

APPLECROSS W.M.C.A. HOCKEY CLUB

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 1972

At the close of the 1971 season, the planning envisaged for our 1972 year was outlined and today the management committee, senior and junior members and parents can feel justifiably proud that the Club has attained its objectives.

Throughout its ranks, the Club has a depth of participants in both the playing and non-playing capacity who are each willing to give of their individual attributes and all have worked together as a balanced team to enable the second largest combined junior/senior Hockey Club in the West Australian Hockey Association to function effectively and efficiently. This team spirit spread to playing members and assisted in building the individual team efforts which in conjunction with the stalwart efforts of our Club Coaches brought about our successes throughout the year.

I am greatly indebted to the Management Committee for its co-operation during the year, each Member having given the club and myself their whole hearted support at all times. I would also like to thank all Members and parents who so willingly supported the Club and the Association during this year's National Junior Hockey Championships.

It is with a feeling of regret that due to transfer, I will no longer be able to actively participate in the Club's activities, however, I hope to be able to keep in touch through some of the many friends that I have acquired during my association with the Club. It is disappointing that David will not have the opportunity to play with the Club during 1973 as I am confident that our up and coming juniors will play a big part in further development of the club gradings and with the guidance of experienced coaches, make a substantial contribution to Hockey in this State.

As I may not have the opportunity to speak with all whom I would like prior to my departure to New South Wales, I am taking this opportunity to wish the Club and all members every success in the 1973 year.

ROSS HALLIDAY





COACHES' CORNER



TEAM PENNANT HONOUR ROLL 1972

CARNIVALS

Albany Carnival	"B" Grade
Perth Carnival	"B" Grade
Bunbury Carnival	"A" Reserve

CHALLENGE CUPS

Reserve White
B1 Red
U16 Div. 1
U14 Div. 2

*GUTH ARDAGH PENNANTS

Reserve White
B3 Green
U16 Div. 1
U14 Div. 2

"Guth Ardagh Pennants are awarded to
teams qualifying in first place.

GRAND FINALISTS

Reserve White
B1 Red
B3 Green
U16 Div. 1
U12 Div. 1

PREMIERS - PENNANTS

HOW IT ALL BEGAN - THIS GAME CALLED HOCKEY

The earliest mention of the name "hockey" dates back to 1527 when the Galway Statutes included hockie, "The horlinge of litell balle with sticks or staves" in a list of prohibited games.

The name itself depicts the hooked shape of the stick and is believed to be an Anglicized version of Old French... hoquet meaning Shepherd's Crook.

Hockey is one of many sports derived from prehistoric man's delight in stick and ball games and his belief that the flight of the ball and the outcome of the contest would determine the course of nature ; the rising of the sun symbolized by the ball, and the fertility of the fields.

Its birth place was Asia and it is thought to have been devised in Persia about the year 2000 B.C. This explains the importance of hockey to the American Indians who are also thought to have come from Asia.

Modern hockey, as created in England, resembles most closely games once popular in the British Isles; Scottish shinty, English and Welsh bandy, and Irish hurling.

Gradually a wild dangerous, and uncontrolled game, which had been more of a brawl than a sport, matured and around 1840 the Blackheath Club drafted the first code of rules.

The game was finally standardized by the Wimbledon Hockey Club in 1883 and "The Game that Grows" began to spread around the world.

Irish Hurley was the forerunner of hockey in Australia when it was played in Victoria in the 1880's by Irish gold miners. Real hockey was played by Royal Navy teams when their ships were in Australian ports and was first organized on a state basis in South Australia just before 1900.

Earliest data on hockey in Western Australia dates from 1908 when Dr. Hope presented a trophy to the newly established W.A.H.A. consisting of three teams.

SEVENTEEN YEARS OF HOCKEY WITH "CROSS" -

JOTTINGS

Our club was founded in 1955 when the Dalton, Spitteler and Nelson families established the club with a ground at Gairloch Oval, Applecross. Coached by George Nelson and led by President Vic. Dalton (who later became the club's first life member) the young club prospered and in 1961 acquired a ground at Shirley Strickland Oval and another at Tompkin's Park.

An early player and President was Roy Fletcher who is still giving fine leadership today as a coach of our junior

teams. Other Presidents have been Merv. Bennets, Peter Noad and David Spitteler. Both Mr. & Mrs. Bennetts have a long association with the club - Mrs. Bennetts coaching our Junior teams from 1960 to 1969 and many top players today owe their success to this fine grounding at Cross. The success of the club during the mid 1960's when we moved from C to B to Reserve and to A's in successive years was also due to the dedication of such coaches.

Early in 1971 David Spitteler was forced to resign as President and player due to his transfer to Melbourne, but Brian Spitteler is still carrying on the Spitteler association with the club.

Today we have thirteen teams carrying on the red and grey banner and with fine leadership from our President and Committee, and a fine spirit evident in the Club, we have completed a very rewarding season.

1972 has seen the club regain A status and with good coaching, support and strength evident right down through the teams, 1973 will be a year of consolidation of progress achieved and of pushing on to further success.



APPLECROSS Y.M.C.A. U14 Div 2 TEAM 1972

"CROSSFIRE"

by C.C.

So we've rallied round the flag boys
the old grey and red,
We've moved on to A3's boys just like we had said.
Our thirteen teams have turned it on
throughout our finest year
So let's keep playing hockey boys
with skill and pride and cheer.

