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It is my pleasure to present to you the 34th Annual Report and Financial statement of the Glebe District Hockey Club, for consideration and adoption.

It must be pleasing for every member of the Glebe Club, to look back over the past season on our performances and achievements. Performance wise winning the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Grade and just missing out on the first shows good depth through the club. The 2nd and 3rd's continued on their merry winning way both teams being undefeated in the competition.

Fourth Grade after struggling early finished too strong for the opposition in the play off for the 4th Grade competition.

JUNIORS Last season our Junior Teams swelled to reasonable numbers again, but I feel the Clubs Senior members have let the kids down ~~once~~ more, we owe a lot to a few staunch members who turn up week after week to transport the junior teams to their various games and to coach them in this great sport. After all gentlemen it is from these juniors that the Glebe Club of tomorrow will find its strength.

I feel compelled to say a few words about the Club's trip to Queensland last Easter for our return matches with the Valley Club and to compete in the Adamson Cup Carnival. Every member of the team seemed to be aware of his responsibilities as an ambassador of the Glebe District Hockey Club, and conducted himself accordingly. A word must be said about the way the teams were dressed, all players looking very smart in their Blue Jackets, Club Ties, and Grey Trousers, although there was much debate over colour and design the finished article was a **credit** to the organisers.

Financially the Club has had one of its best years on record, as you will see when you read through the statement latter on in the Annual Report. A big proportion of this money came from the Queensland Touring Committee.

Gentlemen in this Club we seemed to be affected by a small group of members who, year after year put off meeting their commitments to the Club. I feel ~~that~~ some really strong steps should be taken in the forthcoming season to try and rectify this condition.

SOCIALLY the Club had a very good season with the trip to Brisbane the entertaining of the Queensland State side, several Bar-B-Q's, the Annual Cabaret and the picnic at Stanwell Park which was one of the best, as far as members of the Club members attending the picnic we have ever had.

We also acquired the catering for the Australian Hockey Carnival and I would like to thank those ladies who gave their time to help us.

In conclusion I would like to thank the Management Committee and all Office Bearers for their help in the past year and I wish you every success in 1967.

GREG HARRIS.
PRESIDENT.

The Club can be congratulated on some very fine wins during the 1966 Hockey Season. It struck first blood when for the second successive year it took out the "BISLEY SHIELD" with a win in the Final over Ryde 2-1.

Competition Winners :-

2nd Grade
3rd Grade (BY A MILE)
4th Grade
Club Championship by 57 points.

Although 1st grade did not win the major award of the Hockey Season, it is still one of the best performances the club has produced in recent years.

Second grade had a clear win although some games looked a little dangerous at times.

Third grade shut the gate behind them with 5 competition games to go and finished up 9 points clear of the next team.

Probably one of the best wins of the Club for a long time was 4th Grade. A team comprising of young and enthusiastic players who had some really great team spirit and had always good attendances at training.

The Annual keen rivalry between Glebe and Valley took place in Brisbane, with Glebe making a clean sweep once again. Making the Headlines with a Photo in the Hockey Circle and cuttings in the paper, marking us "THE GLAMOUR SIDE" of Sydney. Both teams performed well in the Adamson Cup, the No. 2 team been beaten in the Semis and the No.1 team playing Valley in the final, we down 3-1.

A lot of effort went into the preparation and organising, fund raising etc. for this trip, but still we have the same old story of the hanger-ons who without any effort on their part reaped the benefits. B.B.Q.'s were poorly attended by Club members and the sale of lottery tickets etc. was disappointing.

Wednesday night training provided by the Club at the Clubs expense was at times encouraging but some members could only drag themselves down to grog on.

It is about time these certain few woke up and got down to serious training etc.

The Junior position seems somewhat improved but not too many know about it. There are not too many Senior players have to be told to turn up for their Saturday afternoons Hockey, yet we have to repeatedly ask for help with transport etc. on Saturday mornings.

Yes the Juniors play every Saturday Morning at Jubilee Oval during the season.

