



Saturday 10th September 2011

President's Pen

End of another season for most, we have a lot of teams in finals so it would be good to see the teams well supported & cheered on for the finals. As my reports will be reduced over summer, I will still put the occasional report on the web as we the committee still work into the next year preparing for next season. A well earned break before we start up again is deserved by all.

This to be done before we finalize our season;

1/ All managers to return equipment & get it signed off for your team. A list is behind the bar or to someone on the committees, excluding teams in finals as they still have training. It is a MUST you return equipment & not just dump them at the club as we set them up for next year early to save a lot of work next season.

2/ AGM is this Thursday at 8.00 pm a good time to return equipment & support the club in its preparation to next season. Also the last raffle will be drawn; the Jamie Dewyer shirt will be won by the highest bidder. I would encourage members to attend as this is your club.

3/ End of year function is only 3 weeks away, the tickets are for purchase at the bar so Thursday night or the weekend will be the last time to get them at the club. If you have forgotten after that you can call Cath Timmell & maybe lucky. Thursday night could be the best time to get everything done, tickets, AGM & equipment.

4/ In the next couple of weeks we have to put away & pack up our gear for the season change over to cricket, it would be nice if we had some help in

this matter. Contact me or a committee person if you could give some time.

Last Thursday night saw the final meal for the season from the kitchen. This was cooked & prepared by MR & MRS RICCADONNI, they donated their time & costs to make one of the most successful nights this year, the meal was beautiful & I would like to thank them very much from myself & the club, looking forward to next years meal. Thankyou to the top squads for attending which made it a success, also we can not forget the hard work Lynda, Moreen & leo have put into the kitchen, THANKYOU. This was a night we have been trying to resurrect all year & it was the atmosphere we want at this club.

Even though the club is not finish this year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved in making this club special. All the best in the finals, keep the Melville name up there.

Steve McEntee
President

PREMIER LEAGUE

Mens AHG League

No report

Mens Premier 2

No report

Mens Premier Alliance

No report

Ladies Willow Bridge League - BYE

Ladies Promotion 2 vs Harlequin (Won 8 - 0)

Best: J. Mincham, S. Billingham, B. MacDonald

Goals: B. MacDonald (3), L. Ferguson (2), S. Billingham, J. Mincham, S. Clark

A terrific team effort to finish the main season on an excellent winning note. BRING ON THE FINALS! Thanks to Nat for filling in in the goals.

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE

Mens Provisional 1 vs Blades

No report

Ladies Provisional 1 vs Southern River (Lost 0 - 3)

Best: R. Oakey/C. Jamieson, E. Woodberry, I. Brockman

Interesting finish to the season - a game that was rescheduled not once, but twice and a no-show from umpires got us off to a wobbly start. However, the team pulled off some outstanding play, and were nil all until the last 10 minutes when Southern River managed to get away a few opportunities. Great effort by all - unlucky not to finish with a win. Thanks to everyone who put in effort throughout the season - here's hoping for more successes next year ... See you at the wind-up!



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Ladies Provisional 2 Gold vs Canning (Won 3 - 0)

Best: E. Douglas, M. Vince, R. Green

Well Done team! There was good passing of the ball, good marking and defensive tackling. We worked back to get the ball when it was given away and supported each other on the field. There was good patience when we had possession this allowed good ball distribution around the back of the play. We need to continue all of this now its finals time, importantly we need to remember to be strong over the ball and NEVER, EVER GIVE UP!

Coach Gerard came to the game a proud Father today with his son having just won their Rugby finals. He gave a good pre-game talk which got us thinking hard about what we have been working towards all season.

Ladies Provisional 3 Gold vs UWA (Drew 1 - 1)

Best: L. Walkemeyer, J. McDonough, M. Leighton

Goals: L. Walkemeyer

Our last match for the year and the coach was setting the tone (late by about 15 minutes) with just the bare 11 the girls until we arrived were doing well and had a couple of chances in the first half. The girls came out fired up after the half time break (must have been the inspiration talk) and Laura scored early. Uni came back at us though and scored about 5 minutes later, the great finish wasn't to be but we held them out for the 1-1 draw. Thanks to all the girls who participated this year see you next season and a special thanks to Natalie for keeping us organised all year (tough job with all of us!).

