

APPLECROSS Y.M.C.A. HOCKEY CLUB

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

At the beginning of the year the Management Committee outlined the following objectives:

- a. To retain the character and family atmosphere of this tightly-knit club.
- b. To consolidate our newly won position in A.3 Grade and give our promising juniors an opportunity to play in our top teams.
- c. To gain promotion from B.1 to A Reserve Grade and from B.2 to B.1 Grade for 1974.
- d. To improve the standard of coaching throughout the Club.

It is with a feeling of pride and satisfaction that I look back over the season and see the degree of success achieved in the attainment of these objectives.

Although the Club has grown to the second largest hockey club in Western Australia, it has retained a high standard of sportsmanship and its closely-knit personal character. There has been a close bond between junior and senior sectors of the Club with interest and support by parents and senior players in all aspects of club activity. This we must always work to retain. At the beginning of the year we amalgamated with the North Fremantle Club and I wish to pay tribute to the group of players who came to us from that club. Our Club has been enriched by their hockey experience and their fine clubmanship.

The Club's social committee has been active and as a result our financial situation is the best it has been for many years.

Our A.3 team performed far above our expectations to finish only one point off top place in their first year in this grade, while our B.1 and B.2 teams gained us promotion to Reserve A and B.1. We now have an excellent grading for 1974 and we have a lot to offer our top players if they stay on with our club. Our players must be made aware that staying on with their team mates and friends and building the club with us, is a very rewarding experience.

We have seen splendid hockey played by many of our junior teams throughout the year. The tremendous enthusiasm and enjoyment in playing the game and development of team play in all teams from our first year Under 12's to our top Under 16's has been very rewarding. Our junior coaching has improved to the extent that our boys are contenders for places in the state junior teams and with continued dedication and development in this area of the club's strength we can look forward to more of our lads gaining this valuable experience.

We hope to do even more in this field next year with the experience to be brought to the Club by Gryn Davis and with more individual coaching of players. Such development has been made possible by the lifting of standards of club play achieved by the coaching of Colin West and Barry Hancock over the past two years.

This is the area to which our incoming committee must devote their attention - for our strength lies in our wealth of junior talent. Applecross Y.M.C.A. must go on to greater things because it is a fine club which has a fine administration building up morale and loyalty in its members. This is a club worth playing for.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (CONTD.)

The Club is moving into a new area by arranging trips to Melbourne for junior and senior teams for early next year and this should prove an enjoyable and valuable experience for all those able to participate.

I wish to thank every member of the Management Committee for their splendid support and loyalty throughout the year. I wish to thank the team managers and captains for their dedication and assistance. Without this liaison with the players the club administration would falter. I wish too, to thank parents for their support to their son's teams - I can assure you that your sons have appreciated your interest and been encouraged by your help.

In particular I wish to thank Vice President Brian Spitteler, for his tremendous support both as an inspiring leader on the field and in so many facets of club administration. This club has been built on the contribution and loyalty of such players.

In closing I must also thank Robert Bentley for bringing so much more meaning to the letters Y.M.C.A. in our club title and for his friendship over the year.

It has been a pleasure to work for such a fine group of players and I look forward to the further development of the club, of playing skill and sportsmanship in our players, and of increasing community identity for Applecross Y.M.C.A. in 1974.

W.G. MEACOCK



CLUB ADMINISTRATION 1973

PATRON: Mr. K.H. Hurst
PRESIDENT: Mr. W.G. Meacock
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ASSISTANT COACH: Mr. B. Hancock
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Mr. G. Stewart
Mr. D. Bickford
Mr. L. McGuinness
SELECTION COMMITTEE: Mr. B. Spitteler
Mr. B. Hancock
Mr. C. Burke
Mr. C. West
Mr. R. Ranford
Mr. J. Edsall

CLUB HONOUR BOARD

Vic Dalton
1969 David Spitteler
1971 Peter Noad
1972 Ross Halliday

STATE REPRESENTATIVES

1956 D. Spitteler Jnr.
1960 B. Spitteler "
1962 M. Currell "
1963 R. Robinson "
1967 M. Griffiths "
1968 G. Argæet "
1968 I. Halliday "
1968 R. Hope-Johnston"
1973 P. Meacock "