Our Coaches have worked wonders
with stick and ball and shout
When the 12 ones won the final
Coach Roy was all flaked out.
Col taught us possession style of play
and Merv Adams was quick to see
How skilled a coach had Applecross
When he came to our coaches tea.

Hank carried us through thick and thin
in training days all year
He pushed us over sandhills
and rounded up the rear
On Saturdays he lined our grounds
In front of Harold's Den
On Wednesdays he was always there
to train our little men.

Ray Ranford from Old Wesley
Came down to lend a hand
With Bruce and Roy and Under 12's
They made a skilful band.

Our 16 1's played Scarborough
With umpires minus one
With coaches full of fire and threat
And Grandpa's straining lung
And Cran along the side lines
Calling for fair play
While Merv's engulfing anger
Reduced him to clay.

The wheel turned at Tompkins
with Fremantle's Semi-defeat
The umpire gave short corners
and ordered Cran's retreat.

Alan coached our Fourteen two's
who massed a century score
And John brought on our younger lads
to make the final four.

Syd Brooker and his lad named Les
recruited left and right
Two Under 18 teams they formed
to carry on the fight.

Young Jack and all his ball boys
were always on the bell
When Australia came to W.A.
He never took a spell
But waved the red and white flag
and blew the whistles too.

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And Howard kept the records with
skill and fervour true.

At Bunbury our boys were well known
As skilled players and good sports
They put our Club's name on the map
Even Spitteler wore black shorts.
To tell the truth he lost his whites
on a fine Bunbury afternoon
His team mates gathered to his aid
before the girls did swoon.

The B3's have had a torrid year
battling for first place
Hassett stirred and Bradfield stirred
and Mitchell set the pace.

Old Furgies not a prejudiced lad
He's a mate of Peter Hassetts
But when we played the Bangladesh
His play had many facets.
"White Power" he screamed - his long hair shook
A hippy wearing pads
He set upon them stick and boot
Those poor unfortunate lads.

Our Quiz Night was a great success
with learned Peter Noad
Questioning us on food and sport
and lights upon the road.
Hancock won the hamper,
the Robinson's goods by tons
And Kinglsey's table had some help
from a runner from Twelve ones.

Our Treasurer is an engineer
who's built our funds on rock
He's guided us throughout the year
with wisdom, skill and shock
Where others have lost points hard earned
through lateness with their fees
Merv Bennetts has been most impressed
with our treasurer's decrees.

So rally round the flag boys The Old grey and red
Shoulder to the wheel boys Success lies just ahead
Salute to the Old year The one that is past
With hopes that in the New Year
We'll never be out classed.

RESERVE WHITE TEAM

Winners of Guth Ardagh Memorial by finishing on top of the Premiership table and gained promotion to A3 for 1973.

Winners of Challenge Cup

Winners of B Grade Perth Six-A-Side Carnival.

Winners of A Reserve Grade South West Carnival.

This side have had a hard season. The majority of players have been training since January and the competition in the grade proved to be fairly strong.

All year pressure has been applied to the team in the club's bid to gain A3 status, and full marks must go to the members who played so well throughout the year.

John Cole - Plays mainly at Centre forward and left wing. Very fast, penetrating forward. John found great form up to mid season, but then sustained a bad ankle injury which kept him out for a couple of qualifying games and the Challenge Cup. Has not produced same form since but watch out opposition when he does.

Graeme Meacock - Plays at inside left and can produce great control of the ball. Graeme was struggling to find his feet early in the season but earned full points when, after being dropped from the side, he came back and produced match winning form. Has great potential and technical knowledge. Sure to develop into a top class player with more experience.

Geoff Cole - Has played at Centre half, inside right, centre forward. Very skilful player with sound knowledge of the game. Geoff has been in great form this season and on occasions has been the difference between our side winning and losing. He has the knack of putting the opposition on the wrong foot with feints and ball control. Has good goal sense.

Colin Willis - Plays at right wing. Is a very fast, hard hitting forward. Colin can, at times, do brilliant things and plays great hockey. Could improve his game by developing more technical knowledge.

Peter Griffiths - Plays at left half back. Is a constructive, competent player. Peter is the youngest member of the side but is never over-awed. Plays to keep the opposition from getting the ball and does so with determination. Has good ball control and stick-work and at all times tries to place the ball to advantage. With more experience, technical knowledge and skill will certainly be a valuable player.

Peter Lander - Plays at right half back. Has pace, long-reach and good ball control. Peter is a forward who was positioned at half-back to help balance the side. Although not happy about the move he played many fine games from this position and earns vote of thanks for his efforts. Plays with determination and was rarely beaten all season.

Kingsley McGuire - Plays left full back. Is an aggressive, determined defender. Kingsley is a much improved full-back. Plays intelligently and backs his judgment. Attempts to place the ball to advantage and Cont'd



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RESERVES WHITE
CHALLENGE CUP
1972



refuses to be beaten. A valued player.

Brian Spitteler (Vice Captain)

Plays at centre-halfback. A talented, rugged, determined defender. Brian has been the backbone of the side. Each week he has turned in an excellent game. He has great stick work and ball control. He has rarely been beaten this season and his desire to win is something each junior and senior member of the club should try to capture.

