

Glebe District Hockey Club



Fifty-Fourth

Annual Report & Balance Sheet

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GLEBE DISTRICT HOCKEY CLUB

Founder - The Late Reverend Brother McCarten Keegan

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OFFICE BEARERS AND OFFICIALS 1983-1984

PATRON	:	James Kenny
PRESIDENT	:	Graeme Gilmour
SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT	:	Harry Wark Snr.
HON. SECRETARY	:	Keith Paterson
HON. ASSISTANT SECRETARY	:	Brian Doniger
HON. TREASURER	:	Neville Gullickson
HON. ASSISTANT TREASURER	:	Arthur Moir
CLUB CAPTAIN	:	Kevin Sweeney
PUBLICITY OFFICER	:	Brian Doniger
EQUIPMENT OFFICER	:	Gary Wark (Resigned 30/4/84) Ian Treharne (Appointed 30/4/84)
CLUB ROOM OFFICER	:	Warren Dell
CARNIVAL ORGANISER	:	Peter Mitchell
HON. AUDITOR	:	Bently & Co.
HON. SOLICITOR	:	Gordon Salier
SOCIAL SECRETARY	:	Paul Culshaw (Resigned 20/2/84) Colin Rochester (Appointed 20/2/84)
JUNIOR CONVENOR	:	Peter Holmes
ASSISTANT JUNIOR CONVENORS	:	Bob Taylor, Peter Howe
CLUB TRAINER	:	John Cowan
CLUB COACH	:	Not appointed

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Graeme Gilmour	Kevin Sweeney	Ian Treharne
Harry Wark Snr.	Peter Holmes	Paul Puckeridge
Keith Paterson	Warren Dell	Ian Moir
Neville Gullickson		

PROVISIONAL SELECTION COMMITTEE

K. Sweeney, A. Moir, P. Howe, G. Paterson, K. Paterson (Appointed 2/2/84)

LIFE MEMBERS

J. Quinland	B. Bates	Mrs. Taylor	J. Worley
J. Kenny	K. Dickey	W. Ryan	H. Wark Snr.
K. Wark Snr.	P. Nilan	W. Stubbs	F. Letts
R. Brown	G. Gilmour	P. Rogers	J. Diviney

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The President of the Glebe District Hockey Club, on behalf of the Management Committee, acknowledges and wishes to thank Rothmans of Pall Mall (Australia) Limited for donating the cost of printing this Annual Report.

Graeme Gilmour,
President.

SUPPLEMENT TO THE ANNUAL REPORT

54TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>1984</u>	<u>1985</u>
PATRON	J. Kenny	.....
* PRESIDENT	G. Gilmour	.....
* VICE-PRESIDENT	H. Wark Snr.	.....
* HON. SECRETARY	K. Paterson	.....
ASS. SECRETARY	B. Doniger	.....
* HON. TREASURER	N. Gullickson	.....
ASS. TREASURER	A. Moir	.....
* CLUB CAPTAIN	K. Sweeney	.....
PUBLICITY OFFICER	B. Doniger	.....
* EQUIPMENT OFFICER	I. Treharne	.....
* CLUBROOM MANAGER	W. Dell	.....
* JUNIOR CONVENOR	P. Holmes	.....
ASS. JUNIOR CONVENORS	R. Taylor	.....
	P. Howe	.....
CLUB COACH		.....
CLUB TRAINER	J. Cowan	.....
CARNIVAL ORGANISER	P. Mitchell	.....
SOCIAL ORGANISER	C. Rochester	.....
HON. AUDITOR	Bentley & Co.	.....
HON. SOLICITOR	G. Salier	.....
* MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS	A. Moir	.....
* (3 to be elected)	P. Puckeridge	.....
*
PROVISIONAL SELECTORS	G. Paterson	.....
(4 to be elected)	P. Howe	.....
	A. Moir	.....
	K. Paterson	.....

K. PATERSON

HON. SECRETARY

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 1984

Gentlemen, I present to you the 54th Annual Report and Balance Sheet for the 1984 season.

