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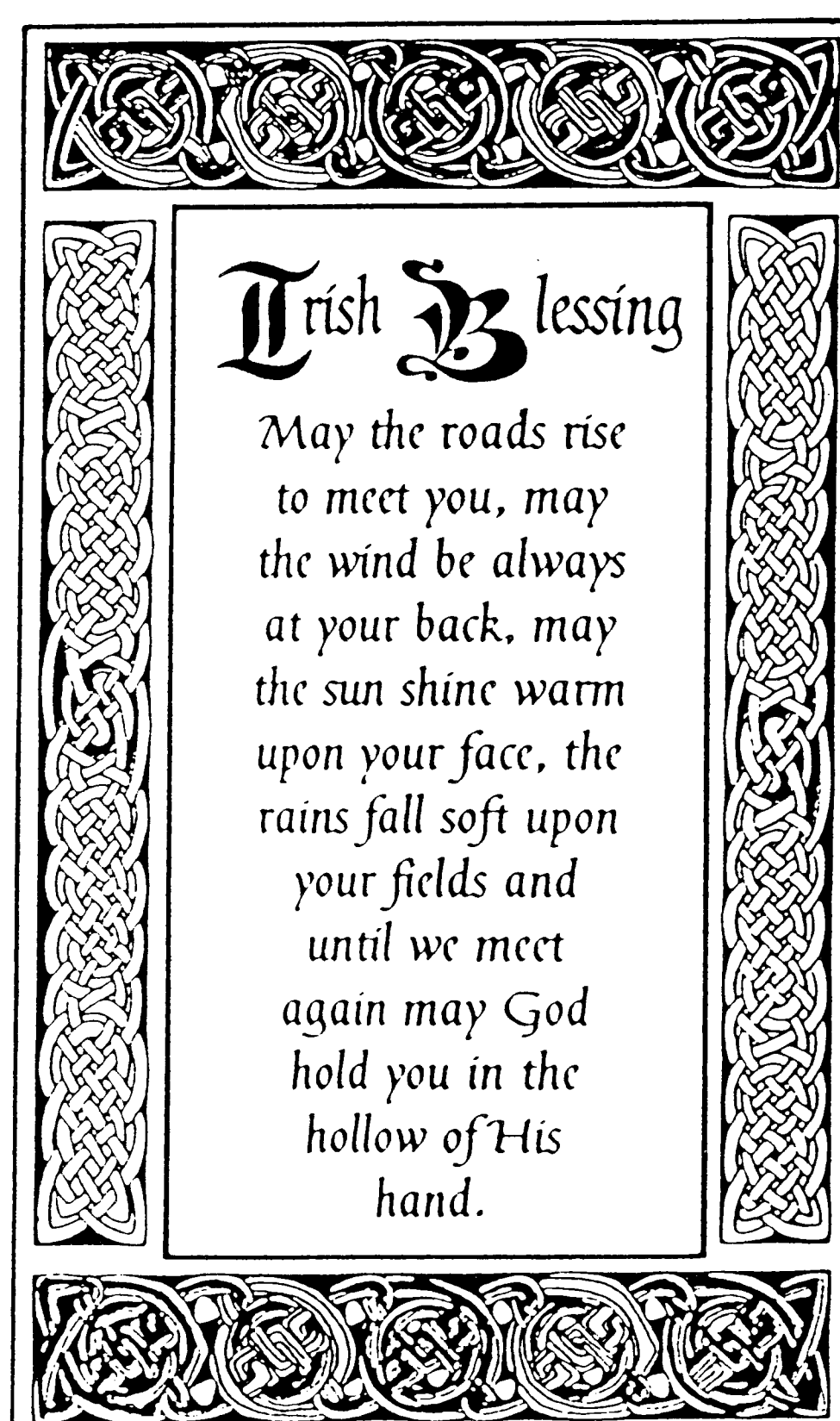
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Under 11 Redbacks 1997

Back Row: Geoff Paterson (Manager), Geoff Bortfield (Manager), Thomas Dodd, Andrew Cheong, Andrew Fox, Scott Bortfield, Simon Wark, Sam Candido, Bobby Fox (Coach)

Front Row: Ian Paterson, Ashlea Schuberg, Alastair Moran, Michael Wark, Dean McWhinney, Christopher Casey, Zac Farlow
Garry Backus is not pictured



Junior Convenor's Report 1997

On behalf of the Junior Committee I would like to welcome every one to the Junior Presentation Day for 1997 – a year that is very special in the life of the Junior Club as it represents the fiftieth year of junior hockey at Glebe. The founding fathers of the Juniors, Vern Turner and Vince Halls Senior, could not have dreamed that their hard work all those years ago would result in the vibrant junior organisation we have today.

In 1997 the Club fielded twelve junior teams, comprising two Under 17's, three Under 15's, three Under 13's and four Under 11's, as well as our Minkey players. In total we have one hundred and sixty registered players (fifty seven girls and one hundred and three boys) making Glebe yet again the largest junior club in the Sydney Association. A far cry from the single team of Under 16 Boys who ran onto the field in 1948.

Terry Reece Trophy

Our season commenced on 16th March with the return of competition between Glebe and The Entrance clubs for the Terry Reece Trophy. It was played on the Central Coast turf at Wyong after a two year break. Glebe made sure they retained the shield by winning all their matches in the Under 13, Under 15 and Under 17 age groups.

We look forward to The Entrance visiting us in 1998 when it will be our turn to host the event.

Junior Carnivals

Carnivals were once again very keenly supported and, as in previous years, a major part of the junior programme. The Club turned up in force at Northern Districts, St George, Baulkham Hills, Lithgow, and (of course) our own Carnival.

Besides being a source of great fun and enjoyment for the children who attended, I have no doubt that much of the success enjoyed by our junior teams over the past few years has been a direct result of playing carnival hockey on a regular basis.

Glebe Carnival

As in 1996, this year's Glebe Carnival was one of the highlights of the year. The response from everyone associated with the Club was nothing short of overwhelming. A number of parents and officials from other clubs were so impressed that they made special mention of the spirit and harmony within our Club and how much they enjoyed the day.

There is little doubt that the Glebe Carnival is now recognised as Sydney's premier junior club carnival. With such a reputation it can only go from strength to strength.

Minkey

The Minkey programme since its inception has been the foundation on which our junior structure has been built. In 1997 the initial registration of twenty children was considerably down on previous years. However, as the season progressed Vernon Howe with help from the Ladies' Club was able to build the number up to over thirty.

Congratulations Vernon and everyone on a truly magnificent effort.

Wednesday Nights Training

The greatest concern for a succession of Junior Committees ever since our numbers have grown to the proportions of the last few years has been how to provide adequate instruction on Wednesday nights for the large number of children who flock to Jubilee Oval. This year, as in previous years, Harry Wark Junior has been a huge influence in making sure every child that turned up to training was looked after by someone on the night. One of the most pleasing aspects of Wednesday night was the number of current and recent Juniors in the seventeen, eighteen and nineteen age groups who made themselves available to help with the coaching. Without their support it would have been impossible to give each player the individual tuition necessary to improve their skills. A special thank you to Carol Moran, mother of Rory, Kate and Alister, who came to the rescue when coaching staff were stretched to the limit.

Synthetic Turf

In 1994, when I last held the position of Junior Convenor, Leichhardt Council had just given approval to the Harold Park development. It was then quite reasonable to assume that by 1997 we would be playing on our own turf. As we are so painfully aware, that is not the case. Our dream seems further away than ever.

This Club over the years has had a history of battling and struggling against the odds. I have no doubt whatsoever that, regardless of how long it takes, the spirit and determination that drives this Club will triumph in the end and both our junior and senior teams will run out onto our own turf in the not too distant future.

Fund Raising and Sponsorship

We are still able to continue our proud tradition of no registration fees for our juniors. Like other clubs we have to rely on sponsors and various fund raising activities throughout the year to meet our running costs.

I would like to express on the behalf of everyone our special thanks to Shaughn Murphy and the Toxteth Hotel as well as Richard Ware Real Estate, both well known Glebe establishments, for their very generous sponsorships.

Thanks also to everyone for their support of other fund raising endeavours. There are too many to list, but our success as a club has a lot to do with this. In addition I thank everyone who has supplied prizes for raffles and who has given effort in our ventures. Last, but not least, thanks of course to the parents, guardians and friends who have supported us throughout the year.

Bob Fox

The season ended on a very sad note for the whole Club with the sudden and untimely death of Bob Fox. So much has already been said and written about the fine qualities of the man and his contribution to the development of junior hockey.

In order to honour his memory the Senior Management Committee has voted unanimously to provide a trophy in his name. It will be added to the three perpetual trophies already awarded in the Junior Club and will be presented for the first time in 1998.

Final thanks

In conclusion I would like to thank the Coaches and Managers for their support during the season. The manner in which your teams conducted themselves on the field brought nothing but credit to our Club.

To Anne Wark and her band of helpers who staffed the canteen during the season, thank you for the countless hours you have donated to the Club. The work of Anne and Bar Manager Harry Wark Senior has been critical for the financial viability of the Club as the canteen takings make up a large part of the Club's revenue. It is a comforting to know that at least 80% of these funds are generated by the juniors.

To President Geoff Paterson and the Senior Executive Committee, thank you for your support during the year.

I have been extremely fortunate to have people of the calibre of Ron Cheong, Mick Tapsell and Eddy Crook working with me on the Junior Committee. Their hard work, dedication and professionalism made my job that much easier. Thank you, gentlemen.

Finally, thanks to my wife Cheryl. I can only say that without her I would not have made it through the season.