TEAM PENNANT HONOUR ROLL 1973

CARNIVALS

Perth Six-a-side carnival B. Grade Winners
" D. Grade Winners
Avon Valley Junior Carnival
Winners Under 12
Winners Under 15

CHALLENGE CUP

Under 12 Div.2

GUTH ARDAGH PENNANTS

B.1 Red
B.2 Green
Under 12 Div.2

TEAMS IN FINAL FOUR

A.3, B.1, B.2G, B.2R, Under 16 Div.1, Under 16 Div.2,
Under 14 Div.2, Under 12 Div.2.

GRAND FINALISTS

B.1 Red
Under 14 Div.2
Under 12 Div.2

PREMIERS - PENNANTS

B.1 Red - Won 5.4.

Under 14 Div.2 -- Both drew 1.1. after 100 minutes of
Under 12 Div.2 -- play and both lost subsequent penalty
flick tie-breakers.



APPLECROSS Y.M.C.A. HOCKEY CLUB

AWARDS FOR 1973

Under 12 Div.3	Fairest and Best...	A. Rogerson
	President's Award..	M. Eales
	Most Improved.....	A. Kidd
Under 12 Div.2	Fairest and Best...	W. O'Rafferty
	President's Award..	D. Malacari
	Most Improved.....	T. Widger
Under 12 Div.1	Fairest and Best...	C. Revell
	President's Award..	N. Williams
	Most Improved.....	M. Allen
Under 14 Div.3	Fairest and Best...	G. Wilson
	President's Award..	G. Kidd
	Most Improved.....	P. Andrew
Under 14 Div.2	Fairest and Best...	B. Matthews
	President's Award..	C. Scalise
	Most Improved.....	L. Hogg
Under 16 Div.3	Fairest and Best...	S. Ford
	President's Award..	D. Diaz
	Most Improved.....	G. Widger
Under 16 Div.2	Fairest and Best...	N. Woollacott
	President's Award..	P. Matthews
	Most Improved.....	R. Forward
Under 16 Div.1	Fairest and Best...	G. Thomas
	President's Award..	M. Brooker
	Most Improved.....	S. Clavey
Under 18 Div.2	Fairest and Best...	E. Barry
	President's Award..	R. Dalgleish
B.3 Red	Fairest and Best...	I. Deveson
B.3 Green	Fairest and Best...	R. Bruce
B.2 Red	Fairest and Best...	I. Mitchell
B.2 Green	Fairest and Best...	G. Arnold
B.1 Red	Fairest and Best...	D. Bickford
A.3 Green	Fairest and Best...	K. McGuire

PRESIDENT'S AWARD - SENIORS

Peter Griffiths

CLUBMANSHIP AWARDS

Greg Stewart
Rod Bishop

STATE REPRESENTATIVE AWARDS

Paul Meacock - State Junior
Howard Bradfield - State
Junior Manager

PRESIDENT'S TROPHY

- OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO THE CLUB

200 Games Awards for 1973

Brian Spitteler

David Bickford

100 Games Awards for 1973

Geoff Cole
Graeme Meacock
Peter Beste
Graeme Wilson
Greg Stewart

Geoff Gorham
Greg Arnold
Paul Wright
Bruce Cadd
Ray Backhouse

UNDER 12 DIV.2 GRAND FINAL

Applecross Y.M.C.A. v Old Wesley

Half Time 0.0.
Full Time 1.1.
After Extra Time 1.1.
Match lost on
Penalty Flicks 4.0.

On Saturday the Applecross Y.M.C.A. team were unfortunate to lose the 1973 Grand Final to Old Wesley.

The scores at the end of 30 minutes of extra time being still drawn, the result was decided by each team having five penalty flicks at the opposition goalie, and Old Wesley outflicked us 4.0.

The first half opened at a fairly fast pace with Applecross Y.M.C.A. making many thrusts into the circle but not being able to capitalise on their opportunities. Old Wesley during this half did not look likely to score as they were well held by the Applecross Y.M.C.A. defence. Half time sounded with the score 0.0.

