



Glebe District  
Hockey Club Inc

**JUNIOR TEAMS**

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## ***Junior Convenor's Report 1999***

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On behalf of the Junior Committee, it is with pleasure that I welcome everyone to our 1999 Junior Presentation Day.

### ***A vintage year for Glebe Juniors and the Central Area Competition***

1999 has not only been a vintage year for Glebe, but a ground-breaking one for the Central Association to which we belong. For the first time in memory, it has been possible to run the competition from start to finish without a change in the draw. This has only been possible due to the work of Glebe Junior Committee member Ron Cheong. In his role of Central Area Secretary, Ron devised a system that rated players' ability based on their playing experience. This in turn made it possible to determine in which division each team should compete. The Grand Final results demonstrated that Ron was able to deliver a competition that was fair for all who competed, and without the necessity of re-jigging teams or the draw halfway through the season—a process that has in the past caused so much angst and confusion.

Ron's achievement is yet another example of how input from Glebe has changed the Central Area competition for the better over the past few years. Mick Tapsell's guidelines for over-age players and the selection of girls in representative teams have all been initiatives for which our club can be justly proud.

### ***Terry Reece Trophy***

Unfortunately, due to the re-carpeting of the Newcastle turf in March, the Wyong field became the only synthetic surface available between Sydney and Newcastle. As a consequence, the upsurge of bookings caught both The Entrance and ourselves off guard and made it impossible to obtain any turf time early in the season to play our annual challenge.

It was agreed by both clubs that, as The Entrance were attending the Glebe Carnival, then the Terry Reece trophy would be decided by the outcome of their games against Glebe teams at our Carnival. By winning the Under 13 and drawing the Under 11 game we were able to once again retain the trophy.

### ***Glebe Carnival***

This year's response to the Glebe Carnival was beyond the organising committee's wildest expectations. If more than three fields had been available, it would have been possible to increase the number of teams from 28 to 40. The growing popularity of the Carnival is due in no small way to its reputation as the best organised in Sydney. This has only been achieved by the dedication and hard work at all levels of the club.

Although our Carnival was an outstanding success, unfortunately the same could not be said of any of the other carnivals the club normally attends. Without our presence at Northern Districts, there would not have been a carnival. St George and Baulkham Hills were both called off due to lack of entrants and Lithgow, which for years had been the most popular club carnival in NSW, had fewer teams than attended our Carnival. This is a worrying trend if it continues, as it is an indication of the poor health of hockey at the grass roots level. The poor turnout of country teams at Lithgow should especially set alarm bells ringing at Hockey NSW, as country hockey has traditionally been junior hockey's strength in the state.

### ***Minkey Hockey***

This year Glebe reached the Under 11, 13, 15, 17A and 17C Grand Finals. This success was a direct reflection on the quality of coaching at our club, and a key element of this coaching has been our Minkey programme.

Once again, Vernon Howe did his usual outstanding job with our youngest club members. Their enthusiasm and obvious enjoyment displayed each Saturday morning and at the Glebe Carnival was a credit to Vernon and his great work with them

## ***Umpire Development***

Umpire development has over time been an area that has not received the attention it deserves. One of the main problems has been the difficulty in finding people with the time and expertise required to develop junior umpires. This year it was decided to make a start at setting up a programme for umpire development. Towards the end of August, Joel Rivers gave up his time to run an introductory rules night in the Clubhouse. The evening was an outstanding success with eight junior players and eight adults attending. Next year, it is hoped to set up a programme in conjunction with the Ladies' Club that will produce a number of juniors, parents and guardians who will be competent umpires.

## ***Synthetic Turf***

The ongoing saga of the club's quest for a synthetic turf inside Harold Park still continues. For the hard working members of the Turf Committee it has been the equivalent of an eight-year ride on a roller coaster. Although the ride is still not over, the end is at last coming into view and the car is still on the track.

As the fight for the turf is of such interest to all involved with the Junior Club, I have included in the body of this report an up-to-date progress report by the Chairman of the Turf committee, Harry Wark Junior.

## ***Fund Raising and Sponsorship***

Glebe's proudest tradition has been that it has never charged its Juniors a fee to play hockey. This has become more and more difficult each year as our costs continue to increase, along with the number of Juniors who come to our club. 1999 has been no exception, but the Junior Club has been able to continue the tradition with the support of our major sponsors Shaughn and Mark Murphy from the Toxteth Hotel, Richard Ware Real Estate in Glebe, and Alan Cardy and Company.

A special thank you to all those junior parents and guardians who donated to the auctions and raffles held during the year, and the great effort by Michael Carey and Maureen Paterson in once again organising the Rotary Raffle, another key fund raiser.

## ***In Conclusion***

After nine years on involvement with junior hockey, it is with some regret that I have decided to step down from any positions with Glebe and the Central Area Hockey Association. It has only been through the total support of my wife, Cheryl and my family that I have been able to devote the time and effort to the club that has been necessary over the past few years. As from next winter, I will be able to repay the debt.

Thank you to everyone who has helped and supported me over the years. It has been an honour and privilege to have worked with with such a fine group of people that make up this amazing club. A special thank you to Mick Tapsell, Harry and Anne Wark, Eddy Crook and Ron Cheong who have each, in their own way, had a major influence on the continued succes of the Junior Club.

I wish everyone an enjoyable and safe Christmas and New Year and I look forward to seeing you all on the sidelines cheering the Reds home in 2000.

*Jim Oman*  
*Junior Convenor*

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## ***Turf Committee Report***

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### **Current state of play**

In the last twelve months, the hard-working Synthetic Turf Committee have diligently attempted to progress the Hockey Club's quest for a synthetic hockey pitch in the local Glebe area. As then Prime Minister, Malcolm Fraser, once said, "Life was not meant to be easy"; and the year just gone has at times been frustrating and at times disheartening.

I would like to thank the Synthetic Committee members for their considerable efforts, and reassure the club members that the Turf Committee is an effective, efficient and well organised outfit which is making slow but relentless forward progress.

With no other potential sites on the immediate horizon, the main thrust of the Committee has been to acquire a lease for a synthetic pitch at the Harold Park infield. Negotiations with the Harness Racing Club regarding this site began in June 1992 and have continued until the present. On 7 July 1995, the Hockey Club and the Harness Club signed an agreement for lease for the construction of a synthetic hockey field within Harold park. Clause 6(a) of the Agreement for Lease provided that the lease was to commence once the Harness Club had been notified of the Hockey Club's consent to funding.

On 16 July and 12 August 1998, the Hockey Club advised the Harness Club that consent had been obtained for funding and provided details of costs, design etc. and requested that they sign the lease.

On 15 January 1999, the Hockey Club submitted to the Harness Club a lease signed by Hockey Club representatives in accordance with Annexure B to the Agreement for Lease, and a cheque for \$1 for the first year's rent.

On 21 January, the Harness Club requested some further information on the Hockey Club's costings and fundings.

On 8 April, the Hockey Club provided the Harness Club with further documentation, with extensive up-to-date costings of the works (total \$650,000) and confirmation of the funding from the following:

National Bank Loan, \$350,000; Leichhardt Council Section 94, \$200,000; Hockey Club Funds, \$75,500; and Department of Sport & Recreation, \$22,500.

On 10 May 1999, the Harness Club wrote to the National Australia Bank which is providing funding, indicating that the Harness Club's future operations "may curtail the use of our client's land by the Glebe District Hockey Club".

On 24 May 1999, the Hockey Club's solicitor wrote to the Harness Club indicating that the Hockey Club would be taking legal action if the Harness Club continued to refuse the Hockey Club a lease over the agreed site at the Harold Park infield.

The Hockey Club is of the view that we have fulfilled our obligation in terms of the Agreement for Lease between us and the Harness Club; and that the Harness Club has an obligation to sign the lease.

In June 1999, the Hockey Club prepared comprehensive statements supporting its claim against the Harness Club, and was ready to commence court proceedings.

Any dispute between the Hockey Club and the Harness Club would be heard by the Commercial Division of the NSW Supreme Court; and taking a large organisation with virtually unlimited resources to the Supreme Court could be a very, very expensive exercise for us. The Synthetic Turf Committee were concerned that if the Hockey Club ran out of money during the court case, the club could be bankrupt, responsible for the Harness Club's costs, and still have no lease.

In the last twelve months, the Hockey Club has spent \$30,000 on legal costs—this is even before the matter reaches the Court door.

Since the end of June 1999, the Turf Committee has been trying to come to an arrangement with a legal firm so that the chance of the Hockey Club's 'falling over' mid-case could be minimised. Initial discussion with several law firms came to nothing, but in September and October our luck seems to have changed.

It is now highly likely that a large, prestigious city law firm will assist the Hockey Club in our dispute with the Harness Club.

It is envisaged that the law firm will be commencing on our case before the end of October 1999; and that steps to commence proceedings against the Harness Club will be taken before the new millennium begins. With an experienced law firm behind the Hockey Club, the chance of our going bankrupt during any court action is reduced, but is still present.

It is unfortunate that it appears as if the Harness Club has no intention of giving the Hockey Club a lease over the Harold Park infield site.

In conclusion, if any club member, past or present, supporter or parent, wishes to offer any comment or register any objection to the Hockey Club's proposed course of action, please feel free to talk with the Synthetic Turf Committee (or any member of the Club Management Committee). Any input from club members, parents, guardians, and supporters in the community will be welcome.

