



Red Rag



*Third grade men play in the Grand Final
this weekend, Saturday 24 October 2020*

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PRESIDENTS REPORT

As we reflect on what has been a shortened season one thing that has shone brightly throughout the year has been the resilience of the Glebe District Hockey Club Family both on and off the field. We have seen some great results across our Junior/Womens and Mens Teams with a highlight being our Women's Club being the 2nd most successful club across the grades with our 3rd Grade Ladies reaching the Grand Final .Our 1st Grade Goalkeeper Aisling Klimoski was also named the Sydney Womens Hockey League 2020 best goalie and was a finalist in the Loretta Dorman Best Player of the Year,an outstanding achievement and well deserved recognition.

Our Men's 3rd and 4th Grade Teams have progressed

to the Finals Series which will continue to run through the Month of October with hopefully some positive results to be shared at a later time. Our numbers across the entire club at Training week in week out continued to be strong throughout the shortened season which no doubt contributed to the results on the field.

We also welcomed some of our Juniors into the Senior Ranks with many having the opportunity to have a season with their parents and other family members. There's not too many sports or clubs where this is achievable and speaking from experience it's a memory to cherish for years to come. A special shout out to Club Member Veronica Collins who so very kindly put her hand up

to be our Covid -19 Safety Rep, without Veronicas efforts we would not have been able to be compliant, enabling us to get through the season relatively unscathed.

Unfortunately, with the current Covid Restrictions we will not be able to get together for our Annual Presentation Night but we will however have a day at the Clubhouse on the Sunday 6th December 2020 where we will have our AGM, Presentation Awards and draw the Arthur Stubbs Foundation raffle.

Good Luck to all our Players, Coaches and Managers who are still competing in the Finals Series and here's hoping we will have some positive results to share in our next edition.

Yours In Hockey

Craig Martin
President
Glebe District
Hockey Club



#glebejuniors GDHC

When we gathered at Glebe@Glebe in February this year, we were full of hope and enthusiasm for the season ahead. We registered players, established teams, reconvened committees and charged forward to ensure our Juniors were ready for the start of the season in March. Five weeks later we came to an abrupt halt, with little confidence at that point that we would play any hockey at all.

As we patiently waited through the four months that followed, we finally received the ok to kick start the season for the second time. COVID-19 changed the way in which we connect, and our Juniors were asked to work within a number of important guidelines. Guidelines to keep them safe and give us every chance of continuing to offer them a competition.

Our front cover of the annual report, a socially distanced U11A Reds, speaks volumes.

Whilst a shorter season has been played out for 2020, and without our annual Juniors Carnival, it has been an incredible run and you must all be congratulated and acknowledged.

Our Club spirit is very much alive. Our Juniors are incredibly resilient and passionate, and our Coaches and Managers so very generous of their time. There is genuine care for our kids, genuine support, and a genuine desire to help them achieve.

This season has been challenging, of that there is little doubt. But through all the frustration, confusion and fear, we fielded an impressive 9 Junior Teams in the SEHA and Metro competitions. Our Junior Umpire num-

bers increased, our Junior Coaches continued to develop their skills, and we delivered another successful Minkey program for our youngest of kids. All things considering and regardless of where teams finished on ladders, we have much to be proud of.

Contribution is a key value of our Club. It is through the generous contribution of our 11 Coaches and 12 Team Managers that we continue to offer hockey in our local community. Thank you team, for the positive impact you have on our players and on our brand as a Club.

I further extend my thanks to Peter Bestel our Juniors Umpire Co-ordinator, Veronica Collins our COVID Co-ordinator, Admin Angels Ann Morey and Carmel Lazarus and

our Juniors Committee. Thank you also to Club President Craig Martin and my fellow Directors for their genuine care and support of our Juniors.

And finally, thank you to all Juniors who played with much respect and commitment for our Club this season, and to our Parents who continue to support GDHC in all the right ways.

I look forward to seeing our Juniors prosper and grow in 2021.