This year in the Club has been a strange one. Last year we started with the Twilight Competition but this year, due to lack of support from the Club Members, we could not conduct it. The main reason for this was what was said before "lack of support" not from the same old brigade but from you, the Club Members.

As far as the competition is concerned, I feel that Premier 'B' - (1st, 2nd and 3rd Grade) performed very well under the circumstances. The circumstances being that they were graded too highly. Never the less they gave their best all through the season and I would like to say to all Captains and Players - thank you for your efforts, they were certainly in the true spirit of the Club. I do think however, that the Club in the future has got to think more seriously about the nomination of teams. Even though the teams didn't make the Semi's it certainly was not for the lack of trying - so thank you all very much.

Once again this year saw the 7th Grade Team go around with not much success. With all the work that Frank Whiteman did a couple of years ago to get this side back in the competition I think that it's sad that a lot of the players have dropped out. Once again, unless there is a greater effort the incoming Management Committee will have to rethink about entering the team. I still think that more than a huge thank you is due to Bob Taylor, Harry Wark Snr. and the other couple of stalwarts for sticking it out.

Premier 'A' this year also didn't have much luck but, I must say, even though we didn't win a premiership, we certainly did our very best. To start with the 3rd Grade side, coached by Pat Nilan, were well ahead at half time and really should have gone on to be Grand Finalists but went down by the odd goal in the second half. A result that really should not have happened. Just the same, I would like to thank Pat for his efforts with the team throughout the year and hope that he will be there next year to look after the young people again. As far as 2nd Grade are concerned, I think that I have covered the team adequately in the Report but I would like to say (once again) a really big thank you to the team for their efforts, and especially to Dave Cutler. I do think that it is a shame that a lot more players don't come and seek advice from members like Dave as he has a tremendous amount to offer.

I said in last year's Report that I couldn't remember a team that had put in as much effort as the 1st Grade side but I was certainly wrong. In looking at this year's 1st Grade side the effort they put in was first class. They at all times were working their hearts out to win the premiership. To them, their Coach, Bill Stubbs, Captain, Les Wark and mentor Geoff Paterson I thank you for your efforts - well done.

Finally on Premier 'A' the Under 17's once again, under the guidance of Harry Wark Snr., were our best performers - Grand Finalists - and losing by the odd goal. This is the first time we have lost the Under 17's, but what a mighty job they did throughout the year, not only in their own grade but helping out the senior grades as well. To you Harry and your boys thank you all very much.

On the Seniors - the Veterans - to Peter Howe a very big thank you for the excellent job you did all year. The Veterans, as always, have a lot of trouble fielding a side but Peter managed to get one and as in

the past the team performed well. The team by the way beat the Premiers in the round games but couldn't make the Semi's. This was mainly due to lack of players. To all who played, well done.

JUNIORS

This year we had 2 x U11, 1 x U13, 1 x U15 and 1 x U17 Teams in the Junior Competition. It was good to see Danny O'Brien and Craig McPhee coach the Under 15's to victory in the Grand Final. Congratulations to you and the team. To Phil Dennis - Under 11's semi-finalist, Bill Stubbs - Under 13's Finalists and Jamie Howe - Coach of the No. 1 Under 11's side a really first class effort by all concerned. A really big thank you to our Junior Convenor - Peter Holmes - well done.

FEDERAL PARK - JUBILEE OVAL

Even though he may not like it, I'm going to start by saying to young Ken Wark Snr. - thank you very much. I know that it doesn't sound much Ken but I mean it very sincerely. To you, the Members, it wouldn't hurt if you said the same to Ken either because you all know how hard he works on the grounds. You may wonder about Jubilee Oval, well to satisfy your queries, the Club has put in a submission to the Council for the sole use of Jubilee Oval for the 1985 Season. If this goes through we will definitely need a grounds committee for 1985 - which means a lot of work. If we succeed, it will be very beneficial to the Club. Once again thank you very much Ken.

FINANCE

As will be seen in the Report and Balance Sheets, the Club this year had a loss but considering the lack of social and fund raising we really haven't done so bad. Never the less we don't want any losses and with, as we all know, a little effort, there is no need for this to be. To our Treasurer - well done.

