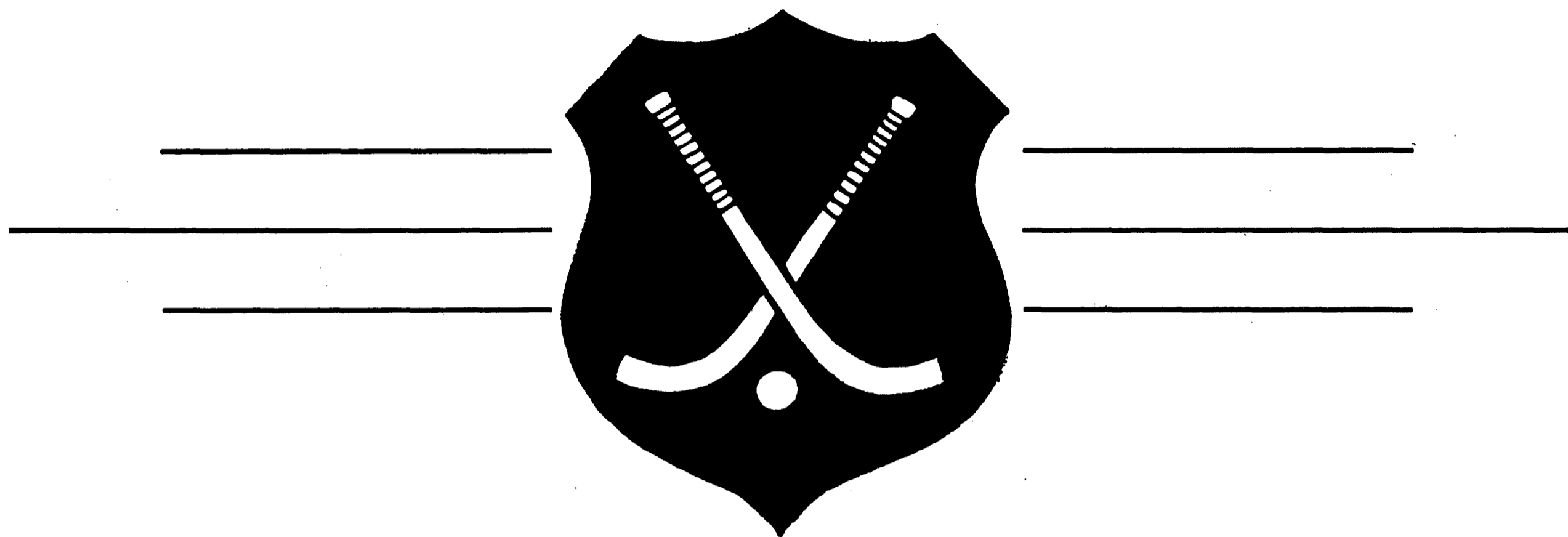


Glebe District Hockey Club



Forty-sixth

Annual Report & Balance Sheet

SEASON

1976



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SECRETARY'S REPORT

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Gentlemen it gives me great pleasure to present the 46th Annual Report and Balance Sheet of the Glebe District Hockey Club.

A Report of a year that we can all be very proud of. Club Champions in 1st and 2nd Division (an achievement never previously achieved) Undefeated Premiers 1st and 2nd Grade, Premiers 3rd Grade and Grand Finalist A, B, & C grades 2nd Division. Not forgetting our Juniors who also won the Under 10 and Under 14's and runners up in the under 12's. The results of a "CHAMPION CLUB" and a 'CLUB OF CHAMPIONS'.

Also on the playing side Glebe were the leading goal scorers in each of 1st, 2nd and 3rd grades and our B & C grades were 2nd and 3rd placed on the goals scored in their grades. A true indication of the attacking Hockey played by the Club.

The Glebe Spirit again was well to the fore and on behalf of the Management Committee I wish to thank all members who helped make the Club what it was over the past year.

Barracking was some what subdued during the year especially following the citing of a couple of members for "Abuse". Gentlemen we need and request your barracking but make sure it is barracking and not abuse.

VALLEY VISIT

The Club once again travelled to Valley on their bi-annual pilgrimage and very successful trip it was, we returned home with the "Easter Cup".

Valley as usual superb hosts and we thank them sincerely whilst we hope we can return them the hospitality shown next Easter.

