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Glebe District Hockey Club

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JUNIOR REPORT

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CONVENORS REPORT

The 1987 hockey season was a very successful one for the Glebe Juniors as we were victorious in both the Under 13s and Under 15s.

Also the Under 11s only missed out on the semi-finals by one point for the second consecutive year and the Under 17s also just missed out.

I must offer congratulations to the successful teams and coaching staff for a very fine effort and also to the unsuccessful teams who tried their best throughout the year.

Unfortunately 1987 was a very stop-start affair with the introduction of the four term school curriculum and also the wet weather towards the semis and finals which necessitated playing the semis at night at the new Liverpool Stadium.

Special thanks must go to all the coaches - P. Howe and B. Inneson Under 11s, V. Howe and E. Frazer Under 13s No. 1, D. O'Brien Under 13s No. 2, C. Brown and D. Rochester Under 15s and B. Stubbs and L. Wark for the Under 17s. Also a special mention to all the parents and fellow hockey players who assisted with transport, training etc.

Congratulations to all who gained representative honours in 1987 and made the Sydney squads for 1988, especially to our N.S.W. representatives James Fitzgerald and Aaron Nilan. James also made the Australian Under 17s train on squad.

Although we had a very successful season I feel that there were a few glaring faults within the club.

1. The lack of some parents and senior members to assist and support the juniors, both with training, transport and encouragement.
2. At times the attitude of some of the juniors themselves to turning up to games, as during the season some teams had to play short handed and on occasions even forfeited games.
3. Lack of communication re games, times and availability for games.
4. The lack of a junior committee to formulate policy, training schedules organise and to future development of the juniors within the club.

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In conclusion I would like to thank all those who assisted throughout the year, especially Bob Taylor the assistant Junior Convenor and lastly to my wife Margaret for her support at all times.

May I take this opportunity to wish everybody a Merry Christmas and we hope to see you all in 1988.

Martin Howe
Junior Convenor

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Under 17s Report

1987 season started very well and we maintained a winning momentum up to the end of the qualifying round to finish equal third and with two other teams. This placed the team in the top half of the draw.

Our defence improved immeasurably over the year even though we lost Mark Pocock midway through the season. This was very pleasing. However our ability not to put pressure on the opposing defences and inability to score goals cost us a semi final berth.

As it turned out if we had drawn or beaten Ryde in the last game and finished on 3 or 4 points we would have qualified for the semi finals. The team always gave 100% and their general play improved over the year and that was very satisfying.

James Fitzgerald took over the captaincy during the latter part of the year and he handled it very well, well done James.

Our congratulations to James Fitzgerald for making the N.S.W. Under 17 team once again and more importantly to his selection in the Under 17 Australian train on squad. It shows when you really put the effort in the opportunities are more likely to happen.

Our congratulations go to all teams who won premierships in 1987. It was pleasing to see our under 13s and 15s bringing home the bacon, well done teams, coaches and manager.

My personal thanks to Les Wark, Pat Nilan, Col Fitzgerald and Sid Hammond for the continuous support and assistance throughout the year.

To those boys proceeding to senior level in 1988 all the very best in your hockey aspirations and to those boys remaining and progressing out of the under 15s we'll see you in 1988.

May we take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and prosperous and happy 1988.

Bill Stubbs
Coach

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Under 15s Report

As manager of the Under 15s this year I would like to personally thank our coach Colin Brown and all of the players who really had a big year. I think the key to our success was that we played every game with a lot of aggression and at times teamwork and it was a pleasure to watch throughout the year.

Picking 4 players to receive trophies is always difficult particularly when the team played as a whole not as individuals.

Best and Fairest award this year goes to Damien Galluzzo. The backbone of the team and a very professional approach to the game on and off the field. A major asset to the club as a junior and as a future grade player.

Most Improved Forward is Zelco Danjanovic. A hard running young man who had an outstanding first year. Improved with every game and I hope to see him back again next year.

Most Improved Back - Adrian Lowe. Undoubtedly one of the gutsiest juniors to play for Glebe. His pace and a barging tackling style got us out of a lot of trouble from opposition attacks. A very happy person and a great team man.

Encouragement Award - Aiden Archer. Wasn't very keen to take position in the goals early on in the year, but persisted with the task and showed a lot of courage towards the end of the year. Well done Aiden.

Before finishing I would like to thank all the Under 13s who played in the side during the year and to Bill Stubbs and Bob Taylor for all of their efforts during the season.

David Rochester

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Under 13s Report

**Fantastic! Superb! Incredible! Gutsy! Unbelievable!
Tremendous! Great! Brilliant! Outstanding!**

These are just a few of the superlatives which come to mind when recalling the efforts and achievements of the Glebe Under 13 No. 1 team during the 1987 season. This was a team which brimmed with talent and enthusiasm.

The talent of the individuals in this team varied between future champions, class hockey players and real "go-ers", who never stopped trying, all of them oozed enthusiasm. With this in mind our playing policy throughout the year was for each team member to play to their own potential and to minimise mistakes. So simple to say and understand, but quite hard to carry out - not so for this team! As the season progressed every member improved all aspects of their hockey skills, with special reference to sportsmanship, comradeship and team work. By the end of the year we had not only a team of champions, but a champion team.