Colin West (Captain)

Played at right half - left wing - right inner and centre forward. Club coach and skilled tactician with tremendous hockey know-how and ability. Has provided our club with the leadership and style of play which has enabled us to reach A3's. A fine captain and coach who has the ability to bring out the best in his team.

Roger Hope-Johnston - Plays right full-back. A good consistent defender. Roger has had a good season and although he had a loss of form for a couple of weeks has played soundly. Can cover a lot of ground under pressure and can hit the ball very hard. Always looks to pass to a team mate. With more experience and the knowledge could be a first class player.

John Shannon - Plays goalkeeper. Is a competent goalie. This year John made a return to hockey after a couple of years absence. Showed good form in pre-season games. He had his confidence shattered in the second game of the season, but regained good form and with some work over the summer could prove valuable next season. John is a natural aggressive player and was asked to change his style to adopt a more defensive role. This he did to advantage and conceded only seven goals after the second match in fourteen qualifying games.

Gary Dienhoff - Missed the second half of the season but made a timely return to replace the injured Col. West and help us win the final. A brilliant mid field player who is very elusive and possesses a fine goal sense.

Others Who Played - Terry O'Rafferty, Ian Miller and David Bickford.

All fitted in well and gained valuable experience.

B1 RED 1972

Left Wing
Eric Bradfield

Very fast - persistent type of player.
Very fine club-man.

Centre Forward
Jack Warman

Forceful, strong spear-head. Work-horse of the team.

Right Wing
G. Wilson

Extremely fast has ability to "lift" a side!

Left Inner
Robin Blay

Has the ability to lift his game when the chips are down.

Right Inner
David Hughes

Has good control and "tons" of ability. An asset to the club.

Left Half
Greg. Arnold

Talented - with training could play in our "top" side.

Centre Half
Brian Wilkinson

A "much travelled" player - displays great tenacity - a tireless terrier.

Right Half
B. Hancock (Captain)

A real champion (10 years ago!)

Left Full
David Bickford

Always gives 100% effort. A dashing defender who backs his judgement to good effect.

Right Full
Geoff Gorham

A talented, courageous defender, rarely beaten.

Goalie
O. Ferguson

A much improved player - displayed skill on many more occasions this year!

This team won the B2 Premiership in 1971, being undefeated after nineteen games, and commenced this 1972 season in B1 with a zealous record to protect. Again the team has played strongly throughout the season, losing only 1 game and drawing two to finish second on the list at the end of the qualifying round.

B. Hancock.



B3 GREEN

The team has one of the best records this year and has held its position on top of the grade from the beginning of the year. They came close to winning the Challenge Cup, but took off the Guth Ardagh by remaining in top position and gained promotion to B2's.

Left Wing
Bruce Cadd

Always working in the attack and right up with the play.

Centre Forward
Ian Mitchell

Constant trier - sound penetrating attacker. Scores some brilliant shots.

Right Wing
Howard Bradfield

Moves well in his position. Solid attacker who always gives full effort.
Team Manager

Left Inner
Malcolm Jackaman

Has developed into a forceful attacker. Moves the ball well

Right Inner
Brian Moore

Dedicated and enthusiastic team member. Vice Captain. Good supporter throughout. Always trying - never gives up.

Left Half Back
Jack Cox

Capable defender. Can always be relied on to work at his best.

Centre Half Back
Keith Jackaman

Late arrival, ably filling this position and giving drive to effective attack.

Right Half Back
Malcolm Cole

Possibly the quietest, yet most stable member of the team. Gave a constant effort throughout. Good distribution.

Left Full Back
Nigel Atkinson

Gave an excellent show all year in Centre Half. Now working well in defence.

Right Full Back
Peter Hassett

A captain of great merit. Always thinking of the team. A very capable defender who has masterful stickwork.

Goalie
Ron Cochrane

Our most solid defender who set a high standard of play throughout the year.

Full Back
Kim Hunter.

Stable and controlled player who well supported the team up to the finals.

Captain: P. Hassett

Manager: H. Bradfield

PREMIERS:

A deserved reward to a team where all members worked constantly throughout the year to attain this personal distinction of being Premiers 1972.

B3 Red

WALKER

Covers a lot of ground in both attack and defence.

ROSCOE

Aggressive player. Played determinedly all season.

BESTE

Was responsible for many fine moves which resulted in goals.

NOAD

Reads the play well. Always in attack and contributed with many goals.

BURKE

A dedicated team man and player who never stops trying.

PLESTER

Consistent Player throughout the season.

KEAST

Solid in defence and contributed greatly to attack and success during the season.

DEARNLEY

Tenacious player. Always capable of playing the entire game.

PURSER

Manager and reliable full back who is hard to pass.

FINGLAND

Always reliable in defence. Cleared well under pressure.

ROWSE

A fine season from a fine gentleman.

Qualified 4th after a very good season.



UNDER 18 - DIVISION 2

Left Wing - Peter Jones

Plays consistently. Good team man. Reliable hitting in short corners.

Centre Forward - Terry O'Rafferty - Jerro McCreedy

A competent player prepared to have a go.

Joined team half way through season. A dashing player. Shows potential.

Right Wing - Barry Murray

Fleet of foot and deadly if in the circle.

Left Inner - Graham Humble

Doesn't say much, but knows what a hockey stick is for.