*Harry Wark  
Convenor*

#### **Synthetic Turf Committee Members**

Rodney Hammett, Jim Oman, Eddy Crook, Marilynne Smith,  
Bob Taylor, David Trodden, Harry A. Wark, Harry J. Wark

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## **TEAM REPORTS**

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### ***Under 17 A***

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As co-coaches of the Number One side, we can both proudly assert that the best team won the 1999 Under 17 A Division competition, and that team was Glebe. The willingness of both coaches and players to try new things, to work on them, and then to practise them on the playing field was essential to the success of the team, especially when it counted most — in the final series.

Despite several disruptions to the season, Glebe looked to finish the preliminary round of the competition undefeated and undisputed minor premiers. However, Glebe received a rude wake-up call when they were thrashed 6–2 by a far more disciplined Moorebank side. This game proved to be the turning point of the season for our Glebe boys. We entered the final series on a loss and without the minor premiership, yet this served to be the catalyst for all our players to step up their performance to a higher level.

For six weeks we trained as a team and analysed our own strengths and weaknesses, as well as those of the teams we were to play. As a result, we began to gel together more as a team, eliminating certain aspects of individualism which may have been apparent at times earlier in the season. In particular, the younger players made huge improvements towards the end of the season, especially learning the requirements of their particular positions on the field and, therefore, their role in the team as a whole.

In an extremely tight and hard-fought finals series, Glebe drew their three games against Sutherland, Northern Districts and Liverpool and accounted easily for Burwood Briars. We entered the grand final on the basis of a fortunate result in a postponed match between Moorebank and Northern Districts. Glebe began the grand final confidently, taking the early initiative and clearly dominating for the opening fifteen minutes. Unfortunately, as has been prone to happen during the season, we relaxed momentarily and had a goal scored against us against the run of play. The ascendancy looked to swing towards Northern Districts until Tris Hardiman scored a well-deserved equaliser for Glebe



just before the half-time break. The second half was extremely tight; but with only minutes to go, Glebe received a penalty corner. The goalkeeper saved the first shot from Peter Wark, who followed up to flick the ball, which looked to be missing the goal until it was cleverly deflected in by Alex Adrian, following in from his push out.

Glebe were the well deserved Under 17 champions, demonstrated in an extremely well matched and hard-fought decider. Some spectators commented that it was not a particularly pretty game to watch. However, finals at this level, with players of this caliber, rarely are visual spectacles. As coaches, we were both proud of the way team members stuck to the game plan that was set for them, and most importantly, how each player concentrated on their own game and not on those of the players around them. Needless to say, the boys celebrated their win appropriately — the coaches shouted them a round of soft drinks.

A big thank-you must go to Danny O'Brien for his insightful comments and advice, and especially for his wake-up call to some players to learn to take advice constructively and not to take it as criticism. Thank you to Bob Taylor for his continued support of the Under 17s, and for always helping out with umpiring duties; and to our regular band of supporters, the parents and friends who relished attending 8.00 a.m. games throughout the season; and to Jan and Col Booth for their caffeine replenishments. Thank you to all the Under 17 B and Under 15 players who filled in during the season, impressing the coaches with the depth of talent which we have in our Glebe Juniors.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Arthur Moir. Arthur has indicated that he will take a break from coaching next year, leaving a remarkable legacy behind him. In six years as coach of the Under 17 A side, Artie has led Glebe to four grand finals and four premierships in 1994, 1996, 1997 and 1999 (the current co-coach was a member of his first team in '94). He also coached eleven players who started in games for Glebe's 1st Grade this season — a remarkable achievement. His integrated and exuberant style of coaching has left a legacy of skill and ability carried by many young men in the Glebe District Hockey Club.

Congratulations to a great mate and a great coach.

Looking forward to next year.

*Adam Campano*

The Under 17 Glebe champions were:

<del>Patrick Booth</del> <b>WARK</b> Patrick <del>Booth</del> (Captain)	Ben Everist
Darryn Booth (Players' Player)	Tristram Hardman
Rowan Kelly (Leading goal scorer – 21)	Tim Harvey
Alex Adrian	Thomas Holyoake
Brendan Booth	Trent Knights
Leigh Brown	Peter Wark
Andrew Crawford	

Coaches     Arthur Moir & Adam Campano

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## ***Under 17 B***

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Manager    Rose Tarrant

Coaches    Bevan Ineson & Amrat Parbhu

Players

Ross Tapsell  
Eden Lacey  
Jason McDonald  
Craig Holman  
Tauren Tarrant

Casey Sullivan-Myers  
Aaron Archer  
Arthur Brown  
Fyn Ghent  
Stephen Kaylinger

Tim Fredinands  
Nichlous Dixon  
Lachlan Williams  
Aaron Lacey  
David Urquhart  
(David only played a few games  
due to injuries in a car accident.)

The Under 17's second side had a few experienced players, five who had never played before and the rest were players who came back to the game after some time off.

Initially, the side was comprehensively beaten 10 to 15 nil due to the lack of experience. However, by the end of the first round the players had developed enough skills and teamwork so that they were able to reduce these margins dramatically.

The lead-up to and including the grand final saw the side lose only one out of the last five games — the last being the grand final. This was a hard-fought battle which we eventually lost 1 nil to Baulkham Hills (who beat us 14–1 in the earlier rounds).

We, as coaches, enjoyed the season and we are proud of the way the young men conducted themselves throughout the year. They showed a lot of character, backing up week after week as underdogs; and we wish them all the best for the future.

Congratulations to Craig Holman, a well deserved winner of the Players' Player award.

We would like to thank John McDonald for umpiring, the supporters who showed up each week and Eva Lacey for providing transport for the players.

A special thanks to Rose Tarrant, the team Manager. She did a tremendous job, ensuring everyone was made aware of the venues, and checking their availability.

We wish all a safe and happy Christmas and look forward to seeing everyone in the year 2000.

*Bevan Ineson and Amrat Parbhu*

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## **Under 15 Hornets**

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It was a great experience for me to coach the 1999 Glebe Under 15 Hornets. The team had a mixture of personalities and a wide range of talent. Improvement could be seen in all players, which is one of the most pleasing aspects. I commend the team's commitment to both training and playing. We had the majority to training most of the time, and nearly always had all 15 players at the game. The team got on extremely well — too well at times. At training, the gossip sessions with the other under fifteen teams were incredible. It was mainly the gilrs, but many of the guys were up to date with what was going on, let me tell you!

We would have liked to perform a little better during the year. We were very competitive throughout the season and I think, with a bit of luck, we could have won more games. Some of the players got a little disheartened at times, but you grow and learn just as much from losing, as you do from winning — if not more so. I remember when I was playing Under 15, we were happy to keep Bankstown under 7 goals! The good thing was that whenever one of the Hornets took the field, they gave 110% — the best they could for themselves, their teammates and for the club. They always played with great sporting manners in the Glebe spirit. This was mentioned to me several times by opposing coaches.

I would like to thank some people for helping out the team during the year. Firstly to Gail. Thank you for the great job you did this year at managing. It is a lot of work and I really appreciate the time and effort you put into the team. To Damon Jones who helped out and umpired on many occasions. It is hard when you have to umpire and coach at the same time. Damon, I really appreciate your help during the year. I know how hard it was for you to get up some of the mornings! Also thanks to my Dad, Marty Howe, who umpired a couple of times. To the Under 15 Redbacks, who we shared a bit of rivalry with, it was great to see that at the end of the game everybody was friends and seemed to care for each other. And a big thank you to the parents of the Hornets. You showed great support and encouragement to your children and to myself. Finally to the Hornets. Thank you for being such nice, friendly, well mannered kids, and I hope you all keep playing hockey and enjoying yourselves.

**Karl Pilora** — Karl is a great goalkeeper. Although I picked different captains every week, Karl was our leader and gave us the direction we needed. Karl needs to show more patience at times. At the same time, players in the team need to recognise that when a goalie yells out instructions, it is usually for a very good reason. You do not always have to do what they tell you, but you should acknowledge that you have heard the call.

**Kate Moran** — Kate is a very strong, safe, dependable player. She does the simple thing well all of the time. She rarely misses a tackle and was the backbone of our defence. Kate understands and reads the game very well, and I hope she progresses with her hockey. She sometimes has to remind herself to stay positive. Positives can be taken out of every situation, it just depends on what way you look at it.

**James Hankeroot** — James was a new player this year. He picked up the game very well. He put in a very big effort whenever he took the field. He got himself into some awkward positions at times. I think he should make an attempt to keep the ball off his reverse side so that he can control it better. James has a great, powerful hit which helped get us up the field and into attack many times.

**Nicole Henderson** — Nicole is a good player with potential, BUT she has to take that word 'can't' out of her vocabulary. You CAN hit the ball, you CAN tackle, you CAN dribble and pass well. I believe in you and I believe you could become a strong player, but you have to go out there and show them and yourself every week that you can do it.

**Rania Jones** — Rania will play nearly every position on the field. she is a very supportive and encouraging of her teammates. She needs to look for more work and get herself more involved in the game. Her best position is half, as she is a very good marker and always keeps her mind on that very important job.

**Tom Pacey** — Tom was another new player to the game. Tom was extremely enthusiastic. He is very fit due to a lot of swimming training. Sometimes he needs to slow himself down and not overrun the ball. I hope he keeps playing because he appears to enjoy the game enormously.



**Ellie Wright** — Ellie has developed her hockey skills a lot over the last couple of years. This year she played centre half and she seemed to relish the extra workload. She has good reflexes, a good skill base and a high fitness level. Please come again and play with us in Seniors next year! I think you will really like it.

**Anna Wright** — Anna was a big improver this year. She just loves to be wherever the action is. She runs and runs all day. Her enthusiasm does get her out of position a fair bit. She has to be a bit more disciplined in that area and accept that sometimes you do have to wait before you get the ball. Anna gets my award for the happiest, chirpiest player and the best gossip of the team.