The second half saw Wesley score the first goal of the match from a goal front melee. Seeing the game slipping away from them Applecross Y.M.C.A. attacked continually and were finally rewarded with a fine goal from Talwyn Widger. Although Applecross had many opportunities to score again they were unable to direct their hits into the net. With 10 minutes to go Applecross Y.M.C.A. saw their chance of winning the premiership slip when one of their forwards was foolish enough to back-chat the umpire and was ordered off the field for five minutes. With only ten men on the field Applecross Y.M.C.A. were not able to press home their advantage and full-time saw the score at 1.1.

In the 30 minutes of extra time that followed Applecross Y.M.C.A. continually attacked but again missed several opportunities to score the winning goal. With the defence playing really well Old Wesley did not look like scoring again. With the score still 1.1. at the final whistle the match was then decided on penalty flicks and at this Old Wesley proved superior winning these 4.0. and the premiership.

Bad luck boys, you played the better hockey on the day but it's goals that count.

Scoring in the game was kept to a minimum by the excellent displays given by the respective centre half backs who overshadowed the forwards all day. Our centre half Warren O'Rafferty gave an excellent display but all boys deserve praise for their performances in the final and during the year.

It is interesting to note that six of the boys playing in the Grand Final this year are eligible for Under 12 next year. Augurs well for our premiership prospects in 1974.

Many thanks boys for your efforts during the year. It was a pleasure to manage and coach you.

Ray Ranford COACH
Peter Malacari MANAGER

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UNDER 14 DIV.2 - MATCH REPORT - GRAND FINAL.

This Grand Final was a real cliff hanger. In fighting through from fourth place, our team who had lost by fairly large margins in two previous games against Aquinians were expected to extend the opposition but were certainly the underdogs.

Strong play in the first half kept the score to nil all at the change. Our defenders led by Brian Matthews ably supported by Laurie Lapsley and with several magnificent saves in goals by Peter Jarosek were matching the strong Aquinians forwards and half backs. Grant McEwan and John Meacock also played with skill in defence.

Early in the second half a short corner was awarded to our team and a strong shot from Brian Matthews found the net. Further attacking moves with the Simons - Nelson and Johnston, pressing hard saw another post shot before Aquinians equalised.

At full time the score stood at one all -- and after 30 minutes of extra time with play swinging from end to end the score remained at 1 each.

Came the tie breaker of five penalty flicks each. One of ours from Brian Matthews went home, the opposition equalised and then from their last stroke Aquinians scored the winning stroke.

It was a fine effort from all thirteen team members with outstanding play from Mark Wilkes, Greg Kidd, Don Brooker and Caesar Scalise. Lance Hogg's effort for a first year player was impressive and strong attacking play from right inner Mike Pitts almost won the day.

Although we were not successful in winning the pennant, all spectators were unanimous in their praise for a courageous effort.

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B.1 RED - GRAND FINAL REPORT

Half Time 2.3.
Full Time 5.4.

Our boys went into this game realising that they had to produce some pretty good hockey to beat a strong Perth YM team. We decided to not worry about covering the opposition forwards in a defensive fashion but to play our own style of game.

This move paid dividends early, for in the first few minutes, right half back Barry Hancock gave a short pass to right inner West, who put the ball on to centre forward Phil Harry. He eluded a full back, made some ground down the field, drew the other defender to him and passed the ball into the circle to "Ace" Cole, who finished off the good work. However, Perth YM were not to be denied and after putting our defence under pressure, scored the equaliser.

With the ball see-sawing to both ends of the ground Applecross scored from a sole effort from Phil Harry.

Full points must go to Perth YM from then until half time. They found a hole in our defence and repeatedly used it to penetrate into the circle. Great determination from our backs limited them to two goals. One of these, a penalty flick which gave our goalie Greg Cole, no chance of saving.

During this period Applecross forwards were working hard to regain some form. "Ace" was trying particularly hard but was not getting consistent support and the team in general seemed to lose a little heart.