May everyone here today have a very enjoyable summer and I hope to see you all back again in 1998.

*Jim Oman
Junior Convenor*

Under 17 Ones

A Summary of the Season...

The decision to commence the season with A and B competitions proved to be a good one, as the competition in A grade was even and no team could really be taken lightly. The season produced a number of "upsets" – another indication of an even competition.

After a slow start to the season – drawing the first game with Baulkham Hills 2 – all the Glebe A team gradually began to build cohesion as the new players from the 1996 Under 15 team found their feet. The earlier games were generally against the less talented teams, and gave the team the opportunity to build up teamwork. The defensively impressive Penrith side gave the team a solid workout at Penrith, while Glebe had too much class for Sutherland and Gordon. The best display during the first round was against Northern Districts, which Glebe won 4 nil. Northern Districts had done some recruiting in the off-season and were tipped in some circles as the team to beat for the Premiership. But on the day, they were beaten all round the park by a very impressive Glebe team, that maintained good team hockey throughout the whole game. The following week, Glebe played Moorebank at Moorebank. The first half was brilliant. Players let the ball do the work, and the team passing was easily the best to date. At half time the score was 6 nil to Glebe. Moorebank, desperate to stop the flow of goals, turned on the strong-arm stuff in the second half. Players became distracted and the standard of play fell away, which was a pity, as the first half had been great entertainment. At full time the score was 7 nil to Glebe.

The following week, Glebe played Ryde, emerging as the real threat to a Glebe premiership. This was a very tight, hard-fought game. Glebe led throughout the match, but the final scoreline: 4-3 to Glebe, shows how tough a game it was. Ryde, fighting to get back in the second half when two goals behind, earned the ire of the referees with some ill-disciplined play just when they were pressing Glebe hard. This was the turning point of the match, as Ryde generally had more opportunities late in the game, but the Glebe defence, which has been the most solid in the competition, held firm until Ryde managed a late goal.

At the end of the first round, the undefeated Glebe team led the competition by three points from Ryde and Northern Districts, all three teams seemingly assured of a semi-final position. A real battle was on for fourth position, with Sutherland, Moorebank and Baulkham Hills all possibilities. Sutherland then managed to draw with Ryde and beat Northern Districts and seemingly sew up fourth spot. But then they lost to Penrith, throwing the door open again to Moorebank and Baulkham Hills. Glebe lost the services of Troy Booth, shockingly injured in a fall at home, for the start of the second round. Troy, the centre-half, was emerging as the playmaker in the team. His play in those inspirational games against Northern Districts and Moorebank had been exceptional. Allen Morris, one of the main strikers in the team, also withdrew from the team due to work commitments. This reduced the squad to ten players, and it seemed as if the team might struggle to maintain their earlier domination in the competition.

Glebe managed a scratchy 4-1 win over Baulkham Hills, before downing Penrith 8-0, a match in which both teams were short of players. In between, the game against Sutherland had to be postponed due to a double booking at Homebush turf. Glebe accounted for Gordon in a solid rather than inspirational display. Glebe then lost 4-0 to Northern Districts at Ryde, a close game in which nothing much went right for the team, and Northern Districts made good use of an exceptional "ring-in". The clash against Ryde was a bit of an anti-climax, as both teams had players missing, but Glebe had much the better of the game, winning 3-1. The washed-out game against Sutherland was then played, resulting in a Glebe victory, putting Sutherland out of the semi-finals.

In the minor semi-final, Northern Districts were too good for Moorebank, winning 7-1. Glebe faced Ryde in the major semi, a game vital to both teams chances for the Premiership. Ryde had lots of early chances, but the Glebe defence was solid. The team had developed a grit and determination that was going to be a major hurdle for Ryde to overcome. Players rallied and scrambled in defence. When the chances came, Ryde failed to take them, and Glebe scored the first goal against the run of play. Ryde

became frustrated, and Glebe kept up the solid play to take a 3-0 lead with ten minutes to go. Ryde finally scored a field goal, and in the final minute were awarded a dubious stroke.

Final score 3-2 and Glebe was in the Grand final. Ryde then went on to beat Northern Districts 6-1 in the Final, and set up another shot at Glebe, and a rerun of the 1996 Under 17 Grand Final.

Could the depleted Glebe team do it again? Fortunately, the Glebe U 1 5A side did not have a game on the U 17 Grand Final Day, allowing Pat Wark and Peter Wark to join the team. Glebe started the game brilliantly, and Sam Everist scored from a penalty stroke in the first minute. Ten minutes later, Kris Haigh, selected as man-of-the-match, scored a great team goal, and Ryde was down 2-0 and staring at yet another loss. The game then settled down to a real contest, with play moving up and down the field at some pace. At times Ryde were clearly on top, and only some great saves by Alex Crook kept them scoreless. Into the second half, Ryde's pressure was starting to tell, and Glebe earned the ire of the referees, having two players in the sin-bin at once. Ryde were unable to capitalise on the opportunity, and Glebe rallied to play some of the best defensive hockey seen all season. In the final minutes, Ryde managed a goal, but it was all too late, and Glebe won the premiership for the second successive year, much to the joy of the army of supporters who had turned out for the match.

Congratulations to the team: Alex Crook (Goalie); Joel Rivers and Max Francis (Full-Backs); Pat Casey (Right Half); Kris Haigh (Centre Half); Ross Tapsell (Left Half); Thibaut Dauvin (Right Wing); Sam Everist (Captain & Right Inner); Anthony Wark (Centre Forward); Doug Cronin (Left Inner).

And congratulations and thanks to those players who helped out on the way: Allen Morris; Pat Wark; Peter Wark; Tristan Roache-Turner; and Scott Evans.

Last, but not least, a thousand thanks to TroyBooth. He is recovering well and should be back on the hockey field next season.

This was a very courageous win by a team of players who always believed that they could take out the Premiership whatever the odds. Mid-season, when misfortune struck, many doubted that they could do it. The ten regulars soldiered on, with excellent back-up from U17B and U15A players, and under the expert guidance of their Coach, Artie Moir (with his back-up on the managerial side by Bob Taylor). Their victory was all the more sweet, having been achieved in some adversity.

Throughout the year, and again on Grand Final day, they proved they were the best team, however many brilliant individuals some of their opposition teams may have had. Those who had the pleasure of watching this team throughout the year will no doubt remember their brilliant first round games, but above all will cherish the tenacity and teamwork that carried them over those final hurdles. Without doubt this team had character.

Mick Tapsell

Under 17 Twos

It was once again an immense pleasure to coach the Glebe Under 17 B Division side. Although the season was not studded with victories it was characterised by a number of personal achievements which have been outlined in the individualised summary below:

Damon Jones

An absolute inspiration to the team. Has matured greatly and was a great leader of the team. Shows the incredible depth of goalkeeper strength in the club that he is considered only the second top keeper at Glebe in his age group. Has unlimited talent and along with Alex Crook will begin to push Glebe's top two keepers to new heights in years to come. Ended the season by earning a Premiership medal as a member of the victorious Glebe 6th Grade side. (13 games)

Lindsay Griffiths

Relaxed a bit this year and found that he played better when he didn't take the game so seriously. Has great skills and developed into a good inside forward when he was moved there half-way through the season. On a personal note, thank you Lindsay for your support and assistance in motivating your team mates over the past two seasons. (14 games, 1 goal)

Scott Evans

Without doubt one of our most improved players all year. Scott gained fitness and excelled at fullback when he was taken from the wing in a bold yet brilliant tactical move from the coach. Scott was one of our most consistent and hardest working players and had become a good leader of the team by the end of the season. His attitude is sensational and he will continue to improve his game and progress up the grades if he puts some hard yakka in the off season. (16 games, 2 goals)

Tushar Raniga

Probably one of our most dominant players who formed an excellent partnership at the back with Scott and Damon. His ball distribution and stick skills have improved out of sight and his close marking and peripheral vision is also improving slowly. The team was rocked by his loss early in the season due to TAFE commitments on Saturdays. Good luck in the HSC and I hope to see you in the grades next year Tushar! (7 games, 1 goal)

Nick Bird

Our quickest and deadliest striker, Nick taunted opposition left halves all year and was responsible for setting up many goals for his team mates. Nick's stick skills improved dramatically as he incorporated a jink and run technique in his game. Has to practice his trapping but apart from this minor fault will undoubtedly have a great season in 1998 and get a bag of goals. (15 games, 1 goal)

Tristan Roache-Turner

An extremely naturally talented player, Tristan took this season as a chance to experiment with some new manoeuvres and to showcase his obvious flair and skill. Was played at centre-half for the second half of the year, but really belongs in the forwards where he can take on players with his formidable stick skills. Needs to curb his temper but will be put in his place next year when he plays for the champion Arthur Moir coached U/17 A Division team. Good luck, Tris – the force will always be with you. (16 games, 4 goals)

Ian Allen

Had a great season scoring some great goals and trying a few different things such as deflection shots at goal. Ian's stick skills are really getting good although he needs to make his passes a bit firmer. I liked his sense of humour even if I was the butt of most of his jokes. Was one of a trio of players (including Tristan and Nick) who won a can of coke each in a bet I made that no three players could score a goal past me. I'm glad they proved me wrong even if I was out of pocket. (15 games, 4 goals)

Aaron Lacey

Wanted to play goalie this year but was no chance as we already had a top keeper. Aaron played at half and was moved to fullback to partner Scott when Tushar unfortunately had to leave us. Another master stroke by the coach even if it was accidental as Aaron became easily our most improved player. In a friendly environment and with positive guidance and feedback Aaron improved his game tremendously as well as his fitness. Most importantly, Aaron proved the theory that when one has confidence in oneself, one can do anything. See ya next year Aza! (15 games)