Right Inner - Bruce Cameron

Our Vice Captain, a handyman and ready to advise the ref. if thought necessary.

Left Half - Richard Bruce

Plays position well. Steady under pressure

Centre Half - Kevin Green

Our popular Captain and "Unger". Doesn't ask anybody to do what he wouldn't tackle himself. Deadly when goaling from short corners.

Right Half - Ian Marriner

Reliable team man. Good steady player.

Left Full Back - Mark Gorham

Played well for half season then left to further education on scholarship to U.S.A. Best of luck Mark.

Rod Bishop

Promoted from Div. 3 and an excellent replacement for Mark. Glad to have you with us Rod.

Right Full Back - Les Brocker

Liked to make it difficult for the opposing forwards. Not afraid to go in. Clears ball well.

Goalie - Greg Cole

An onerous position well handled. Stay with us Greg.

Although the team had its ups and downs early in the season, towards the end we stabilized both in men and play and were unlucky to just miss out on the four. Next season should be a different story, hope to see you all together again chaps; best of luck till then.

Qualified 5th.

Manager: S. Brocker

UNDER 18 - DIVISION 3

Left Wing - Peter Richards

A consistent and tireless forward.

Centre Forward - M. Johnston

Fast moving and skilled player who lifted his game to score frequently.

Right Wing - C. Nalder

B. Murray

A real trier who always gave a good effort.

A talented and fast right wing. Lost to the U18 2's later in the season.

Left Inner - G. Humble

A strong, dependable and speedy forward.

Right Inner - T. Foster

Skilful inner who improved tremendously as the season progressed.

Left Half Back - B. Nalder

A reliable half who played his position well.

Centre Half Back - G. Stewart

A real digger and a fine club man. A mobile centre half who always gives a full 70 minutes.

Right Half Back - S. Penny

Another reliable back who gave a persistent effort.

Left Full Back - A. Plester

Enthusiastic full-back. Played reasonably well as goalie. Has a strong tackle and hard hit.

- L. Green

Strong and determined player who stopped many goals from being scored. An asset to the club.

Right Full Back - R. Hymus

Played well in any position in the back-line. Fast and determined and showing good development.

- T. Robinson

A skilled full-back who left to go to Narrogin.

- R. Bishop

A player who's skill improved as the season progressed.

Goalie - K. Strahan

A rarely beaten goalie who played well.

Reserves: - J. Oliver and R. Oliver

Reserves who only played a few games. Always there when needed and have good potential.

UNDER 16 - DIVISION 1

A very talented team which won fifteen games, lost one and drew one over the season. A very capable forward line which scored 69 goals and a very solid defence which conceded only 9 goals.

Winner of Challenge Cup

Winner of Guth Ardagh Pennant

Grand Finalists

Left Wing

Terry Brookes

Has the stickwork and intelligence necessary to make a success of the difficult left wing position. Now using great variety in his play.

Centre Forward

Ian Miller

Brilliant Centre forward with excellent goal sense. Very high potential

Right Wing

David Snithers

Fast, strong player who scored some vital goals in big games

Left Inner

Alan Meacock (V. Capt.)

Developed into a fast moving clever inner with excellent disposal. Excellent ball control and very high potential.

Right Inner

Paul Meacock

Clever and constructive forward, always intercepting cleanly and always creating opportunities.

Left Half Back

Ian Finlayson

Versatile, well equipped player, who developed well during the season. Never beaten.

Centre Half Back

David Halliday (Captain)

A fine captain who always controlled the play and set a fine example in courage and skill. Mobile and brilliant cover defence.

Right Half Back

Peter Sunman

Classy half back with fine ball control and keen intelligence. Always hard to pass.

Left Full Back

Garrick Aberle

Dashing type of full-back who combines well with his very dependable partner. Always plays the game to the full.

Right Full Back

Kevin Wilson

Persistent, dependable and rock like in defence. Has a long reach and plenty of determination.

Goalie

Vern. Mundy

Reads the play well and made some brilliant saves to concede only 9 goals for the season. Courageous, kicks well and is never rattled.

Other players were David Rowe, Ken Edsall, Chris Avent, Tony Librizzi.

Manager and Coach:

Merv Mundy

UNDER 16 - DIVISION 2

Defence: - Ken Edsall (Vice-Captain) Goals
Peter Swift - Left Full Back
David Rowe - Right Full Back

These three players developed a co-ordinated defence with both backs making several "goal line" saves. They learnt one another's style of play and tactics and to read the play and act accordingly.

Half Back Line - Andrew McGuinness (Captain) Right Half
Peter Anderson - Centre Half
Peter Burge - Left Half

Developed into an effective line; assisting in defence and feeding the forwards. Many scoring moves were initiated by the half backs.

