

Allan Hall's Biography (1932-)

Subject: Allan Halls and the Glebe District Hockey Club

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Dear Jenny

Thank you for your e-mail. Good to hear Allan is still going strong at 83.

Allan played in the first ever Under 16 team for the Glebe District Hockey Club in 1948. His father, Vince Halls Senior, was the manager of the team. Allan's older brother Vince started with Glebe in 1944. My understanding was that the Halls brothers were brought to the Hockey Club by Mr. Charlie Humphreys who was President of the Club from 1938 to 1945.

Charlie was a Superintendent of Police at Newtown Police Station at the time and he brought quite a few young lads over from the Newtown area. Our records show that from 1948-1950 the Halls' lived at 7 Richard St Newtown

In 1948 Allan was selected and played in the Metropolitan (Sydney) Under 16 team at the NSW State Under 16 Championships. In 1949 Allan won the W A Oldfield Cup for the Most Improved and Best Behaved Junior. Vince won the W J Taylor Cup in 1951 for being the Most Improved Player that year. In 1951 Allan played in the Metropolitan (Sydney) Under 21 team at the NSW State Championships.

In 1948 Vince was selected and played in the Metropolitan (Sydney) Under 21 team. In 1950, 1951 and 1952 he played in the Metropolitan (Sydney) Hockey Association Senior Team at the NSW State Championships.

Vince played 278 games for Glebe from 1944 to 1961 and Allan played 199 games for the Club from 1948 to 1961. Vince Halls senior was associated with the Club from 1944 to 1954 as a team manager and supporter. Phyllis, Vince Halls Senior's wife, also contributed to the social side of the Club.

In 1952 Allan played in the Glebe Third Grade team that comprised Dave Robertson (captain), Jim Kenny, Jack Thompson, Jack McPharland, Paul Rogers, Len Needham, Harry Wilson, John Moore, Bob Rodgers, Don Campbell, Ken Bolin, Will Murray, Allan Fox and Harry Butler.

The 1953 Glebe District Hockey Club Annual Report had this to say about Allan, who again played in Third Grade: "Allan played some fine games with the team and showed that at times he was a very keen player and Club Member. After playing his game he was always ready to take a whistle in a late game. A pity more Club Members did not follow suit." In 1954 Allan scored 22 goals for Third Grade. The 1955 Report had this to say about Allan: "Another good Club Man and a great opportunist. Sets a good example to his team. Allan was a handy centre-forward, who scored a lot of goals for the GDHC, and a great Club Man."

The Club records show that Allan got married in 1954. During his 14 years with Glebe, Allan not only played hockey for the Club, he also was an enthusiastic umpire.

Allan Halls' sister, Gloria, was also a contributor to Club affairs and was an active Member of the Club's Ladies Axillary. Our records record that Vince Halls Senior died in 1964.

All the best with compiling the book of memoirs for Allan's eighty-third birthday. Wish him all the best from us here at the Glebe District Hockey Club.

If a biography of Allan's life is being produced at any time, a copy of it would make a useful addition to the Hockey Club's Archives. Keep us in mind if the life and times of Allan Halls is ever written.

Good Luck and Best Wishes.

Harry Wark
Historian
GDHC

Email in reply from Jennifer Halls is shown below:

Sent: Wednesday, 8 July 2015 5:43 PM
To: Anne and Harry Wark
Subject: RE: Allan Halls and the Glebe District Hockey Club

Thank you so much the information and the photos are great.

Vince Halls senior wife was Phyllis.

Allan sister was Gloria .

Allan's first wife was Kathleen married again in 1963 to Beverley and had 5 children.

Married again in 2000 currently lives in Lake Cathie NSW.

Vincent junior's wife Jean has just recently passed.

I will pass this on to Vince's boys Travis and Craig.

Thank you for your time
Jennifer Halls

Glebe District Hockey Club
 WINNERS, CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP, 1948



Back Row: D. CAMPBELL, P. RODGERS, R. MATTHEWS, K. RYAN, T. TAYLOR, F. NEEDHAM, B. FIELD, J. McPHERLAND, P. SCOTT
 W. GIFFREY, J. GIBBERNE
 Third Row: V. HALLS (Sec.), J. HAYES, K. WAIR, H. FAIRCHILD, N. WALKER, H. WARR, L. WAGNET, F. MURRAY, H. WILSON,
 & HALLS P. ATKINS, B. AUSTIN
 Second Row: J. SUTHERLAND, J. COLLETT, W. RYAN, J. TAYLOR, K. DUCKETT, J. WORLEY, V. TURNER, W. MURRAY, L. DICKEY,
 V. HALLS, A. CROSS
 Front Row: B. RODGERS, L. SCANLON, G. ELLIOTT, J. DUCKLEY, J. KENNY, D. MONTVEN, V. MAHONEY, B. GIFFREY, R. NEEDHAM,
 W. TAYLOR, W. LOHLE
 In Front: L. NEEDHAM

Allen
 SYDNEY

This photo was taken in 1948 when Allan would have been 16 years old. It is a photo of all Glebe Club Members and was taken behind the old grandstand at the Harold Park Trotting Track. Allan is in the second last row, three in from the left. Vince junior is in the second row and is second from the left. Vince Senior is on the right hand end of the second last row.



Photo taken outside the GDHC Club House at Number Four Railway Arch, Jubilee Oval Glebe in 1960: L-R Fran Harris, Pat Rogers, Allan Halls, and far right Mrs. Phyllis Halls. Allan is dressed in his Official Umpiring Attire, ready to officiate.



This photo was taken at the Glebe 25th Anniversary Celebration held at the Old Glebe Police Boys Club on Rozelle Bay in the 1956. Gloria Halls is the tallest women in the row, with her hockey stick over her shoulder and a baseball style cap on her head.