FINANCE

Over all we had a successful year with a profit from all trading in excess of \$2,000. However I must point out a very disturbing feature - that of Unfinancial Members. Gentlemen whilst the Club must expect some bad debts from fees, 250 Clubs, equipment sales, etc. the number on our books at the moment is ridiculous. Those members who owe money to the Club, pay it now and lets all make a point of paying our money as soon as possible. You chase the Treasurer, don't have the Treasurer chasing you.

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Again I would like to thank Graeme Gilmour, Dennis Brown, Ralph Rochester, Tony Martin etc. etc. those only too few members for running the Toxteth Hotel Raffles. Also to President, Pat Nilan in running of the 250 Club.

JUNIORS

Another successful year for the juniors as previously mentioned and I would be amiss if I did not mentioned the first class effort of our Junior Convenor - John Diviney who we all owe a lot to for his efforts over the past few years.

To Janice and Grace Martin the Club is in their debt for running the Canteen over the year and their constant support.

CONGRATULATIONS

Our congratulations must go to the Australian Olympic Hockey Team on their fine showing at the games. A tremendous effort. All Australia was proud of the team and our members especially our own Ian Cooke who represented the Club so well.

FEDERAL PARK

We have now signed the 10 year lease on Federal Park and are awaiting the Councils and the Minister for Lands Signatures.

The underground watering is now complete, and I am sure all members will agree the surface has never been better. Our thanks especially to Ken Wark and Barry Goodrich for their work on this field.

There will be working bees on the ground in the near future, and it is up to each and every member to lend a hand in further improving the playing surface.

OBSERVATIONS

The club is growing and we cannot expect the few willing workers to carry the load. We must all extract that well known digit and assist with the work load.

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This year the Club fielded 6 teams for the first time and whilst we would have more than likely won both A & B grades without a 6th Team in the Competition. I feel that the 6th Team was a great success and a huge benefit to the Club in the years to come as it was a great nursery for our younger players.

THANK YOU :

On behalf of all members I wish to thank the Leichhardt Council, Glebe Police Boys Club, all Supporters of the Club, both at games and with our financial ventures especially those at the Toxteth Hotel - Thank you.

To my Wife Carole for the printing of this report and all the other work over the past year - a special thanks.

FRED LETTS

Hon. Secretary.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Over a period of forty four years the name of the Glebe District Hockey Club (formerly St. James) has been linked with Hockey, and this year was certainly no exception. Looking back to the '75 performance one could have only hoped that '76' would be equal to that fine performance.

In 1976 we surpassed that effort when we entered 6 teams and reached the Grand Final in all grades we played in. Winning 1st, 2nd and 3rd Grades in Major Division and going down by the odd goal in A, B, & C grades in 2nd Division. The major Division Club Championship was once again retained, while in 2nd Division a keen struggle developed over the last couple of games between Glebe and University of New South Wales, with the honours eventually being shared.

The season of 1976 must surely go down on record as the finest playing performance yet produced by the Club, and I feel one to be proud of and proud to be associated with the Club.

On the playing side, I feel a few players are worthy of a mention for their efforts throughout the season and I think none could overshadow Ian Cooke in gaining selection in the Montreal Olympic games Team. To you Ian sincere congratulations on your achievement and the winning of a Silver medal.

To Greg Corben who had a good season in 1st grade in defence, whilst Robert Diviney (when given the opportunity) played some really good hockey in the 1st grade forward line.

To Len Needham in the manner in which he led his team (3rd grade) - a very fine example after being beaten in the semi, come back and played some entertaining hockey to gain the honours over North Sydney in the Grand Final. The 'C' grade was a mixture of "young and old" and skipper Bill Stubbs did a tremendous job of encouraging all the young players to play good basic hockey. Congratulations to all the 'c' grade for a good effort in making the Grand Final.

The 1st grade competition was dominated by Glebe and the Team went through the competition undefeated to rescue the trophy from St. George with a 4-2 win in the Grand Final. The President's Report will be concluded verbally at the Annual General Meeting.

PAT NILAN - PRESIDENT.