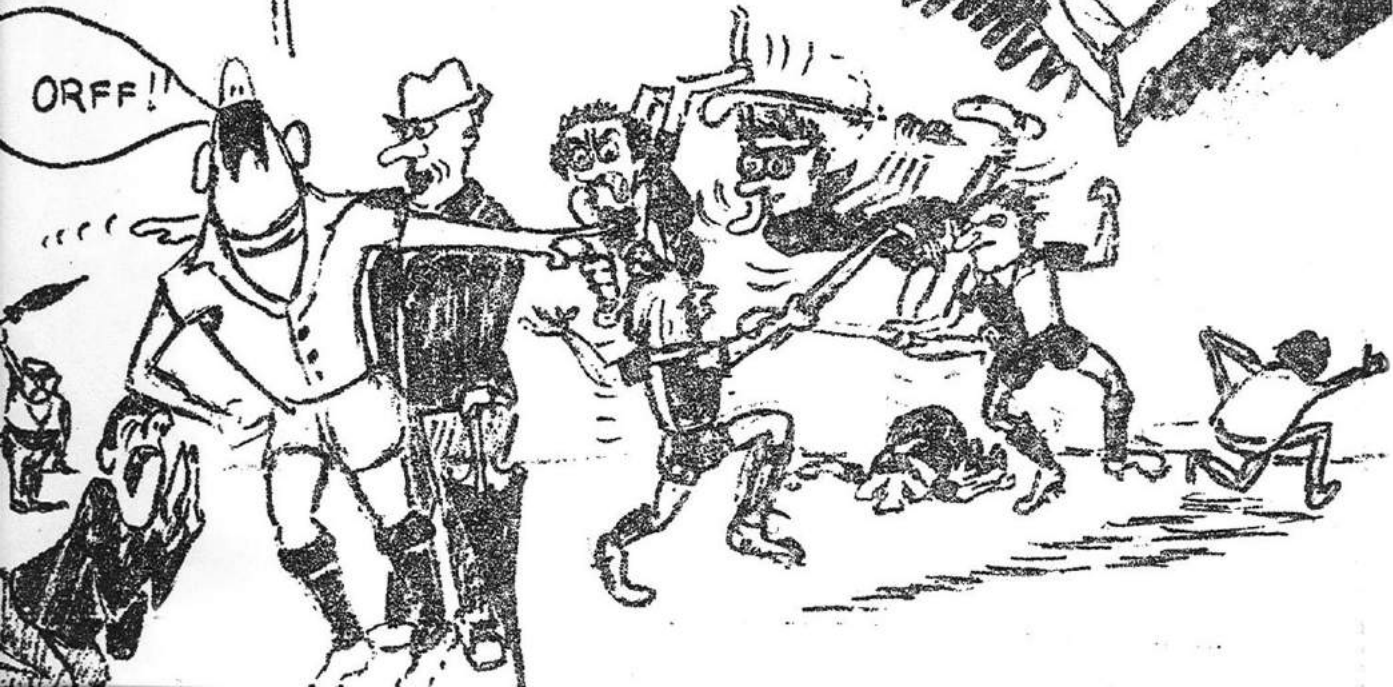
Forwards - Garry Thomas - Left Wing
Robert Dalglish - Left Inner
Tony Librizzi - Centre Forward
Keith Harper - Right Inner
Cliff Bache - Right Wing

Took a few games to settle down but after this "found" the net and scored well. The ball was moved about well; all forwards accepted the idea that scoring was what mattered, not who scored.

The team made a slow start but when it settled down made its presence felt in the grade. In the second round drew with Canning Districts (top at end of first round) and beat the Challenge Cup winners.

Finished fifth, two points behind the team in fourth place.

Hockey is a team game and this was shown by the eleven players contributing their best in all matches.



UNDER 16 - DIVISION 3

All the members of this team had a great season enjoying their hockey, but have the distinction of finishing bottom of the ladder, winning only one game and drawing two. They were unlucky not to win more games as many good attacking moves just could not be finished off in the circle. It is to the credit of all the boys that they never gave up trying, though they must have been disappointed some Saturdays. With so many games lost, we at least built up a very strong defence in the back lines, and our goalie was given a lot of practice.

The season started badly because with three teams in Under 16's this year and an early shortage of players, we always seemed to be scratching for players, or playing some up-graded Under 14's or players loaned from other divisions. It was not until well into the first round that we had enough players - in fact later two or three too many - so we often had changes. Then when absences occurred in the other two divisions, we supplied the fill-ins.

Richard Gardiner - A trier on the left wing who worked very hard, particularly when someone thought to send the ball to him.

Kyle Timms - A strong player who performed very well for his first season in hockey. Normally played left inner, and later was tried at left half-back. We will see even better things of Kyle next year.

Jeff Pearse - Played hard at centre forward and scored several good goals.

Mark Randell - A talented right inner who played through many attacking moves, and scored some good goals. Good at fooling the defence with his dribbling.

Mark Dalrymple - A keen right wing who ran hard with the ball and beat many defenders.

Darryl Webb - A new player this season who shows a lot of promise and will shape up well next year. Played mostly as half back, occasionally as inner.

Andrew Robert - A keen player who was used in several forward positions, generally as inner. Always played a hard game.

Paul Slavin - Very keen player, normally at left half back, sometimes as inner. He always gave of his best.

Chris Avent - A very solid player in defence, and distributed the ball well in attack from his centre-half back position. As this was his first season in hockey, he shows great promise for future years.

John Everingham - Played as half back generally, and occasionally as full back. A very strong defender who foiled many of the opponents attacking moves.

Brad Platell - The team Captain, and the best defender in the team. Made many good individual stops from left full back, followed by strong through drives. Often rated best player on the field.

Ian Craig - Right full back, solid in defence and good at backing up the goalie when required. Broke up many attacks.