REPRESENTATIVES

As usual the Representative Honours are covered further in the Report. I think however, that special mention should be made to Ken Wark Jnr. and Warren Birmingham for making it to the Australian Institute of Sport, Craig Stubbs the Captain of the victorious N.S.W. Colts, David Rochester and Julian Dell in the Juniors. To all representatives this year, congratulations.

CLUB

In general, I feel that this year the Club has lost a little ground in Club spirit. There are a few reasons for this, one being a lack of socials through the year. We definitely need a Social Committee that is going to organise the year's events. I think also that the new committee has got to have another look at the team rosters for the grounds because, in the main, this was poorly patronised during the year.

One of the most disappointing things to us this year was the comment "the Club's not doing this or that". Well very simply, you are the Club and I think it's about time that a lot of people in this Club stopped whinging so much and did something for the Club. When you think about it, you all haven't had a go, so what about giving something back. With the change in competition, a synthetic pitch on the doorstep unity will be needed more than ever.

One point I would like the members to think about is a new Playing Committee. There are a lot of good members lost in the Club and with players' commitments it is very difficult for some to serve. Now the point of serving. To those mighty few who helped with the phone books - thank you. Just over \$2,000 was raised under extreme conditions. What took just over a week, with more help, could have taken a couple of days.

Once again, well done to the same old brigade for their help with the Toxteth raffles. Believe me this year was one of the hardest ever and to all those that were both selling and buying - thank you.

Before finishing I would like to thank Keith Paterson for the exceptional job he has done this year. With all due respect to other Secretaries, I don't think we have had a more knowledgeable one since the days of Fred Letts. While on the thank you department to our Treasurer, Neville Gullickson also a big thank you and not to forget Brian Doniger for the Minutes and Circulars throughout the year!

To our Sponsors - Bill Murphy from the Toxteth Hotel and also Raine & Horne for the Under 17's.

In conclusion, I would like to thank all the members of the Management Committee this year for their help and support. To their wives, fiancées and lady friends thank you for persevering. To all members and their families I, on behalf of the Club, would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

GRAEME GILMOUR

PRESIDENT

HONORARY SECRETARY'S REPORT 1984

In many ways this has been an interesting period with some innovations, some new avenues of fund raising and, on the field, many disappointments.

The frustrations and disappointments of all grade teams are recorded elsewhere in this report so I'll confine my comments to the administrative side of things.

Pertinent matters that require airing are as follows:

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| 1. Coaches | Lack of nominations |
| 2. Junior Coaches | Incentive scheme |
| 3. Telephone Books | Lack of response |
| 4. Jubilee Oval | Submission to council |
| 5. Ball Guards etc. | Players' apathy to rostered duties |
| 6. Team Selections | Non-attendance of selectors. No team training |
| 7. Sponsorship | |

Coaches

As a newcomer to the Club, I find it amazing that a Club such as Glebe, with a high record of success throughout the years, has to struggle to get nominations to coach any of the grade teams. Ex-representative players and ex-top grade players should have been queueing up to nominate for these positions.

Junior Coaches

This year an incentive scheme was introduced as a means of attracting the interest of top players towards the coaching of our junior teams. I believe it has been successful in 1984 and should be carried on in 1985.

Telephone Books

The lack of commitment to this means of fund-raising was disappointing to say the least. The organisers, Kev Sweeney and Arthur Moir, were entitled to expect a far greater roll-up than they got. The attendance for the Yellow Pages was even worse than the first exercise. The delivery of these books should bring in around \$4,000 this year and depending on your co-operation could be an even greater source of income in the future. Your lack of response will probably incur a substantial increase in fees for 1985.

Jubilee Oval

As a result of our submission to Leichhardt Council and subsequent to our meeting with them your committee now feels that we have a great chance of obtaining sole use in winter for future seasons.

Ball-Guards etc.

This item concerns the erection and removal of all ground equipment on home games. Teams have been rostered for each of these days but the lack of response from all teams was disgraceful. Most players never fronted, nor did they seem to care how the gear was erected or who did it.