Mens Provisional 4 vs YMCC

No report

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METROPOLITAN LEAGUE

Mens Metro 1 vs Fremantle (Drew 3 - 3)

Best: K. Armitage, B. Joss, T. Barrett

Goals: K. Armitage (2), J. Pickering

After such a good team effort last week it was timely that for the last round of the season we just forgot everything and decided to play like a bunch of spuds. After a couple of high degree of difficulty shots were squandered early (by he who shall remain unnamed – only because he writes the report), Freo got one against the run. The second half saw us equalize, but Freo were quick to respond (twice). We decided to leave it to the last couple of minutes to score a couple late to equalise and save a bit of face heading into the finals. Lets chalk this one down to a wake up call!!

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Ladies Metro 1 vs Whitfords (Won 3 - 2)

Best: S. Brockman, D. Constable, L. Forbes

Goals: S. Brockman (2), D. Murphy

A good win for the last game of the home and away season. Some good movement in the attacking circle with many near missed opportunities. Well done to Simone who scored two goals and Dee who scored one after a couple of near misses. We now look forward to the finals with a win needed next week to make the GF.

Mens Metro 2 Gold- BYE

Mens Metro 3 Black vs OGMHC

No report

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VETERANS

Mens Midweek Masters vs NC Raiders (Lost 3 - 4) 2011-08-29

Best: M. Starling, M. Watton, B. Rushton/D. Wilson

Goals: M. O'Sullivan, B. Rushton, M. Watton

A disappointing result against our old nemeses NC Raiders - but having said that, we were not disgraced in a very high quality game (except for Crowey of course, who continues to lower the bar in contemporary standards of incompetence in goal keeping. Truly a keeper only a - saintly - mother could love ...)

Mens Midweek Masters vs WASPS (Won 5 - 3) 2011-09-05

Best: D. Glover, B. Rushton, M. Starling

Goals: D. Glover (2), B. Rushton (2), A. Starling

Great end to our best season ever - we're assured of playing finals for only the second time in this team's history. An enormous achievement when you take into account the quality of the competition these days and the incompetence of Crowey in goals - like a severe case of gastro, we often had it coming from both ends ...

Ladies Rae Blunt Pennant vs CT Pirates (Lost 0 - 2)

Best: A. Armstrong-Boase, D. Tyson, F. Mason

Well we ended the season with a better result than we started but unfortunately a win had eluded us this year! We ran well tonight and fought hard - well done ladies. Thanks to the 3s for supporting us from the stands - warmed by the drinks they'd had while their game was cancelled! Thanks also Mark for once again being supportive of us and lastly thanks to Frankie for bringing down a friend to watch and therefore played her best game of the season..... Next week - drinks at the club!

Ladies Masters Div 3 vs NC Raiders (Drew 0 - 0)

This game was cancelled as one whole bank of lights was out at PHS 2 and it was decided to be too dangerous to play

Mens Masters 40-1 vs WASPS (Lost 1 - 4)

Best: D. Loffell, J. Cooke, G. Scally

Goals: G. Templeman

Very disappointing result - lost us a place in the finals. Crowey was green carded just before half time, and frankly the whole defense looked a lot better without him ... sigh ...

Mens Masters 40-2 vs Hale (Lost 1 - 3)

Best: D. Ross, G. Ranford, M. Watson

Goals: D. Ross

Well the last game of the year finished off the season pretty much how our whole year went. We lost.

Mens Masters 40-4 vs Hale (Lost 2 - 3)

Best: G. Singh, G. Kent, G. Tai

Goals: G. Kent, M. Knuiman

Less said about this game the better. Will need to improve for finals



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Mens Masters 50-1 vs Victoria Park (Lost 1 - 7)

Best: G. Hunt, R. Chesny/C. Howell, A. Reynolds/P. Meacock

Goals: V. Rypp

We only had ten players to start, we borrowed Graeme, Robbie and Frank as we had our regulars away to play against a strong Vic Park side and not to mention that our starting ten, most of them were playing with some sort of injury. It was a must win game for us to make the finals. The whistle blew and Vic Park were off with one goal after another after another and so on. Our last game and it was our worst game. After three years making the finals and winning two grand finals, in 2011 there will be no finals for our boys. Thanks to Graeme, Robbie and Frank for filling in for us.