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Les Foggon - A very clever goalie who read the play in the circle well. Made many brilliant saves, and often figured in best players awards.

John Oliver - Began late in the season with the team, but played very capably as full back. We will see a lot more of John next year.

Qualified 8th

Manager: C.A. Everingham

IMPROVING YOUR OWN HOCKEY

A thought for Junior Players.

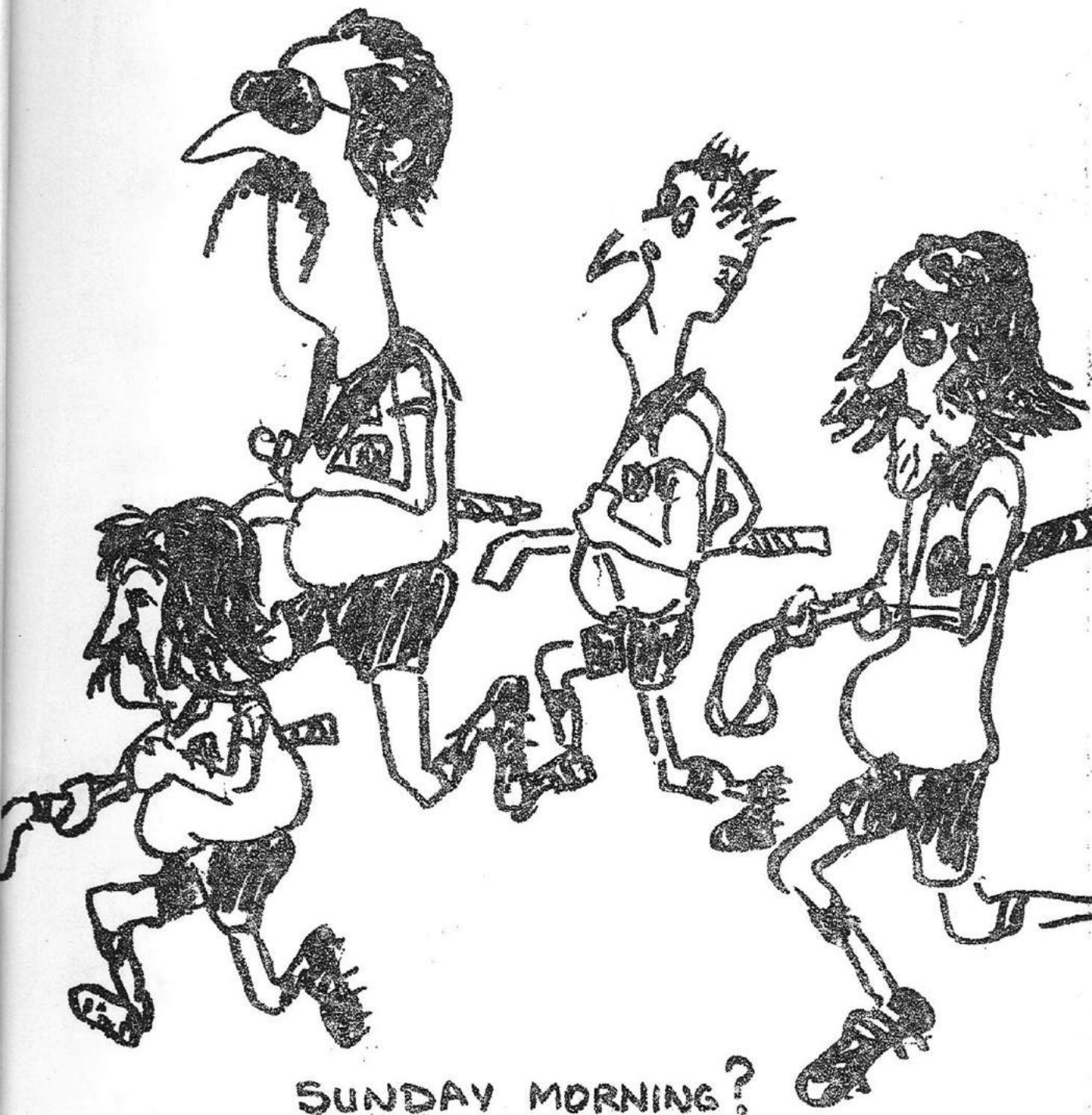
By: Jack Edsall

Practice the basic skills of hockey consistently. While waiting for your coach to arrive it is far better to "dribble" a ball up and down the field than to practice "killing" a person standing in goals.

Ball control can be improved on the back lawn: use a tennis ball as it is easier on the louvres.

At training never practice things which are against the rules, e.g. sticks, kicking or flicking the ball into a player. Once learnt such things are hard to forget.

Remember, it is only practice and dedication to the game that will enable you to rise through the grades. You will only get from the game as much as you are prepared to put in. Whilst it is good to be able to play more than one position it is equally as important to decide what position you play best and to concentrate on it.



SUNDAY MORNING?



SCORED A CENTURY, BUT CLEAN BOWLED IN THE FINALS.

UNDER 14 - DIVISION 2

Warrick (Wokker the Quokka) Robertson

Hops about like his namesake, but as Captain he led a successful team very ably from his full-back position.

Andrew (Flutterfoot) Reynolds

Not many vices in this Vice-Captain except when his stick gets tangled with his feet. An intelligent centre forward with many goals to his credit.