However, we were saved by the bell and at half time Capt. Col West was not happy. In a very short time all the side knew about it. He wanted a tighter defence with close checking, particularly wing halves. Keith Jackaman (centre half) who had his hands full with a fast moving centre forward was to concentrate his game down the centre of the ground and let his opponent wander. All players were asked for greater effort and to sprint around the ground.

When the game commenced Perth YM took the initiative and we were again under pressure. However our closer checking tactics reduced their drive somewhat and the game started to develop again. Perth YM attacked and when a hard shot was stopped by half back Ian Finlayson just above his knee, a penalty flick was awarded. The game was held up by Ian's injury and he showed good courage to come back. The penalty flick was taken and this time Greg Cole saved it by great anticipation.

This encouraged our boys and Col West swapped over wingers Kev Green and Col Willis who from then on gave bite to the side. We were in continuous attack and forced a short corner which Kev Green belted into the goals. We were still in it and the side produced a terrific effort with hard tackling the order of the day.

The encouragement from our supporters on the sidelines was fantastic.

"Ace" and "Fearless Phil" were running riot, tearing holes in Perth YM's defence and our backs were giving the team terrific drive. When a shot for goal by Phil rebounded off the goalies' pad, Col West drove it into the net for the equaliser.

Then it was really on! Tempers, due to the pressure, were getting a little frayed, and "Fearless" once more made the most of some good passing to end up with the ball on the back line. He then proceeded to put us in front with a clever piece of goal scoring. Perth YM made several valiant attempts to score but each time were thwarted by a gutsy defence. Tempers again flared and two gentlemen (one from each team) were asked to leave the field, temporarily.

Everyone was very tired, but luckily for us time was running out and Westy was frantically trying to settle the side and consolidate the win. The boys responded well and we were in attack when the final whistle blew.

- Some points:
1. Kev Green saying as he swapped wings "But I can't play left wing"
 2. The oldest "Daily News boy" in Applecross, making a sale behind the goals.
 3. Phil Harry hugging opponent "around neck".
 4. "Ace" Cole seen stripping shirt from opposing player.
 5. Col West saying to Phil Harry when he scored winning goal "Do it again and I'll kiss ya".
 6. Our full backs - Roger Hope-Johnston seen smiling and David Bickford pretending to limp, after the game.

It was another tremendous example of club and team effort, with thunderous support from the sidelines. Thanks supporters.

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"THOSE WERE THE DAYS - AND STILL ARE"

In 1956 my brother David, then aged fourteen, decided there was enough interest shown in our neighbourhood to warrant forming the Applecross Hockey Club. With the assistance of such people as Vic Dalton and Jim Wilson and advice from my father and Reg Wardle (of the then strong North Fremantle Club), amongst others, David managed to get the Club on its feet and that year we started with an Under 16 side.

Most of the members in 1956 were made up of our friends from Tweeddale and Kintail Roads, with a few others we knew from further afield. While the team and club spirit were at an all-time high (due to everyone knowing each other so well) the standard of our hockey in the first few matches left a lot to be desired. In fact, with the exception of David and Rodney Dalton, we were practically all first year players, and not very good ones at that! Taking this into account, it took a tremendous amount of patience and expertise to get us to the semi-final, which we lost 3-1. David was away with the State Schoolboy side for that match and I was taken from my customary position in goals (where many tears had been shed) and was thrown into attack, with not so devastating an effect. I did, however, manage to score our only goal which meant that I could convince my brother, on his return, that the blame was not mine.

Transport was a big problem in those days, and we used to travel to most of our matches by Metro. Bus. Because we were new on the scene, we used to have quite a large, tightly-knit band of supporters (parents, friends, girl-friends and admirers) and on some occasions we used to take up half the bus. David rigged up a contraption made of two small carved hockey sticks which were crossed and wired together, a part of a coat hanger which acted as the handle, and affixed to the top - an apple! For those of you who don't have too analytical a mind, this was supposed to represent Apple-cross with the hockey part of it coming from the carved sticks. At the matches our cheer squad used to chant the nerve-shattering A.P. PLE. C.R. OSS. Applecross War Cry which was supposed to shake the opposing players to their very roots. Afterwards we would parade off with our banner held high (by the way, we used a new apple every week). How fearsome we must have appeared.

