

Glebe District Hockey Club



Thirty-Seventh

Annual Report & Balance Sheet

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GLEBE DISTRICT HOCKEY CLUB :

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FOUNDER : The Late Rev. Bro. McCarten Keegan
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GENTLEMEN,

On behalf of myself and the Management Committee I present to you the 37th Annual Report and Financial Statement of the Glebe District Hockey Club, for your consideration and adoption.

1969 was the first year since 1961 that we failed to win a senior grade premiership! The Club Championship was lost for the first time in five (5) years and only the second time since 1960. This indicates that we are slipping and I believe this not to be in ability but in enthusiasm in our approach to the game. With advent of many young players in the senior ranks of other clubs, it is apparent that we must be a lot fitter than we were in 1969. I am sure if we had been in better condition and more enthusiastic, we would have had a better chance to win at least one premiership.

Our fourth grade, who at one stage looked certain to win F Grade, failed to fire when it was required. My commiserations to you - maybe next year will be the fourths year.

The club's congratulations go to all other clubs who were fortunate to win a premiership and special congratulations to St. George on winning the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Grade Premierships and Club Championships of the 1st Division.

FINANCIAL

Financially, The Club had a much improved effort from the members. Funds increased in our Club Account and out congratulations to our Treasurer, Ken Wark, for a very fine effort in his first year as Treasurer. We also conducted a 200 Club and at the date of writing this report we had cleared over \$1,200 with approximately \$200-00 still to be collected. To the members who organised and controlled it, and the members who participated in taking or selling the tickets - good work. A special mention to Tom Casey whose effort in selling 40 Tickets contributed largely to our profit of the 200 Club, even though he was consistently collecting winnings.

JUNIORS :

The greatest achievement in 1969 was with our Juniors. The club fielded five (5) teams and we were successful in winning two (2) zone titles out of four (4) and three (3) Sydney metropolitan titles out of four (4). Congratulations

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Junior players and coaches for a very fine effort. These juniors were a credit to the Club and our Senior players could take a leaf out of their book. As in 1968, our congratulations and thanks to Coaches, Pat Nilan, John Cowan, Graham Gilmour, Garry Manou, Charlie Brown and Colin Brown, for a fine effort. To the other members who consistently attend the junior games a special thank you. To the parents (in particular Molly Wark, Cath Casey and Maureen Cowan) and the Glebe Police Boys Club who lent their support during the year, a special thank you to you people. Your assistance is very much appreciated.

The best performed roster team was that of Garry Manou's and Charlie Brown's and a special small presentation will be made to them. The roster team will again operate in 1970, and it is hoped it will be more effective than 1969.

Our Junior successes sounds a strong warning to all Clubs that Glebe will again rise up to be the top club in Sydney in the next three years.

SOCIAL

We had some more memorable socials in 1969. Theatre parties, barbecues a Cabaret, Valley at Easter and Newcastle in September. All socials were successful, even if not financially, as all members who attended enjoyed themselves to the utmost.

To all these persons who worked to make the socials a success and these persons who made the places available for socials, we thank you sincerely.

To the members, their wives and girl-friends who gave their time to help during the year at socials, Hockey games and Carnivals and made each event a success, on behalf of myself, the Management Committee and Club members, I thank you.

As President, I would like to thank the Management Committee, all Office Bearers and any other sundry workers for their help in running the Club in 1969. As in 1968, a special mention to Fred Letts (Club Secretary) and his wife, Carole, for their mammoth effort and particularly when Fred was ill.

1969 had its setbacks, 1970 is a new and adventous year, let's look ahead and see that each of us can do for the improvement of the Club, both on and off the field. In some ways we slipped, in others we grew - lets concentrate and grow in all ways.

In conclusion, I take this opportunity to wish every member the best for Christmas and a Happy New Year, with every success both on and off the field in 1970.

BILL STUBBS
President.

CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT

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The 1969 Season is a Season Best forgotten as it is the worst for many years, our Record Reads "Bisley Shield". When you look back over the Season I don't think we deserved better results. The season runs for about 24 Weeks and we train for about 8 weeks, the first four and the last four.