Michael (Stonewall) Brooker

Frightens the opposition with terrifying charges, but only 5 goals against, proves we have a winner in goals.

Tony (Cucumber) Fletcher

A real cool one in defence. Shows out best when under intense pressure.

Patrick (Dublin Flyer) Matthews

Although not always the apple of the umpires eye, his skill and tenacity make him an invaluable wing half.

Tim (Muscleman) Johnston

Upsets the opposition with his vigorous play but dominates the pivot position with fine attacking hockey.

Simon (not the Simple kind) Johnston

An improving half-back whose good stickwork baffled opposing forwards and helped to win many games.

Anton (Birdie) Birch

A real right wing flyer. His rocket like centres sometimes had our left side forwards gasping.

Noel (Bulldozer) Backhouse

Despite the nametag, our leading goalscorer and we could not have won so many games without his effective right-inner play.

Donald (Duck) Brooker

Still waddling a bit, but an improving left-inner who sets up many scoring shots.

Greg (The Egg) Hunt

Certainly not a chicken when heading for the goals. Cracked many good shots in from the left wing.

John (Jumbo) Jarosek

Frightens the opposition with his great size. One of our most improved defenders who fitted in whenever most needed.

<u>Record During Season:</u>	Qualifying Matches Played:	16
Winners of:	" " Won	15
	" " Drawn	1
	" " Lost	0
Challenge Cup &	Goals For:	103
Guth Ardath Pen-	Goals Against	5
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UNDER 14 - DIVISION 3

Left Wing - Neil Banham

Neil shows good potential and makes up for his small stature by his tenacity. Sure to develop into a good player.

Mike Pitts - Left Inside

Mike is a tireless player who works equally well in forward or defensive play. Has excellent potential and will develop into a very good player.

Peter Earngey - Centre Forward

Peter is a strong player who can score goals with his strong hit. Tends to be a little too defensive in midfield and is sometimes left stranded.

Steve Pitts - Right Inside

Steve is a rangey player who has the ability to score goals from difficult angles, in mid field however, he tends to hold the ball a fraction too long.

Chris Brown - Right Wing

Chris started the season at Centre Forward but just lacked the physical strength to score goals. Moved to right wing he has been one of the stars of the team and has given his inside forwards many excellent opportunities for shots at goal.

Gareth Widger - Left Half

Gareth is a first year player who has distinguished himself as a boy with good potential. Gareth has also turned in some very good games at Right full back.

Graham Wilson - Centre Half

Graham is team Captain and distinguishes himself by his consistency. Graham covers centre field play well but could back up his forwards more in attack.

Peter Andrew - Right Half

Peter started the season at left wing, but has contributed more at right half since moving to that position.

Brian Matthews - Left Full Back

Brian possesses the most natural ability of all our players. His play features a lovely clean tackle and equally clean and penetrating hit.

Laurie Lapsley - Right Full Back

Laurie is a good steady player, perhaps lacking a little bit of dash. However, his combination with Brian provides a strong defence.

Glen Datsun - Goalie

Glen lacked concentration early in the season, but in the second round turned in some very good performances indeed, saving some real sizzlers.

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David Finlayson -

David is a first year player who has fitted in very well at left half and left wing and will develop into a good player of the future.

Graham James -

Graham has been played in a variety of positions and can always be relied upon to give of his very best.

Ross Goodheart -

Ross joined the club late in the season but had a couple of runs at left wing, where he gave evidence of good potential.

As Coach/Manager of the U14/3 team I want to thank all the boys for their reliability and keenness.

With 14 players available most weeks it was necessary to leave some boys out each week to ensure that all players had a run. The sportsmanship displayed by the boys who, from time to time, missed a game was wonderful.

At the end of the first round our team was in 7th position.

The boys record in the second round of 5 wins - 2 draws and 1 loss from 8 games was a remarkable performance to finish in 4th position only to lose 0:2 to Aquinas in the semi-final.

Finally to the parents who have supported the boys throughout the season many thanks and I hope to see players and parents again in 1973.

UNDER 12 DIVISION 1

John Meacock - Centre Half - Captain

Has had a very good season and led his team of determined eager friends with firm and just demands. He should be pleased with the response he has had from our youngest members.

Warren O'Rafferty - Forward

Played well in this strong forward line, but needed to develop strength in front of goals. As with quite a few of this team, is still eligible for U12 in 1973.

Caesar Scalise - Forward

Spent the first half of the season in Div. 2 and improved quickly to be upgraded to Div. 1. He should continue to develop.

UNDER 12 -- DIVISION 1

Tim Earngey - Inner

An improved aggressive player with the ability to play strongly for a full game. Has scored many goals because of his follow up.

Graham Eyres - Half Back

Gave good support, both as a full back and a half back and helped the team end the year in second place. His drive will improve with concentration.

Steven Fletcher - Inner - Vice Captain

Another aggressive forward capable of covering a lot of ground. Maintains pressure for full game and has scored many goals in this strong forward line.

Eric Holbrook - Half Back

A dashing type of player who has made some remarkable saves on the goal line. Fits into this strong team well and should develop into a good player.

Steven Horn - Wing

A speedy winger who has been another regular member of this forward line. Enthusiastic and makes every effort to assist his team.