Lewis McKeown

Wow! Who would have thought that our left half would be the team's top scorer for the season, making well timed runs into the circle to support his forwards and putting away any loose balls with deadly precision. Lewis' defence was also top notch as his tackling style has improved markedly during the season. (14 games, 5 goals)

David Wall

Probably the most respected player in the side. The team as well as the coach would always look for Wall to do something a bit out of the ordinary to get us out of trouble. Has a great hit and gave great service to his forwards all year. Has an extremely good hockey mind whether he believes it or not. (13 games)

Cameron Mackay

Cameron's best season yet in which he scored two goals and what pearlers they were too. I'll never forget Cameron's first ever goal when he approached the circle and then absolutely cracked the living hell out of the ball which hit the bottom of the crossbar and rocketed in the goal. Brilliant. In general, Cameron improved his all-round game significantly, learning to cut in-field at pace and improve his stick skills. (15 games, 2 goals)

Tom Rushton

Tommy joined the team at the beginning of the season with absolutely no hockey experience whatsoever. In the space of one season Tom had practically taught himself the skills of hockey and had become a deadly force up front at centre-forward. His previous experience in soccer gave him a good sense of position and as a result he always seemed to be at the right place at the right time. Tom's tackling back was tremendous. See ya next year! (11 games, 2 goals)

Thank you to Rowan Kelly for playing one game and to Saul Rivers for three surprisingly brilliant exhibitions in the goals. Thank you to Arthur Moir for his constant aid and advice, as well as for allowing my team to train with his team when I couldn't make it to training. Thank you to all the parents of the team members who I felt I had their full support. Thank you to Mr and Mrs Allen for the life-saving coffee which they pumped me with before each game. My only problem was with having to umpire every game which seriously distracted from my coaching as I was not allowed to verbally assist the team from that position. Often the players had to make their own substitutes which I guess had the positive of instilling a sense of responsibility in them.

During the two seasons I have coached this side I have experienced a genuine sense of camaraderie between the players and the coach and this is one of the main goals which I hoped to achieve. Team unity is essential and I thank everyone in the team for their contributions on and off the field. More to the point, I hope you all enjoyed your hockey and that you learned a few tricks of the trade as well. My big hope for all of you is that as you leave the junior ranks you keep going and start playing senior hockey. If not hockey then another sport, because I am a firm believer that a healthy body promotes a healthy mind and besides that - SPORT IS FUN! Remember this always.

Good luck in 1998!

Adam Campano

Under 15 Redbacks

<i>Player</i>	<i>Games Played</i>	<i>Goals</i>
Alex Adrian	18	2
Leigh Brown	19	5
Andrew Crawford	17	8
James Casey (Goal Keeper)	17	1
Ben Everist	18	2
Tristram Hardman	17	
Thomas Holyoake	18	
James Hurrell	19	25
Rowan Kelly	16	20
Tim Harvey	20	23
Pat Wark	17	11
Peter Wark	19	27
Matthew Wark	8	5
Liam Casey	6	1
Mark Paterson	6	2
Hugo Adrian	3	1
Amy Wark	1	1
Thomas Walenkamp (Goal Keeper)	1	
Nicholas O'Connor	1	

Prior to the Semi Finals, the season of 1997 was very frustrating, not only for myself as coach but also to the players as the team never really clicked and played to its ability. This all changed in the sudden death Final against Sutherland and all I can say is that I was one very proud coach. Glebe were the best team on the day and very unlucky to lose in extra time 2-1 to a team who went within an inch of winning the Grand final the following week.

Tim Harvey deserves special mention as the only player to play all games during the season. Congratulations Tim.

The team scored 134 goals during the season with only 28 against. I would like to emphasise that these were team goals and all players made a contribution as they did with our defence.

I believe a huge thanks must be given to the Under 13 players that participated in this team in the season and also to Coach Harry Wark Junior for his support during the difficulty times when we had a problem fielding a team.

To my Manager Robyn Wark – all I can say is that your organisational ability was second to none. The moral support you gave me when things weren't going that well was very important to me and much appreciated. Thanks Robyn.

*Anne Sherwood
Coach*

Under 15 Hornets

The 15 Hornets was a relatively inexperienced group of individuals at the beginning of the season but by the end of the season had developed into a competitive team, with all players improving their individual skills and contributing to the overall team effort. The players were enthusiastic and most regularly attended training.

The actual results over the season were not impressive, but the improved play was reflected in better results. It took some time to establish the best combination and most players were moved around between 3 or 4 positions before a settled combination was determined. Some players tried positions they had never played and found that they could play that position better than their "preferred" position. We did not have a permanent goalkeeper so most players had a turn in goals, with Joel taking more than his share. Later Steven volunteered to be goalkeeper for the remainder of the season and this enabled the team to benefit from both a settled combination in defence and a reliable goalkeeper each week.

The team won only 3 matches during the season, but with the Central Area decision to split all teams into 3 divisions we qualified for the semi's. A strong team effort saw the Hornets run out 4-0 winners over the Strikers in the semi's. We then played Sutherland 3 in the final and despite some good play and an early lead, we lost 4-2.

Almost all players participated in the various carnivals organised by the Club. These carnivals were most beneficial as it enabled players from the three Under 15 teams to mix with each other and the less experienced players were able to gain confidence by playing with the stronger players. It also allowed the Hornets to improve their teamwork particularly at the Lithgow Carnival where most players were available and played the whole day together.

Team members were:

Joel Bedford (Fullback and half)

Joel has shown continual improvement in his two seasons of hockey and was a key player in the Hornet's defence. Joel is an enthusiastic player who listens to advice and makes every attempt to put it into practice. With further experience and the subsequent development of anticipation on the hockey field Joel can expect to play at a higher level.

Elizabeth Butler (Wing half)

In her first season with the Club Elizabeth proved to be a strong, never-say-die player who gave her best in every match. While she often wandered in-field it was mainly due her keenness to be involved in the play. It is hoped that Elizabeth progresses onto the senior ranks as she has much to offer the Club and will benefit from further experience.

Andrew Cronin (Centre-half, inside forward)

During the season Andrew developed from a good inside-forward into a centre-half who dominated midfield for the Hornets. Andrew has good dribbling and hitting skills, with his free hits outside the circle setting up most of the goals in the semis and final. Once playing at a higher level Andrew will continue to improve his play and can be expected to develop into a very good player.

Emma Cullen (Wing half)

At the beginning of the season Emma was a competent right wing but she soon developed into a fine wing half. She quickly learnt the skills of the wing half position, marking her opposite wing and contributing in attack. The confidence Emma gained and her ability to attack the ball will be enable her to make a substantial contribution next season when she moves into the grade ranks.

Steven Kaylinger (Half and goalkeeper)

Steven was a fit, enthusiastic and committed player during the season. He was a key player at wing half and contributed both in defence and attack. As the season progressed Steven volunteered to become goalkeeper and displayed some wonderful skills which many more experienced goalkeepers could not match. It is hoped that next year Steven has a full season in goals and the Club can provide specialist goalkeeping training for all junior goalkeepers.

Ben Lawler (Fullback and wing)

Despite missing part of the season due to school sporting commitments Ben remained a keen Glebe hockey player. He continues to improve and, although a natural fullback, likes to play in attack where his speed creates opportunities for goals to be scored. Ben will continue to contribute to his team's effort as he is willing and eager to play to the benefit of his team-mates.

Kylie Lawson (Inside forward, fullback)

As one of the most experienced players and a representative for Eastern Districts, Kylie was a key player in both attack and defence. Kylie has been a centre-forward and inside forward for most of her hockey career, but this season showed that she has outstanding potential as a fullback with her speed, tackling and hitting skills. Her hockey future is bright and she will continue to develop her all round skills by playing in a variety of positions at different levels.

Jason McDonald (Inside forward)

Another experienced player Jason was one of the most important players in the team. Jason has very good all round skills and plays the game non-stop, contributing in attack by looking to score goals and in defence by covering for his halves. He has the ability to pass the ball, look for opportunities for his team-mates, and generally make a sound contribution to his team. He will be a key player next year in one of the top teams.

Beth Rivers (Wing, utility)

Beth is a perfect team player, enthusiastic for the team and willing to play in all positions (maybe not goalie). At training Beth persevered with improving her skills, particularly hitting, and by the end of the season there was noticeable improvement in Beth's skill levels. As she gains more confidence in her own ability and with dedication Beth will continue to improve.

Philip Sacco (Wing)

Philip joined the Club part way through the season and although inexperienced was enthusiastic. He must concentrate on some of the basic skills to avoid injury but by playing more he will learn correct tackling and hitting techniques and then he can progress further.

Lee Stapleton (Centre forward)

During the season Lee progressed into a dangerous attacking player, often taking on the opposition defence and creating goal scoring opportunities. At times Lee let himself down by not putting in 100% effort, but when he did he was a key attacking player. Lee will make a bigger impact next season provided he concentrates his energies towards positive play.

Kate Walenkamp (Fullback, utility)

Kate played in all positions, usually preferring the forwards but generally playing better in the backs. At fullback Kate played her best hockey as the ball came to her and she was able to intercept the ball and break down the opposition's attack. Kate will continue to be a good team member but can play to a higher standard with a more enthusiastic approach.