Team Selections Selections are carried out by the Coaches and/or Captains but, for the lower grades, particularly 7th Grade, on many occasions there was no selector. This surely must concern all members and must relate to the lack of nominations from capable members to help the Club at a coaching level. Further, I believe that all selections should be done on Monday nights so that selected teams can then train together on Wednesdays.

With the introduction of Team Hockey in 1985, all grades could be playing at different venues for the away matches and the Club may have to abandon its nomination of 7th Grade and select squads of 13 players for the first six grades.

Sponsorship This year the Club has not been able to achieve the turn-over that the Treasurer had anticipated. There was a decline in the raffle situation at the Toxteth Hotel and we did not receive any financial assistance from the Hotel, e.g. sponsorship. New shirts were purchased and numbered for 1st and 4th Grade and Raine & Horne financed a set of shirts for the Under 17's. Earnings from the Telephone Book deliveries could compensate for the lack of sponsorship. We did not proceed with the Pink Pages contract due to the apathy shown by you, the Members. I believe that fees should be increased to \$85 for 1985, with rebates to those workers who show their club spirit and work for the club on these deliveries.

In conclusion, despite the above compliments and bric-a-brac, this has been for me an interesting year. I hope that in my own way I have carried out my duties to your satisfaction and generally kept everyone aware of the S.H.A. side of hockey as well.

Due to recurring health problems I may not be available to hold this position for the 1985 season.

I therefore submit to you, for your adoption, this the 54th Annual Report of the Glebe District Hockey Club.

KEITH PATERSON

HON. SECRETARY

<u>Management Committee Attendances</u>	<u>1984</u>	<u>16 Meetings</u>
G. Gilmour	13	H. Wark Snr. 15
K. Paterson	15	K. Sweeney 13
N. Gullickson	14	W. Dell 15
P. Holmes	11	A. Moir 13
P. Puckeridge	8	G. Wark 3
I. Treharne	5	P. Culshaw 1

Note:

G. Wark resigned 30/4/84
I. Treharne appointed 30/4/84
P. Culshaw resigned 20/2/84

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1984

As at the date of this Report, the Club has 16 life members, 84 playing members and 26 social members.

The year resulted in a small surplus of \$59.00. The low surplus is prominently due to a low return from bar and equipment trading and no 1000 Club Raffle being conducted, as will be discussed later.

This year was unfortunately marred by several events which have severely affected this Club.

Firstly, as a result of random breath tests, the closure of vehicle access to the Clubrooms and of having to transfer Premier A games from Jubilee to Federal Ovals has resulted in a 36% reduction in gross bar/canteen receipts. This is further compounded by a lower than expected gross profit margin.

Unfortunately, the annual sponsorship from the Toxteth Hotel was unable to be given to us in cash, as in the past, but instead, the hotel kept the price of beer at a reasonable level (noticeably below their selling price). We did however receive additional sponsorship from Raine & Horne, Glebe who purchased the Under 17's playing shirts and by an additional \$100.00 donated by Club Members.

The introduction of random breath tests has also resulted in lower than expected yields from the Meat Raffle held at the Toxteth Hotel every Friday night.

Equipment trading got off to a slow start at the beginning of the year, however, improved substantially towards the latter part of the year. A major factor which has contributed to the loss shown on equipment is the write-off of stocks from last year. Even though they are still present, they are of little value.

Socials and Carnivals were again very quiet this year, however, some of the highlights were the winning of the St. George's Cup and the attendance at the Tamworth Carnival.

Once again, a new and "good idea" has come to the aid of the Club in raising money, this time being the delivery of phone books, raising \$2,002.00. Many thanks go to Arthur Moir, Kevin Sweeney, Peter Mitchell and Keith Paterson, and to all those who helped deliver the books for raising this money for the Club.