CLUB CAPTAINS REPORT

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The 1976 season was the best anyone could hope for especially with the addition of one more team to the competition for Glebe, making it six sides. For the first time again Glebe achieved six out of six teams in the grand finals. I believe a little bit of hockey history happened on that Saturday also it will only be surpassed by no other club than Glebe. Congratulations to all players that made it a successful year and hoping for bigger and better things in 1977.

As we all know we didn't quite take out all six grades but gave them one hell of a nudge.

First grade with Pat Nilan at the helm steered us through the competition undefeated quite a tremendous effort. We played St. George 5 times this season with a goal tally of 17 for and 4 against which shows how strong the team was.

Second grade saw Charlie Brown Captain - a very good and determined side which met St. George also in the grand final beating them quite convincingly.

Third grade saw evergreen Lennie Needham Captain - a team of fellas who played some damn good Hockey throughout the year. They played North Sydney and gave them a hockey lesson in grand final play.

Fourth grade Captained by Harry Wark Snr. (FLICK) went down fighting but at no stage did they flater and with an ounce of luck could have made it 4 winners.

Fifth grade with Paul Rogers as Captain saw a gallant team try very hard but lady luck turned her head and we lost. A mention must be said about fifths because during the year they were struggling along and only just made it to the semis. This was due to heavy representative players being away and a few injuries but in the true Glebe style they put their heads down and B - - - up and stuck to their task. Congratulations to Paul and the boys.

Sixth grade needs another special mention with Bill Stubbs and a few seasoned players they spent teaching these young guys what grade hockey is about some of the kids just 16 or a little bit older - a terrific effort. Bill in making the grand final maybe next year the winners.

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With the competition being what it is it enabled Glebe to win two Club Championships 1st Division A Grade, 1st Division B Grade - that makes A Grade 5 times in a row - a fantastic effort.

Some other of Glebes triumphs were the Bisley Chield defeating St. George 3-1 in a one sided game. The St. George carnival on easter monday, U.N.S.W. carnival on Easter Saturday which included the N.S.W. side to go away. Also Glebe were in Brisbane on their bi-annual Easter Cup encounter with Valley, thus making these two wins more outstanding.

Valley trip was again a successful one Glebe 1 played Valley for the Easter Cup which we won defeating a very good valley team and bringing the cup back to the arches where it belongs. Glebe 2 were outplayed by a more combining side from Valley - but the tremendous effort of Noel Anderson in Goals won him a trophy also Col Brown saved the day for the 1st's thus receiving the trophy.

Training began like always with 30-40 early and tapering off slightly during the rest of the year. What was pleasing to see was some senior members down at training giving valuable hints on stick and ball control to other members trying at all times to improve one and anothes game. It is with thanks to these people to show what they got out of the game to see good hockey to continue.

Randwick conducted their annual pre season hockey tournament but Glebe were a little disorganised thus failing to proouce the winning form of '75 to take the cash prize. Let us all try to organise ourselves a little better in future things we participate in during 1977 season.

Our representative efforts was again very strong this year. First of all congratulations to Ian Cooke on his first Olympics in Montreal, mad luck not to receive a gold but at least a Silver. Keep up the good Hockey Ian you have a lot of Hockey years ahead of you. Others to represent, Greg Corbin, Kevin Sweeney, Les Wark, Geoff Paterson, Jeff Dearing, Garry Wark and young Colin Rochester - all representing their State - well done fellas.

Junior Hockey had a fine year - the under 10's coached by G. Gilmour won the Central Area premiership also minor premiers, Under 12's were a little unlucky as they were minor premiers but had to settle for second spot in the grand final Well done R. Wark for spending the time and effort for the 12's. The Under 14's had a terrific team coached by Bill Stubbs they won the big one also they had two reps. in Danny O'Brien(Sydney) and Col Rochester (NSW). Col Brown and the Under 16's just missed a semi spot but Colin says they might be hard to stop next year. We wish to see more Senior players giving a hand with transport and any other thing that may help these few people to help our future Hockey stars for Glebe - Lets all get cracking - I can't go past the Juniors and not congratulate John Diviney on a fantastic job you have done this year - your tireless efforts are much appreciated by all.

Towards Semi time a Club member showed the way again by getting a couple of good films and asking Paul Broughton to have a talk - after which I feel everyone that saw and heard him gained a little something to spur us on to the finals and grand finals. To you Les Wark I personally am glad to see young blokes taking this interest and showing such tremendous enthusiasm for the Club - Very well done Les.