Alex Young (Wing)

In her first season of hockey Alex quickly grasped the concept of positional play as she remained wide while the attack developed and then moved towards the goals as opportunities arose. By moving up in attack Alex scored the team's first goal of the season and later scored a spectacular overhead goal. With further experience Alex has the potential to develop her hockey and make an even greater contribution to her team.

Congratulations to Joel, Elizabeth, Andrew and Emma who played all matches.

During the season we had to rely on some Under 13 and Under 11 players to fill in when we were short. Thanks to those players, particularly Alistair Cullen and Tom Walenkamp. Thanks also John and James McDonald who regularly umpired our matches. Both were of a high standard which is beneficial for the players from both teams.

Our team was fortunate to have a hardy band of supporters who cheered enthusiastically for our team and exhibited a good sporting attitude by congratulating the opposition on their play. Both the players and supporters were a credit to the Club.

I would like to thank and congratulate Jim Oman and his committee for the work performed this season. It is a difficult task organising so many teams as well all the other matters such as carnivals, Central Area meetings, Sydney meetings, etc. etc.. From our team's point of view everything went smoothly and overall everything was well organised. Also thank you to Geoff and the Senior Committee for their support of the juniors.

I would particularly like to thank Neil Lawson for his support as Manager. Neil is very efficient and makes a coach's task easier.

Finally, but importantly, I would like to thank the players for their support.

*Gary Cronin
Coach*

Under 15 Strikers

It was an absolute pleasure to have coached the Strikers this year. They showed spirit and enthusiasm right throughout the season, and for those who attended training and showed up for matches every week the skills improvement was evident as the season progressed.

The one thing that sticks in my mind is their willingness to play as a team. Always supporting and encouraging each other in all situation – win or lose.

I would like to congratulate Tauren Tarrant on his courageous efforts as the Striker's Goalie. At the beginning of the season we didn't have a keeper and it looked as though we would have to play the season without a professional goalie. Tauren expressed his desire to play in this position (after a no-show of hands) and, under the watchful eye of myself, proved to be quite a sensation. His name was the buzz of many a conversation with his peers. I feel that Tauren has found his true position at the Glebe Hockey Club and will do us proud in years to come.

I would also like to thank all the parents for the efforts in ensuring that the children got to the games and training on time.

A special thanks to Chris Owen's father for the trophies supplied to the kids. The engraving on the trophies says it all for our team...

BEATEN BUT NEVER DEFEATED

Player by player report:

Alex Budlevikis

Alex displays a whole heap of potential. His fitness level is quite high and this is displayed by the speed in which he can run from one end of the field to the other. Alex's hockey skills would improve, however, if he were to attend a lot more matches through the season so that he can work together with his team-mates.

Alex Grivas

Alex Grivas suits that old saying "when he's on, he's on". He has proven throughout the season that he is very capable of playing a sensational game of hockey, however he should party less and sleep more before the games! We hope to see him back next year with a whole new outlook.

Eugene Schofields

Eugene found his true position in the team as Fullback in the latter part of the season. He has fantastic trapping and defensive skills and never gives up on his opposition. With a little more training and more match experience, Eugene will become one of Glebe's bright stars.

Nicola Higgins

Nicola is one of our true team players. She never gives up, even when we were being beaten by some of the best teams in the comp. Always having some words of wisdom to her fellow team-mates. Throughout the year, Nicola's fitness levels improved out of sight along with her trapping and hit up skills. It just goes to show that if you come to training and show up at every game, your skills must improve.

Teal Grimshaw

Teal came to us this year without knowing how to hold a hockey stick. She proved herself quite an asset by the end of the season through her determination and her unique style of play. We all love Teal for her uniqueness.

Finn Ghent

Another fresh hockey player. Never having played before, Finn also showed us what team spirit is all about. He displays a natural talent for hockey and reads the game quite well. His confidence grew through the season after scoring some very valuable goals. We hope to see Finn back next year.

Alex McGuirk

Alex is a 120% committed team hockey player. Every game is played hard and never gives up. Her commitment is sealed with the ability to play with or without injury; seen at the beginning of the season against Moorebank. Alex is a coach's dream. She never complains and is always focused on the job at hand.

See you in 1998, Alex.

Brooke Schuberg

Brooke is in another of our girls who shows full commitment to the game. She also found a more appropriate position this year in the halves, and ended up impressing quite a few people. Always turning up for training and games and ended up being one of the fittest people on our team. Also, her hit ups left some of the opposition dumbfounded at times. It just goes to show that girls can be tougher because they never give up.

Louisa Hammett

Louisa is our quiet achiever. She is very reliable, never misses a game or training and proves you don't have to be an all-star to be a good hockey player. Louisa has a good mind for the game, reads play well and is never out of position. Her trapping skills are impeccable and often frustrated the opposition with her style of play. Louisa holds her own on and off the field and will prove herself as a great fullback in years to come.

Keep it up, mate!

Chris Owen

Chris is a good hockey player. He will achieve a lot in years to come when he decides that hockey is really the sport he wants to play. Very well liked by his peers, Chris greets everyone with a smile. His skills improved throughout the year and always saw him as part of a team, not a one-out hockey player. Well done, Chris... hope to see you next year.

Tauren Tarrant

A new keeper at the Club who is earning the respect of his peers through perseverance and skill. With his useful aggression and natural goal keeping skills, which came from nowhere, Tauren showed that he'll become a prominent keeper in the Glebe Hockey Club.. Tauren had an excellent season, made some amazing saves and showed up a lot of people who were negative towards his goal keeping. As Tauren gains more experience, he will respond to pressure a lot better. I was proud to coach this guy!

Nicholas Dixon-Wilmshurst; This guy shows how to be a committed "team player". He showed how much improvement can be gained by coming to training and to every match. His attitude is always positive and this rubs off onto his colleagues. Nicholas has great tracking skills and his "never say die" attitude will win him a spot in the top teams at Glebe in the future.

Go hard, son!

Christian Campano
Coach

Under 13 Hornets

It has been an incredible journey from the beginning of the season to being the Under 13 Division 3 champions! The team assembled at Liverpool for the first game of the season. I was made up of eight girls and six boys; some experienced players and other new to the Club and some raw beginners. In that game we were flogged 11-0 and it look like being a long, hard season. But to their credit that day, the team never gave up and showed enough potential to give us some hope.

That was the last hiding the team had to endure. After working out positions, getting a game plan together and some positive encouragement the players lived up to their potential and beyond to become a good hockey team.

The journey to success was not without its rough spots. The team was comprised of a variety of "interesting" characters and some of the half-time discussion were particularly lively. The players were of an age where if you hit someone of the opposite sex it could either mean: a) you disliked them very much; or, b) you liked them very much. As you can see, this led to some confusion in player relations, but in the end a strong team emerged.

The improvement in both individual skills and teamwork was enormous and the players must be congratulated for their efforts in training and also for taking advice and implementing it during the games. After making the Semi Finals, the team played with great courage, determination and skill to come from behind – ending up worthy winners and earning a place in the Grand Final. Both finals were heart stoppers and while the kids showed their maturity, their parents visibly aged. Winning the Grand Final 1-0 against Liverpool at Liverpool, in extra time, in front of a large vocal Glebe contingent will be a memory to be relished in years to come.

On behalf of the players I'd like to thank the people who really made the difference to our efforts this year – their parents. They were always supportive, encouraging and positive in their attitude and comments, and this made for a harmonious team.

Finally, thank you to the players:

Karl Pilora

Karl is an intelligent, articulate, gently kind of boy – all very unusual traits for a goal keeper. In his first year in this position he showed great potential, pulling off some miraculous saves during the year and a great game saver in the Grand Final. With a little expert training he will just get better and better. A player with a big future.

Lindsay Clement-Meehan

Lindsay played some excellent hockey this year. At fullback she had the job of marking "star" opposition forwards and achieved this, blocking them out of the game. In typical Glebe tradition she used her stick, feet, hips, knees and elbows to stop the opposition when necessary. As she grows in confidence she will become a better player..

Jarrold Grimshaw

Jarrold began his first hockey season as an individualist, a player with raw hockey skills and a big hit. As the season progressed he settled into the fullback role and learned a lot about positive team play. He quickly developed his tackling and evasive skills and began to beat the opposition and hit the ball into the gaps. An excellent first season and has the potential to be a very good player.

Louise Tapsell

A coach's dream playing at half or full back. Louise is a strong, determined player with good ball skills and a smooth hit. A fearless tackler, she saved the team with good cover defence on many occasions. Played a vital role in the Grand Final by marking the opposition's key player out of the game. Will be a dominant force in her second year of Under 13's next year.

Amy Kludas

The smiling assassin. Her sweet smile masked a personality that was a cross between Germaine Greer and Rocky Balboa. A staunch feminist, she ran rampant over any "mere male" who treated her as "just a girl". Our most determined player, she was fearless in defence, often putting her body, and in one game her face, on the line for the team. Needs to work on her hit and her left side tackle, "get your stick out of your right hand", but made up for it in guts and determination.

Amanda Cheong

At centre half Amanda was our most consistent player. She has good skills on the ball and used these to beat her opponents and then distribute intelligently. She also has an excellent tackle, a good hit and works hard all game. She provided the ideal link between our backs and forwards and her skills were duly noted by talent scouts from the Glebe women's teams. A player with a big future.

Leon Grace-Gilet

In his first season of hockey, Leon was one of the big improvers in the team. He settled into the left-wing position and became one of our most dangerous, goal scoring forwards. His positional play in the circle was excellent and, combining well with Cory, he scored some memorable goals. He has learnt that a push shot is as valuable as a "screamer" and with more training will only get better.