Just look at this for a playing record:

St. George Carnival - undefeated with no goals against (but still missed the finals?)

Parramatta Carnival - champions

Minor Premiership - undefeated minor premiers

Major Premiership - undefeated premiers

Area Championships - post-season warm-down

This amazing record was achieved by 14 juniors who had never previously won any type of hockey competition. Some had only ever won a handful of hockey games before, let alone a premiership and this was also the first time for 5 years that a junior team has won the competition for the Glebe District Hockey Club!

To all team members, congratulations on your achievements throughout the season and also on your dedication to practice and training Wednesday afternoon and before the competition began. The Glebe District Hockey Club and all of its members are proud of all of you, not only for your efforts on the field, but also for your pleasant and co-operative demeanour as representatives of our club.

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The team was - Sean O'Mara, Jason Greaves, Tim Frazer, Helen Howe, Nathan Lewis, Aaron Nilan, Jemima Howe, Adam Farawell, Ben Sully, Craig Greaves, Scott Shepard, Curtis Lambert, Robert Van Langenberg, Ben Howe.

Lastly we would like to show our appreciation in writing to all club members, parents, friends and associates who assisted with training and transport throughout the year.

Trophy Winners

Best & Fairest - Craig Greaves
Most Improved Forward - Ben Sully
Most Improved Back - Tim Frazer
Encouragement Award - Adam Farawell

Vernon Howe

Eric Frazer

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UNDER 13 NO. 2 SIDE

I take great pleasure in being able to report to you all on the efforts of the Under 13 No. 2 side for 1987.

I would like to begin by thanking those whose assistance I could not have done without:

Adrian Howe - for transportation, umpiring, providing players (Camdenville Primary School, Newtown) and assisting with coaching.

Martin and Margaret Howe - for their overall efforts in supporting the juniors and myself.

Bevan Inneson - for umpiring when it was badly needed

Colin Rochester - for being there every week to provide the juniors with drinks and food.

The players in the side were mainly Under 11s due to there being firstly too many under 13s for one side and secondly not quite enough under 11s to form a second side.

As such the players were facing a herculean task to win games as they competed against players 2 years their senior (which proved an overwhelming task) with no wins recorded and one goal only being scored.

In addition, many players had not played hockey before, however most of them showed rapid improvement as the season progressed and it would not surprise to see some of them starring next year.

They never gave in no matter how bad the score was (sometimes 10+) and it was this determination which was such an inspiration to me to back up the next week and share their battles against the odds.

In closing I would like to congratulate Vernon Howe, Eric Frazer and their Under 13 side for taking out the premiership with brilliant performances throughout the year which left no doubts as to their invincibility.

Danny O'Brien

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Under 11 Report

The 1987 season started off on a high note when we won our first game. At the time we had a squad of 18 players.

However we finished 5th in the competition, 1 point out of the 4th place which, although disappointing, was considered an excellent effort on behalf of these young players.

One of the major problems we experienced this year was the number of games we were unable to field a full team. It is felt that this was a contributing factor to us not performing better and certainly cost us a place in the semi final play offs.

We would take this opportunity to stress upon the parents of the children involved that it is imperative if they want the kids to play, that they make every effort to ensure that they turn out for each game. It should be appreciated that in a team sport absenteeism is letting down their team members.

On a brighter note these young boys and girls displayed excellent manners and sportsmanship and they are certainly a credit to their parents and indeed to the club.

To all of the parents who helped with transport and supported our team we thank you, for without your assistance our job would have been near impossible.

We would also like to thank Martin Howe for organising training on Wednesday afternoons and those senior club members who gave him a helping hand.

Congratulations to Benjamin Howe for his selection in the Sydney squad and to the Under 13 and 15 teams who took out their respective premierships.

It has been a pleasure and a most satisfying experience being associated with these "infants" of hockey and we look forward to seeing you all on the paddock next year.

To all the boys and girls we wish you a happy Christmas.

Peter Howe

Bevan Inneson

Best & Fairest
Most Improved Forward
Most Improved Back
Encouragement Award

Adam Campano
Benjamin Howe
Helen Howe
Hugh Rutherford

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1987 JUNIOR REPRESENTATIVES

Sydney (Combined) 1987

Under 11s: Ben Howe
Under 13s: Jason Greaves, Craig Greaves, Aaron Nilan
Coach Pat Nilan
Under 15s: Brett Stubbs
Under 17s: Sydney No. 2 coach Colin Rochester
James Fitzgerald, Shane Filewood

Sydney Central Area 1987

Under 11s: Ben Howe
Under 13s: Adam Farawell, Scott Sheppard
Under 15s: Jason Greaves, Craig Greaves, Aaron Nilan
Under 17s: Damian Galluzzo, Brent Gilmore, Scott Langfield,
Jason Rowswell, Brett Stubbs, Jason Taylor

Sydney Squads 1988

Under 11s: Ben Howe
Under 13s: Adam Farawell, Scott Sheppard
Under 15s: Jason Greaves, Craig Greaves, Aaron Nilan
Under 17s: Damian Galluzzo, Brett Stubbs, Scott Langfield
Coach No. 2 Bill Stubbs

N.S.W. State 1987

Under 13s Aaron Nilan
Under 17s James Fitzgerald

Australian Team Train on Squad

Under 17s: James Fitzgerald