Once again congratulations to all members on a terrific year of Hockey. Now lets go out next year and go a couple better.

IAN MUTTON
CLUB CAPTAIN.

1976 saw the return of the 1st grade Cup to its 'HOME' Glebe.

The one aim of the whole team was to regain the 1st grade premiership and the determination and effort shown throughout the season certainly gave me a lot of pleasure as a player and captain of the team.

I feel a number of players "came of age" during the season and the one game in particular which illustrates this point was our second round game against St. George when we completely overpowered them 5-0. The defence of Greg Corbin and Kevin Sweeney set a formidable task for any opponents attacking play. "DINGA" (Graham Bell) gained more and more confidence as the season progressed. The inclusion of Robert Diviney into the attack added a little bit of zip, and control and really enhanced his prospects of raising to higher honour. Utility player, Les Wark, (he has just about played everywhere now) started to find the touch when he got the opportunity on the right wing. Les proved to himself and others that how a good mental attitude, keenness and enthusiasm could achieve his aim of becoming a better 1st grade player. The selection of Jeff Dearing, although belated, was certainly warranted. His control and good cross hits were a benefit to the team.

I feel also the performance of Greg Corbin throughout the entire season should not go unrecognised. Greg played to the best of his ability in all games and set a very high standard which I would rate as equal to the best I have seen in this Club for many years, and certainly set an example to the whole team and to all club members.

To the Grand Final Team of (Graham Bell, Greg Corbin, Kevin Sweeney, Ian Cooke, Ian Mutton, Martin Howe, Les Wark, Jeff Patterson, Robert Diviney, and Jeff Dearing) and to all other members that played 1st grade I extend my thanks for their effort in winning the premiership.

To go through a season undefeated one would assume that as a team we outclassed all our opponents - an ideal thought - but not so. There were games where the team and individual were ordinary. Perhaps the format of the competition structure may have some bearing in this area, but it is a poor excuse. I still believe that the selection of 13 players in 1st grade would minimise these poor performances and would certainly give selectors concrete grounds for promotion and relegation of players.

In conclusion I would like to congratulate Ian Cooke on gaining selection in the Olympic team - a fitting reward for a player who was prepared to take up a challenge and give a little bit extra.

Winning the 1976 1st grade premiership the Club celebrated its 21st win in this grade. I am certainly very proud to be part of this winning combination.

TILL NEXT YEAR

PAT NILAN

TEAM CAPTAIN

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2nd GRADE REPORT

The 1976 Season was a successful one for the second grade side as the Team went through the season undefeated. Although defeat looked us in the face a few times we were able to grab the equaliser at the last minute on more than one occasion, due to our great fighting spirit, our style of play was obvious after our first few games "Attacking" Hockey especially with the class of players in the side. Our back three namely Col Brown Gary Wark and Peter Howe were outstanding playing this style of game. Vic Westacott at centre half with his wealth of experience - magic distribution - and uncanny stockwork set up numerous goals.

Throughout the season, the best attacking half in the Club was Vic Westacott. Our inside forwards, and we had plenty of them during the season, R. Diviney, Harry Wark Jnr. J. Dearing, Keith Pritchard, R. Jenkins, Barry Howe, V. Howe, and T. Cowan all played fine Hockey throughout the year although the majority of these players lacked that quick hard shot from the top of the circle.

Probably our best effort of the season was our win against St. George in the Semi-Final with a new half line due to injury and a shuffled forward line the team played superb hockey capably led by Peter Howe - although the final score was only 1-0 we were much too strong for St. George on the day.

The Grand final was much the same story although the score at half time was 0-0 we ran out easy winners 4-2 - I must mention Graham Lisk's performance in this game he played brilliant hockey - the best I've seen him play. Possibly the most noticeable point playing second grade this year was the lack of Official umpires or player umpires with the exception of a few of our Club members who accepted the job willingly. The standard during the year was poor to say the least - this problem affected the teams performances in a few games as a few players including myself became upset with umpires and therefore our concentration was on the Umpires and not on our game. To overcome this problem I feel the Club should appoint a member of the Club to umpire 2nd grade or any other grade each week.

I would like to thank Barry Goodrich and Fred Letts for their services throughout the season. In closing here is a brief on each player who played in the Grand Final--