The Effort put into training is just not good because until we really put in a 100% Effort into Training we can forget about winning Premierships. To get to the Top you must work for it and this is where we fail.

Junior wise, the season was our Best Ever, with the Under 12, and Under 10 Teams winning their Zone competitions and being Sydney Champions. The Under 14 Team coming good at the end of the season and also winning the Sydney Championship.

I must give the Junior Convenor, John Cowan, a special mention for the work he has put into the Junior sides of the Club, Well done John (He keeps the Team Coaches on side).

In conclusion I would like to thank all members that helped me during the Season especially Ken Wark and I hope we can rise to Bigger Heights next Year.

R. BROWN
Club Captain.

In opening my 1969 report on the top Eleven I feel first and foremost a mention of our Conquerors St. George.

To recall the Final at Primrose Park where at interval Glebe led 1-0 there was a distinct feeling of victory in the Glebe camp.

Then Bang-Bang-Bang St. George shot us down 3-1 and in doing so produced the goods at the right time in beating all other semi-finalist's in their quest for the Premiership.

Now to the home front, the team commenced the season on a winning note with a win over Valley to take out the PreSeason Pennant.

As I see it the team took some many matches to settle down and this was undoubtedly brought about by the number of changes made throughout the first half of the rounds.

As captain my thoughts were to try and develop a pattern of play which would have our right side of - Charlie Brown, Pat Nilan, Len Needham and Graham 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 on this side of the field.

The team executed these tactics most effectively as there were many creditable passages of play coming from both forwards and backs.

A NOTE ON TEAM MEMBERS :

COLIN BROWN - With good consistent games in the seconds Col forced his way into the top side, where he played very well.

GRAHAM GILMOUR - Right Back: I don't know about anywhere else but certainly the best in New South Wales, Graham's anticipation and defensive play was a "knock out".

HARRY WARK - Left Back: Find of the Season, Harry played many devastating matches and his hitting power was a big feature in many penetrating movements.

LEN NEEDHAM - His value at right half was evident when Len had possession, and on many occasions he got the forwards line moving with intelligent passing.

COL DEAN - CENTRE HALF - Vice Captain - A tremendous asset to the side. Both in attack and defence Col excelled.

1st GRADE REPORT

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CHARLIE BROWN - The side's big Right Winger, however too many injuries prohibited Charlie from having his best season ever.

PAT NILAN - Inside Right - An inspiration to every team member, his combination with Charlie was copy book.

DENNIS BROWN - A centre forward who displayed great determination. Dennis is capable of pulling any match out of the fire - as demonstrated in his goal against Ryde to give us 3-2 Victory.

MARTIN HOWE - Started slow but as the season progressed so too did Martin's game, his defence was sound as many opposing Right Winger would verify.

DAVE STEVENS - Inside Left - A relentless worker and a very capable Hockey player. With Dave's walk-about to commence early next year it will be quite a challenge for the man who fills his position next season.

VIC WESTACOTT - Captained the team to the best of his ability.

GRAHAM LISK - played approximately half the season with the team Right Half, he should be a regular member next season.

GARRY MANOU - Was the team's goal-keeper for the first half of the competition with more hard work Garry could force his way back into the top eleven.

VIC WESTACOTT
TEAM CAPTAIN.

2nd GRADE REPORT

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1969 was a very disappointing year for the seconds. The team was basically a very experienced side and their general field play would be envied by many 1st Grade teams. The teams greatest problem, and it proved fatal in the semi final, was the inability of the forwards to score goals.

The number of goals missed in the semi-final was unbelievable, considering the forwards in the side. The defence was superb and the only mistake they made resulted in a penalty flick being awarded against them. The teams forte was its defence and it was a disappointing that the forwards could not play as well as them.

The teams best players were really all the defence but in the semi-final no one could go past both Graham Lisk and Brian Ruse (from W.A.), Graham learnt one thing this year was never to go on holidays during the season as he let an old boy into first grade and could not force him out again even though he played first class hockey.