Major playing costs were as follows:-

~ S.H.A. Affiliation	-	\$ 4,472.30
~ Ground Rents	-	360.00
~ Ground Maintenance	-	260.00
~ Representation Allowances;		
Senior	-	557.00
Junior	-	2,102.00

Major junior playing costs were:-

~ Presentation Day	-	128.00
~ S.C.A.J.H.A. Affiliation	-	285.00

Major administration expenses were:-

~ Insurance	-	\$ 705.00
~ Telephone	-	658.00
~ A.G.M. Costs	-	250.00
~ Light & Power	-	295.00

The main assets of the Club are:-

~ Australian Savings Bonds	-	10,000.00
~ Interest Bearing Deposit	-	5,000.00

The Club can expect a moderate surplus in the future, however, there is potential to develop more substantial profits through bar trade, social functions, raffles and phone books. A substantial effort is therefore required to achieve this moderate surplus.

In conclusion, my thanks to all the Management Committee for their support throughout the year and especially my Assistant Treasurer, Arthur Moir, who assisted in the collection of monies owed to the Club and assisted whenever asked.

NEVILLE GULLICKSON

HON. TREASURER

REVENUE STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1984

<u>1983</u>				<u>1984</u>		
<u>INCOME</u>	<u>EXPENSE</u>	<u>NET</u>		<u>INCOME</u>	<u>EXPENSE</u>	<u>NET</u>
\$	\$	\$		\$	\$	\$
5,390	55	5,335	Fees - Playing/Social	5,170	-	5,170
1,171	50	1,121	Sponsorship/Donations	334	-	334
500	850	(350)	Indoor Hockey	-	-	-
283	295	(12)	Carnivals	150	435	(285)
14,593	11,424	3,169	Bar Trading/Canteen	9,258	8,224	1,034
1,888	2,496	(608)	Equipment	1,342	2,912	(1,570)
4,076	-	4,076	Raffles	2,963	234	2,729
13,751	9,382	4,369	1000 Club	-	-	-
1,408	1,677	(269)	Social Functions	-	-	-
1,465	-	1,465	Interest	1,632	-	1,632
-	-	-	Refund - S.H.A.	960	-	960
-	-	-	Pitune Book Deliveries	2,052	50	2,002
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44,525	26,229	18,296	TOTAL INCOME (NET)	23,861	11,855	12,006
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These funds were used for:

4,163	Playing costs - Senior	4,472
1,196	Playing costs - Junior	443
1,644	Representative Allowances	2,659
-	Ground Maintenance	620
2,596	Administration	2,536
862	Depreciation Assets	917
110	Honorariums	300
1,545	1982 costs paid 1983	-
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12,116		11,947
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6,180	Surplus for the Year	59
15,198	Add: Surplus Funds carried forward	21,378
<hr/>	30th September, 1983	<hr/>
\$21,378	Surplus Funds carried forward	\$21,437
<hr/>	30th September, 1984	<hr/>
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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1984

<u>1983</u> \$		<u>1984</u> \$
21,378	<u>Surplus Funds</u>	21,437
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Represented by:		
8,875	<u>Fixed Assets</u> (at cost)	9,477
7,393	Deduct provision for Depreciation	8,310
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1,482		1,167
 <u>Current Assets</u>		
-	Cash on Hand	100
3,482	Cash at Bank (C'wealth Savings Bank)	3,462
15,000	Term Deposits (C'wealth Trading Bank)	5,000
-	Australian Savings Bonds - (Series 27)	10,000
902	Debtors	844
(247)	Deduct Provision for Doubtful Debts	247
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859	Stocks (at lower of cost and net realisable value)	1,401
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19,996		20,560
 <u>Deduct - Current Liabilities</u>		
100	Sundry Creditors	290
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19,896		20,270
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21,378		21,437
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Statement by Officers of the Club

At the date of this Report, the officers of the Club are not aware of any circumstances, not otherwise dealt with in the Report or accounts that would render any amount stated in the accounts, misleading.

.....
N. Gullickson, Treasurer

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K. Paterson, Secretary

Auditor's Report

We report to the members of the GLEBE DISTRICT HOCKEY CLUB that we have examined the books and records of the Club for the year ended September 30, 1984 and that the attached Balance Sheet, Trading Accounts and Revenue Statement are in accordance therewith.