Sue Heath
Juniors Director



Sue and Cate Heath
2019 Juniors Presentation Night

100 Junior Game Milestones in



Glebe Family at Cintra
(left to right) Back: Trudi Busch (and Olive), Daniel Moore, Cindy Goodridge
Front: Erin Noble and Sue Heath



Rebekah Goldsworthy, U17
Hornets



Nicky Vera, U17 Hornets



Our amazing Minkey children with Coach Lester Currie at Jubilee Oval



Coralie Currie, U15A Redbacks

It seems like a long time ago that the 'regular' season was called off on the very day it was supposed to start. This was all the way back in March 2020 – a month we will all never forget. Looking back, it seems amazing the shortened season went ahead at all and that it wasn't called off halfway through as a lot of competitive inter-school sport was. As I write this, I spare a thought for my friends in Melbourne who have not been able to play much hockey this year. This could have been us (and could be if things change), but fingers crossed we will have a more regular season next year. Hockey has been a pillar of hope for me personally this year and I am very grateful for all the assistance I have received as Men's Director. Players, coaches, managers and helpers have all stepped up to the mark and have

adapted to many new and confronting measures that (thankfully), have contributed to low numbers of CVD-19 cases in our area. Junior players playing their first seasons in senior hockey have done really well this year. There are too many to mention but Glebe's 3rds and 4ths are made up of many juniors coming through as a group from Glebe's under 15s and under 17s squads. Both teams made the finals so they are holding many of the hopes of the club on their shoulders this year. Well done to all! I acknowledge that fees per game have been higher than ever this season at around \$50 per game if your team didn't make it into the finals. The Board has done everything possible to minimise fees and Hockey NSW came to the party, subsidising next year's membership fees.

Thanks to all coaches and managers: You have made the season fun and easy.

- Club Captain: Ross Bougoukas
- 1st grade: Jai Singhota and Terry Kelly
- 2nd grade: Mick Bougoukas and Craig Martin
- 3rd grade: Aaron Nilan
- 4th grade: Brad Goodridge and Scott Noble
- 5th grade: Ado and Richard McKeogh.
- Thanks to Ken Wark, Aaron Nilan and Brad Goodridge for helping run higher and lower grade training on Tuesday nights.
- Thanks to Aleem Bilal for coaching the under 17s this season. You made a big difference and made them into a better team.

Glebe's 3rds and 4ths in the finals this weekend

Glebe's mighty 3rds and 4ths play in their semi and preliminary finals this Saturday. It

should be possible to get out and see them play at Lidcombe.

- **3rd grade:** Saturday 10 October, 2.15pm at Lidcombe vs Ryde
 - **4th grade:** Saturday 10 October, 5.45pm at Lidcombe vs St George/Randwick
- End of year events
We all look forward to when we can all get together as a Club but unfortunately there will be no formal Presentation Night this year. At this stage, venues are not able to host large numbers of people. Trophies will still be awarded and communications will be sent out when the winners are announced. Individual teams may be able to catch up socially at the end of the season but there will be no large gatherings. Thanks again for everything Glebe – it has been a strange and wonderful year of hockey.

Adrian McKeown
(Men's Director)

#glebewomen GDHC

Mighty effort Third Grade

Mighty Third Grade played a hard semi against a physical Strikers outfit, but after a lot of determination, they grabbed a goal and defended the 1-0 lead to win. The following week the team were up against Sydney Uni in the Grand Final, who had just beaten the undefeated Moorebank to secure their spot.

The teams were pretty evenly matched and our women put up a good fight. There was only one goal scored all game and unfortunately it wasn't ours. We had our chances with a few short corners, but sometimes on the day, you just need things to go your way. The team lost 1-0 but celebrated with a great BBQ

afterwards which recognised the many benefits we get from hockey; friendships and fitness, support and care.

Particular recognition to Amy Whalley, Clare Prideaux and Abbie Sen who won the season's players' player award (in that order). They certainly



played their hearts out in the final right to the last whistle.