Our home ground was at the Gairlock Street oval, and on that hallowed pitch many a good fight was fought. In fact, we used to have to mow, roll and mark the ground on Saturday morning before the match because the Road Board in those days was not quite as efficient as it is now (Ahem). We also used to indulge in the odd verbal battle with the Rugby Club members who used to train there. We could only manage a verbal battle because they were too big for a physical one.

Looking back on 1956, it certainly wasn't the greatest year the Club has had, however we had a tremendous amount of fun and we established the spirit and enthusiasm which has continued in the club over the years. From our small beginning we have grown through natural expansion of the area and also amalgamation with both the Y.M.C.A. and the North Fremantle Club - until we are now at the point where we are the second biggest club in Western Australia. In the eighteen years that the club has been in operation, we have developed a tremendous name for sportsmanship and endeavour and we can look forward, with confidence, to an even greater future.

From my point of view, after a long and happy association with the Club, I can only hope that all present and future players can get as much enjoyment and satisfaction as I have since 1956.

BRIAN SPITTELER.

STATE JUNIOR HOCKEY TEAM 1973 - CANBERRA CARNIVAL

The recent return of the State Junior Hockey team after an outstanding effort in winning the Australian Junior National Hockey Championships in Canberra, has been seen by many as a return to the usual standard of W.A. State teams. In general the team performed with remarkable skill and cohesion which won them the praise of opposing teams and spectators. A great deal of the credit must go to the coach, Trevor Vanderputt, who so capably combined the skills of the players into an efficient and forceful team.

Early in the carnival, the W.A. side wasn't even mentioned as a contender for the shield. However, after the early matches against South Australia and A.C.T. with 3-1 wins against both teams, coupled with the dedication and finesse of the team, it was obvious that W.A. would be no "push over". The team itself enjoyed a keen comradeship and mature approach to the game which often added to the determination and quality of play.

A keenly played game was that against N.S.W. which resulted in a 2 all draw. However the scores are not really an indication of the actual game which saw a domination of play by W.A. with a very solid defence. It was surprising that the N.S.W. side which drew with W.A. should end up second last in the overall competition. The following two games against Tasmania, a win 2-1, and Queensland a win 4-2, saw W.A. consolidating its position as leaders and by far the better playing side. At the conclusion of other matches on the third last day of play W.A. looked forward to a rest day and then the final match against Victoria. The W.A. camp was well in the lead and exuberant as to the almost certain outcome of the Championships. This did not mean that the players relaxed for one moment, their determination was as strong as ever

CRUSH THE VICS.

On the morning of the last day the W.A. team had a convincing lead and Victoria had to beat us by 3 goals above our score to win on percentage. Funnily enough, some Victorians still believed this was possible. The same view was not reflected by the W.A. side who proceeded to rattle in five field goals in the first-half dashing any hope of a Victorian success. In the second half a forward and the goalie were substituted to give the reserves a run, adding extra salt to the Victorians inevitable defeat. The match concluded with W.A. running way ahead to win 7-2.

Throughout the Carnival the team's centre forward Peter Westerberg provided a driving force and keen display of determination which far surpassed our expectations. The Captain, Craig Davies showed often brilliant form in his defence and many times steadied the team after umpiring upsets and often violent body and stick checks by opponents. Craig Davies was the leading scorer throughout the carnival, successfully sinking five short corners, two long corners and a penalty stroke, unmatched by any opposing team. The attack was ably carried by Rodney Bell, Terry Leece, Terry Buck, Peter Westerberg and Peter Haselhurst, each of whom scored during the carnival displaying excellent individual skills. It was often the successful and elusive combination of the right inner Peter Haselhurst and centre forward Peter Westerberg which ran the opponent's defence into the ground, that brought about the admiration of players and spectators alike.

The half back line of David Mallon, Michael Liversey and Paul Meacock time and again carried remarkable tactical defence positioning which allowed Craig Davies and Peter Crowe valuable time to intercept and clear the ball. The whole attack and defence of the team was hinged on the successful positioning of the half backs who worked tirelessly throughout in company with the fullbacks.

