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Glebe District Hockey Club Inc

***JUNIOR TEAMS  
ANNUAL REPORT 1991***

**CONVENOR'S REPORT**

As Junior Convenor I take this opportunity to welcome all our junior hockey players, their family and friends and members of the senior hockey club to our 1991 Junior Presentation Day.

Congratulations to those players who were chosen by their coaches and manager to receive awards today for their achievements throughout the season. Unfortunately all players cannot receive awards and those who have missed out should not despair as all selections were very keenly contested.

The 1991 season was a most successful one as far as numbers are concerned as we had a team in each age division with two teams in the Under 11's. Also with the continuance of our Minkey programme, with an average of 30 to 35 each Saturday morning, the strength can only reach greater heights.

Although our successes were limited in reaching the final play-offs, each team was very competitive and acquitted themselves admirably with the Under 13' finishing third in the competition only to go down in the semi-final. The Under 17's, after being undefeated all season and thoroughly dominating, seemed to hit the proverbial "brick wall" in the grand final and unfortunately went down 1 - 0 to Liverpool in a hard, competitive game.

Congratulations to all the juniors who gained representative honours in 1991 and gained inclusion in the Sydney squads for 1992, especially A. Nilan, C. Greaves, and B. Goodrich who were selected to represent NSW in the Under 17 Australian Championship.

This year saw the resurrection of the "Red Rag" compiled, edited and published by Mick Tapsell and Ed Crook. The newsletter was a great success and very informative, many thanks to Mick and Ed for a great job.

On the social scene, we entered the Under 11's, Under 13's and Under 15's in both the St George and Parramatta Carnivals with the Under 11's receiving runners-up medals at Parramatta. These Carnivals are a great day enjoyed by both the kids and parents.

Our main fund raising activity was the Junior Raffle which was drawn at our main social function, the junior Teams' BBQ on 20 July. It was very successful both socially and financially, raising much needed dollars.

On the financial side of running the juniors, which the Club has the proud tradition of never having to charge any junior under the age of 17 any playing fees whatsoever, I have submitted a summary of the costs involved and income derived from raising monies to offset this burden on the senior club.

Fees for playing on artificial surfaces during competition & finals	\$315.00
Goal keeping gear (2 x Under 11's)	\$595.00
Representative donations (A. Nilan & B. Goodrich)	\$500.00
Sydney Senior Hockey Assoc Fees — Under 17's	\$600.00 app
Junior Presentation Day 1991	\$600.00 app
Minkey equipment (balls, sticks etc)	\$400.00 app
	<b>\$4,106.50</b>

*INCOME*

Junior Raffle	\$750.00
Social membership (parents Donation )	\$160.00
Senior Raffle (Drawn Presentation Night)	\$600.00 app
BBQ & Bar Trading	\$750.00 app
Sports Cards & Refreshments (Lower Grades)	\$763.00
BBQ & Raffle (Presentation Day 1990)	\$287.00
	<b>\$3,510.00</b>

As can be seen from the above figures, a few items of which I can only give an approximate figure on as the Treasurer in his end of season financial report will verify the correct figures, still show that there is a large shortfall in the running costs of our juniors, so it is imperative that all and sundry should pull their weight by supporting all fund raising activities. Also, to our good fortune, all prizes in both raffles were generously donated by various sponsors and parents through the efforts of Garry McCann.

It was good to see two new faces elected to the Junior Committee this year, namely Jim Oman and Mick Tapsell whose innovative ideas and efforts throughout the year were invaluable.

On behalf of the Club and the Junior Committee we would like to thank all the managers, coaches, drivers and parents for their unselfish and dedicated support throughout the season.

Also thanks must go to our bar manager "Chook" for stocking the canteen and to Maureen Paterson for organising the catering for our functions.

In closing, a special thanks to all those dedicated persons who gave their support in 1991 and I take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy festive season and hope to see you again in 1992.