**Jehan Gonsalkorale** — Jehan is a very skillful player. His dribbling skills and his hitting are very good. There are two main things Jehan could work on to improve his game: he has to get rid of the ball, passing to one of our players earlier; and stop trying to hit the ball on his reverse. He knows exactly what I am talking about because there would be chunks of my hair on the sideline that I had pulled out whenever he did it! On grass, which is what we played nearly all our hockey on, it is very important to get your feet around the ball, get low and push the ball. Jehan got my prize for the male gossip of the year.

**Sarah Howard** — Sarah will develop over time and become a good player also. She was young for this age group, but you could not tell that by watching her play. She has good eye-ball coordination and is fast and fit. There are some skills, like hitting and receiving the ball on the run, that she could work on. But I am sure she will because she is a very diligent trainer. If I can get her to stop gossiping with Melissa Newton at training, anything could happen!

**Leon Grace-Gilet** — Leon also improved a great deal this year. He controlled his temper much better as the season progressed and was a better player for doing so. Leon scored a nice goal this year over on Federal which showed some people what he could do. Leon needs to keep his hair out of his face and make a really big effort to keep his head up and by doing so have a better awareness of where the opposition and his teammates are. He seemed to enjoy himself with his friends, which is what it is all about.

**Tamara Yuen** — Tamara was the strong, reliable player she has developed into again this year. She works hard all day. Tamara played some different positions this year, and even had a go at full back where she performed quite well. When in the forwards, she needs to take more time and care with her goal shooting. There are a few rules I have learnt from Les Wark that will be engraved in my brain for the rest of my days that apply to goal shooting: footwork — get your footwork right early, shoot off the correct foot and when balanced; preparation — you should be preparing to make your shot a metre or two outside the circle so that you can shoot as soon as you cross that line; and shoot between the posts — no matter how great a shot looks, if the ball goes wide and misses the goal it is a bit of a waste. If the ball is between the posts, the goalie has to make a save, and anything can happen from there. A goal is a goal whether it dribbles over the line or rockets into the back of the net. Anyway, Tamara, I hope to see you next year at Seniors.

**Sophie Watchins-Smith** — Sophie is a lovely girl who only joined the club this year. She enjoys the interaction with everyone at training and at the games. Sophie is really starting to get the hang of it and should improve further next year. One small thing that could help Sophie a lot would be to bend at the knees more and perform all her skills: trapping, dribbling, and tackling further away from her body so she has better vision and a better opportunity to see the ball;.

**Danny Sullivan** — A little fighter. Danny will take on players much bigger than him in size. He is quite fast, skillful and determined at times. It would be good if he could come to training a bit more often so his teammates and myself could get to know him a little better.

**Teddy Sullivan** — Teddy (Danny's twin — I apologise for getting you both mixed up at times during the year!) is also very skillful. He likes to play as a striker, but when prepared to play other positions such as half or inner does so very well. Like Danny, Teddy would benefit from attending training more regularly. I hope to see you both again next year.

Well that concludes my little summary of our performance this year. As I mentioned several times, I hope to see everyone back next season. Once you have played hockey for Glebe, why would you play for anyone else?! I hope everyone has a safe and happy Christmas.

*Helen Howe*

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## **Under 15 Redbacks**

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It gives me pleasure to report on the successful season for the under 15 Redbacks in 1999.

The Team scored 61 goals for, and had 15 scored against it in the competition proper, consisting of 6 teams in this Division.

**Won the Major Semi Final v Sutherland 2 - 1**

**Lost the Grand Final v Sutherland 2 - 0**

The Redbacks comprised 7 players in their second year and 5 in their first. They blended well as a team, and throughout the season they continued to improve. When you analyse the competition, there was very little between three teams: Sutherland, Glebe and Moorebank, as the semi finals reflected. The main theme was to improve within the team and not to worry too much about the other teams.

Teamwork was our strength, and learning to look for each other and knowing where to be for the next pass contributed to us becoming well versed in this area of the game.

As I stated earlier, it was a successful season in that after losing to both Sutho (3-0) and Liverpool (4-2), the team concentrated on bridging the gap to the extent of defeating Liverpool at Jubilee Oval (5-1) and drawing (1-1) with Sutherland before defeating Sutherland in the major semi final.

In some ways, not being seen as the top side gave us an incentive to improve and I believe we got more out of playing these sides by learning from our weaknesses.

Although we were first into the Grand Final, we could not repeat our semi final victory. Certainly we had our chances to nail a goal or two. The team had always shown great character, and it was never more evident than the grand final. We went one down mid- way through the first half, but in the second half we exerted enormous pressure, eventually forcing a penalty stroke only to see it missed. A lesser team may have dropped their bundle at this point, but the whole team lifted and gave themselves every chance of winning, forcing six short corners; but alas the desperately needed goal would just not come. In the true Glebe spirit they gave everything they had and made us all very proud of their efforts.

Those that followed the team throughout the year would agree the players were a joy to watch, and always played with purpose and determination, looking to play as well as possible. The highlights for me were the win over Liverpool at Jubilee, the draw against Sutho, the Major Semi, where we had some disruption to the team with William Warner out and an injury — a broken thumb to Gabrielle Wark during the game (she courageously played in the grand final while still carrying the injury). The Lithgow Carnival was another highlight where they played well all day. It was pleasing to see their teamwork come to the fore, supporting each other in attack and defence.

Training was attended by players on either Wednesday or Thursday nights and was an important extension to our Saturday games.

Thanks to Arthur Moir for his positive feedback when players filled in for his U/17 side, and for passing on hints at Thursday night training sessions. Also to Ken Wark who would come across to lend advice before his NHL training commitments.

Here are a few thoughts on the players and how I saw them.

**Ben Day** — Played well while he was here, but had to leave for America. On grand final day he sent us a message wishing us all good luck.

**Thomas Walenkamp** — unsung hero. Always dependable and encouraged and directed his defensive players. Always did the job when required, the start of our teamwork

**Nicholas O'Connor** — had a good season at fullback and developed his passing game. Had one of his best games all season in the grand final at right back.

**Matthew Wark** — Again a very solid and consistent year. He started many attacking movements with passes to the inside forwards, and stopped many attacking raids playing at left back. 3 goals.

**Adam Howard** — Outstanding season. A player blessed with natural speed and determination. He has a good tackle and covered brilliantly at Right half. 1 goal.

**Mark Paterson** — Again had a very consistent year. He was dangerous when he attacked from centre half and always lifted when the team required something special. He split many defences with his ability to deliver long, accurate passes to his strikers. 7 goals.

**Daniel Carey** — Played with trademark grit and determination. His ability and speed at left half never gave the opposition wingers many opportunities at all.

**Gabrielle Wark** — A determined, courageous and skilful player with untapped potential. She scored 5 goals at left inner or left wing.

**Hugo Adrian** — Performed well and improved as the season progressed. Possesses some very tricky stickwork.

**Liam Casey** — Played in the forwards at left inner and showed skill, determination and a good passing game; worked well with other team mates. 4 goals.

**Greg Evans** — Top goal scorer. Shows good technique and ball control and shows plenty of potential. 20 goals.

**William Warner** — one of our most experienced players and at right inner was our most determined forward. He has a good all-round game. 7 goals.

**Amy Wark** — Great trapper of the ball out wide, and made many dangerous runs down the right flank. There was a noticeable improvement during the year on a number of skills, especially her leading and her ability to steal the ball from our opponents. A good season. 3 goals.

Thanks also to **Tim Rose** who played in our semi final win and had a fine game. He acquitted himself well in one of the team's best displays all season.

**Michael Wark and Andrew Cheong** who made themselves available in the semi final and grand final. Michael also helped us out in a few other games during the year.

In closing, Michael and I would like to thank all our supporters who came to the games, training and carnivals and helped make it an exciting year. My gratitude also to those who helped umpire our games, especially to Carol Wark and Steve Casey. It certainly makes for a more enjoyable experience with competent umpires, and allows the coach to do his job. Once again, thanks.

To Michael Carey who did a splendid job as the Team Manager, getting to all the games on time if a little knocked around once or twice. As well as Manager, Michael did yet another year of helping to organise the annual raffle and I thank him for his continuing involvement.

Congratulations to the U/17'S, U/13'S and U/11'S for winning their respective Grand Finals. Also to the U/17 twos and Bevan and Amrat on making their Grand Final.

Thank you one and all

*Geoff Paterson*  
Coach

When you are asked to coach or manage a Glebe Juniors team at the beginning of the season, it's a bit like being given a Christmas present. You don't know what's in it, but you know it's probably going to be good. Cheryl Oman and I were given a 17-piece jigsaw puzzle. We knew if we could put all of the pieces into the correct positions we'd have an excellent team. Every piece needed to complement every other. Some seemed to fit, but later had to be moved, others were new and needed some moulding, some had rough edges and needed to be jammed into place, some would only fit in one position and some could go anywhere. By season's end we had what we wanted — a team. A team who had improved through determination and hard work. A team who enjoyed their hockey and each other's company. A team who were supportive of each other. A team that never gave up. A team who knew how to win. A team who knew how to lose.

The Strikers played in the 'B' Division and the competition was very even. There were no 'easy' games and there were no thrashings, and this made for an exciting season. When you won, you could feel satisfied with your efforts and when you lost, you knew you could beat them next time. The closeness of the competition brought out the best in our team and each player improved with each game. All players, from goalie to centre forward, were involved in the action each week. They learnt that they had to play strong, clever, seventy-minute hockey in order to win.