Our own club member, Paul Meacock, mastered the coaching scheme of Trevor Vanderputt thoroughly and showed his skill in rolling and pushing the ball into valuable attacking thrusts for the forwards. The goalie Ross Dunkley proved a valuable pillar of strength in defence continually working to save the team from the opponents scoring.

The key to the overall system of team play was solid hits out of defence by full backs with controlled push passes by halves or forwards to forwards thus maintaining possession and immediate control of the ball.

HOWARD BRADFIELD
Manager.

FINAL PLACINGS

1st	W.A.	11 points
2nd	A.C.T.	8 "
3rd	VIC.	7 "
4th	QLD.	5 "
5th	S.A.	4 "
6th	N.S.W.	4 "
7th	TAS.	3 "

THE OLD BOYS SIDE FOR 1974.

We, the Selection Committee for the Old Boys Side, have decided to notify the following players that there are positions available for the coming season.

- LEFT WING - Eric Radfield (Sorry Bradfield) - (only if he keeps better control on his newly engaged brother).
- LEFT INNER - Westy (only if he doesn't complain about his lights falling down).
- CENTRE FORWARD - (or Ruck-rover) Black-Jack or Mitch (on the condition he gains a few stone before the summer training).
- RIGHT INNER - Hughsie (on the condition he does more sparring training for next season).
- RIGHT WING - Philthy (sorry - only position the committee found suitable after this season's effort).
- LEFT HALF BACK - Caddy (or Devio if he has recovered from his honeymoon in time).
- CENTRE HALF BACK - Spits (available only if white shorts are worn and uses a 33" hockey stick).
- RIGHT HALF BACK - Hank (must take false teeth out or glue mouth up !!!).
- LEFT FULL BACK - Kings or Purser (depending on the biggest pot-belly at the beginning of the season).
- RIGHT FULL BACK - Bangla or Picko (but Picko might just scrape 1 or 2 games in B.3's next year.)
- GOALIE - Rusty Rouse or Pistol
- WATER-BOY - Moorie (we are still negotiating with Perth Y.M. about the transfer fee).
- MANAGER - the now engaged Howard Radfield (sorry Bradfield)

The Captain will be Pete Hassett (eat your heart out Spits) and Brian Spitteler may just make Captain of the vice.

If you are available please notify members of the Committee before next season.

Yours faithfully,

DIGGER - for Committee.

FOOD AND SPORT

For many years thoughts on diets and pre-game meals for athletes have varied considerably. The Greeks first discovered that eating meat built up their muscles and gave them added strength. This was the first step towards a diet-conscious athlete. Ever since that time many ideas have been brought forward, most of them with little scientific background. There are two main areas for concern in an athlete's diet:

1. the over-all diet
2. and the meal previous to the event.

Overall Diet

Most researchers agree that for a short duration event a well balanced diet is all that is needed. However for any sort of endurance event energy can be improved by a manipulation of the diet. Interest in this area began when people learnt how energy is supplied to muscles during exercise. The glucose supply in the blood was found to be the next stage of supply of energy to muscles after the muscles had run out of fuel. Hence for endurance events this supply of energy, if increased before the event, could be beneficial. If there is a good store of glucose in the blood the system will work longer. This level of sugar in the blood is lifted by the body's over-reaction to lack of sugar. To put it simply, if we starve the blood of sugar and then give it plenty of glucose then the blood will overshoot the normal level and store a greater amount of sugar in the blood than normal. This procedure can be incorporated into a training programme so that by the Saturday afternoon event the blood sugar level is at its highest and hopefully the player can play his best.

The format of the diet is for a normal diet up until the Tuesday's training, when the blood sugar level will be severely depleted. Following this training the person's diet consists of mainly carbohydrate foods, which dramatically raises the sugar level and overshoots, so that the player's level is very high by Saturday afternoon.

Many variations can occur in this diet and all should have about the same effect. To aid this effect the pre-game meal can be used.

Pre-Game Meal

The pre-game meal should consist of a liquid carbohydrate-glucose meal, one hour before the game. This gives enough time for the meal to be digested and provides the body with valuable fuels.