Congratulations to all members of winning teams, a welcome to all new members and hope that next year the whole club can pull its weight and achieve better results.

It could have been five in a row this year and certainly should have been. Although beaten by St. George for 1st place the team itself lost the premiership. After showing some good form during the Pre-Season and early games we got back to our mid-season slump.

I think this slump can be accounted for by the lack of interest in some, not all, of the team members. After once again winning the "BISLEY SHIELD" the rest period started and we never really seemed to get out of it. A team of this standing should be able to contain any situation on a Hockey Field but we failed miserably at times. Some of the childish attitudes of some players did not help at all in trying to develop any team spirit. The fact that Glebe 1st grade did not win the premiership this year in such a very mediocre competition, emphasises that some drastic measures must be done to recapture the Hockey supremacy in Sydney 1st grade which the Club has had for so long in the past.

Throughout the season the Team registered :

Wins	14	Losses	2	Draws	2
Goals For	: 80	Goals Against	: 17		

It was obvious that the WHOLE forward line lacked goal scoring ability, by the countless numbers of shots at goal and failing to score. We can only win games by the amount of goals that "GO IN THE NET" No matter how they go in (ask Dave Stevens).

In conclusion a warm welcome (once again) to Don Barker to the Club and 1st Grade, he played some good Hockey towards the latter stage of the season.

Congratulations to St. George on their success this year.

An end of the season thank you to all players who played with 1st Grade this year and to Ken Wark who through my absence during the last 5 games took over the captaincy.

EAT NILAN
1st Grade Captain.

Glebe maintained their impressive ~~string~~ of consecutive victories by once again winning the Premiership. They were far superior to the next best team, as shown by the winning margin, six points.

However the team rarely functioned as a competent unit, and did not produce the co-ordinated positional play for which they are renowned. Rarely did they take the field with the same XI as the firsts continually required replacements to fill the positions of the representative and injured players, and this probably contributed to the lack of cohesion which was often apparent. It is a tribute to the team's ability however that although often weakened were still able to win.

A feature which was again noticeable was the great team spirit of the side. This was a feature, is a quality which, we have come to expect from Glebe second grade, and this year was upheld in the best tradition of the team.

Several players in the team were on the verge of 1st grade selection, and with ~~consistent~~ training in the off-season could easily crack the big time next year.

Finally I would like to thank all the team for their co-operation throughout the season and a word of thanks must be expressed to Marvin Heaston, the boy from the coal fields, who is returning home next year. He has been a great club man; both on and off the field and he will be conspicuous by his absence.

WINS ; 16 DRAWS ; 1 LOSSES ; 1

goals for ; 65 Goals Against ; 9

THIRD GRADE

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I would like to congratulate all players who played in this team of Champion 3rd Grade players on winning the premiership undefeated. Undoubtedly this would be the best 3rd grade team that I have ever seen take the field, with players of the calibre of Bob Fox, Paul Rogers, Graeme Shirley, Brian and Peter Howe, Tony Morley, Graeme Gilmour etc. lending their knowledge and experience to the younger players it was a great team.

No less than twenty six players took the field with this team during the season, but still these players remained a team at all times. A pleasing feature of the team this year was the minimum amount of talking on the field and I think this contributed to the success of the team.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Lindsay Weate to the Glebe Club and a fine custodian he turned out to be and a good Club man to boot. Also Graeme Shirley who ~~is~~ back with us from New Zealand I hope you stay this time Graeme.

Even though this team went through the competition undefeated we could not defeat Randwick drawing with them on both occasions that we met. The teams record was 16 wins and 2 draws with a goal average of 65 goals for and 8 against. Of these eight goals against 4 of them were scored against us after we had won the Competition that is the last five games as we won the competition by 9 points the fact that half the number of goals scored against us proves to ~~be~~ way of thinking that as well as our team easing up the faults of ~~winning~~ ^{winning} a competition in this manner.

A special word of thanks goes to our two "Custodians" namely Gavin "RATS" Howe and Lindsay Weate neither had a great deal of work but what they did have they did very well.