We finished the season proper in third position and knew we had to win three 'Grand Finals' if we were going to be premiers.

We met Randwick in the minor semi. This was a team we really wanted to beat, not because they'd won our prior encounters, but because of the way they'd won. Their team contained a few who could be charitably referred to as obnoxious loudmouths who liked to hack their way to victory. The game turned out to be a thriller. They began strongly, putting us under great pressure, finally scoring a goal to lead 1-0. As the game wore on, however, our confidence grew and we were possessing and distributing the ball skilfully. At the end of the first half we were well on top and they were feeling the pressure. The half-time message was, "If we score first, they'll crack".

The team was pumped, and not long after half time Jack slotted home a goal after a sweeping team movement. Not much later, Jack scored again after sustained pressure and a smart free hit, quickly taken by Kathleen. We were leading 2-1. Randwick, to their credit, fought back, forcing corner after corner, finally scrambling home a goal. Full time and the score was 2-2.

In extra time, Glebe showed the character we're renowned for. We repulsed all attacks, Melissa having a blinder in goals. It was down to sudden death. We were ahead on the ladder and just had to draw to go through. We played sensible hockey, controlling the ball and forcing it into their corners. Strangely though, Randwick refused to attack. They even appeared to be stalling for time.

At full time the score was still 2-2. We were through to the final. We were celebrating, but so were Randwick. They even began laughing and jeering at us claiming *they* were higher on the ladder. We were even more delighted with our result when Jim Oman told them that Glebe, in fact, would be going through.

Our second 'Grand Final' was against Bankstown, a big, hard-hitting team. This game again went into extra time after a tight, hard-fought battle for seventy minutes. We were playing well, but without the passion of the previous week. Jess Howe was missing with a cracked wrist, and we missed her speed up front. Again, it was down to seven minutes of sudden death. We threw caution to the wind, sending Tim, our centre half, into the forwards. The move nearly paid off and we narrowly missed with two great chances. Finally, the game ended. Bankstown were through to the Grand Final against Liverpool. Even though we were unbeaten, our season had ended.

There are many people to recognise for their contributions to the team:

### **The Players**

**Melissa Newton — Goalkeeper** — Melissa is an excellent keeper. She positions herself well, is courageous in defence and is a great talker. She saved many hot shots during the season and really excelled in the semis. A vital part of our success this year.

**Kate Pearsall — Fullback** — I was surprised when I found out that Kate can play 15's again next year, such was the maturity of her performances. She is cool under pressure, tackles courageously and distributes the ball intelligently. I'll never forget her bravery in the final when she played on after being smashed when making a tackle. One to watch!

**Andrew Hammett — Fullback** — Andrew possesses excellent skills and a strong hit. His clearing hits relieved pressure on the defence and he was also able to possess the ball with good stickwork before passing to the forwards. Has the potential to improve further.

**Amy Kludas — Half/Inner** — Amy is a 100% no-holds-barred player. Afraid of no-one, she puts team before self and never gives up. Her strong defence complements her improving stickwork and she has learnt to control the ball much better before passing it. A team leader, her positive talk was a real asset to the team.



**Tim Rose — Centre Half** — Tim shows huge potential considering he has only had two seasons of hockey. He has excellent skills, good speed and the heart of a Melbourne Cup winner. Tim was our everywhere man, saving us at the back and setting up opportunities up front. He listens well and can only get better with experience. Fantastic season Tim!

**Louise Tapsell — Half/Back** — Louise is a much better player than she gives herself credit for. She has a strong tackle, good skills, and is prepared to put her body on the line for the team. She needs to control the ball better before passing. A little work and confidence and she'll be a very good player.

**Jack O'Leary — Forward** — Probably our most dangerous attacking player, covering all forward positions and scoring from most of them. Has excellent stickwork and knows where the goals are. When he switches on and concentrates, he has the ability to be a very exciting player.

**Joe Barton — Inside Forward/Wing** — This is the second time I have been Joe's coach and I am more than pleased with his hockey development. Joe uses good close-in skills to beat the opposition, and then intelligently pass the ball to his supports. He knows how to put the ball into the gaps and has lifted his workrate in defence. A big improver!

**Adam McTaggart — Centre Forward** — Adam only knows one speed — flat out. He's got that bit of mongrel needed by a good centre forward and knows where the goals are, having played there with distinction himself. Learned that the ref is always right and became much more positive with his talk. A bit more skills practice and he'll be deadly!

**Kathleen Oman — Inside Forward/Half** — Kathleen played good, consistent hockey throughout the season, but when she had a fight with her mother before the game, she was dynamite! As the season wore on, she combined cool-headed attack with aggressive marking to become a key team member. Set up a smart goal in the semi. Keep stirring her up, Cheryl!

**Jessica Howe — Wing/Inner/Half** — Jess is a versatile player whose explosive acceleration sparked many raids on the opposition. She has good skills and knows when to pass and when to run. Needs to be a little stronger on the ball and show some of that aggression she displays at home! Potentially a very good player!

**Nicki Trafonis — Inside Forward/Half** — Nicki showed amazing spirit and determination to play at all this season. After missing many games with a leg injury, Nicki was then poleaxed by a flying ball in a warm-up before a game. Nicki needed surgery to repair her wound and courage to face her fear when she returned to the field. This she did, playing an important role in the final series. Great effort Nicki!

**Laura James — Wing** — An under 13, recruited from the wilds of Bundeena, Laura played her first season of hockey this year. A talented athlete, Laura could become a good player with a little more training and experience. She quickly picked up the fundamentals of the game and grew in confidence as the season progressed.

**Tim Wiles — Wing/Inner** — Tim was another new recruit who improved dramatically during the season. He progressed from "I don't know how to play that position" to "I can do that" and the smile on his face grew bigger each week. Played well in our semis campaign and will only improve with more experience.

**Nick Pavlides — Wing** — Nick picked up a hockey stick for the first time this year, and in the first game swung it every time the ball came near him. Gradually, his skills improved and he even ended up playing in goals in one game. Ultimately though, Nick always tried his best and enjoyed his hockey — that's what it's all about

**Kate Harrison — Wing** — As coach, I had to speak several times to Kate about her attitude to the opposition — she was too friendly. She learned to control this 'fault' in her game and put in determined efforts against strong opposition — especially in the semis. A real team player who is still developing her skills.

**Niki Watters — Half/Fullback** — Niki played two thirds of the season and showed real potential. Unfortunately, she was prevented by school commitments from completing the season. Hopefully we'll see her in the Glebe colours again next year.

**The Parents** — The Strikers were well supported by a hardy band of parents and grandparents who provided the encouragement, comfort, advice, transport, food and money a team needs every Saturday. We had a great group of players — polite, personable young adults who enjoyed their hockey. When you met their parents, you knew where they had learned these qualities.

**The Manager** — To Cheryl Oman, a huge thank you from both myself and the team. Cheryl's impeccable organisation, calm personality and knowledge of the game ensured that there were few 'dramas' during the season, both on and off the field. A special thanks also to Meryl Tapsell, who was always more than willing to help out.

Well — the 1999 season is over and we can look forward to a new season in 2000. I can't wait to see the list of 'All Sorts' I am given next year.

*Adrian Howe  
Coach*



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## **Under 13 Strikers**

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It was my privilege to coach a team with this much talent this year. As the results show, I really didn't have to do much: Central Area winners; Lithgow Carnival winner; Glebe Carnival winners; Northern Districts Carnival winners. The list goes on and on. During the Central Area Competition, the team scored 112 goals and had seven scored against them. This team was good!

I still hear the moans from the boys when we were doing marker drills: "Not this again!", "This is boring!", but I bet they still hear me say: "Drag and accelerate!", "PASS!!!", "ZACH!", as I screamed out.

This team is a great team, with so many good players it was very hard to pick trophy winners. I wished I had thirteen trophies to award. Someone had to make a decision so I decided that they would go to those who I thought gave the most to the team and their teammates, week in and week out, both on and off the field.

I will give a rundown of the players later, but firstly a few people to thank for the season. To Jim, Ron, Mick, all the ladies behind the bar Wednesdays and Saturdays — a great job. To all the parents of my team members, thank you for your support. What a wonderful group of people. To all the umpires who helped out during the season, to Maureen and Chris, thanks for your special efforts. To Lee and Geoff for assisting with the team when I was not there on Saturdays or Wednesday nights. To Harry for getting the players warmed up on Wednesdays. Thank you. Last, but not least, I had a great manager-cum-coach in Geoff Bortfield. He was fantastic. Geoff always had everything under control, and nothing was a problem. The team wouldn't have gone so well without him. Thanks a lot.

Now to the players. I have put a little quote for each to remind them of this great year we had from my encouraging comments.

**Gary Backhus** (Striker) — "Work, Gary, work." The pocket rocket. Great skill and pace, always giving the opposition nightmares with his running and his goal scoring ability.

**Scott Bortfield** (Defender) — "Scott, the FIRST RULE!" An unsung hero of the team who stopped the opposition in their tracks with his pace and ability.

**Andrew Cheong** (Anywhere) — "Andrew, did you bring it?" Always gave his all in whatever position he played in, and he played a few.

**Thomas Dodd** (Defender) — "That red marker is a good tackler!" Fast, with a great tackle. Always willing to become involved in the game from his position.

**Zach Farlow** (Defender) — "Every third word I say is ZACH!", "Accelerate!" The larrikin of the team with his spiked hair in ribbons. A good player who was always there in defence.

**Andrew Fox** (Defender) — "Strong, Andrew, strong!" Mr Reliable, the rock of the defence. You had to be a good player to get past Andrew, and you would only do that once, because he always had you the second time.