Mens Masters 50-2 vs Whitford (Won 6 - 2) 2011-08-27

Best: B. Morrison, M. Pitcher, C. Slattery

Goals: R. Knyn (2), M. Pitcher (2), A. Marshall, G. Coleman

A great win - puts us in the positive in terms of goals for and against - whoop whoop! Even the Panther got amongst them!

Mens Masters 50-2 vs Vic Park (Drew 3 - 3) 2011-09-05

Best: R. Knyn, G. Coleman, M. Pitcher

A great outcome given the number of outs and then playing short due to injury. Thanks to Egg, Peter and Frank for helping out. A funny old season was had by all!

Mens Masters 50-3 vs Southern River (Won 6 - 0)

Best: B. Porter, A. Wood/G. Bowater, T. Ganzer/R. Preedy

Goals: T. Ganzer (2), M. Hudson, D. Porter, A. Wood, G. Bowater

Well done, Southern River have a good plan and used it well, we had a better. The result was put together without the usual continual scub play, instead it was made to look so simple. Our goal sneak (Tony) has got his motion back, they tell me it upset a few, well well. More to the point the team are working well.

Mens Masters 60 vs North Coast Raiders (Lost 0 - 2)

Best: P. Hall, T. Illman, T. Rushton

A game we had to at least draw, and worked hard at, but couldn't pull off. The early loss of dynamic centre half John Smith, through injury, was a big setback, and an early sign that it just wasn't meant to be our day. We held out many attacks with spirited defence, but were beaten by two runs of quick, skilful play. And worked hard in attack to create our own share of scoring chances, only to be thwarted by good saves by a makeshift goalie. Very disappointing to drop out of the final four by the barest of margins (just goal difference). Still an enjoyable and much improved season overall. Well done guys. Better luck next year!

JUNIORS

Boys 11/12A vs CT Pirates (Lost 4 - 5)

Goals: N. Tate (4)

“Cut. Everyone get ready to do the next scene.”

Looking at the rushes of act 14 it was evident that no-one was reading the script. In the version I read whilst there was a struggle the result was very different. Is everyone on the same page? Do we need to do another read through? Hopefully we can take the moments of excellence and stitch them together to make the whole thing work as we cannot re-do this scene.

The script writers say there is no serious harm done to the plot but it simply cannot happen again. If it does the production ends, no questions asked.

“Places everyone. Lights, camera and... action.” (Thanks for cameos from Alex, Ash and Justin and the wisdom from Russell)

Girls 11/12A vs Vic Park

No report

Boys 11/12B Black Maroon vs Aquinas (Lost 1 - 2)

Best: C. Ashby, C. Noone, C. Evans

Goals: C. Ashby

Fantastic game, from left wing to the goalkeeper. We dominated the game but could not finish off in the D. Lots of scoring opportunities and some great build up. We tended to rush a little in the circle. The good news is we get the opportunity to rectify the outcome in the finals next week. Lets go boys. Play with the same intensity next week. Some great tactical coaching... thanks coach!

Boys 11/12B Black White vs Vic Park (Lost 1 - 5)

No report

Girls 11/12B vs UWA (Lost 1 - 2)

Best: S. Bailey, E. Duffield, C. Toogood

Goals: H. Gibson

Today's game was against UWA which was the last game and the girls come out firing by scoring a goal in the first 10 mins of the game. They managed to hold off UWA and lead at half time 1-0. The second half was slow until UWA managed to put in two goals in 10 mins to seal the win 2-1.

Boys 9/10A vs Riverside Lions (Won 5 - 0)

Goals: M. Tate (5)

The boys finished off the last game of the regular season with a 5-0 win over Riverside Lions. Playing some fantastic team hockey and well executed short corners the Melville boys were able to overpower their opponents and take 3 more points. Matt Tate had a okay-ish day scoring a lazy 5 goals but it was down to some great support by the other boys. The team will now play off for a spot in the grand final this Saturday at 11am down at the stadium! Come cheer the team on, we would love to see as much maroon as we can get in the crowd as they take on UWA who have had the upper hand on us all season! It will be a tough week of training and there needs to be a lot of focus and dedication to help us progress to the Grand Final.