Second-most successful team in SWHL

Our fantastic fourth and fifth grade teams also made their semi finals and worked very hard throughout the season to secure

their finals spot. Their determination, along with 3rd grade's efforts, made Glebe the second most successful Club in the Sydney Women's Hockey League Competition, with three of our five teams making the finals. Congratulations good women.

Hats off to Sixth Grade

Sixth grade, who compete in the SEHA competition, played their final game in a competition without finals. That's a shame because they ended second on their ladder and we would have loved

the chance to watch them fight it out for first position. They had beaten Easts in a normal round game, the team who came first on the ladder. This is an enormous improvement for this team, under the wise and supportive coaching of Julie Phillips, and credit goes to all players for such a competitive season.

Congratulations Aisling

Our First Grade goalie, Aisling Klimoski, won the SWHL

best goalkeeper of the year for the entire competition. She was also a finalist for the Loretta Dorman best player award. This is an amazing achievement and so well deserved. We love your work Ash!

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Thank you to our wonderful volunteers

Running the Women's Club takes time and effort, week in, week out. Our teams would not be able to take the field without the tireless efforts of the people in the background.

HUGE thank you to our Managers, who had to take on all the Covid responsibilities this year, along with general team organisational duties and care for our players.

To our Women's Committee, thank you for everything you have done to allow us to play this season. Thank you to Megan for taking on the Admin role for the first time and to our wonderful Club Captains; Tessa and Olivia.

By Kate Alexander
(Women's Director)

One more thing!

Finally, a massive thank you to Kate Alexander, who was hoping for a year off from the Women's Director role, and stepped up when we couldn't fill the position. Kate has led our Club on and off the field for four years. She's helped inspire our Juniors, encourage mums to get back on the field and promote Glebe's values of family, commitment, equality and contribution. Thank you, Kate.

By Louise Tapsell
(Red Rag Editor)



Our wonderful Women's Director, Kate Alexander, (bottom row, far left) playing in this year's 3rd grade Grand Final

Maddy Dell

As you may know, our wonderful Maddy Dell died last month. Maddy turned 30 this year. Glebe hockey has been a part of her story since she was tiny, with her father, Kieran, and her uncle, Julian, playing juniors and seniors for the club. Maddy also played for Glebe juniors and more recently she was a much-loved member of our Fifth Grade team. Maddy was the longest playing member of this close-knit team – she played the last five seasons straight, almost never missed a game or training and was deeply committed.

Teammates describe Maddy as a fearless left half with a gutsy tackle; who was super supportive; giving; ever reliable and dedicated. Beth Parr, Fifth Grade coach said “Maddy was so kind and she only ever had good things to say about

the club and her team”.

Three years ago, Fifth Grade needed a manager and Maddy just said yes. That was her style. She quickly became a favourite of the women’s committee – always helpful and positive behind the scenes; always first to return match cards and team reports. Outside of hockey Maddy was quietly making her mark. At the end of last year, she graduated with a Bachelor of Social Work (First Class Honours).

Maddy’s teammates are connecting and supporting each other to honour their special mate. They have commented that they wish they had told Maddy more often how much they appreciated what she did for the team and our club. At the third grade Grand Final, the team wore black arm bands and

raised their sticks to Maddy before the game commenced.

With our deepest sympathies to Maddy’s parents, family and friends. We send our prayers and love and gratitude for a beautiful soul who touched so many. To Fifth Grade our hearts are with you.

tal Health. They aim to raise enough to provide scholarships for Indigenous Psychologists. If you or your team would like to donate please go to my cause: in memory of Madeline Dell. It’s easy to follow and it is one simple thing we can do, individually or together, to honour Maddy.



Honouring Maddy Dell

In Maddy’s memory, her family is raising money for the Westerman Jilya Institute for Indigenous Men-

Maddy Dell Memorial Award

A new women's trophy, named the Maddy Dell Memorial Trophy, will be awarded to a woman in the lower grades who works selflessly on and off the field for her teammates. This year it will be awarded to Maddy Dell and in future years it will be a way of honouring and remembering her contribution. The award has been donated by the Alexander-Prideaux family.