BENTLY & CO.,
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

.....
R.B. Brown - Partner

31st October, 1984

BAR TRADING ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1984

<u>1983</u> \$	\$		\$	<u>1984</u> \$
14,593		SALES		9,258
		<u>Less - Cost of Sales</u>		
	620	Opening stock	293	
	11,097	Purchases	8,206	
	<u>11,717</u>		<u>8,499</u>	
11,424	293	Less - Closing Stock	275	8,224
<u>3,169</u>	(21.7%)	<u>GROSS PROFIT</u>	(11.17%)	<u>1,034</u>

EQUIPMENT TRADING ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1984

<u>1983</u> \$	\$		\$	<u>1984</u> \$
1,888		SALES		1,342
		<u>Less - Cost of Sales</u>		
	1,104	Opening stock	567	
	998	Purchases	2,284	
	<u>2,102</u>		<u>2,851</u>	
535	567	Less - Closing Stock	736	2,115
<u>353</u>		<u>GROSS PROFIT FROM RESALE</u>		<u>(773)</u>
		<u>Less - Equipment for Club Use</u>		
	5	Opening stock	-	
	956	Purchases	1,188	
	<u>961</u>		<u>1,188</u>	
961	-	Less - Closing Stock	390	798
<u>\$6,087</u>		<u>GROSS PROFIT (LOSS)</u>		<u>(\$1,571)</u>

FORECAST 1985 - BUDGET

1984 FORECAST	1984 ACTUAL	INCOME	1985 FORECAST
5,500	5,170	Fees	4,300
1,000	334	Sponsorship	1,200
-	-	Indoor Hockey	-
(100)	(285)	Carnivals	(200)
6,000	1,034	Bar Trading	4,000
(500)	(1,570)	Equipment	(800)
4,000	2,729	Raffles - Toxteth	3,000
6,000	-	1000 Club	-
(500)	-	Social Functions	(500)
1,600	1,632	Interest	1,600
	960	Refund S.H.A.	-
	2,002	Phone Book Deliveries	4,000
<u>23,000</u>	<u>12,006</u>	TOTAL NET INCOME	<u>16,600</u>
		LESS: EXPENDITURE	
5,000	4,472	Playing cost - Senior	4,500
2,000	443	Playing cost - Junior	500
2,000	2,659	Representative Allowance	2,500
500	620	Ground Maintenance	1,000
3,000	2,536	Administration	3,000
1,500	917	Depreciation Assets	1,000
300	300	Honorariums	300
700	-	Sundry	1,000
3,000	-	Clubhouse Improvement	2,000
<u>\$5,000</u>	<u>\$59</u>	NET SURPLUS:	<u>\$800</u>

Assumptions:

1. 7 Senior Teams, 1 Veterans
2. Toxteth Raffles continue
3. Two Phone Book runs are conducted
4. Bar Trading controls are strengthened
5. Honorariums 3 x \$100 President/Secretary/Treasurer
6. Sponsorship in cash is regained
7. Further improvements are made to Jubilee Clubhouses
8. Equipment controls are strengthened
9. Introduction of Player Incentive Scheme

CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT

The 1984 season concluded with the club experiencing one of its worst in history as far as premierships are concerned.

The Club failed to win a major senior title with the Under 17's being the only side to reach the Grand Final. This was the third successive year the Under 17's had played in the Grand Final, being winners in 1982 and 1983. When you consider the number of Under 15's playing in this side, it was a creditable performance by such a young side to go down so narrowly. As in the previous two years, the coach was Harry Wark Snr. Well done "H".

The 1st Grade side went down fighting in the minor Semi, without the services of their Captain and Assistant Coach, Les Wark who was suspended after some incompetent and totally unexplainable umpiring by a nobody having the hide to call himself an "umpire".

However, the side is still young and with an extra effort next season, added to the knowledge that, in Les Wark, we have a coach capable of filling Bill Stubbs' shoes if and when he decides to call it a day.