Nicki Trafonis

Nicki also began her hockey career this year, playing mainly left wing and inside forward. Her skills are still raw but she compensated for this with effort and determination. She followed instructions carefully and proved her worth at inner by closely marking her opposition forwards and clearing the ball quickly. She still has many skills to learn, but Nicki has the right attitude to improve quickly.

Cory Alsopp

Cory, our centre forward, came to the team as an individualist with excellent evasive skills and speed. During the season he became a much better team player and both he and the team benefited. Rather than waiting for the ball he began to use his speed to tackle back and this became a feature of his game. He also learnt to distribute the ball to his wings and then back up in the centre, scoring some excellent team goals. Finally he used the drag much more effectively and so became much harder to tackle. He showed a big improvement for an already talented player.

Melissa Newton

Melissa showed great versatility being able to play both inside forward and goal keeper. She played well in either position and it was a great comfort to know we had a talented back-up goalie in any emergency. Melissa has good stick work and an excellent hit and used both to set up her fellow forwards. She learnt to beat her player, distribute quickly and then back up. She also scored some sensational goals. Another player who really developed her overall game.

Kathleen Oman

Kathleen played mainly half or inner and played very capably in both positions. She lacked aggression in some games and didn't look like realising her potential, but this changed in the fine or so games of the season. I don't know what happened, but Kathleen's game "clicked" and she became much stronger on the ball and in tackling her opponents. In the finals she was one of our most valuable players, being able to take the ball, retain possession with good stick work and then distribute it. Another player with excellent potential!

Derryn Alsopp

Derryn, playing on either wing, was another player who greatly improved his game. The most pleasing improvements were his tackling back, using the drag, especially in the left wing and his positional play – "keep your bum to the sideline". He showed excellent stick work in some games, but just needs to slow down his game a little when in possession. He has the basic skills to become a good player.

Jessica Howe

Jess played mainly right half or right wing and covered both positions capably. She developed into a dangerous forward being able to get behind the opposition full backs with her fluid speed and then centring the ball across the goals. Jess implements instructions well and her game improved because of this. She needs to be a little more aggressive in tackles, but has the natural skills to become a very good player. With excellent positional play in the Grand Final, Jess slotted home the winning goal in extra time. What a father's day present!

Andrew Hammett

Andrew is a talented player who could cover any position in the backs equally well. He tackles well, has a sweet hit and easy, deceptive stick work. He missed several games due to a back injury, but courageously played in the Grand Final to bolster our defence. Fully fit and with a little more aggression, Andrew will become a very good player.

Freya Smith

Freya played mainly half and was developing into a very good player. A tireless worker, she was intimidated by no one – tackling and distributing well. Then her season ended. In a week "horribilis" she was smashed in the head with a hockey ball and later in the week fell out of a tree, breaking both arms. She missed the rest of the season, but I'm sure she will be back better than ever in '98.

Andrew Cheong

Andrew was our super-sub from the Under 11's, filling in during the season when the team was cut down by injuries. Another talented member of the Cheong family, Andrew's astro turf skills really made a difference in our Semi Final win. Thanks for your help Andrew.

Adrian Howe

Demonstrated a variety of coaching skills, including teeth gnashing, tongue biting, instructive bellowing, line pacing and nail biting. Tried to be positive, instil the basics and hopefully made a difference. Enjoyed himself immensely.

Cheryl Oman

The rock on which the team was based. Her organisation was impeccable. She was mother, coach, advisor, organiser, inspirer, comforter and (most importantly) provider of our weekly sugar hit. She was gentle, but strong, and took no lip from any opposition child, supporter or coach. One of the many "unsung heroes" who help make our Club great. On behalf of the players and myself, thank you Cheryl for your help and guidance throughout the year.

See you all next season

Adrian Howe
Coach

Under 13 Redbacks

The Under 13 Redbacks deservedly found themselves in the Grand Final this year, and while they didn't win it, it is interesting to reflect on how a team with four players who have never played hockey before finds itself in a grand final. Was it Gillie, our Coach, who during the season developed an uncanny insight into the psychology of the thirteen year old female mind? Was it the hidden individual talents of players like Greg Evans, our top goal scorers, and Adam Howard who could play anywhere.?

With three sets of identical twins on the team maybe this was our secret weapon? Ellie and Anna Wright, Teddy and Danny Sullivan, and Jenna and Telita Hunt may have confused our opponents and made them see double – sometimes both twins scoring in the same game – but they also brought their individual developing skills to the team.

Maybe it was the backs – most players had a go at being a back, but it was Kate Moran, Jessica Whillas and Nicole Henderson who created a formidable defence, and by the end of the season not too many shots got past our fast talking goalie, Adam McTaggart.

Who could forget the deft play of Jehan Gonsalkorale on a good day with his ducking, weaving and strategic changes in the direction of play – sometimes out to Rania Jones whose consistency on the wing was a great strength.

And what about that curved ball from Tamara Yuen against Parramatta in the Semis?

It was all of this in our seventeen games for the year. We saw it all – tremendous losses, draws and, increasingly, those end of season wins.

As Manager, it was fun. The support of parents, especially Craig Whillas, Glen Evans and Colin Jones, made it an easy year.

Now back to Gillie... we think he might be foreman material!

*Carol Yuen
Manager.*

Under 13 Strikers

Our Saturday morning game provided the team with an opportunity to exercise, meet others and enjoy themselves. Sport is first and foremost about enjoyment and, using this criterion as a yardstick, the season was a great success. Team members got on well and tried hard together with very little squabbling, bickering or jealousy. All players made a positive contribution to the team effort, were well behaved and carried forward the Glebe Club's fine tradition of sportspersonship. The parents for their part made every effort to support the team effort and every child had at least one parent at most games throughout the season. Well done parents!

The Central Area Under 13 competition had sixteen teams, and the Glebe Strikers finished a creditable third behind Sutherland and Moorebank, being beaten 3-0 in the Final by Moorebank. In our six encounters with Sutherland and Moorebank we had three draws and three losses and we only fractionally behind them in ability. Winning is nice, but competing to the best of your ability and enjoying the experience is everything. In these two areas the Glebe Under 13 Strikers were outstanding.

In defence the team scrambled well and made the opposition work hard for every goal they scored. The defence read the game well, tackled strongly, cover defended exceptionally well and was an impressive outfit. It was the best defensive combination in the competition. In attack we struggled. It was difficult for the team to put the ball into the net. Our forwards, all competent hockey players, lacked the circle craft, the goal sense and the ability to sniff when a goal scoring opportunity might present itself. The early shot, pushed if there was sufficient time to hit the ball, should have been the policy adopted by our forwards. They tried to tee up the ball before a shot was taken, allowing the opposition time to smother the shot. Our short corner conversion rate was also disappointing considering we had the potential players to have an outstanding penalty corner combination.

During the season the team concentrated on keeping the ball wide, tackling early and often taking the quick free hit, giving the pass and taking field position to get the return and developing team as well as individual skills. At times our better players tried to "do it alone", abandoning team work and passing. Having a vision of what is "on" for the team should be an attribute all young players should aspire to as a good team will always beat a team of good individuals.

Player profiles:

Tom Walenkamp (Goalkeeper)

Tom, a real strength in the custodial position, had a good season and his option taking was excellent. The way he went to ground to block a shot was impressive. His game could be improved by being a little more mobile. In several games during the season he played on the field and enjoyed the romp, actually scoring a goal in the second game of the year against Moorebank 2.

Liam Casey (Full-back)

Liam has a crisp, accurate and powerful hit which he put to good use during the season. His tackling is first class and he saved our bacon on numerous occasions. Against the weaker teams in the competition, he had a dash in the forwards and scored eleven goals for the season. He was the mainstay of our short corner combination and read the game well in the sweeper role at the back.

Matthew Wark (Back)

Matthew made the NSW Under 13 team this year and had an impressive season with the Glebe Strikers. He tackles strongly, although he must learn to place the stick and advance it forwards rather than just swing through the tackle. He is nippy, good at sensing danger in defence and hit the ball like a rocket. At times the gently roll-off is the option rather than to belt the cover off the ball.

Ben Day (Wing Half)

He has a good temperament and Ben was a big improver this season. His positional play was good and he developed good tackling skills. He read the game well and always did his best for the team, willing to throw the early pass rather than take the more glamorous, but less effective, individual solo run.

Daniel Carey (Wing Half)

Daniel came along in leaps and bounds this season and his cover defence is outstanding. A quick player, Daniel was always there to run down the opposition forwards when they broke away, saving the situation on numerous occasions. When he traps the ball Daniel needs to work on stopping it in his possession rather than tapping it a metre forward for the opposition to possess.

Lloyd Hurrell (Half)

Lloyd is a terrier in defence and has a high work rate. No standing around for Lloyd. He is always thinking of the game and what field position to adopt. Lloyd was the best in the team at moving up quickly in defence and tackling opposition forwards. An unselfish player, Lloyd was always looking to give the early pass. As the season progressed he got on top of his habit of tapping the ball a metre or two ahead of himself, instead trapping it and holing it in his possession.

Mark Paterson (Centre Half)

Mark was the driving force in the team, one of the team's best players. He is a fierce competitor and loves his hockey. Some of his runs into the opposition's circle from around the twenty-five yard line were electric. In a game against Liverpool he beat eight players with one of these runs before pushing the ball into the back of the net. In the middle of the field Mark needs to give the early ball to the forwards and not run it himself quite so much.