**Andrew Glynne** (Striker) — "What have you got to concentrate on?" Jack-in-the-box, full of energy, life and humour. When he was on top, no opposition could stop him.

**Dean McWhinney** (Goalkeeper/Striker) — "Dean, please!" The best goalkeeper in the comp. Showed fearlessness when required. Saved the team's bacon on a number of occasions. Great season and scored a goal!

**Alastair Moran** (Striker) — "Pass, pass!" The highest goal scorer in the team with 22 goals, shows that he always puts himself in the right position to score with his pace and stick skills.

**Ian Paterson** (Midfield) — "Wide, Ian, wide!" A very talented player, quick, good stick skills. Always driving the team forward with his determination.

**Tom Schlosser** (Midfielder) — “Were you looking when you passed that?” A team player who always gave his all when he went on. I would always have a player like Tom in any of my teams.

**Michael Wark** (Midfielder) — “Play with ZIP!” A talented hockey player with great stick skill and an awareness of the game.

**Simon Wark** (Midfielder) — “Reverse side!” The workhorse of the side, always toiling away, trying to set up his fellow teammates with a pass, or stopping the opposition attack.

**Geof Bortfield** (Manager) — “You made WHAT substitution?”, “GEOFFFF!”

Again I would like to thank all the people involved with the Strikers this year, but especially I would like to thank the kids for their enthusiasm and effort throughout the season.

*Les “This is boring” Wark  
Coach*

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## **Under 13 Redbacks**

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Once again the hockey season has come to an end, the last of the Millennium. For the club as a whole, the 1999 season was not one of our most memorable, but the Junior club should be commended for performing a lot better, and making sure Glebe didn't go without a Premiership.

Congratulations to all teams, coaches/managers and parents that took part in this year's competitions and to all those teams that won their Grand Finals. Unfortunately the Under 13 Hornets didn't reach the Final Stages but this wasn't from a lack of trying. All year, even when we were getting beaten, the boys and girls never gave up and were always attempting to put more goals on the scoreboard.

In our first game of the year, we faced St George and held them to 0-0 until the final stages, when the pressure became a little too much and they scored two lucky goals. The season was looking promising, but we hadn't played the likes of Sutherland or Glebe Redbacks, and these games were going to be a real test. After playing the more fancied teams and getting beaten quite convincingly, we were placed into the 2nd division and had some very close and exciting games. We started to build in confidence, weren't fighting over the ball or getting bunched up, and were passing the ball around more. We just had trouble scoring. It wasn't that our forwards couldn't score — the pressure once they got into the circle was too great, and we weren't good in front of goals when under pressure. The halves and backs were fantastic all season, but after relentless pressure the opposition was always going to score a goal or two. If it wasn't for our excellent fullbacks and goalkeeping, the scores would've been a lot higher.

Finally, I would like to thank Sue Baker and Miranda Montrone for doing such a wonderful job managing the team. They were there every week, helping out and organising the team; and I could not have done it without them. Also my father Bob Taylor for taking me to most games and for helping out umpiring. It is not an easy job coaching and umpiring at the same time, so any help in this area is a great help. All the Juniors who helped out in umpiring throughout the year thank you also. To all the parents who attend training, games, carnivals and help out around the club — the cheering, help and support is fantastic and the club wouldn't function without you.

Lastly to all the players in the U13 Hornets: congratulations on the season and I look forward to seeing you next year. The Under13 Hornets were: Samantha Wortley Lawson, Sarah Jane Baker, Suzanna Montrone, Isabel Higgins, Tim Fromer, Kylie Henderson, Rosie Cavanagh, Jesse Cox, Julie Newton, Emily Evans, David O'Brien, Denning Isles, Scott Cornish, Scott Howard and Sarah Howard.

Yours in Hockey

*Jason Taylor*

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## **Under 11 Hornets**

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Most of the players in the team were new to the game of hockey and it was clear from the start that the major aims for the season would be enjoyment, fun and skill acquisition.

There were eleven teams in the Central Area Under 11 competition and the Hornets were graded in the top division of five teams, when perhaps the second division would, from a competitiveness point of view, have been more appropriate. Nevertheless, the team made giant strides as the games went by; and towards the end of the season, the team was quite competitive. The best game the team played was the last game against Randwick, which we lost 5–3. In the second half of this game, the team played some sparkling hockey, scored three goals and looked as if they could win the game against a side which a month earlier had beaten us easily.

The team tackled well and had very few soft goals scored against it. At times the players ‘ball watched’, that is they stood still and watched the play go around them, without becoming actively involved. Players’ concentration on occasions lapsed and there was at times little anticipation of what was going to come next. To be good at team sports, the player’s mind has at all times to be analysing the flow of play and selecting the most appropriate option for the team.

It gave me pleasure to see the players learning the essentials of ‘reading the game’ and ‘taking the appropriate option’. Sensing danger in defence and spotting opportunities in attack comes with experience. The Hornets were fast learners and the team, though tender in years, played smart hockey most of the time. There was a notable absence of ‘dumb option taking’ and the team almost always did its best and played to the final whistle.

All of the younger players in the team will be forces to be reckoned with in the Under 11’s for the year 2000. Some players at the beginning of the year could not hit the ball, let alone dribble it down the field. At the end of the season, all players were confident hitters of the ball and could dribble it forward with confidence. All those Wednesday night training session dribbling the ball up and down the field at Jubilee paid handsome dividends. The passing practice improved the pushing and hitting skills and our ‘circle craft’, and goal shooting abilities were refined by the sessions at training spent hitting at goal.

The team attended two carnivals during the year. The Glebe Carnival at Jubilee Oval in mid-May was a great success and the team played five games against Glebe Strikers, Combined Independent Schools, St George, The Entrance and Baulkham Hills. In mid-August, the Hornets combined with the Redbacks to send an Under 11 team and an Under 9 team to the Lithgow Carnival at Glamire Road, Lithgow. On the day the sun shone brightly and there was plenty of hockey for everyone. The teams we played against were Kelso (Bathurst), South Bathurst, Zig (Lithgow), Orange, Glebe Strikers, Parkes and St Pats (Bathurst).

On behalf of the team I would like to thank and congratulate the Junior Committee on a job well done. Without effective administration the competition can quickly disintegrate into a shemozzle, and the Junior Committee ran the club’s Junior teams like clockwork.

The goalkeeping duties were shared between the team players and this worked well. No one player was ‘lumbered’ with the task of being goalkeeper for a whole season.

I would like to thank the parents, grandparents and supporters for the interest and encouragement throughout the season. The team was lucky to have such a committed and supportive group of people. Pauline and Rex Holyoake organised the team with great skill and are to be congratulated on their efforts throughout the season.

Player profiles:

**Nicola Asquith** (Utility Player) — One of the team’s experienced players and one of the stars of the side. She is fast, athletic, hits the ball well and is equally competent in the backs or the forwards. Her long, penetrating runs with the ball were a joy to behold. At times Nicola can ‘coast’ and needs to be fully committed for the entire match. Will do very well next year in the 13’s.

**Elle Cook** (Right Wing) — Her first year at hockey and she made good progress as the season went by. She kept her position well and often made good, fast runs down the sideline. A quiet girl, Elle enjoyed the company of the team and always tried to the best of her ability.

**Jason Goodman** (Forward or Half) — His first year of hockey and his rate of improvement was remarkable. He tackled well and broke down many a promising opposition raid. He was one of the better trainers in the team and worked hard to improve his game.

**Mark Harper** (Half or Forward) — One of the younger brigade in the team, but this did not stop him making a very positive contribution to the team effort. He needs to inject himself more into the action next year as he has the ability to make a bigger impact on the game. Towards the end of the season his ball dribbling skills were developing well.

**Oliver Holyoake** (Forward or Half) — Another of the younger brigade, Oliver had some good games. At times his tackling and commitment on defence were excellent. Needs to concentrate in involving himself in the game at all times and not be distracted by peripheral and side activities. He will go well next year.

**Christopher Loukakis** (Defender) — For a player new to the game Christopher had a most rewarding season. He tackled well and his hit improved as the season went by. If Christopher lifts his work rate, he will be a force to be reckoned with next year in the Under 11's. He made some great saves when he played goalkeeper.

**Joshua La Spina** (Forward) — Joshua, one of Vernon Howe's Minkey graduates, is silver quick and when he pouts his mind to it can dismantle an opposition's defence. He made many long, penetrating runs during the season and had many shots at goal. With a little more accuracy in his shooting for goal, Joshua would have scored half-a-dozen more goals.

**Erifili Trafonis** (Full Back) — Erifili was new to the game this year and showed improvement after every game. Her mobility improved as the season went on and for a big girl she had a good turn of speed when she set her mind to it. She made a good contribution to the team's performance this year and progresses to the Under 13's for the year 2000.

**Eva Trafonis** (Full Back) — Eva enjoyed her hockey and had a rewarding season. She was keen and interested and always tried her best. She tackled well and covered a lot of territory when the need arose. It was good to see her stick and ball skills improve at a rapid rate. Eva missed several games as a result of a knee problem, but at the end of the season was running freely.

**Elizabeth Wark** (Half Back) — Elizabeth, one of Vernon Howe's 1998 Minkey graduates, was a tenacious defender at times, dispossessing opposition forwards a lot bigger than herself. Her hit improved markedly as the weeks rolled by and she made several good, penetrating runs with the ball on her stick. Promises a lot for next season.

**Harry Wark** (Coach) — the team contained an interesting mix of personalities and I took great satisfaction from being able to help the players develop physical fitness, social, interpersonal and hockey skills. The players' parents were eager to help and throughout the season all I had to do was concentrate on my coaching duties.