Discounted physio – Inner West Sports

If you're looking for a physio in the Inner West, check out Inner West Sports, who now offer a discounted rate for Glebe Hockey playing members. A normal consultation rate is \$110 but for Glebe members, it is a flat rate of \$80.

Simply mention you are a Glebe Hockey member when you book the appointment. Shane has been so helpful to our members already, treating several players so they could be fit and ready for the finals.

Book an appointment through www.innerwestsports.com.au or by speaking with Shane on E: info@innerwestsports.com.au or 0416 213 796.



ARTHUR STUBBS FOUNDATION GDHC

This year we are asking Club members to support the Arthur Stubbs Foundation via donations online, since we are unable to hold any physical events. This is our only fundraiser for the year.

The good news for club members is that any contribution that they are make will be 100% tax deductible. We have a range of raffle prizes up for grabs. Every \$25 you donate online, gets you a ticket in the raffle, with prizes drawn in September.

Donate at least \$25 here to enter into the draw: <http://asf.org.au/projects/glebe-district-hockey-club/>

There are a range of great prizes including:



A bottle of Grants 25 Year Old Scotch – RRP \$499



\$100 voucher for dinner at the Glebe Point Diner



Brunch for four People at St Johns Espresso



Fruit Box from Galluzo's



\$100 Voucher for the Toxteth Hotel



JDH Hockey Sticks



3 x \$50 Vouchers from Booth and Taylor Hardware in Annandale

Improving Club communications by modifying the Club's web site

The GDHC fielded five men's teams, six women's teams and nine junior teams, a total of 20 teams during the condensed 2020 hockey season. It also ran a Minkey Hockey Program for children from 4-7 years and had over 100 social non-playing members.

Close to 400 people played in teams, officiated or supported Glebe teams in 2020, and there were hundreds of local residents, retired players and officials, family and friends who followed the Club's teams throughout the season. A large number of people are interested in following the progress of the Club's teams, from under 9s through to the men's and

women's first-grade teams.

This season the posting of the match results on Twitter was generally good, and each week the men's, women's and junior's results could usually be scrutinized. It was a big improvement this year over previous years. The officials responsible for these postings are to be congratulated.

15 or more years ago the Club published a Red Rag Newsletter, about once a month, which carried match reports from most junior matches and some senior matches played on the previous weeks. This publication of match reports stimulated discussion and provided enjoyment and interest among players, parents and supporters.

It would generate a positive vibe within the Club if this practice of publishing match reports for

each game played by Club teams could be reinstated.

I have written a weekly match report for the third-grade men's team for the last few years which I have distributed via email to team members and other interested members on the Saturday night after the game. The players like reading the reports and the feedback I get is that they find them informative, interesting and entertaining. Currently there is no mechanism to allow match reports to be displayed on the club's web site. I think this deficiency should be corrected and the publication of match reports on the web site should be made easy to execute and easy for people to find for example via a link from club's Instagram page. All interested club members and supporters would have the opportunity to read how the Club's teams fared the previous week-

end.

As more and more teams have match reports published on the web, it will encourage other club teams to do likewise. It is unlikely that there will be 20 match reports published every week, but hopefully sufficient interest will be generated to get many match reports published each week. As players, parents and supporters read the match reports, discussion, banter, and interest will be generated. People will have a reason to go to the club's web site, and weekly match reports will drive increased traffic to the web site. Increased traffic to the web site will increase the exposure our sponsors get to potential customers and clients, and they will get a tangible benefit from their financial support of the Club. Altering the club's web site to be able to display match

reports will cost money and will need to be planned and organized. I think the positives of having team match reports on the web site outweigh the cost and the hassle factors involved in instituting this change.

If the club's web site is to be tweaked to enable match reports to be published, another change that might be made is to have a place on it to display player number of games played records, perhaps in the history section where the old annual reports are found. I have compiled records of the number of games played for all men, women and junior players who have played one game for the club, which in the case of the men stretch back to 1931. Juniors records stretch back to 1948 and the women's records stretch from 1934-35 and again from 1978 to the present.