*COSTS INCURRED*

Sydney Junior Hockey Assoc Affiliation Fees	\$771.50
Central Area Hockey Assoc Affiliation Fees	\$325.00

*MARTIN HOWE  
Junior Convenor*

## **MINKEY REPORT**

1991 has been the most successful year so far in our Club's Minkey programme. It has been particularly pleasing to see the number of children who have graduated from the scheme and are now playing in the Under 11's and Under 13's.

During this season it was a regular occurrence to have thirty or more children of all ages playing and learning on a Saturday morning. The general level of skill is quite high, a number could easily have participated in the Under 11 competition this season. The future of the Club seems assured with these players progressing through the senior ranks of both the men's and women's clubs. I would like to thank Geoff Patterson and Les Wark for their assistance during the year and the many members of the women's club who gave up their Saturday mornings to help and lastly, I would like to thank the children for their efforts and enthusiasm throughout the year.

**Best Wishes**

*PETER BUSCH*

## UNDER 11 WHITE'S REPORT

It is with a great deal of pleasure that we present this year's report for the Under 11 White Team.

We would like to open by saying how pleased we both were to be associated with the juniors this year. Special thanks must go to the Junior Committee members, the parents and senior club members who contributed such a great deal towards making 1991 such a success. There is no doubt that the foundations laid will benefit the players, their families, the Club and the local community. Already we are looking forward to the challenge of next season.

The year opened full of hope for us with a very good result in the first game. Things certainly became tougher from there. While we struggled against some impressive opposition we still managed quite a few good results, with the highlights being two very exciting contests with the Maroons. Anyone who was fortunate to witness these would have been impressed by the atmosphere and excitement generated. Probably our best result all season was our tough and hard-fought draw in the second round with the Maroons.

The players deserve congratulations for the spirit and determination with which they participated. If those qualities can be sustained, 1992 should produce an equally enjoyable and fulfilling experience for all.

The players who participated throughout the year were:

*Lindsay Griffith*, goalkeeper, who displayed plenty of courage and relish for a difficult job. Lindsay was called upon to do plenty of work and he made many crucial saves.

*David Mullins*, fullback and one half of the "book ends". Was new to the game at the beginning of the year and had developed into a useful player by season's end. David's game will no doubt improve with more experience and confidence.

*Joshua Whyte*, the other half of the 'book ends' and one of the big improvers. Joshua developed into one of our better players by season's end and was a strong contender for the Encouragement Award.

*Louis McKeown*, a veteran of the side (having played last year) and a great back. Always displayed enthusiasm for the task and was one of the most accomplished players in the team.

*Alexander Yeun*, another veteran of the back line who played soundly throughout the season. The experience of another season under his belt can only enhance his continued improvement.

*Amy Judd* unfortunately suffered a nasty injury half-way through the season and was unable to fulfil her obvious potential. Until that time she had displayed tremendous enthusiasm and quickly became a key member of the team. We hope to see her back next year.

*Patrick Casey*, the backbone of the defence. He never stopped trying and thwarted many attacking raids. He combined well with the forwards to generate many attacking forays.

*Liam Casey*, one of the youngest members in the side but also one of the most enthusiastic. His skills are developing well and he should become a real asset to the team in the years to come.

*Rebecca Lawson*, a new member to the team this year and a welcome recruit. Worked hard at inside forward for most of the year and will benefit from the experience.

*Kylie Lawson*, another of the very young recruits to join the team this season. Kylie played in the forwards and improved noticeably as the year progressed.

*Liam Hibbert*, yet another of our novices who improved considerably. Liam displayed plenty of potential and promises to become a key player in coming years.

*Danielle Casey*, centre forward and one of the spearheads of our attack. Was able to use her speed to good effect and should be improved by the experience.

*Douglas Cronin*, inside forward and far and away our most effective striker. Scored most of our goals almost single handed. Douglas will no doubt enjoy the step up to the Under 13's next season.