**Pauline and Rex Holyoake** (Managers) — Pauline and Rex managed everything and everyone with military precision. They did an outstanding job with the main administrative duties required to ensure a hassle-free season for the team. I would not like to see their phone bill after the season!

**Tom Holyoake** (Umpire) — As well as playing regularly with our Under 17 side, Tom umpired many of our games and did so with wisdom and insight. Thank you, Tom.

**George Manou** (Assistant Coach) — George helped me with the coaching and his valuable insights were appreciated by the team. George spent twelve years as Glebe's First Grade goalkeeper and is one of the best goalkeeping coaches in Australia. He also umpired when required.

*Harry Wark  
Coach*



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## ***Under 11 Redbacks***

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1999 was a difficult year for the U11 Redbacks, with many of our players playing hockey for the first time and finding ourselves short on both size and experience when compared to our rivals.

Consequently, we struggled to win during 1999, particularly in the early part of the season when we were in the 1st division, rather than in our rightful place in the 2nd Division.

Nevertheless, the enthusiasm demonstrated by the entire team, both at training and on game day, was fantastic. Even when we lost, our heads stayed up and we continued to try our best at all times, a fact of which I am very proud.

And the joy of our one victory of the year, against Bankstown, (albeit with a borrowed player from another Glebe team who scored our 3 goals) was all the sweeter for its rarity.

But the most exciting moment of the year was probably in our second last game against St George where, with our regular team, we scored our first real goal of the year. Ryan McConnell, our irrepressible Centre Forward, must have been prescient before the game when he told me he would do a dance when he scored a goal (even though we hadn't really scored one all year).

So imagine both of our surprise when a stray shot from the top of the circle on a bit of an angle actually went into the goal!! I was so excited I almost forgot to blow the whistle, but when I did it was great to see Ryan get to do his little dance! And you should have seen the parents jumping up and down on the sideline! The fact that we lost 3-1 was irrelevant to the fact that we had scored.

All in all, a character-building year in which we all learnt much. All the kids improved their hockey skills immeasurably. And now that they have learnt to lose in a sporting fashion, and have tasted the sweetness of winning, albeit briefly, I believe they will all be better hockey players, and an ornament to the Glebe District Hockey Club as they progress through the ranks.

It is also worth mentioning the dedication of their parents, who were prepared not only to take them to training, but also to turn up every week to cheer their kids on, and to provide positive reinforcement, especially when we lost. Their patience and understanding as their kids learnt the skills of hockey was fantastic.

Last, but not least, I would like to send a big thank you to John and Genna for their great work as Team Managers — always ensuring we were well informed about what was happening, and a great support to me.

As always, it is difficult to decide the awards for the year. Most difficult of all is the award for Most Improved, as all the Redbacks improved dramatically over the season.

The awards for 1999 are as follows:

Best Team Player — this award was extremely difficult to decide as all the players were great team players, but I have decided to award it to Hannah Jones. Hannah was an inspiration to her teammates - she never stopped running until she was totally exhausted, and was always ready to give her best for the team without complaint or comment. She will make a great inside forward.

Best Back — I decided to give this award to Dominic Kavanagh. Dominic started the year at fullback, but soon gravitated to Centre Half where he controlled much of the team's play. Like Hannah, Dominic never stopped running or trying, often making long forays into the forwards before passing to one of his teammates.

Best Forward — another difficult decision, but it is hard to go past Ryan McConnell, our only goal scorer. Ryan's unique sense of humour kept us all amused while he continually made long runs into the opposition's half. He has improved greatly in his second year of hockey and I am sure will go on to bigger and better things.

The award for most improved is always the most difficult. In a close finish, I have awarded it to Patrick Cornwall who, in his second year of hockey, played with increasing determination and skill, not to mention courage (given that most of the opposition players were twice his size!).



My nomination for the Brother Maurice McCarten Keegan Trophy, awarded to the junior player who 'constantly plays an unselfish team game, supports their mates, never gives up and is able to accept victory and defeat equally' is Claire Robinson. Claire played most of the year at right half and was absolutely unflappable. She was always there when needed, especially to make a crucial tackle, and always positive and cheerful no matter the situation.

Finally, my nomination for the Bobby Fox trophy, a perpetual trophy awarded to the under eleven player with outstanding potential and the best general demeanour on and off the field. This year, I have nominated Alex Fleming. Alex was a revelation at left half, particularly later in the season when he showed great skill combined with an appropriate level of aggression. Alex was always ready, willing and able to do his best, both on and off the field.

And thanks to the rest of the team - to our other forwards in Ashleigh Wedd, Charlie Mann, Grace Blackett and Nelson Groom, who all gave their best and supported Ryan, Hannah and Patrick at the front. And to our other backs, Luke Bacon, Jaime Pillora, Kemble Walker and Madeline Dell, who all performed well all year.

Thanks to all for your efforts and enthusiasm this year!

*Kieren Dell  
Coaches*

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## **Under 11 Strikers**

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Congratulations to the "STRIKERS" who won the U/11 "A Division" competition with a thrilling 1-0 result over Sutherland 1 in the Grand Final at Moorebank.

Sutherland 1 had been undefeated all year, and the Grand Final triumph rewarded our team for the discipline, determination and improvement they displayed throughout the season.

It was an honour to coach so many talented players, and I wish them every success in their sporting futures.

The Strikers scored an impressive 109 Goals throughout the Competition Rounds and Final Series, with only 14 goals against.

**LIAM O'DONNELL (Goalkeeper)** A player with potential, not only as a keeper, but in general play. Liam's improvement was most notable in his discipline on the field. An inspiration for the team, we could not have won the Premiership without him. (Scored 1 Goal)

**JASON McKAY (Right Fullback)** A flamboyant fullback with a solid hit. Jason's improvement during the second half of the year saw him rewarded with a permanent position in the starting line-up. A near flawless display from him in the Grand Final, contributed to the best defensive display I have ever seen from an U11 team.

**SACHA SOLAR-MARCH (Left Fullback)** A reliable fullback, Sacha was a pleasure to coach. He possesses an ability to read the game beyond his years, and his all-round knowledge was helpful to several of his team mates.

**THOMAS HURRELL (Right Half)** Tenacious and determined, Tom's positional play improved dramatically during the year. Improvement in his hitting strength will see Tom make an even more important contribution next year.

**ALISTER CULLEN (Centre-Half)** Possessing an intimidating hit and good stick skills, Alister was an integral member of the team. A good listener, he reads the game extremely well and was a pleasure to coach. (Scored 12 Goals)

**HANNAH OMAN (Left Half)** Although not possessing a strong hit, Hannah's excellent positional play ensured a difficult game for her opposition. Also a good listener, Hannah has and will continue to improve her game.

**DAVID CRAGG (Utility Player)** David's marking ability reminds me of a dog who bites your leg and doesn't let go. David has a definite ability in the art of upsetting the opposition. An improved attitude was a pleasing part of his game. David needs to practice his hitting in the off-season. (Scored 2 Goals)

**RORY MORAN (Right Wing)** A dynamic and effective player, Rory was always the danger player for the opposition. He possesses a reliable hit and runs well with the ball. Rory has tremendous potential; however he will need to improve his work rate and carry a more positive attitude into next season. (Scored 9 Goals)

**NATHAN DART (Inside Right)** An exceptional, high-scoring, attacking forward with good evasive skills, Nathan has the ability to single-handedly change a game. As long as he continues to stay focused, Nathan has a successful path ahead of him. (Scored 38 Goals)

**DARREN FLETCHER (Centre Forward)** The most improved player in the team. A solid hit and exceptional speed were complimented with an improved ability to read the game. This guy gives 110% and combined with his all-round skills, Darren is capable of going all the way. (Scored 31 Goals)

**CATHERINE WARK (Utility Player)** Although I think Cath will ultimately be a successful right wing, her ability to play several positions effectively contributed to the Team's success this year. Cath reads the game well and will be an important part of next year's title defence. (Scored 8 Goals)

**ALISON CHEONG (Inside Left)** After a sluggish start to the season, Alison realised the potential I knew she was capable of displaying. Her tenacity contributed to many poor performances from the opposition's inside rights. (Scored 3 Goals)

**NEILLE FARLOW (Inside Left)** Neille possesses an abundance of natural talent and will improve as she utilises more of it. In tandem with Alison, Neille played an important role in stifling the opposition's right side attack. (Go "Girl-Power" — Scored 1 Goal)

**SAMUEL BAGLEY (Left Wing)** The master of the first timer, Sam will be remembered for his improved crisp hitting (often before trapping the ball). He made a successful transition from fullback to left wing, scoring some very good goals on the posts. Easily distracted at times, Sam needs to concentrate for the full game. (Scored 4 Goals)

My special thanks to Andrew Dart for managing and co-ordinating the team. Between the two of us, we must surely win the Glebe Junior Hockey Club "Big Mouth Award" for Season 1999.

Many thanks to the parents for their ongoing support all year. Their advice was always appreciated and most happily received.

The 1999 Glebe U/11 Strikers were a credit to themselves and their families. They have won a Premiership and have done "The Club" and its supporters proud.