These records do have some deficiencies, and if these records could be displayed on the club's web site former and current players

would have the opportunity to look at their games played records and have the opportunity to point out any perceived inaccuracies in their games played tally. The games played records of all players past and present would be available for scrutiny, and would provide interest and entertainment for potentially thousands of people.

Any feedback on my views, positive, or negative are most welcome. They can be directed to the Editor of the Reg Rag.

Harry Wark

#MatchReport

Report on the Glebe v Ryde Third Grade Game on 26 September 2020 at the Cintra Synthetic Turf Field, Concord.

Result: Glebe, 2 defeated Ryde 1
Half-time Glebe 0 – Ryde 0
Penalty corners: Glebe 3 (no goals), Ryde 12 (1 goal)
Penalty Strokes

Glebe 0, Ryde 2
Goal Scorers: Pat Wark 1, Michael Wark 1

Glebe players: Emmerson Weiley, Adam Campano, Chris Farrugia, Sam Bagley, Paul Jowett, Andrew Cheong, Aaron Nilan (c), Anthony Wark, Pat Wark, Craig Martin, James Martin, Roddy Pedraza-Luna, Victor Dunard, Michael Wark, Aiden Corbin (unavailable Zac Farlow, Riley Harper, Orlando Travis, Tyson Hickey).

Pre-match prediction:

Today's opponents, Ryde are Third Grade minor premiers, and have had 9 wins from 9 games. They are the hot favorites to win the competition. Whatever happens in this game, Glebe will play in the final series. Glebe are a 50-1 pop to finish second, but in all probability will finish third or fourth in the competition, and will likely play either Moorebank or Sydney University in the Preliminary Finals, in two weeks' time. My

pre-match estimate is that Glebe will lose today's game around 4-1. The team has a battler's chance of winning, if it can sink a couple of penalty corners and if it takes its opportunities in front of goal.

Glebe today won today, against the odds, looking at the run of the game they should have lost by 4 goals, with Ryde having around 60% of the territory. It was a memorable victory in front of the player's assorted collection of supporters, friends, family and Glebe diehards. It was a win to savour.

Paul Jowett told me that the team would come out firing against Ryde, but after the poor performance last week against Macquarie University, I thought it was the Irish in him fantasizing. How right Paul was.

Ryde were a well drilled team, with excellent individual skills, pace, good teamwork, and their passing that was bullet like and to the stick. It was only

Glebe's tenacity, grit, self-belief, determination, enthusiasm, and a dogged will to win that brought them the surprise result.

The three-points gained from today's game, and the defeat of Sutherland by Sydney University (an unofficial and unexpected result) means that Glebe jumps one point clear of Sutherland into second place on the Competition table. The odds of Glebe finishing second, leading into today's game were of the order of 40-50 to 1. It goes to show that the bolter sometimes gets up.

Finishing second on the Ladder means that Glebe will play first placed Ryde at Sydney University's Lidcombe Turf, on 10 October 2020 at 12,30 pm. Win or lose this game, Glebe will play a semi-final on 17 October 2020 at Lidcombe, either at 12.30 pm, or 2.15 pm.

Today was a windy, sunny day at Cintra,

with the temperature around 20°C.

Ryde started strongly and made good inroads down the middle of the Glebe defence. Glebe's passing was too ponderous, too slow, and not well enough disguised. Ryde were confident and playing well, but the Glebe defence scrambled well, took good field position and competed strongly for every ball. Fullbacks Adam Campano, Chris Farrugia, James and Craig Martin may not be the fastest fullbacks in the competition, but their field position, tackling and reading of the game is excellent. Their option taking today was very good. There were no risky passes, and they did not cough up any cheap opportunities for Ryde to exploit.

Glebe relied on the quick break for any attacks they mounted on the Ryde goal. These quick breaks did generate some promising circle penetrations and a few contested shots on

the Ryde goal. The Glebe forwards Tony Wark, Aiden Corbin, Andrew Cheong, Paul Jowett, Aaron Nilan, and Michael Wark worked hard in today's game, their work rate and enthusiasm was high. They pressured the Ryde fullbacks higher up the field and this meant that the fullbacks' passes forward were made under pressure.