Once again we would like to congratulate all the players for their efforts throughout the year and we look forward to seeing you all again next season.

BEVAN INESON  
STEVE CASEY

## UNDER 11 MAROON'S REPORT

### Playing Record

Won	6
Drew	2
Lost	10

### Goal Scorers

A. Wark	31
R. Tapsell	2
D. Wall	1

**Team Personnel** — Robbie Austen, Sandy Gittins, Nicholas Kelleher, Owen Macindoe, Patrick Wark, Mark O'Sullivan, Kate O'Sullivan, Cameron Mackay, Ross Tapsell, Anthony Wark, David Wall, Mark Paterson, Tom Wingfield.

**Coaches** — Harry Wark and Geoff Paterson

**Manager** — Mick Tapsell

This season the weather was kind and caused little disruption to our pre-season training, competition games and Wednesday night training. The pre-season training, which was held on Sunday mornings, was well attended and enjoyed by all. Several of the 1991 Minkey squad came along to these training sessions and acquitted themselves well. Due to cricket activities at Jubilee, most of the pre-season training was held at Federal. At the end of March there were about 22 players who wanted to play in the Under 11 teams and to accommodate this number, two teams were entered in the Central Area Competition. To boost the numbers a little and allow each team to have 12 or 13 players, several younger ones were chosen who would otherwise have played in the Minkey competition. It was decided after conciliation with parents, coaches and players to pick two teams of comparable strength, sharing out the experienced and younger players. This approach is good if you are an inexperienced or younger player but does disadvantage the better players. Still, it seems more even handed to have two reasonably competitive teams rather than a good team and a team which is annihilated each week.

The Under 11 Maroon team had 5 players from the 1990 Under 11 team, 4 Minkey graduates and 4 players new to the game but too old for Minkey. We toiled all season, playing to our potential most of the time and were unlucky not to finish fourth, ending equal fifth with St George. At the beginning of the season the skills of some of the players were rudimentary, but as the games went by they improved — some players making amazing progress. Halfway through the season our goalkeeper Robbie Austen went overseas and Mark Paterson was recruited from the Minkeys. Mark loved the promotion and slotted well into the side. The team scored in all but two matches and was always capable of scoring goals on the quick break. Our short corner combination was very effective and our conversion rate was good. We were good at the back and effective up front, but in the middle we were a bit thin and the linking of defence and attack needs more work. Win, lose or draw the players enjoyed the games and particularly enjoyed talking after the match about "what we should have done". Socially the season was a great success and the players always well behaved and courteous. When anxiety got a bit too much some started to abuse their team mates, fortunately with a bit

of counselling this became less of a problem as the season progressed.

Corrie Kelleher umpired many of our games and did a fine job. Maggie O'Sullivan provided oranges and water every Saturday which the team enjoyed with their half time pep talk — thank you Maggie. Mick Tapsell organised the team and attended to those endless little tasks which make sure all matches start at the right place at the right time. He also did a fine job organising transport and serving on the Junior Committee — thank you Mick. Old Harry helped with training on Wednesdays and organising goal-shooting practice. Having scored more goals than any other player in the 62 year history of the Club, Harry has a lot of tips to pass on to the younger set — thank you Harry. Geoff Paterson and Bevan Ineson helped organise the Wednesday night training sessions which were well attended and it was usual to get all 13 players there. The players tolerated the hitting, dribbling, pushing, goal-shooting and tackling practice but were very much entertained by the pick-up game held in the last 30 minutes of training. For some, the high light was the can of lemonade after training finished. Geoff Paterson helped coach the team on Saturday mornings, his wise counsel always beneficial to the team. Stan McCarroll, Nick's grandfather, was our number one supporter and barracker, rallying the team when they were at their lowest ebb. The Austen family (Bronwyn and Bill) helped with transport on numerous occasions and were a great help to me throughout the year — thank you. Although we were not the best playing team in the competition, we were certainly the best dressed — thank you Mums for doing such a fabulous job with the uniforms. Good luck to all those going to the Under 13's next year, it will be sad to see you go. Next year I'm confident the Under 11's can finish in the top two or three. Remember, the time to start training for next year is now — don't wait until March 1992, give yourself a flying start.