Girls 9/10A vs Raiders (Won 2 - 0)

Goals: L. Lefroy, A. McNess

We have made the finals which is an excellent achievement in itself. Well done girls. Now the hard work really starts. While the result was great on the weekend some of our passages of play weren't up to our usual high standard. We really need to make the most of our chances in front of goal if we are to beat uni on the weekend. Great goal Lucy right place right time which was excellent and also well done ash on finally scoring a drag flick even though Kyle is claiming it cause he called the short. We can win against uni providing we all support each other and make sure our passing and trapping is spot on. Great team work will pay off so lets be switched on and go for it.

Girls 9/10A Reserve vs Riverside Lions (Lost 0 - 8)

Best: E. Wilson, F. Ogilvy, B. Lawrence

It was a tough game, against a very physical side. Despite the score, we worked hard and a few breaks from the opposition lead to their goals. A big improvement from the last time we played Riverside Lions. Thank you to Monique for playing and thank you to everyone who has helped out this season.

Boys 9/10B Black vs Aquinas/Willetton (Drew 0 - 0)

Best: J. Campbell, J. Templeman, J. Brooker

A great game to finish off the year. The teamed played really well and matched the Aquinas/Willetton side all over the field. The defence was strong and kept their cool the whole game and the forwards had plenty of opportunities. A couple of good saves by the Aquinas/Willetton goalie kept us from scoring. It has been a great year and the team has come a long way from the first game. The improvement in the control and passing has been great to see and set the boys for a great start next year.

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Girls 9/10B Gold vs Willetton Reds (Lost 0 - 3)

Best: T.Chellew, R.Brims, A.Flood, E.Girling, E.Ryan.

The turf beckoned on our last round against the Willetton Reds. For the first time this season coach Gareth's vocal theatrics were challenged by an opposition coach! It was interesting to say the least. A great final match for our girls...and as the coach put it so eloquently in his final mid game address. "If you could see back to your first game this season you wouldn't recognise yourselves".

Despite losing three nil the majority of the game was played in our attacking half. A short corner count well in our favour gave an indication of our forward pressure. Brilliant games in the midfield were the centrepiece of the day with Tanesha, Eliza and Rhianna shining throughout. Elena turned in a strong game and Ainsley's pace and agility continued and she was very unlucky not to convert a number of opportunities.

All in all a great game on turf to finish the season. This was a year that will not be remembered so much by the win loss record but rather the development of a fantastic team, with a very capable and well respected coach.

Boys 9/10C vs Kalamunda (Won 4 - 0)

Best: J. Munns, N. Ireland, J. Cornwall

Goals: N. Ireland (2), J. Munns, N. Dumas

Today's game would determine where we placed on the ladder and who we would play in the finals. With both teams eager to avoid playing Southern River the scene was set for a difficult game.

Our boys were determined and realised that the light rain meant they needed to carry the ball rather than hit and hope (which never works). Some well timed very long directional hits by Jonathon ensured we were set up for scoring. Great positioning by Jordan Munns and Nick Ireland in the first half saw the boys take the lead with Kalamunda only managing one goal.

The second half saw Kalamunda come out quickly and score to move in front. However they didn't foresee our boys protective nature when little Cassie got hit with a ball. This gave the boys the fire they needed and they quickly resumed control of the game and took the lead.

Today's umpire's award went to Crawford who displayed some great skills. He controlled the ball well and was determined in his tackling but what was most remarkable was his display of selflessness when we were under pressure. He realised that in subbing him onto the field after his break, it would change the team dynamics and could alter the result. His willingness to remain on the side was instrumental in the boys win and for that he should be commended.

This was a great game to watch with the win coming at the right time for the boys heading into the finals.

Boys 7/8A vs WASPS (Won 4 - 1)

Best: J. Ross, J. Rutigliano, B. Brown

Goals: J. Ross (3), A. Rayfield

Great effort by our Melville boys. The game was played in 2 halves, where we had a great start and led 4 - 0 at half time. A hat rick of goals to Jamie Ross plus a nice goal to Alex Rayfield. The 2nd half had lots of pressure and we came away with a 4 - 1 win. Well done boys, now for the finals.