Amy Wark (Right Wing)

Amy was our main strike force in the forwards and well over half of our goals came from forays down the right wing. When she stayed wide she helped turn around games for us and made life difficult for the opposition's defence. One criticism is that at times she stood behind the opposition half instead of taking the front position when our defence was under pressure and searching for an outlet pass.

William Warner (Forward)

William was the real work horse of the team and never stopped trying. He has a level head and is a good analyst of the game – a perfect team player. One of our best players, a good tackler and a good distributor of the ball, William got his right wing away in excellent fashion throughout the season and although he did not personally score a lot of goals, he was the architect of many.

Nicholas O'Connor (Forward)

Nicholas was the team's leading goal scorer and placed three metres in front of the goal with the ball usually made the most of his opportunities – he loved scoring. Nicholas needs just a little more vision regarding what's on for the team before he can make the next leap up in standard. When he puts his mind to it, he can be a great player and has some impressive dribbling skills.

Gabrielle Wark (Forward)

Gabrielle improved greatly as the season progressed and thoroughly enjoyed the season playing for the Glebe Strikers. She has a good turn of speed, made many penetrating runs in the midfield but must learn to take the early shot at goal before the fleeting opportunities evaporated. A team player is Gab, never one to overplay her hand.

Hugo Adrian (Forward)

Hugo scored eleven goals throughout the season and was the team's second goal scorer. He played mostly on the left wing and for much of the time his field position was excellent. His speciality was to stand a couple of metres in front of the left hand goal post and bunt in the driven cross from Amy Wark on the right wing. Needs a little better stick skills to progress to the next level of development.

Joshua Rivers (Forward)

Joshua had a good time playing for the Glebe Strikers and has a cheerful, pleasant disposition. Joshua's speciality is picking up the rebound off the goalie's pads. His eight goals this season were all scored the same way. He reads the rebound situation better than any other member of the team. Lacks a bit of concentration at times, which means he is out of position more than he need be. Unfortunately for Joshua, a cut knee kept him out of the Semi Final and Final.

Graham Hurrell (Manager)

Graham attended to all the fiddly little administrative tasks that ensure the team hums along – match cards, phone calls, transport arrangements etc. etc. His pithy insightful comments at half-time and full-time provided the team with much food for thought – a reality check for some of the players' fantasies about the way the team was performing.

Harry Wark (Coach)

Coaching twelve and thirteen year olds has moments of excitement and moments of dejection, but it always rewarding. To assist young people along life's winding road through the medium of junior sport is the responsibility of adults of my generation. Coaching the Under 13 Strikers gave me the opportunity to make my contribution. One is never too old to stop learning, and the Under 13 Strikers have certainly taught me a lot this season.

Thanks for the memories.

*Harry Wark
Coach*

Under 11 Redbacks

We had a successful season, being Minor Premiers and Grand Final winners as well as winning the Northern Districts Carnival, the Glebe Carnival, Baulkham Hills Carnival and the Lithgow Carnival. We had two losses and all the rest were wins.

After losing the Major Semi Final 0-1 to Sutherland, we went into the Final versus Illawong and won 8-0. It was just meant to be and this year saw the team take out the Grand Final against our rivals Sutherland 1-0. I would like to think Bobby Fox's spirit was there willing the players on.

Nearly every year someone seems to miss out in the Grand final, injured or with prior commitments. This year Garry Backhus had a leg muscle strain before the game and it was unfortunate for him not to be able to give his best on the field. Being an important part of our short corner defence and attack and a flying right winger. Everyone lifted their performances and made up for this with Alaister playing well on the right wing and so to Ashlea and Sam and Christopher on the Left wing.

I couldn't have asked for anyone in the team to play better than they did on the day. For the record, the team this year consisted of: Dean McWhinney, Scott Bortfield, Andrew Fox, Zac Farlow, Ian Paterson, Thomas Dodd, Ashlea Schuberg, Andrew Cheong, Garry Backhus, Michael Wark, Simon Wark, Sam Candido, Christopher Casey and Alastair Moran. Of these Deano, Michael, Andrew (A.J.), Thomas Sam, Scott and Christopher go through to the Under 13's next year.

During the season, without Deano in goal we just wouldn't be the same team. He instils confidence in the rest of the players and never lets us down when the time comes to play his part in the team.

The steady play of both full-backs, Scott and Andrew, were excellent. Zac, Ian and Thomas were a strong half line with good skills shown by Ian at centre half. His determination and temperament were invaluable to the team.

Zac at left half used his stickwork to great effect to take the pressure off us when attacking sides looked dangerous. Thomas showed more determination and grew in confidence this year and added that thrust required at right half.

The forward line of Alaister, Simon, Christopher, Michael Sam Ashlea and Garry all performed well, with smart passing movements down the extremities of the field and combining together for many shots at goal.

Throughout the year it was gratifying to watch the improvement in players and, even at this tender age, thinking for themselves, working moves between left half and inner left and left wing, looking for each other and playing as a team.

The Lithgow Carnival was very pleasing for me for the whole team were well behaved and played good hockey throughout a long day, showing determination and effort to defeat two very good teams in the Semi and Grand Finals against Mudgee and then the Goulburn sides.

I've tried: to instil a sense of fun at training, but at the same time show that training is for improvement; to practice, play and enjoy; to give a sense of confidence to individuals to do the best that they can do. I don't mind playing on the best surfaces as much as possible if that gives the children consistency in their abilities to play the game.

To Geoff Bortfield, thanks for your support as Manager and friend for the end of the season and being there to talk things through.

To all parents and supporters of the team, I am sure the children appreciate all the running around and the dedication you give them.

This year has been a year of mixed feelings with a lot of happy times, but with a sense of sadness with the loss of a dear friend to all the team in Bobby Fox. He brought a sense of fun and generosity to the team this year, but always with a sense of discipline at training and set the example to the players to try their hardest. They all respected and loved him for this.

Thank to the Club for giving me and Bobby the opportunity to be together in coaching the Under 11's. I've enjoyed it.

Geoff Paterson

Under 11 Vipers

The Under 11 Vipers in 1997 were made up of a group of young players most of whom had not played hockey before.

This newness to this great game brought an invigorating sense of freshness, excitement and enthusiasm to the enterprise, which was epitomised brilliantly by the first game of the season against another young Glebe team, the Hornets.

The match was anything but see-sawing, with the Vipers defending grimly for forty-nine minutes. In fact we didn't even get over the half-way line! Then, in the fiftieth minute, a piece of magic from our centre forward, Nathan Dart, who received the ball in his own half and ran the length of the field to score a memorable goal. 1-0 – what a way to start the season!

While we didn't win too many more games in the remainder of the year (in fact only one other 1-0 victory over Moorebank-Liverpool two weeks later), these young boys and girls progressed mightily in their grasp of the game, with a number of stirring efforts that brought many a cheer and tearful eye to the faithful parents on the sideline.

It was great to see them learning the basics of positioning and other skills, to see them trying their hearts out, no matter what the score, and the disappointments when we came oh-so-close to scoring. And it was great to see the continuing enthusiasm every week from almost all of them, despite giving away a large size advantage most weeks.

I would like to thank all the supporters of the team throughout the year, particularly the parents who turned up week after week to encourage their children. It was great to see their sportsman-like but competitive support reflected in the attitude of their children.

And finally, I would like to thank each and every player in the team for their effort, their enthusiasm and for playing the game in the right spirit at all times. I hope they all go on to enjoy playing hockey for Glebe for many years to come.

The team was:

Nathan Dart, Eliza Holyoake, Liam O'Donnell, Kylie Henderson,
Sam Bagley, Madeline Dell, Alex Munford, Sascha Solar-March, Oliver Holyoake,
David Cragg, Rory Moran, Janek Gonsalkorale, Clayton Hunt, Daria Grove, Freya Grove
and Michael Henderson.

*Kieren Dell
Coach*

Under 11 Hornets

The 1997 season was an excellent one for the Under 11 Hornets. Although the team didn't win the competition, they put in a huge effort and deserve a pat on the back for their achievements on the hockey field.

At the start of the year the team found themselves without a coach. After going down to help out at the Junior Carnival, I ended up coaching the Hornets and after that I found myself getting up early on Saturdays to coach the kids.

For most of the team it was their first year playing hockey, although a few had come through the Minkey ranks. The Hornets were among the smallest and youngest in the Under 11 competition, but that didn't stop them from going out and giving their all, no matter how big or good the opposition was.

Our first games were tough, but as the team got used to their positions and each other. They started to pass the ball and score goals. It was looking promising. After the gradings we found ourselves in C Division and started to play great hockey. The Hornets went through the last eight games undefeated, winning two and drawing six. The team was looking good and ended the season in second place behind the Glebe Strikers.

Full of confidence, we ventured to Little Bay to play the Strikers in the Major Semi Final. Overpowered in the first half, we went into the break 2-0 down. We came out fighting in the second half but just couldn't get the ball in the net and the score stayed 2-0. Next it was over to Bankstown to play Moorebank 2 in the Final. Unfortunately they were too good for us and we went down 5-1, but the kids didn't seem to mind. They had a great year and were more interested in wetting the coach.

The Hornets' players during 1997 were:

Goalkeeper/Half	Nellie Farlow
Fullbacks	Charlotte Moore, Katie Bowie
Halves	Catherine Wark, Alison Cheong, Hannah Oman, Alexis Kositsin, Ellie Cook
Forwards	Rosie Kraus, Alister Cullen, Angus Glynne, Jacob Horne, Dario Posa

Finally, thanks to all who played for the Glebe Hornets throughout 1997 and many thanks to their excellent Manager, Ron Cheong. Also thanks to the people who coached them early on in the season and to the parents who came down every weekend to cheer the kids on and give their support.

