the season as Captain but unfortunately was unable to play in the gran final, as he was called upon to replace the injured R. Thorpe. You merely call him the player on a Yo-Yo his firm seems to vary a bit or do they expect him to play in his top form all the time which he only saves for a special occassion. He is sorry he couldn't play in the grand final. Played better with his glasses on.

P ROGERS

Good experienced player, acquitted himself very well when called upon to play in the team. Was the reserve for the grand final. What a player to have as reserve.

REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS

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Each year members of the Club have the opportunity of being selected in many representative teams. These range from Sydney U/13 up to the highest of all .....Australian XI

Since 1937 three Club members have been chosen in Australian teams ...viz....

TOM PEARCE,  
1937

KEN WARK  
1952/4

PAT NILAN  
1961

Eighteen (18) players have worn the two blues of N.S.W. They are:- T. Pearce, 3, B. Bates 1, C Humphries 1, T. Taylor 1, K. Dickey 1, W. Ryan 1, V. Turner 8, F. Murray 1, K Wark 5, R. Thorpe 2, T. Reece 1, A. Robb 1, D. Wise 1, J. Taylor 1, V. Westacott 1, R. Payne 1, P Nilan 3, Len Needham 2.

Ten (10) members have played for N.S.W. Colts. They are:- D. McNiven, C. Eling, W. Ryan, A. Cross, V. Halls, R. Rodgers, G. Harris, P. Nilan, R. Fox, R. Brown.

For N.S.W. Schoolboys ten (10) members have represented:- K. Dickey, P. Ward, B. Dunn, V. Westacott, J. Flood, W. Stubbs, B. Howe, G. Gilmour, D. Lisk, P. Howe.

Players to gain rep. honours this year were:-

- N.S.W. SENIORS: P. Nilan, L. Needham
- Sydney Seniors: P. Nilan, L. Needham, K. Wark, F. Van der Putt, B. Dunn, G. Harris, D. Wise, V. Westacott. R. BROWN.
- N.S.W. Colts: R. Brown
- Sydney Colts: B. Goodrich
- U/16 Years H. Wark Jnr.
- U/14 " L. Wark.

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SOCIAL TOPICS

SMOKO

The Smoko once again was held "Under the Arches" and thoroughly enjoyed by all present, though I personally thought that there were not enough members present. This state of affairs however, does have its advantages as it leaves more grog for all present and makes them an ideal advertisement for A..A (Alcoholics Always).

As you all know the "Smoko" is a free night and it is not the raffle tickets but the fact that make a member eligible to attend, but the fact that he is a member is sufficient. It is



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REPORT ON 3rd Grade :

Congratulations to Ryde for ultimately emerging as winners of the 1963, 3rd Grade premiership. The standards in physical condition and discipline together with the manner in which Ryde's players conducted themselves, on the field, for the entire competition proved to be too much for all opposition. From Glebe's point of view lets hope our 3rd Grade can match Rydes, in the coming season.

After being premiers of the 1962 season this grade was probably expected to equal its previous years feat. However, many explanations could be offered as to why our particular team was not so triumphant.

In seasons past the Reds have been a blend of experience with youth but this was not the case last season. The youthfulness and keenness were present whereas the experienced players were only limited to the half backs and how could a forward line be expected to function without one seasoned player. This point became evident when Denis Brown, Alan Westacott, Cliff Boyd and Mick Dries combined with Pat Nilan at the Manly carnival - the result was the team reached the semi-finals.

Another major factor which could have turned defeat into success was the club's support especially from the first grade team. In previous years, first graders have given up their time and coached our lower teams along, but in the season just finished there weren't too many of our top eleven on the side line at 12.45. In match after match untold opportunities were not capitalised on. Thus allowing our opponents to gain the upper hand even though they appeared to be inferior in all-round Hockey ability.

I feel sure had these faults been corrected earlier in the season our boys would have given a much better account of themselves and would have gone a great deal further towards taking out premiership honours. Although the Reds failed to qualify for the semi-finals there were quite a few outstanding individuals efforts throughout the competition:-

RICHARD "STUDLY" PAYNE-SCOTT

Goal-Keeper, a prominent figure in the team and was a member of the victorious 1962 side. Always capturing the admiration of both players and spectators when the pressure was on throughout last season.

ROD "THE SCOTT" CAMERON

An importation from Scotland, took the field at right fullback. When Rod became familiar with our grounds and style of play he rapidly showed outstanding ability.