Girls 7/8A vs CT Pirates

No report

Boys 7/8A Reserve vs NC Raiders

No report

Boys 7/8B Yellow vs OGMHC (Lost 0 - 2)

Best: H. MacPherson, B. Hawkins, D. Van Lieshout

The scoreboard may not show a win, but this game was a fantastic win in my mind. Keeping the opposition to only 2 goals was fantastic and the true extent of just how far you have all come as a team really showed. We've had an amazing season and all that is left to do is wish you all the very best next year. Keep it up, you are all stars!

Girls 7/8B Black vs Mods

No report

Girls 7/8B Gold vs UWA-Yellow (Won 3 - 0) 2011-08-27

Best: P. Brickhill, S. Cocken, B. Irvine

A fabulous team effort with a well rewarded win. If we play like this in the finals we will have a great shot at taking it out - well done.

Girls 7/8B Gold vs Newman (Lost 0 - 5) 2011-09-03

Best: C. Sader, M. Stephens, J. Vanderzwan

We had a good start against a strong opposition only going down one goal in the first half. The girls managed well with the game played at frantic pace. However, we paid dearly for a lapse in concentration in the second half. They punished us for not getting back and marking our players, subsequently scoring 4 goals in the process. We can however take away several positives for the game - Kya did well in fending off many scoring opportunities, and we know we can take the game to them as we did in the first half. We are after all the only team to score against them previously. With our last home and away game behind us we all for the first time head into the finals. If we play our game we will do well next week. Good luck girls!

Boys 7/8C vs Canning (Won 3 - 1)

Best: S. Hird, S. Reynolds, R. Breuer

Goals: M. Ujjesinovic, S. Hird, R. Reynolds

Great win for the team in the final game of the season. Play was forward most of the time and was also defended well from full and half back. The team never let up on the opposition. Congratulations to Sean Hird, Sean Reynolds and Milorad for their goals. Sean Hird ran hard - well done!

Girls 7/8C (Lost 0 - 1)

Best: M. Clarke/K. Davoren, O. Fruzynski/K. Steffe

The girls played a great attacking game today, with many forays into the oppositions D for no reward. I was disappointed for them as they went down 1 – nil. All the girls have improved their ability and understanding of the game and play as a team. Regardless of the frustrations of not winning more games this year, I know that they are all determined to play on next year, all the best your Coach.

Boys 5/6A vs UWA (Lost 1 - 2)

Best: D. Whibley, T. Dickson/S. McKinnon, M. Love

Goals: S. McKinnon

A great first half from the boys, we really took it to them and were one up at half time. Sam slotted one in after a great short pass from Mitch, Sam was in the right place at the right time for sure. We had all the play and again, many opportunities not capitalised on. The second half it looked like there was nothing left in the tank, players out of their positions didn't help. Hopefully we can learn from this next year and be more hungry for those elusive goals, there is no doubt we have a quality side with enormous potential. Lets finish the last game strongly boys and enjoy the turf experience as its our first one of the season, next week the win is ours!!!

Girls 5/6A vs NC Raiders (Drew 0 - 0)

Best: A. Bell, L. Anderson, N. Flynn

It's unfortunate that the game ended on a sour note, but well done to both umpires and the girls for the way they handled themselves. Melville was unlucky not to win this one as we had one of our best first halves and some great scoring opportunities spread throughout the game. Yet another great save by Lisa made sure we didn't go one down, and some really good defense covered the times when they did attack. Our pressure on their 16's was strong, with the forwards and halves combining well to close them down time and again. We had a lot of width in our game and, in the second half, some excellent cover defense. Congrats to our best players and all the rest for the effort they put in.

Girls 5/6B Black Maroon vs UWA Blue (Lost 1 - 6)

Best: A. Swan, R. Clark, Z. Elliott

Goals: R. Clark

WE GOT A GOAL!! and the crowd went wild ..! Our first goal of the season was welcomed with a roar from the crowd and a look of dismay from the opposition. A fantastic play with a another great hit from Eilidh getting through the opposition's defence to Alice who passed it on to Zoe, who passed it through to Rachel who popped it into the goals. Who would have thought that Rachel had spent most of the season at fullback? Great play girls. Amelia was full of determination today and played her heart out,as did Alice who reads the play so well. We played with no subs today so the girls ran their little hearts out. Great game girls and well done!