*Robbie (International Jet-Setter) Austen*, goalkeeper and occasional field player. He has had an excellent first season in hockey and being fast and athletic he could manage position on the field. In goal, he started to get the angles right and read the game with the skill of a veteran.

*Sandy (the Expert) Gittins*, fullback. Another player who had his first season in the game. Sandy was as green as grass during the pre-season training but progressed at a phenomenal rate once the season got away. A fast player and fearless tackler, Sandy involved himself well in the games and finished up as one of the team's strengths.

*Nicholas (Mr Versatile) Kelleher*, fullback and one of our players from the 1990 team. Nick added solidarity and stability at the back. He stops and hits well and can retain his attention for the entire match. His positional play was excellent and he always gave of his best.

*Tom (The Improver) Wingfield*, half and new to the game this season improving with every match. Tackled well, ran well, tried hard did Tom and was always eager to get involved in the game. If he works on his dribbling skills during the summer he will be a force to be reckoned with next year.

*Mark (The Silent One) O'Sullivan*, half. Considering Mark is only 7 and he gave away a good 4 years in age to some players, his first season in the Under 11's was a resounding success. He tackles well and is not frightened to run with the ball given the right circumstances.

*Kate (The Charmer) O'Sullivan*, forward. Kate is another of the 1990 Minkey squad and has had a very enjoyable first season. Tended to drift about on the outskirts of play and when she got involved was quite competent. Her skill levels steadily improved as the season progressed and I predict Kate will even score a few goals next year.

*Mark (Mr Skilful) Paterson*, forward. For his age Mark has phenomenal ball skills and dribbles the ball with great finesse. He loves playing with the team. Mark is only 6 and for one so young reads a game well and retains his concentration for the full game, an uncommon characteristic in Under 11 players.

*Cameron (The Comedian) Mackay*, forward. Cameron has trouble keeping his mind on the game, but he did improve in this area during the season. He also hovers on the periphery and needs to involve himself more in the play. His dribbling skills improved as time went by, a pleasing feature of his development.

*Owen (The Computer Games Expert) Macindoe*, forward. Owen was keener this season than last and was a regular attender at training. Much more committed this year and involved himself well in the play. His progress from last season to this was remarkable.

*Ross (The Statistician) Tapsell*, forward. Ross scored 2 goals this season, both of which were screamers. He surprised himself, the rest of the team and spectators when he dribbled the ball 40 metres to score the winning goal against St George. Needs to involve himself more in the play and have more confidence in his own ability.

*David (The Quiet One) Wall*, forward. David made good progress this season and operated effectively at inside right. He needs just a little more spark in his game, a bit more commitment. David's tackling needs working on and with just a bit more polish and finesse, 1992 could be David's year.

*Anthony (Twinkle Toes) Wark*, forward. Anthony is fast, has a good shot for goal and excellent circle craft. He scored 31 of our 41 goals this season and gave us "teeth" up front. Most of his goals came from following quick breaks from defence. His running out on corners saved many goals.

*Patrick (The Pessimist) Wark*, half. When he puts his mind to it, Patrick can be a brilliant centre-half. Unfortunately Patrick doesn't always put his mind to it. He has good stick work, hits the ball well and was the back-bone

of our defence. Needs to hold position better and he will be a force to be reckoned with next year.

I would like to thank the Junior Committee on a job well done and Maureen Paterson, Cheryl Oman and Maggie O'Sullivan for helping at the Clubhouse on Wednesday nights and Saturday mornings.

**HARRY WARK**  
*Under 11's Coach*