Thanks for the Year,

*DUNNY (Relieved Coach)*

# Final Point Score 1998 Season

	<i>Rounds Played</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>Bye</i>	<i>Draw</i>	<i>Loss</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Ag</i>	<i>Goal diff</i>	<i>Pts</i>	
<b>Under 11 A Division</b>										
Sutherland 1	15	13	12	2	1	0	100	5	95	25
Glebe Strikers	15	13	10	2	1	2	103	8	95	21
Randwick	15	13	7	2	0	6	36	56	−20	14
Moorebank B	15	13	2	2	2	9	10	72	−62	6
Glebe Hornets	15	13	1	2	2	10	11	71	−60	4
<b>Under 11 B Division</b>										
Sutherland 2	15	14	14	1	0	0	94	3	81	28
St George 2	15	14	8	1	3	3	38	27	11	19
Bankstown	15	14	6	1	2	6	30	35	−5	14
St George 1	15	14	4	1	3	7	23	44	−21	11
Moorebank A	15	14	2	1	2	10	7	40	−33	6
Glebe Redbacks	15	10	1	0	0	9	4	45	−41	2
<b>Under 13 A Division</b>										
Glebe Strikers	15	14	13	1	1	0	99	4	95	27
Sutherland 1	15	13	9	1	1	2	72	4	68	19
Moorebank	15	14	8	1	0	6	48	37	11	16
Sutherland 3	15	13	2	1	0	10	15	81	−66	6
<b>Under 13 B Division</b>										
Bankstown 1	15	12	8	2	2	4	30	27	3	16
St George	15	12	6	2	1	5	22	27	−5	13
Sutherland 2	15	12	3	2	2	7	19	36	−17	8
Randwick	15	12	3	2	1	8	16	41	−25	7
Glebe Redbacks	15	11	0	2	0	11	4	68	−64	0
<b>Under 15 A Division</b>										
Sutherland 1	15	15	12	0	2	1	95	8	87	26
Glebe Redbacks	15	15	11	0	1	3	54	13	41	23
Moorebank 1	15	15	10	0	0	5	83	23	60	20
St George	15	15	4	0	1	10	29	76	−47	9
Sutherland 3	15	15	3	0	1	11	18	75	−57	7
Sutherland 2	15	15	2	0	1	12	11	99	−88	5
<b>Under 15 B Division</b>										
Moorebank 2	15	15	10	0	2	2	40	9	31	24
Bankstown	15	15	9	0	2	4	31	15	16	20
Glebe Strikers	15	15	9	0	1	5	25	16	6	19
Randwick	15	15	7	0	4	4	44	33	11	18
Sutherland 4	15	15	2	0	2	11	12	53	−41	6
Glebe Hornets	15	15	1	0	1	12	9	36	−27	3

## Club Championship Points 1999

Sutherland	390
Glebe	311
Moorebank	204
St Geoarge	139
Bankstown	122
Randwick	118

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## **Final Series Results**

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### **Major Semi Finals**

Under 15 A Division	Sutherland 1	1	Glebe Redbacks 1	2
Under 15 B Division	Moorebank 2	3	Bankstown	2
Under 13 A Division	Glebe Strikers	1	Sutherland 1	3
Under 13 B Division	Bankstown	1	St George	0
Under 11 A Division	Sutherland 1	2	Glebe Strikers	1
Under 11 B Division	Sutherland 2	8	St George 2	0

### **Minor Semi Finals**

Under 15 A Division	Moorebank 1	5	St George	1
Under 15 B Division	Glebe Strikers	2	Randwick	2
Under 13 A Division	Moorebank	4	Sutherland	3
Under 13 B Division	Sutherland 2	0	Randwick	0
Under 11 A Division	Randwick	8	Moorebank B	0
Under 11 B Division	Bankstown	1	St George	0

### **Finals**

Under 15 A Division	Sutherland	2	Glebe Redbacks	0
Under 15 B Division	Bankstown	0	Glebe Strikers	0
Under 13 A Division	Glebe Strikers	9	Moorebank	0
Under 13 B Division	St George	1	Sutherland 2	0
Under 11 A Division	Glebe Strikers	4	Randwick	3
Under 11 B Division	St George 2	1	Bankstown	3

### **Grand Finals**

Under 15 A Division	Sutherland	2	Glebe Redbacks	0
Under 13 A Division	Glebe Strikers	1	Sutherland	0
Under 11 A Division	Glebe Strikers	1	Suthjerand	0

### **Sydney Seniors Grand Finals**

Under 17 A Division	Glebe 1	2	Northern Districts	1
Under 17 B Division	Baulkham Hills	1	Glebe 2	0

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## Major Junior Awards 1999

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

### All Juniors

#### **The Brother Maurice McCarten Keegan Trophy**

For the junior player who *“constantly plays an unselfish team game, supports their mates, never gives up and is able to accept victory and defeat equally”*.

The Nominees: Alex Adrian, Nicola Asquith, Scott Bortfield, Jesse Cox, Andrew Fox, Amy Kludas, Liam O'Donnell, Ian Paterson, Karl Pillora, Claire Robinson, Tom Schlosser, Ross Tapsell, Tauren Tarrant, Tom Walenkamp, Pat Wark

**The Recipients: Karl Pillora and Ross Tapsell (Tie)**

### Under 11's

#### **Bobby “Rocker” Fox Memorial Trophy**

The under eleven player who has *“demonstrated outstanding potential and with the best demeanour on and off the field”*.

The Nominees: Alister Cullen, Nathan Dart, Alexander Fleming, Dominic Kavanagh, Joshua La Spina, Teren Manou, Sascha Solar-March,

**The Recipients: Alister Cullen & Nathan Dart (Tie)**

### Under 13's

#### **The Ralph Rochester Trophy**

The junior player who is *“the most outstanding junior thirteen years and under with the best general demeanour on and off the field.”*

The Nominees: Gary Backhus, Scott Howard, Ian Paterson, Michael Wark

**The Recipient: Michael Wark**

### Under 15's

#### **The Arthur Stubbs Trophy**

The junior player who *“has demonstrated outstanding potential.”*

The Nominees: Adam Howard, Adam McTaggart, Kate Pearsall, Tim Rose, Matthew Wark, Tamara Yuen

**The Recipient: Adam Howard**

Congratulations to each of these winners and the nominees.



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**Team Awards 1998**

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<i>Team</i>	<i>Best Team Player</i>	<i>Best Forward</i>	<i>Best Back</i>	<i>Most Improved</i>
<b>Under 11 Redbacks</b>	Hannah Jones	Ryan McConnell	Dominic Kavanagh	Patrick Cornwall
<b>Under 11 Strikers</b>	Sascha Solar-March	Darren Fletcher	Jason McKay	Catherine Wark
<b>Under 11 Hornets</b>	Nicola Asquith	Joshua La Spina	Teren Manou	Daniel Mier
<b>Under 13 Redbacks</b>	Scott Howard	Tim Frommer	Isobel Higgins	Kylie Henderson
<b>Under 13 Strikers</b>	Andrew Cheong	Simon Wark	Andrew Fox	Zach Farlow
<b>Under 15 Redbacks</b>	Mark Paterson	William Warner	Daniel Carey	Amy Wark
<b>Under 15 Hornets</b>	Ellie Wright	Tamara Yuen	Kate Moran	Tom Pacey
<b>Under 15 Strikers</b>	Tim Rose	Adam McTaggart	Kate Pearsall	Joe Barton
<b>Under 17 Ones</b>		<i>Player's Player</i>	Darren Booth	
<b>Under 17 Twos</b>		<i>Player's Player</i>	Craig Holman	

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**Glebe Representative Players – 1999**

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**Central/South Representatives**

**Under 17's**

Daniel Carey, Liam Casey, Ben Everist, Tim Harvey, Adam Howard, Tauren Tarrant

**Under 15's**

Scott Bortfield, Andrew Cheong, Dean McWhinney, Nick O'Connor, Mark Paterson, Matthew Wark, Michael Wark

**Under 13's**

Gary Backhus, Alister Cullen, Neille Farlow, Zach Farlow, Darren Fletcher, Andrew Fox, Angus Glynne, Alister Moran, Ian Paterson, Simon Wark

**Under 11's**

Nathan Dart, Dominic Kavanagh, Teren Manou, Rory Moran Catherine Wark

**Eastern District Ladies Under 12's**

Hannah Oman, Catherine Wark

**Eastern District Ladies Under 14's**

Louise Tapsell, Samantha Wortley-Lawson , JESSIE HOWE

**Eastern District Ladies Under 16's**

Amy Wark, Gabrielle Wark , AMY KLUDAS

**Sydney**

<b>Under 17-1</b>	Peter Wark
<b>Under 17-2</b>	Tristan Hardman, Tim Harvey
<b>Under 17-3</b>	Alex Adrian, Ben Everist, Rowan Kelly
<b>Under 15-1</b>	Matthew Wark
<b>Under 15-2</b>	Liam Casey, Mark Paterson
<b>Under 15-3</b>	Daniel Carey
<b>Under 13-1</b>	Gary Backhus, Andrew Fox, Ian Paterson
<b>Under 13-2</b>	Scott Bortfield, Andrew Cheong, Zach Farlow, Dean McWhinney, Alistair Moran, Simon Wark
<b>Under 13-3</b>	Angus Glynne
<b>Under 11-1</b>	Alister Cullen, Nathan Dart
<b>Under 11-2</b>	Sam Bagley, Alison Cheong, Darren Fletcher

**State Representation – 1998**

<b>NSW Under 13's</b>	<b>NSW Under 14's</b>	<b>NSW Under 16's</b>	<b>NSW Under 17s</b>	<b>NSW Under 18s</b>
Gary Backhus Ian Paterson Michael Wark	Matthew Wark	Brendon Booth	Darren Booth Joel Rivers (Umpire)	Peter Wark Darren Booth