Girls 5/6B Black White vs Westside Wolves Grey (Won 1 - 0)

Best: K. Dumas, D. Kirk, E. Hutchinson

Goals: L. Mellor

With several girls getting over viruses, today's game was going to be tough, but it was even tougher knowing we were playing the Wolves number two side. We were again joined by Chloe and Saoirse from grads who contributed strongly to the game. Chloe stepped confidently into the role of halfback and provided a solid defence against the Wolves attack. Saoirse was our back up wing and helped support Emma who was still recovering from her virus. Being able to interchange her regularly gave us the strength we needed on the wing so well done to both girls. At the start of the game the girls were asked to be strong in attack and score quickly and that in the second half we would focus on playing a more defensive game. To their credit the girls did exactly what was asked of them scoring the only goal of the game in the first half and then defending the score for the remainder of the game. As always our fullback and goalkeeper provided a solid defence resulting in the Wolves remaining goalless and despite our best efforts the girls were unfortunate not to score more goals. Depending on the other games results today, our final game could decide who wins the pennant for the Girls 5/6B's making it a very tough match against the Wolves number one side. The girls have made us all very proud this year and will finish either second or third on the ladder for the season. Let's get them next week girls and secure second spot!!!

Boys 5/6 Regional Black Maroon vs Southern River White (Won 8 - 0)

Best: S. Curran, A. Hall, J. Scanlon

Goals: J. Lukan (3), R. Bright, L. Downey, J. Floyd, A. Hall, J. Scanlon

Fantastic game! For the last 3 weeks we have been focusing on tackling. Not just the once off tackle but following up. Repeat - 2nd & 3rd efforts. Positioning

yourself in the tackle and forcing your opponent to go wide or forcing them on their reverse stick (Block tackle); waiting for the moment to jab tackle – slowly but surely the Boys are taking all this on board – we just need to keep the intensity UP! Tackle strongly! Hit/slap/push the ball out wide to our inners or wings and use the width of the field to allow our forwards to run to the goals and then cross from the corners to the Spot and SCORE! This worked extremely well today with Austin, Joshua and Regan excelling in their efforts dribbling the ball down their respective wings and hitting it into Jordan on the Spot.

Once again extremely pleasing resolute defence lead by Sean and Mitch today. Great to see Sean getting a run up Forward and causing some havoc - a wonderful “pass” to Lochie outside the right post with a brilliant deflection for a goal – the Kookaburras would have been proud of that one!

Well done Boys! Always entertaining and enjoyable to watch!

HUGE MILESTONE today – Josh scored his maiden goal for the season!

Brilliant! He has been sooo close all year and today was a mammoth reward for all of his combined seasons efforts.

Boys 5/6 Regional Black White vs WASPS (Lost 0 - 4)

A tough game today. We seemed to be lopsided on the field with boys following the ball again and not staying in position. This gave our opposition easy opportunities to get the ball through and down to goals. We have one more game to go for the season against a strong Melville team. We need to concentrate on staying in your position, and passing out wide. Only go for the big hit if there is no opposition in sight, or they will steal the ball from you, and there is no point doing a big hit if there is no one there to receive the ball. Make sure when you receive the ball that you trap it, and look for your team mates before pushing it on. That way the ball has a better chance of reaching your team. We have managed to improve a lot over the last few weeks, so lets finish the season well and give Melville a good hard contest.

Boys 5/6 Regional Red Maroon vs Whitford (Won 3 - 2)

Goals: A. Ladhams (2), C. Surtees

No report

Boys 5/6 Regional Red White vs NC Raiders (Won 1 - 0)

Best: T. Harvey, M. Harvey, B. Munnings

No report

Girls 5/6 Regional Black vs UWA (Lost 0 - 1)

Best: Z. Jarvis-Smith, I. Moncrieff, A. Baskerville

This game was played on the turf at the stadium. The girls played really well and fought really hard the whole game. The end score was not really reflective of the game, as the play was very equal, with Uni scoring within minutes of the end of the game. Well played girls.