A few times Glebe's tackling was an all-or-nothing style, when a better option would have been to get the stick out in front of the legs, keep the body back, defend the legs, and avoid being eliminated by running through the tackle. Rarely the potential reward outweighs the risks when using a hero tackle, each individual circumstance is different.

Ryde's quick, hard passing, often used the full width of the field and Ryde were able to make circle penetrations with relative ease. They usually did not get a shot away, but found a Glebe foot, and were awarded many penalty corners.

The Glebe halves of Sam Bagley, James Martin, Victor Dunard, Roddy Pedroza, and Pat Wark needed to step forward and make their tackles earlier, rather than to retreat to inside the circle before making the tackle, even if they were not perfectly balanced or positioned to make the tackle. A free hit outside the circle is better than conceding a penalty corner. At the end of the first quarter the score was Glebe 0-Ryde 0, with Ryde having 55-60 % of the territory and 60% possession of the ball.

Glebe were under pressure, but they were sticking to their guns, and playing steady, intelligent hockey, within the limitations of their skills and abilities. Ryde's passing game was slick and it was this that led to their many circle penetrations. The Glebe midfield was effective at tackling the individual Ryde forwards on the solo run.

The second quarter started with Ryde ex-

erting intense pressure on the Glebe defence. The Glebe players, particularly the forwards, were utilizing poor tackling technique at times, and getting too close to the Ryde ball carrier, allowing them to milk an easy free hit. The stick should be out, the body back and the legs should be defended to reduce the chance of giving away a free shot to the opposition. Glebe's trapping in the second quarter was at times poor, with many edges, deflections and misses. The ball must be watched onto the stick to try and eliminate this deficiency. Ryde had 60% of the territory in the second quarter, and won three penalty corners, but could not convert these opportunities into goals.

Glebe needed earlier ball release, and the passes needed to be firmer if they were to give the forwards a chance of getting the ball under control before engaging the Ryde defence. There was

plenty of feeling in the game, which was enthusiastically fought by both teams.

The Glebe corner defence was working well, with the Glebe first runners Sam Bagley, James Martin and Roddy Pedraza often deflecting the first shot from the battery.

All of these players were hit on the body by the ball at times, but that did not stop them coming back for more of the same. The pressure their running put on the Ryde penalty corner battery meant the Ryde first shot on goal was rushed and made under pressure.

Emerson Weiley, the Glebe goalkeeper was on song today, he was a tower of strength for Glebe and made many impressive saves from penalty corners and in general play. He has had an outstanding season.

Glebe were playing with luck and tenacity. Ryde did most of the sustained attacking, with Glebe relying on the quick

counterattack for its scoring opportunities. When the ball was delivered early to the forwards, giving them a bit of space to work with, Glebe looked as if they could score. Glebe would have been happy with the half-time score of 0-0.

Again, Ryde started strongly in the third quarter, using the full width of the field, throwing the early ball and opening up gaps in the Glebe defence with their excellent teamwork. Ryde made many circle penetrations, but for them real scoring chances were hard to come by. By midway through the third quarter Ryde had won 7 penalty corners, which was an indication of the frequency of its circle penetrations.

Glebe were using the sideline well, and were not opening themselves up to a Ryde counter attack down the middle. The Glebe defence were not gifting Ryde any soft goals today.

Halfway through

the third quarter Chris Farrugia delivered the early ball down the right-wing sideline to Aiden Corbin on the Ryde 22 metre line. Aiden traveled at pace with the ball into the Ryde circle, before pushing the ball across the face of the Ryde goal. A group of five or six players including the Ryde goalkeeper advanced towards the ball, which was only a few metres out from the Ryde goal. Anything could have happened.