*Jason Taylor
Coach*

Under 11 Strikers

The 1997 season began with a bang. A team of inexperienced young children and one overly excited, and just as inexperienced, coach took to the field (literally, week in week out you would see me frantically running around the field, screaming orders, cheering and encouraging). In the first couple of weeks we faced the hardest teams in the competition, being thrown into the deep end was an understatement. It, however, proved to be a valuable learning curve. The fierce competition quickly sharpened the team up and put the Glebe spirit into their veins. Never once did you see the team slouch their shoulders and give up, they gave 100% until the final buzzer, no matter how many goals had gone between the posts.

Wednesday nights at Jubilee, there was always at least eleven of the side practising and forever improving their quickly developing skills. Hungry and determined to learn, the Strikers began to utilise their talent on the field and the margins of the score lessened. Soon enough the competition had been divided and the Strikers were out in force. That was when we began our winning and scoring streak which sent us through to the Grand Final.

We were hoping to play our friends the Hornets (who we had finally beaten in the Semi Finals, after drawing every time we met in the rounds) in a Glebe versus Glebe Grand Final. However, it was the strong and talented Liverpool team that we ended up playing. Unfortunately we came runners up on the day, but they did Glebe proud. The Strikers played with sheer determination, hard until the end, with real spirit and sportsmanship.

I am extremely proud of my team the Strikers. The amount that they have improved and formed as a team, week after week, seeing them form into promising hockey players and lovely children.

Samantha Worley

Sam volunteered to play goalkeeper in our third or fourth round and remained there for the rest of the season. She dazzled us with her brilliant saves every week and proved to be an extremely valuable team member. The high fives she shared with her team-mates after every save always lifted their spirits and also produced a few laughs from the sidelines. I hope to see Sam continue to play in the goals, she has a real future ahead of her.

Alex Kirby

Alex, one of the veterans of the team, played another excellent season. As full-back she made many great goal saving tackles. A real team player with a lot of guts, she always put in a great effort for the team.

Emily Evans

Emily was our other full-back. She played a very safe game of hockey, always thinking two steps ahead of the rest. Her cover defence was brilliant and tackling superb. Emily is a very promising player.

Nicola Asquith

Nicola constantly managed to surprise us by being everywhere on the field at all times. Playing full-back, centre half or centre forward, she always showed her skill, speed and great tackling abilities.

David O'Brian

David played the role of the sturdy and dependable right half. He was always there to feed a good pass through to the inner or winger. Great at breaking down the play with his fine tackles.

Tim Frommer

Tim was the centre half for the Strikers and always posed a threat to the opposition. His skills are excellent and he plays selfishly, with great ball control and team spirit.

Susanna Montrone

Susanna played everywhere on the field from goal to centre forward and played every position with ease. Her talent lies however in defence, and soon slotted into left half. Rarely would a break go down the left without Susanna stopping it.

Sarah Baker

Sarah began the season a little hesitant but, as she became aware of her abilities, she was soon making fantastic breaks down the left wing. Always holding wide and running the ball down, Sarah played an ideal left winger's game.

Julie Newton

Julie played the season at inside left. Her marking skills were exceptional as well as her hunger in the circle. This resulted in some well deserved goals. Improved the entire year.

Chris Frommer

Chris was our youngest player, and to tell the truth started most of the games on the bench. But anybody who had watched over the season would be able to tell you how much Chris improved. He always trained and played with the utmost enthusiasm and by the end of the season turned many a head with his great tackling and passing.

Joe Barton

Joe joined the team after coming down one Wednesday with his friend Tim. Instead of just sitting there, Tim asked him to join in and he has played ever since. Joe graced us with his skills and smashing hit and the way he scored his multiple goals from within the circle.

Tom Schlossor

Tom was our experienced right winger with more guts than any player I have seen. He played a great right winger's game, either dribbling down the line and crossing the ball or by combining with Joe his inside right. However, to Tom his duty did not end as a striker and you could often see him in the last line of defence (which, I might add, saved the day a few times).

Isobel Higgins

Isobel was another player who experienced nearly every position on the field. She always put in a huge effort and provided the team with a bit of half time comedy. Her hard hitting and good ball distribution was noticed by all.

Brianna McNeillage-Green

Brianna played her first season with the Strikers and did a marvellous job. Mostly playing a wing half, her tackling and passing was excellent. Unfortunately she was away for the Grand Final, but was invaluable in getting us there.

Colleen Howe
Coach

Final Point Score 1997 Season

	<i>Rounds</i>	<i>Played</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>Drew</i>	<i>Lost</i>	<i>Byes</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Ag</i>	<i>Pts</i>
Under 11									
Glebe 3	19	18	15	2	1	1	114	8	32
Sutherland	19	17	15		2	2	131	7	30
Bankstown	19	19	10	2	7		54	52	22
Illawong	19	18	10	1	7	1	66	31	21
Randwick	19	18	7	3	8	1	29	50	17
Moorebank 1	19	18	7	2	9	1	32	51	16
St George	19	18	10	2	6	1	29	23	22
Parramatta	19	15	7		11	1	24	61	14
Glebe 1	19	15	4	4	10	1	21	74	12
Glebe 2	19	19	3	5	11		18	55	10
Glebe 4	19	18	2	2	14	1	9	74	6
Moorebank 2	19	10	1	2	7		7	38	4

Under 13

Sutherland 1	18	17	13	3	1	1	73	5	29
Moorebank 1	18	17	13	2	2	1	146	12	28
Glebe 1	18	17	12	3	2	1	75	8	27
Illawong	18	17	9	1	7	1	47	25	19
Sutherland 3	18	17	8	1	8	1	41	42	17
Randwick 1	18	18	12	2	4		48	33	26
Bankstown	18	18	11		7		70	43	22
St George 1	18	7	2	9			41	66	16
Moorebank 3	18	18	5	3	10		35	70	13
Sutherland 2	18	18	5	3	10		13	52	13
Glebe 3	18	18	5	1	12		21	66	11
St George 2	18	17	7	1	9	1	29	31	15
Glebe 2	18	17	5	3	9	1	21	39	13
Parramatta	18	17	4	4	9	1	29	60	12
Randwick 3	18	17	4	4	9	1	14	52	12
Morebank 2	18	17	1	1	15	1	14	104	3

Under 15

Moorebank 1	18	18	17	1			192	15	35
Sutherland 1	18	18	15	1	2		195	15	31
Glebe 1	18	18	13		5		122	32	26
Bankstown	18	15	7	2	9		46	69	16
Moorebank 2	18	18	7	1	19		49	119	15
St George	18	18	7	1	10		42	73	15
Randwick	18	18	10	1	7		49	49	21
Illawong	18	15	9	1	8		48	75	19
Sutherland 2	18	13	8		10		34	51	16
Sutherland 3	18	6	2	10	31		31	59	14
Glebe 2	18	18	3		15		4	105	6
Glebe 3	18				18		4	135	0

Club Championship Points 1997

Sutherland	90	Glebe	85	Moorebank	79
Randwick	64	Bankstown	60	St George	53
Parramatta	26				

Major Junior Awards 1997

Each season the Coaches, Managers and Junior Committee are faced with the difficult task of choosing three players who will be the recipients of a major award in each age division. All the nominees meet the criteria to win the awards, but unfortunately only one player in each age group can. Everyone nominated today should feel justly proud, as a nomination is in itself a great honour.

Under 11's

The Brother Maurice McCarten Keegan Trophy

The junior player who, in the opinion of the Coaches, Managers and Junior Committee:

"Plays an unselfish team game, always supports their team mates, never gives up and is as gracious in defeat as they are in victory."

The Nominees:

Ian Paterson, Andrew Cheong, Jacob Horne, Thomas Dodd, Sascha Solar-March, Samantha Wortley Lawson.

The Recipient: Andrew Cheong

Under 13's

The Ralph Rochester Trophy

The junior player who, in the opinion of the Coaches, Managers and Junior Committee, is:

"The most outstanding junior thirteen years and under with the best general dememour on and off the field."

The Nominees:

Tamara Yuen, Karl Pilora, Matthew Wark.

The Recipient: Matthew Wark

Under 15's

The Arthur Stubbs Trophy

The junior player who, in the opinion of the Coaches, Managers and Junior Committee:

"Has demonstrated outstanding potential."

The Nominees:

Patrick Wark, Peter Wark, Alex McGuirk, Andrew Cronin.

The Recipient: Peter Wark

Congratulations to each of these winners and the nominees.