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

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- \* Indicates players who reached 100 games during the 1999 season.
- Indicates players who reached 200 games during the 1999 season.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Season Commenced Team Hockey</i>	<i>Games Played Prior to 1999</i>	<i>Games Played in 1999</i>	<i>Total Games Played</i>
Alex Adrian	1995	64	18	82
Hugo Adrian	1966	53	17	70
Aaron Archer	1999	-	15	15
Nicola Asquith	1995	67	12	79
Gary Backhus	1995	72	13	85
Luke Bacon	1999	-	11	11
Sam Bagley	1997	28	16	44
Sarah-Jane Baker	1995	64	13	77
Joe Barton	1997	27	16	43
Grace Blackett	1999	-	12	12
Brendon Booth	1997	5	14	19
Darren Booth	1997	11	17	28
Scott Bortfield	1995	68	16	84
Arthur Brown	1999	-	12	12
Leigh Brown	1994	76	18	94
Daniel Carey	1993	100	17	117
Liam Casey	1991	151	17	168
Alison Cheong	1997	33	16	49
Andrew Cheong	1993	110	14	124
Scott Cornish	1997	14	11	25
Patrick Cornwall	1997	9	14	23
Ellie Cook	1997	7	9	16
Jesse Cox	1996	26	13	39
David Craig	1997	17	16	33
* Andrew Crawford	1992	99	16	115
Alister Cullen	1996	59	18	77
Nathan Dart	1997	33	19	52
Ben Day	1993	88	10	98
Madeline Dell	1997	27	12	39
Nick Dixon-Wilmshurst	1994	79	15	94
Thomas Dodd	1994	83	13	96
Emily Evans	1997	28	11	39
Greg Evans	1995	60	16	76
Ben Everist	1992	118	18	136
Neille Farlow	1996	34	14	48
Zach Farlow	1995	71	16	87
Tim Ferdinands	1999	-	14	14
Alexander Fleming	1999	-	12	12
Darren Fletcher	1997	13	15	28
* Andrew Fox	1994	94	14	108
Max Francis	1993	86	1	87
Tim Frommer	1995	59	11	70
Finn Ghent	1997	32	15	47
Angus Glynne	1997	40	16	56
Jason Goodman	1999	-	12	12
Jehan Gonsalkorale	1995	56	11	67
Leon Grace-Gilet	1997	33	12	45
Nelson Groom	1999	-	14	14

<i>Name</i>	<i>Season Commenced Team Hockey</i>	<i>Games Played Prior to 1999</i>	<i>Games Played in 1999</i>	<i>Total Games Played</i>
Andrew Hammett	1993	100	12	112
James Hanekroot	1999	-	14	14
* Tristram Hardman	1993	93	15	108
Mark Harper	1999	-	11	11
Kate Harrison	1999	-	12	12
Tim Harvey	1993	112	18	130
Nicole Henderson	1996	44	13	57
Isobel Higgins	1995	62	10	72
Craig Holman	1999	-	17	17
Elisa Holyoake	1997	25	4	29
Oliver Holyoake	1997	24	13	37
Thomas Holyoake	1995	61	14	75
Adam Howard	1997	35	18	53
Sarah Howard	1999	-	13	13
Scott Howard	1999	-	13	13
Jessie Howe	1995	50	13	63
Thomas Hurrell	1997	13	15	28
Denning Isles	1998	12	8	20
Laura James	1999	-	11	11
Hannah Jones	1997	12	11	23
Rania Jones	1994	67	12	79
Dominic Kavanagh	1997	14	15	29
* Steven Kaylinger	1993	87	16	103
Rowan Kelly	1992	107	9	116
Amy Kludas	1996	47	11	58
Trent Knights	1997	13	18	31
Rosanna Krauss	1997	16	10	26
Aaron Lacey	1993	100	15	115
Edan Lacey	1993	100	18	118
Joshua La Spina	1999	-	12	12
Christopher Loukakis	1999	-	13	13
Ryan McConnell	1997	14	15	29
Jason McDonald	1994	76	19	95
Jason McKay	1997	13	15	28
Adam McTaggart	1997	12	16	28
Dean McWhinney	1995	73	16	89
Charlie Mann	1997	7	14	21
Teren Manou	1999	-	13	13
Daniel Mier	1999	-	13	13
Sussanna Montrone	1995	63	12	75
Alister Moran	1996	56	16	72
Kate Moran	1996	49	13	62
Rory Moran	1997	24	16	40
Julie Newton	1995	59	12	71
Melissa Newton	1993	100	15	115
David O'Brian	1997	30	7	37
Nick O'Connor	1992	106	15	121
Liam O'Donnell	1997	28	15	43
Jack O'Leary	1997	17	16	33
Kathleen Oman	1993	106	14	120
Hannah Oman	1996	34	14	48
Tom Pacey	1999	-	12	12
Nick Paladies	1999	-	15	15
Mark Paterson	1991	148	18	166
* Ian Paterson	1994	91	14	105
Kate Pearsall	1996	52	16	68
Jaime Pillora	1999	-	12	12

<i>Name</i>	<i>Season Commenced Team Hockey</i>	<i>Games Played Prior to 1999</i>	<i>Games Played in 1999</i>	<i>Total Games Played</i>
Karl Pillora	1996	47	14	61
Joshua Rivers	1995	69	-	69
Claire Robinson	1999	-	14	14
Tim Rose	1997	17	16	33
Tom Schlosser	1996	48	13	61
Sascha Solar-March	1997	27	16	43
Casey Sullivan Myers	1997	17	13	30
Danny Sullivan	1996	45	13	58
Teddy Sullivan	1996	45	13	58
Ross Tapsell	1990	144	17	161
Louise Tapsell	1995	69	14	83
Erifili Trafonis	1997	13	11	24
Eva Tafonis	1997	11	10	21
Nicki Trafonis	1997	34	4	38
Tauren Tarrant	1996	48	16	64
David Urquhart	1999	-	1	1
Tom Walenkamp	1993	121	17	138
Claude Walker	1997	11	2	13
Kemble Walker	1999	-	11	11
Amy Wark	1993	102	16	118
Catherine Wark	1997	38	15	53
Elizabeth Wark	1999	-	13	13
Gabrielle Wark	1993	121	15	136
Matthew Wark	1992	121	17	138
Michael Wark	1993	114	13	127
• Patrick Wark	1988	195	19	214
* Simon Wark	1994	94	16	110
Peter Wark	1992	116	15	131
Claude Walker	1997	11	2	13
William Warner	1992	116	16	132
Sophie Watchins-Smith	1999	-	14	14
Niki Watters	1999	-	6	6
Ashley Wedd	1999	-	14	14
Daniel White	1999	-	10	10
Tim Wiles	1999	-	15	15
Lachlan Williams	1999	-	13	13
Samantha Wortley-Lawson	1997	31	13	44
Anna Wright	1995	63	13	76
Ellie Wright	1995	62	13	75
Tamara Yuen	1996	49	14	63

*The number of games played for the 1999 season have been noted from the Team records.  
We have tried to be as accurate as possible, but if there are any errors  
please let the Junior Committee know.*





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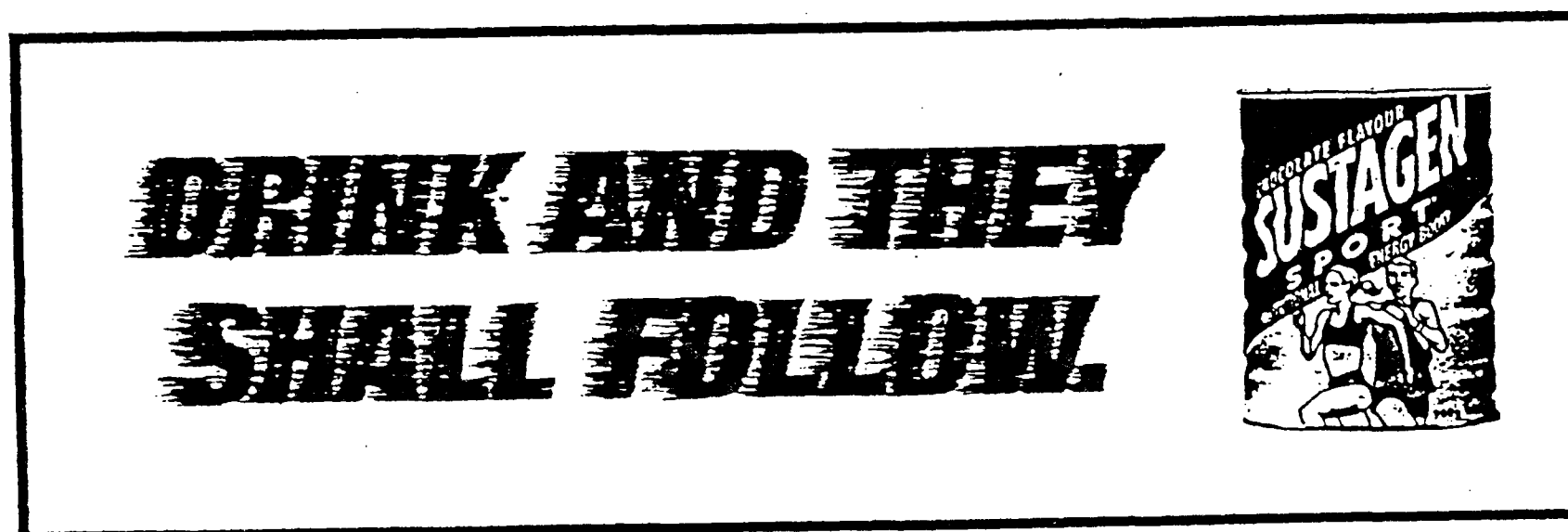
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