In conclusion I would like to thank everyone of the 26 players to play in the team and I was very proud to be associated with them. Thank you one and all.

Fred Letts.
Captain.

At last this team has taken out the Honours after so many years nobody seems to be able to remember the last time.

After battling through the first round with only 3 wins and 1 draw in 7 games the position was not very strong and we were third - 5 points behind the leaders with 13 goals for and 11 goals against. On entering the second round something "CLICKED" and with the addition of John Nelmes to the team we started to completely outplay the opposition. Throughout the second round we drew 2 games and won the rest with high scores running up further goals of 47 for and 7 against.

After the completion of the second round we were equal leader with Ryde and St. George but were on top in goal averages and were obliged to play-off with St. George. This game was a virtual Grand Final and we went on the field determined to win and after a tough game we finally won the game and the premiership after fighting our way back into the competition.

I must thank and commend every player for the effort he put into the game and although there were times especially in the first round when we were only 11 players and not a team.

THE PLAYERS :

COLIN BROWN

In my opinion the best goalie in the Club. He is never afraid and saved us many times when things were going bad.

JOHN CAMERON+

Played on the left wing and never stopped going. Nobody got away from "THE MOUSE".

BILLY CORMACK

Played full-back and helped to keep them out.

PAUL CUNNEEN

Played in the halves and kept the opposing winger at bay.

DICK CALLAGHAN

Joined us again late in the first round. Helped us go from "RAGS TO RICHES".

FRANK WAIN

Although he didn't play every game he was there. Glad to have him any time.

BENNETT DUNN

Bennett only played 3 games but showed us some teamwork and gave us the benefit of the top grades.

DARRYL FISHENDEN

Played centre-half and is the most consistent player in the team. He makes the opposition look silly.

GRAEME GALE

Played inside left and was one of the mainstays of the forward line with good passes and intercepts.

BOBBY HOWE

Played centre forward. Made many fine goals but was a bit lazy sometimes.

GARRY HULME

Played full-back and let nobody past, his play was a bit savage sometimes but they steered clear of him.

MICK LETTS

Mick played the first seven games and was then lifted to 3rd Grade.

GRAEME LISK

Played a good game every time and I was sorry to lose him in the last round when he broke his wrist.

GARRY MONOU

One of the keenest members of the team and always put everything into it. Garry won the W.J. Oldfield Trophy for the Most Improved and Best Behaved.

JOHN NELMES

Joined us in the second round as inside right and was definately the best player on the field.

FRANK WHITEMAN

Played left half, As Captain tried to keep the team together when playing.

Others who played :- R. FOX - 1 Game
M. Johns - 1 Game
J. Marshall and A. Westacott $\frac{1}{2}$ game each.

JUNIOR REPORT

With a total number of 49 Juniors registered on our books this year (probably the best for the last couple of years), The Club fielded only 3 Teams - Under 10, Under 12, Under 14.

Glebe played in the North West Zone, with the Cumberland, Gordon, Northern Districts, Ryde and Western Suburbs Clubs.

The season commenced on 16th April and terminated on 30th July and also included games for 2 teams in St. George Carnival and 4 Teams in the Cumberland Carnival.

If we think we did do wonders in collecting near 50 players in our Junior ranks, gain 3 selections in Sydney Rep. Teams and finish runners-up in Under 12 just let us all think again, and take a good look at the statistics.

Throughout the 15 playing Saturdays, you could truthfully say that a definite neglect by Senior Players was evident, what a hopeless effort by so many so called, Senior members of the Club.

The fact is, if in the event of too many players turning up to coach and/or provide transport, a roster system could have been set up. But infact what did happen was, the Junior Committee had to struggle almost every week to arrange transport etc. and on one occasion the under 14 team drawn to play at Rydalmere had to forfeit the game due to the lack of transport facilities (which were already arranged). Let us be a little bit serious about this matter in the future and remember - THE JUNIORS YOU COACH TODAY - ARE MEN WHO PLAY TO-MORROW.