Peter Jarosek - Full Back

Has improved slowly and needs strong prodding to produce his best. Fortunately, is playing soundly as season closes.

Pruce Johnston - Full Back

Played the first half of the season in Under 12 Div. 2. When upgraded to Div. 1 he continued to improve and is an important link in defence. He gave us all a thrill with his last minute short corner goal to put us into the Grand Final.

Matthew Jones - Goalie

He took the job under dire threats and nonchalantly did it well. Plays better with ice-cream bait. He is also a useful forward.

Grant McEwan - Half Back

Showed promise early, but lacked concentration and spent the middle part of the season gaining confidence in Div. 2. Is finishing the season strongly.

Ray MacKinnon - Winger

A good fast winger who is doing well and must work hard to make full use of his natural speed. If he reaches full pace, he will be a top class winger.



U.12. Div. 1 FINAL



UNDER 12 - DIVISION 2

Most players were in their first year of hockey. They adapted very well with a number showing natural ability with real potential for the future. As a group they were keen and co-operative and pleasing to manage.

Some twenty boys were available for selection so it was not possible to give everyone a game each Saturday. However, most boys played at least every alternate week.

The team did well to finish fifth in the competition.

Grant McEwen - Played very well at Centre Half. Controls and distributes the ball well. Cool under pressure. Vice Captain and promoted to 12 1's for finals.

Murray Grant - A bustling type of player at right inner. Gave aggression to the forward line.

Darryl Malacarri - Developed into a strong defender. Is fast and plays position well.

Geoff Ranford - A keen young player who moves with the appearance of a natural hockey player. Scored goals from the wing.

Craig Harper - Showed drive and penetration as left inner to score a number of goals. With further experience should do well next year.

James Stobie - Played strongly at full back. A good, reliable team man. Captain.

Michael Ogilby - Did well in goals. Has good idea of the position and should develop into a valuable goalie.

Bevan McGuinness - Improved through the season and played well as a half back.

Tim Cornish - Played as a full back showing good progress in skill. Should do well with further experience.

Peter Reeby - Shows natural talent. Has speed and skill and should be a very good player in future years.

Murray Ogilby - Made progress through the season. Will further improve with experience.

David Mulroney - Very Keen to participate and tried hard as a winger.

Patrick Foley - Battled hard on the ring. A very keen team member.

Jonathan Seth - A very good season at centre forward. Always played position well.

Barry Lewington - Played soundly at half back. Shows natural potential to develop into a very good player.

Nathan Craig - Has promise as a player and made good progress during the season.

Raymond Abramoff - Made progress as a full back. With further experience will show improvement.

Daniel Abramoff - Played as a half back. Will progress with more experience.

THIS 'ERE GAME OF 'OCKEY

They sez to me: "'ave a burl at this 'ere game of 'ockey." I started to mutter sumpin about workin in the gardin on Saturdees and nearly got flatten'd.

"Alright" sez I, "but wot's a good club?"

"Join the 'Cross' of course. It's one of the best!"

I could 'ardly back out now, so I goes up to the coach an arsts him whether I could play. The coach, 'e gives me a funny look an' sez:

"Alright, you'll probably do for the left wing - I'ope."

Full of high hope 'bout being the club's best champion and fastestleft winger, I pushes off to the club room and told 'em I wanted an 'ockey stick. The fella in charge gives me a twiddly piece of wood, wot 'e calls an 'ockey stick, but what looked to me like a battle axe or club. Some other jokers must 'ave 'ad that idea, too, so I later found out.

Well, we goes out to trainin', and the Coach gets us runnin' 'round 'n 'round that field. Pweet! The whistle! Off dashes ten fellas - on jogs the 'leventh - ME! WOW! I was nearly dead! I thought this wuz suppos'd to be 'ockey trainin', but the way them fellas were made to go, I thought I wuz at the 'lympic Games!

Then the coach calls us in, and we 'as to get in a big circle, and 'it the ball well ahead of the joker in front. The idea of this wuz to -

1. Be quick ter catch the ball
2. Stop the bloomin' thing.
3. Hit it on its way again.

It appears I wasn't much good at any 'v these things, and it seem'd that wot happen'd most to me wuz -

1. Bein' 'it by the ball frum the guy behind
2. Which promptly stopped me
3. and bowled me fair on me face

Well, just as I wuz well nigh dead, the coach bawls out - "Now we'll 'ave a bit 'v a game!"

After the first kick-off, I noticed 'ow me friends who 'ad been laughing an' joking before, seem'd to be in two groups tryin' to get at a bit 'v a ball, and "bang" it past a fat guy with pads, who it seem'd, now 'n then tries to 'ave a kick at the ball. If they manag'd to get the thing they call'd a goal, one group would whistle 'n cheer, and the other group would look like they wuz goin' ter murder the other bloomin' mob.

Then the ball started ter come at me, and behind it I copp'd twenty blokes comin' frum all directions. Urged on by self-protection, I wanted to get out 'v the road. Bang! The ball 'it me! Bang! And that wuz twenty blokes 'n an equal number 'v 'ockey sticks plodding over my crumpled form.

I drags meself orf ter the club room, 'ad a shower, - 'n thet wuz trainin'!

They puts me in the team larst Saturdee - not bad either - and when I gets orf me crutches, I'll 'ave another go!

"Bardo"