2nd Grade missed the Semi's by the odd point due mainly to some indifferent form throughout the season. Losing two competition points to the lowly placed Ryde in the second round was probably the nail in the coffin for 2nd Grade.

3rd Grade went down in the Final to North Sydney after leading 3-1 at one stage of the game. Pat Nilan again had the task of fostering the younger players in the Club and the side's final placing in the competition was due mainly to Pat's effort.

4th, 5th and 6th Grades all failed to make the Semi's in Premier 'B' and look like going down a grade next year.

The overall results of the season stem largely from the problem that far too many Club Members think they can pick up a hockey stick on Saturday and play well. The Club will not be a major force in Sydney if we do not change the attitude of the "bludgers" in the Club.

The distribution of the telephone books was another poorly supported fund raiser with the majority of current playing members choosing to let someone else do all the work. To the junior players' parents and Club members who did help the Club with the books - thank you very much - a job well done under extreme weather conditions.

Keith Paterson proved to be a major asset to the Club and he showed us why he is the best administrator in the Sydney Hockey Association. I would also like to thank our President, Mr. Graeme Gilmour, who again has done a top job as the man at the helm.

KEVIN SWEENEY

CLUB CAPTAIN

FIRST GRADE REPORT

Firstly, I would like to say I had an enjoyable year, returning to the coaching fold and appreciated the communication and relationship with the players in our endeavours to win the premiership. However, that was not to be.

In retrospect 1984 was a hard, difficult and luckless goal shooting year. If we had scored 50% of the goal opportunities we had, there is no doubt in my mind that the probability and possibility of winning the premiership would have been greater. We basically scored as many goals as the other semi-finalists and yet finished in fourth place. The reason for my comments is that if we had scored more goals, particularly earlier in the matches, then pressure would have been taken off the defence. This was apparent as at times the defence strived to keep the ball up in attack then lapsed, possibly through disappointment, panicked and let in soft goals. These are hard words, but we must recognise these points if we are to improve as a premiership team.

Secondly, although our temperamental discipline was good, our control discipline needs to improve. This was evident because we tried to play and do things too quickly. We must learn to out-manoeuvre the opposition by keeping possession, by turning them around and by keeping pressure on their skills. We must learn to read the play better.

However, after saying all that the performance of the team in the second round was very good. The only team to defeat us in that round was N.S.W. University, who we territorially outplayed but we gave them two soft goals. We played disappointingly in the first round with very poor results against N.S.W. University and St. George.

The semi-final was a game we lost rather than Saints won. For the majority of the match we attacked (particularly the second half) and could only score one goal. Penalty corners favoured us something like 10-5 (2nd half 8-2). Saints would have only had 7 or 8 opportunities with both their goals coming from the resultant play immediately after a penalty corner. We had no urgency to clear that ball after George Manou made the initial save. Our strategy and general play was good but at times we were too anxious to push the ball back into the circle without drawing the Saints defence to us.

Well, that about sums up the year and hopefully something to think about for 1985. Again, I thoroughly enjoyed the year and the challenge that had to be accepted. The team was relatively young, a couple of new faces appeared in the team. We lost Ken Wark Jnr. and Buster Birmingham to the A.I.S., Geoff Paterson was injured for most of the season.

However, the majority of players that were there can only have benefited by their year's experience in 1st Grade and with the younger players (both in 1st Grade and in the lower Grades) displaying dedication, determination and discipline in all facets of the game, the Club can only go forward and improve. To Craig Stubbs, Captain of the N.S.W. Colts Team, congratulations on you and your team's performance, the first National title in 15 years at that level. From myself and the team congratulations to University of N.S.W. on their premiership victory and to all premiership winners, well done.

Finally, to the team Captain and Assistant Coach Les Wark, my heartiest thanks to an excellent skills and physical coaching performance. Les has enormous potential, needs to develop his psychology, understanding and eliminate any biasness towards players. (Keep cool Les). Given continuous opportunities Les will be our premier coach in more ways than one. Thanks for your assistance, Les.

At this point I will close, thanking my wife for her understanding for another year and wish all members, their families and hockey associates a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and the best in hockey for 1985.

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