Provided the Army does not catch up with Graham I believe we will be seeing Graham as a premanent member of first grade if he maintains his present form.

Our congratulations go to St. George Team on winning the 2nd Grade Premiership and a fine effort it was. Surprisingly, if the top four sides in 2nd Grade, St. George was the only team we beat in both competition rounds.

Well 1970 is just around the corner, I hope the next second grade team will be as good as and possibly better than the 1969 team for I feel if it is they will be one of the favourites for the 1970 premiership.

See you all in 1970.

BILL STUBBS.
TEAM CAPTAIN.

3rd GRADE REPORT

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As 3rd Grade Captain I wish to extend sincere thanks to all those members who participated in this grade throughout the 1969 season. It was a pleasure to have associated with such a fine body of men on and off the field and one can only hope that these gentlemen will once again make themselves available for season 1970.

Like last season this grade, after a slow start, had to struggle to make the final four but unlike last season we did not obtain premiership honours. Third Grade were defeated 2-1 by Ryde in the Final in a closely contested game and could be considered unlucky as they virtually fielded ten men, as one stubborn member was sporting an injured eye, greatly impairing his ability to acquire himself competently as a team member. St. George ultimately won the Competition and to them we offer our Congratulations. Once again third grade had a large turnover of players (33 in all) and considering our worst defeat during the competition was by the odd goal, one can assume that season 1970 has much to offer.

Looking back in retrospect on a few occasions Glebe 3rd Grade absolutely blitzed the opposition and if this form was retained for the final games there is no doubt in my mind which Club would have won the Premiership Honours. Considering this factor, with a slightly more conscientious approach our prospects are most promising for next season. So fellows, let us knuckle down and exhibit to the opposition the guts and fighting spirit this club has become renowned for.

In conclusion I wish to offer special thanks to those members who inconvenienced themselves for - for-saking other commitments for the betterment and well being of the Club.

BRIAN HOWE
Team Captain

FOURTH GRADE REPORT

To lose only 2 games in 21 would indicate a highly successful season - and it was. But those two losses were in the most important games of the season and we surrendered the Premiership to Baulkham Hills - the only team to beat us in 1969. On each of the 4 times we met, the games were particularly even and keenly fought and Baulkham Hills deserved the Flag on the basis of 2 wins & a draw from these encounters.

Returning to the season generally, it proved to be more satisfying than the previous year because :-

- 1) The team grading was more realistic (although D.Grade would have been more appropriate.
- 2) A full (?) Team was always available.
- 3) Several Junior Players participated (and were always available at short notice to help out).
- 4) Club's First Division players umpired games, coached and generally took a greater interest than previously.

These improvements helped team performance and morale to the point where there is now more Club interest in the fourth team and more members are prepared to help and encourage the lower graded players. This can only be to the benefit of the Glebe Club in the long term.

Two points which emerged in 1969 needing correction were :-

- 1) The playing condition of Federal Park
- 2) The need for a fifth team to take up the player surplus if we use Juniors in the Senior Competition.

I believe both these matters are having the Management Committee's attention therefore I offer no further comment than to say :

- 1) The players deserve a better playing surface than Federal Park even if we have to move elsewhere.
- 2) Junior players in the 4th Team this year lifted team performances with their very obvious talent and they are extremely keen to play grade.

We must provide the opportunity to satisfy their keenness.

During the year we use many players in the team and there were some fine performances, but for consistency, the ingredient that counts so much in a season, it would be hard to ignore the effort of Tony Martin and Frank Whiteman. And for improvement, the measure of any players application to the game, John Cowan and Ross Polo.

Juniors Michael Weatherley and Noel Anderson showed that higher grading is just a matter of time.

On behalf of the team I wish to thank Club members for their support and encouragement and particularly Ken Wark and Bob Brown for giving us the benefit of what they know about Hockey - it is a lot and it helped a lot.

KEITH VINCENT -
TEAM CAPTAIN.