Proteins and fats should not be included in the pre-game meal because:-

1. They take too long to digest
2. Proteins produce acids which are disadvantages
3. Proteins and fats do not directly supply the body with usable energy.

FOODS

Carbohydrates - potatoes, spaghetti, bread etc.

Protein - meats

Fats - milk, butter etc.

P.S. A good carbohydrate-glucose meal is Sustagen, Strive etc. dissolved in water.

Murray Griffiths

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"Hassett insisted on choosing his menue (left)

Others were forced to take it lying down" (below)



THE EMERGENCE OF A DICTATOR AT APPLECROSS Y.M.

So you think 1973 has been a successful hockey season, you complacent sloths.

You say we have won the B.1's and B.2's! You say we have gone well in A.3's and in most junior grades! So that is all that matters to you! Very well, prepare to be shocked, poor, unfortunate reader.

I urge you dear reader, to stop and think for a second. Think about the personalities in our club. Especially direct your sleepy minds to the Administrators of our club. Who, during 1973 was sole selector (virtually)? Who was our dashing Vice President? Who was Club Coach? Who was Captain of the A.3's? Don't dwell on any one of these people for too long. You may become shocked and incoherent with the realization that.....that.....! And in that state of mind you could become vulnerable to all sorts of nasty influences, which may send you, warped and twisted, to play rugger.

Concentrate hard now my lazy friends! Think of some big names in our club. Do not let me influence you in any way, dear readers, but think of the name - B. Spitteler, for instance. Think of that name. A very dubious name don't you think? An obvious cover-up for a name like.... Adolf B. Sp-Hitler. Obviously, you say? Good!

For the past fifteen years Adolf has been establishing his strategy and gaining the confidence of the club through long and eloquent speeches. At this stage readers, I could compile an enormous list of statistics which would totally convince you of this rise to power. But I will not do this as I trust in your ability to recognise the inscrutable truth. Instead we will take a close look at the power of this man; and its' explosive growth in the last three years.

In 1971, Adolf B.Sp-Hitler was going to be a fill-in player. He played every game that season. In 1972, Sp-Hitler is Vice President of our Hockey Club and in 1973 he is - you guessed it.....Vice President, Club Coach, sole selector (virtually) and Captain of the A.3's. Of course, you could call this power explosive and insidious.

Dear friends, do not despair in the face of such enormous odds, for the problem of a cruel dictatorship is not insurmountable. The word to take note of, fellow hockey players, is UNITY. As a last desperate plea, I would ask you to unite against this power bloc, for we are about to face a particularly torrid time, with expedition forces sent to the Eastern States and camouflage by change of uniforms.

To clinch this issue with you my friends, and to convince you beyond a shadow of a doubt that this man Adolf B. Sp-Hitler is a Dictator, I give you this final indisputable bit of evidence.

An excerpt from "The Book of Strategy" by Adolf B. Sp-Hitler:-

1. Training (for combat)
 - a. exercise towards stiff knee joints and supple hip joints - for GOOSE STEP.
 - b. Order to be used -- "Snell you Svines"

2. Objectives for 1974:

- a. Applecross club to be named "Apple-Swasticker Hockey Club".
- b. Apple-Swasticker Hockey Club colours to be black and white.
- c. Apple-Swasticker Hockey Club emblem to be swasticker (of course dunkoff!!) - formed by 4 hockey sticks.
- d. Club policy - according to Adolf B. Sp-Hitler
- e. Club President, Treasurer and Secretary as well as all Club personnel to be Adolf B. Sp-Hitler.
- f. Club Motto - "I vos nefer a Nazi"

Goodbye, gullible friends.

A.A.A. VON LEEWINGER.

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A3 GREEN - TEAM PROFILE

GRAEME MEACOCK - Had a very good season and showed throughout the year what a classy left-winger he is. With more constructive passing from his team-mates, Graeme would have been devastating. We expect big things from him next year.

JOHN COLE - In the five games "ACE" had with us he showed what a great opportunist he can be. With a lot of hard work prior to next season he must certainly force himself into our top side permanently.