From a mangle of players, Pat Wark at full stretch poked the ball, out of the congestion, past the Ryde goalkeeper into the Ryde goal. Glebe 1 Ryde 0. An unlikely Glebe goal had eventuated. Eleven minutes into the third quarter right half Sam Bagley from the junction of the 22 metre line and the sideline crashed the ball into the Ryde circle, to Tony Wark standing on the baseline. Tony advanced towards the goal before he was illegally tackled by a Ryde defender,

with a penalty corner ensuing.

The push out was awry, and Pat Wark had to move a metre to stop the ball, before he delivered a concealed pass to Aaron Nilan two metres inside the Ryde circle in the inside left alley. Unfortunately, Aaron's shot on goal went wide of the goal. This was a great scoring opportunity for Glebe. With two minutes left in the third quarter Ryde won its ninth penalty corner. Emmerson stopped the initial shot with his gloved hand. The ball fell well for a Ryde forward who back stuck the ball into the Glebe goal. At the end of the third quarter it was Glebe 1 Ryde 1. Two minutes into the fourth quarter Ryde were awarded its tenth penalty corner, which Emmerson saved with his outstretched hand. The Ryde shot from the rebound went over the top of the goals. Ryde were exerting a lot of pressure on the Glebe defence, but the Glebe defenders kept their heads

down, their bums up and stuck doggedly to the task at hand. The Glebe forwards were covering a lot of territory in their bid to stop the Ryde defenders making inroads into the Glebe 22 metre area.

Ryde's quick ball movement was hard to defend against. With nine minutes to run in the game Ryde were awarded a penalty stroke, after what the umpire considered a poor tackle on a Ryde player making a shot on the Glebe goal. It looked as if Ryde were going to go into a 2-1 lead, but it was not to be as Emmerson Weiley pulled off a good hand save from a ball that was directed into the right-hand corner of the goal. Emmerson made it look easy. This was a let-off for Glebe. A minute after the penalty stroke Glebe broke quickly down the right-hand sideline. Aaron Nilan saw Michael Wark 15 metres in front of him and quickly passed Michael the ball. Michael ran the ball into the Ryde circle, and the Ryde defenders

expected Michael to shoot on his fore stick side from the inside right alley. Michael pulled the ball onto his reverse stick side, and this manoeuvre gave him enough time to get a shot on goal. The ball travelled at a cracking pace past the goal keepers' ear into the Ryde goal. It was a classic Michael Wark goal, reminiscent of the many he scored in his heyday in first grade. Glebe 2 Ryde 1.

This is the first time in this 2020 season that Ryde has had two goals scored against it.

Glebe had to hang on for six minutes to win the game. With five minutes to play Glebe were awarded its third and last penalty corner, following a good passing movement down the right-hand sideline between Sam Bagley and Aiden Corbin. Glebe managed a good shot on goal which was saved by the Ryde goalkeeper. Ryde knew they had to throw caution to the wind if they were to avoid defeat. It

was a tense and exciting final five minutes. Glebe had the ball in the Ryde 22 metre area for a few minutes and in retrospect should have tried to wind down the clock rather than try for another goal. Ryde won the ball on its own 22 metre line and with a free-flowing passing movement penetrated the Glebe circle. A Ryde forward had a shot for goal from five metres out that hit fullback Craig Martin on the hand.

The umpire thought the ball hit Craig on the body, stopped a certain goal and awarded Ryde its second a penalty stroke. The feedback I got after the game from a biased Glebe player was that the shot was going wide of the goal and the decision should have been a free hit to Glebe. Be that as it may it looked as if Ryde were going to achieve a draw. The Ryde penalty stroke taker pushed the ball to Emmerson's left at hand height, and Emmerson pulled off another save, again mak-

ing it look easy. His Glebe teammates thought he was a hero.

The final whistle blew seconds after the stroke was taken, and the final score was Glebe 2 Ryde

1. The elation of the Glebe players was palpable, as it sunk in that they had pulled off an unlikely victory. The celebrations in the sunshine at the Paramatta end of the ground after the game were festive and upbeat. There is a good spirit in this team, and it was this spirit that enabled it to jag this win against a technically superior team which has excellent teamwork and good individual hockey skills.

Congratulations gentlemen on your against-the-odds victory.