Team Awards 1997

<i>Team</i>	<i>Best Team Player</i>	<i>Best Forward</i>	<i>Best Back</i>	<i>Encouragement Award</i>
Under 11 Redbacks	Ian Paterson	Michael Wark	Andrew Fox	Thomas Dodd
Under 11 Strikers	Tim Frommer	Joe Barton	Emily Evans	Chris Frommer
Under 11 Hornets	Charlotte Moore	Angus Glynne	Catherine Wark	Rossana Krauss
Under 11 Vipers	Kylie Henderson	Nathan Dart	Eliza Holyoake	Liam O'Donnell
Under 13 Redbacks	Adam Howard	Greg Evans	Nicole Henderson	Telita & Jenna Hunt
Under 13 Strikers	Tom Walenkamp	William Warner	Liam Casey	Daniel Carey
Under 13 Hornets	Amanad Cheong	Corey Alsopp	Amy Kludas	Jarrold Grimshaw
Under 15 Redbacks	Alex Adrian	James Hurrell	Leigh Brown	Thomas Holyoake
Under 15 Hornets	Andrew Cronin	Jason McDonald	Kylie Lawson	Emma Cullen
Under 15 Strikers	Alex McGuirk	Nicholas Dixon-Wilmshurst	Tauren Tarrant	Finn Ghent Brooke Schuberg
Under 17 Ones		<i>Player's Player</i>		<i>Alex Crook</i>
Under 17 Twos		<i>Player's Player</i>		<i>Damon Jones</i>

Glebe Representative Players – 1997 Teams

Under 17 Sydney 1

Sam Everist, Kristian Haigh, Allen Morris, Anthony Wark

Under 17 Sydney 2

Patrick Casey, Doug Cronin

Under 17 Sydney 3

Alex Crook, Damon Jones, Thibaut Dauvin, Max Francis, Joel Rivers

Under 15 Sydney 1

Ben Everist, Patrick Wark, Peter Wark

Under 15 Sydney 2

Tristram Hardman, Tim Harvey

Under 13 Sydney 1

Liam Casey, Mark Paterson, Matthew Wark

Under 13 Sydney 2

Daniel Carey, Nicholas O'Connor, Thomas Walenkamp, William Warner

Under 11 Sydney 1

Garry Bachus, Scott Bortfield, Andrew Cheong, Ian Paterson, Michael Wark

Under 11 Sydney 2

Andrew Fox, Dean McWhinney, Simon Wark

Eastern Districts Girls Under 14

Kylie Lawson, Melissa Newton, Kathleen Oman, Amy Wark, Gabrielle Wark

Eastern Districts Girls Under 12

Jessie Howe, Susanna Montrone, Julie Newton, Freya Smith

STATE REPRESENTATION

NSW Under 17's

Anthony Wark

NSW Under 15's

Pat Wark
Peter Wark

NSW Under 13's

Matthew Wark

Number of Games Played by Current Junior Players (Under 11 to Under 17)

* Indicates players who reached 100 games during the 1997 season.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Season Commenced Team Hockey</i>	<i>Games Played Prior to 1997</i>	<i>Games Played in 1996</i>	<i>Total Games Played</i>
Alex Adrian	1995	31	19	50
Hugo Adrian	1996	16	20	36
Ian Allen	1996	17	15	32
Cory Alsopp	1997	-	22	22
Deryn Alsopp	1997	-	23	23
Nicola Asquith	1995	32	18	50
Brendan Austin	1996	15	2	17
Robert Austen	1991	94	6	100 *
Garry Bacchus	1995	33	20	53
Sam Bagley	1997	-	14	14
Sarah-Jane Baker	1995	33	18	51
Joe Barton	1997	-	14	14
Joel Bedford	1996	14	34	48
Nick Bird	1996	16	15	31
Troy Booth	1996	14	7	21
Scott Bortfield	1995	15	20	52
Kathleen Bowie	1996	17	18	35
Leigh Brown	1994	44	19	63
Alex Budlevhis	1996	9	9	18
Elizabeth Butler	1997	-	20	20
Sam Candido	1997	-	18	18
Daniel Carey	1993	69	19	88
Christopher Casey	1994	38	17	55
James Casey	1993	61	17	78
Liam Casey	1991	116	23	139
Patrick Casey	1990	121	16	137
Alison Cheong	1997	-	21	21
Amanda Cheong	1993	72	19	91
Andrew Cheong	1993	71	25	96
Ellie Cook	1997	-	7	7
David Craig	1997	-	8	8
Andrew Crawford	1992	81	18	99
Andrew Cronin	1996	14	20	34
Doug Cronin	1991	103	15	118
Alex Crook	1989	135	16	151
Emma Cullen	1993	59	19	78
Alister Cullen	1996	16	24	40
Nathan Dart	1997	-	14	14
Thibaut Dauvin	1996	16	16	32
Ben Day	1993	54	18	72
Madeline Dell	1997	-	14	14
Nick Dixon-Wilmshurst	1994	44	18	72
Thomas Dodd	1994	51	16	67
Emily Evans	1997	-	17	17
Greg Evans	1996	18	13	31
Scott Evans	1995	30	18	48
Ben Everist	1992	88	18	106 *
Sam Everist	1992	84	12	106 *
Neille Farlow	1996	2	21	23
Zach Farlow	1995	32	20	52
Tom Forbes	1997	-	2	2
Andrew Fox	1994	56	20	76
Max Francis	1993	59	15	74
Chris Frommer	1997	-	15	15

Tim Frommer	1995	30	17	47	
Finn Ghent	1997	-	18	18	
Angus Glynne	1997	-	21	21	
Jehan Gonsalkorale	1995	29	15	44	
Janek Gonsalkorale	1996	9	6	15	
Leon Grace-Gilet	1997	-	19	19	
Lindsay Griffiths	1991	93	14	107	*
Jarrold Grimshaw	1997	-	20	27	
Alex Grivas	1996	14	11	25	
Daria Groves	1996	16	6	22	
Freya Groves	1996	16	6	22	
Kristian Haigh	1993	67	14	81	
Andrew Hammett	1993	68	13	81	
Louisa Hammett	1993	68	19	87	
Tristram Hardman	1993	63	17	80	
Tim Harvey	1993	77	20	97	
Kylie Henderson	1996	16	14	30	
Michael Henderson	1997	-	3	3	
Nicole Henderson	1996	16	16	32	
Nicola Higgins	1994	45	18	63	
Isobel Higgins	1995	36	14	50	
Elisa Holyoake	1997	-	14	14	
Oliver Holyoake	1997	-	12	12	
Thomas Holyoake	1995	30	18	48	
Jacob Horne	1996	18	20	38	
Adam Howard	1997	-	18	18	
Jessie Howe	1995	15	21	36	
Clayton Hunt	1997	-	6	6	
Jenna Hunt	1997	-	16	16	
Telita Hunt	1997	-	15	15	
James Hurrell	1992	70	19	89	
Lloyd Hurrell	1994	50	19	69	
Damon Jones	1992	78	13	91	
Rania Jones	1994	50	17	67	
Steven Kaylinger	1993	56	18	74	
Rowan Kelly	1992	77	17	94	
Alexandra Kirby	1996	18	18	36	
Amy Kludas	1996	14	20	34	
Alexis Kositsin	1997	-	18	18	
Rosie Kraus	1997	-	16	16	
Aaron Lacey	1993	64	15	79	
Edan Lacey	1993	64	18	82	
Ben Lawler	1994	41	11	52	
Kylie Lawson	1991	101	19	120	
Jason McDonald	1994	47	19	66	
Cameron McKay	1991	93	15	108	*
Lewis McKeown	1988	135	14	149	
Alex McGuirk	1996	17	19	36	
Brianna McNeillage-Green	1997	-	14	14	
Adam McTaggart	1997	-	5	5	
Dean McWhinney	1995	37	20	57	
Lindsay Meehan	1994	46	16	62	
Sussanna Montrone	1995	31	18	49	
Charlotte Moore	1996	17	19	36	
Alister Moran	1996	17	20	37	
Kate Moran	1996	15	17	32	
Rory Moran	1997	-	10	10	
Allen Morris	1994	53	9	62	
Alex Munford	1997	-	14	14	
Julie Newton	1997	-	15	15	
Melissa Newton	1993	67	19	86	
David O'Brian	1997	-	17	17	
Nick O'Connor	1992	71	20	91	
Liam O'Donnell	1997	-	14	14	
Kathleen Oman	1993	70	18	88	
Hannah Oman	1996	1	19	20	

Chris Owen	1995	15	12	27
Mark Paterson	1991	111	22	133
Ian Paterson	1994	50	20	70
Reilly Peterson	1996	13	2	15
Karl Pilora	1996	15	18	33
Dario Posa	1997	-	13	13
Tushar Raniga	1994	45	7	52
Evert Rauwendaal	1994	36		36
Beth Rivers	1996	16	17	33
Joel Rivers	1995	44	14	58
Joshua Rivers	1995	39	15	54
Tom Rushton	1997	11	11	
Tristan Roach-Turner	1992	80	18	98
Philip Sacco	1997	-	6	6
Tom Schlosser	1996	14	15	29
Eugene Schofield	1996	11	16	27
Ashlea Schuberg	1995	23	27	50
Brooke Schuberg	1993	62	19	81
Freya Smith	1995	32	8	40
Sascha Solar-March	1997	-	13	13
Lee Stapleton	1996	16	17	33
Danny Sullivan	1996	17	14	31
Teddy Sullivan	1996	17	15	32
Ross Tapsell	1990	113	16	129
Louise Tapsell	1995	33	21	54
Nickei Traponis	1997	-	17	17
Tauren Tarrant	1996	17	18	35
David Wall	1991	101	13	114
Kate Walenkamp	1993	67	19	86
Tom Walenkamp	1993	83	21	104 *
Amy Wark	1993	69	20	89
Anthony Wark	1987	172	16	188
Catherine Wark	1997	-	19	19
Gabrielle Wark	1993	72	18	90
Matthew Wark	1992	78	24	102 *
Michael Wark	1993	80	20	100 *
Patrick Wark	1988	162	21	183
Simon Wark	1994	54	20	74
Peter Wark	1992	85	20	105 *
William Warner	1992	85	17	102 *
Jessica Willas	1995	29	16	45
Samantha Wortley-Lawson	1997	-	18	18
Anna Wright	1995	33	15	48
Ellie Wright	1995	32	16	48
Tamara Yuen	1996	16	18	34

*The number of games played for the 1997 season have been noted from the Team Books.
We have tried to be as accurate as possible, but if there are any errors
please let the Junior Committee know.*