ROD "THE SCOT" CAMERON  
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outstanding ability. At the end of the season Rod was making solid claims for a position in 2nd Grade.

KEVIN "YOGI BEAR" WEEKES

Played his best season. "The Bear" commenced the season in 4th Grade but in no time was elevated to 3rd Grade. After establishing himself, "YOGi" was promoted to 2nd Grade and found that this standard of Hockey was not beyond his capabilities. However, "Yogi's" season was marred by having to work on many weekends.

BERNIE "COLLARBONE" KOETS

Played many great matches early in the competition from the fullback position. Bernies natural ability to cover defend broke up many of the oppositions movements. Midway through the season while playing inside right, Bernie had the misfortune of breaking a collarbone which brought his season to an end.

PAUL "THE EDITOR" ROGERS

Another member of the winning 1962 team, and one of the Club's most devoted members. Selected out of position on many occasions as Centre Half. Paul played consistently well in every match giving his forwards numerous opportunities to score.

MAX "THE VOICE" JEFFS

An old campaigner of the Hockey circuit who had a mixed season. Max played right half and Centre Half in the team. His best assets were his ball distribution and positional play backed up by his emotional outbursts of encouragement to his fellow players "OH!" That Voice Max"

GARY HUME

Played right half and left wing but appeared to play better in a forward position. Being one of the new members to the team Gary showed great improvement as the season progressed with the proper training and coaching he should force his way into a higher Grade.

DAVID LISK

Really excelled on the Left Wing. Dave joined the team midway through the season and continued to improve until the competition ended. Although lacking in team work he displayed all the basic essentials a Hockey player should have with coaching and practice Dave should really prove himself in the sport.

ALAN "THE TEETH" WESTACOTT

Hovered around the inside left position and picked up some good goals. Lacking in condition Alan had a tendency to go for the big hit and as a result he failed with many shots which should have been goals. "Keep those Choppers in Work"

VINCE WYER

Had only a few matches all at centre forward. Vince made clear on many occasions that he could be dangerous once inside the circle.

JACK "CABBIE" THOMSON

Centre forward who made numerous solo efforts down the centre. Jack is inclined to be a little temperamental at times, yet ~~when~~ he settles down he shows his true value as a Hockey player - a relentless trier who is always dangerous once inside the circle.

DENNIS "TUBBY" BROWN

Our aggressive inside right was another hard worker and soloist but lacked physical fitness. Dennis netted many spectacular goals and at times made it hard for the 'back marking him. Dennis also rose to 2nd Grade and provided he puts his mind to it he could develop into a first class player.

MICK DRIES

A 4th Grader who truly deserved his promotion to the team. Mick found his new surroundings a little strange at the beginning but as the season progressed, so too did Mick. He should be the "SPEARHEAD" of a solid forward line in the coming season.

CLIFF "BONANZA" BOYD"

Find of the season, who fractured the opposition from the right wing position. In scoring the best goal of the

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season, against Easts, Cliff gave our side one of its few touches of "Champagne" Hockey. Cliff is destined to become a major threat to Bob Brown if he can display the same improvement this season.

KEVIN "THE CAPTAIN" DOYLE Proud to have been associated with such a fine young team. The "Captain" controlled the team from the left half and carried out his capacity to the best of his ability.

Others who also appeared with the team were:- D. Fishenden, B. Williams, and A. Walters.

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#### REPORT ON 4th GRADE

This side was a credit to the Glebe Club, in every way. The team played very good Hockey throughout the season, and were very unlucky to lose to St. George in the Grand Final, 2 goals to 1. The team spirit was of a very high level, and every member of the team rose to the occasion whenever it was needed.

When the competition started last year, the side had a few rough edges to iron out, but as the season progressed, so did this Glebe team, and were very much in the running to win the 4th Grade competition for the first time in many years.

This side produced some players that have a very big future in the game, with a little more experience under their belt.

The team was made up of the following players :-

C. BROWN	Who showed plenty of courage, and could go a long way in the game if he concentrates on goal-keeping.
FULLBACKS -	R. Howe, D. Fisherton, G. Griffiths, without these three players as our last line of defence, we would not have reached the semis. Bobby Howe is one of the most improved players in the side.
BILLMcCORMACK	Another player in the side to improve.
MICK LETTS	Tried hard all the time.
D. LISK	Played like a veteran in the position of Centre Half, his passes to the forwards