ALAN MEACOCK - Scored a bag of goals and considering Alan was only 16 at the start of the season, he has turned in a great year. The experiences gained this year will undoubtedly benefit Alan tremendously and we anticipate that 1974 will see him emerge a really top-class player.

GARY DIENHOFF - Due to business commitments Gary was unable to train as often as he would have liked, however he still turned in many good games. Was an inspiration at times with his very determined back-tackling.

GEOFF COLE - A very mobile player who has the ability to put the opposition under tremendous pressure. We will certainly miss Geoff when he goes overseas next year, and we hope that he will return soon to play for us again.

PETER GRIFFITHS - A tight constructive player who, after a relatively quiet start, finished on very well. Peter sets an example to his team-mates with his strong and heady play.

BRIAN SPITTELER - A relatively quiet season from "Grand-dad", however it was very encouraging from the point of view of seeing so many junior players fitting into the side and performing so creditably.

JOHN LAIRD - Must have been very disappointed with his run of knee injuries this year. John's tight defence and excellent cover defence were greatly appreciated, and we would probably have done even better if he had been able to play the full season.

PAUL MEACOCK - Filled in at both right half and right wing and showed that the experience he has gained this season will be of tremendous value to the club in 1974. Well done Paul.

KINGSLEY McGUIRE - This was definitely "MAC'S" best season and his aggressive tackling saved us time and again. Always urged his team-mates on and set the example for others to follow. We look forward to an even better 1974 from Kingsley.

JOHN PICKERING - A great season from "Picko" in his first for the Club. In his quiet way he stemmed many an attack and his encouragement to us all was greatly appreciated.

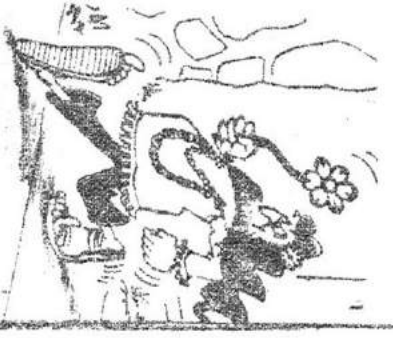
JOHN SHANNON - A very solid year from the veteran of the side. The quality of his kicking and balance this year was very high, and it appears that "Pistol" improves with years like a good wine

Others who filled in:

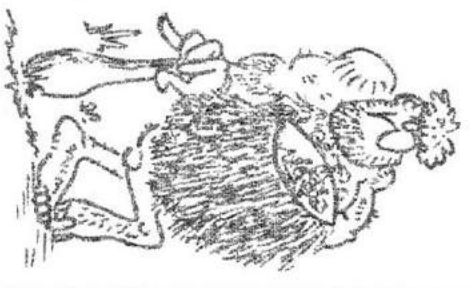
ROB HYMUS - His two games with us were both excellent and there is little doubt that Rob's attitude has resulted in him being the most improved player in senior ranks this year.

DAVID ROWE - In his one game at full back, this under 16 player showed what a talented player he is, and provided he is fit next year, he must surely press for a position in the top side.

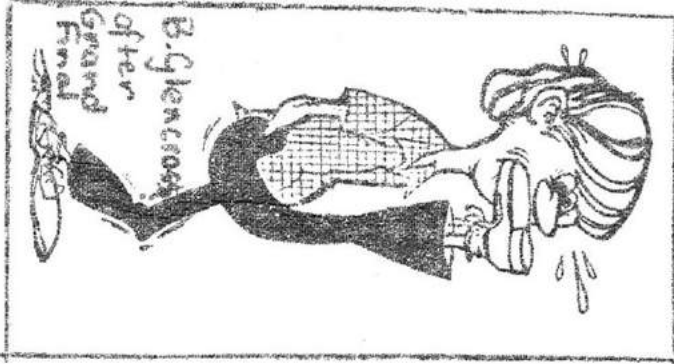
DAVID HALLIDAY - An excellent debut at centre-half, and with the return of the Hallidays' for 1974, we anticipate David taking over this position next year. Welcome back David.



Rod stepping out for the night.



Prepared for B1 Grand final.

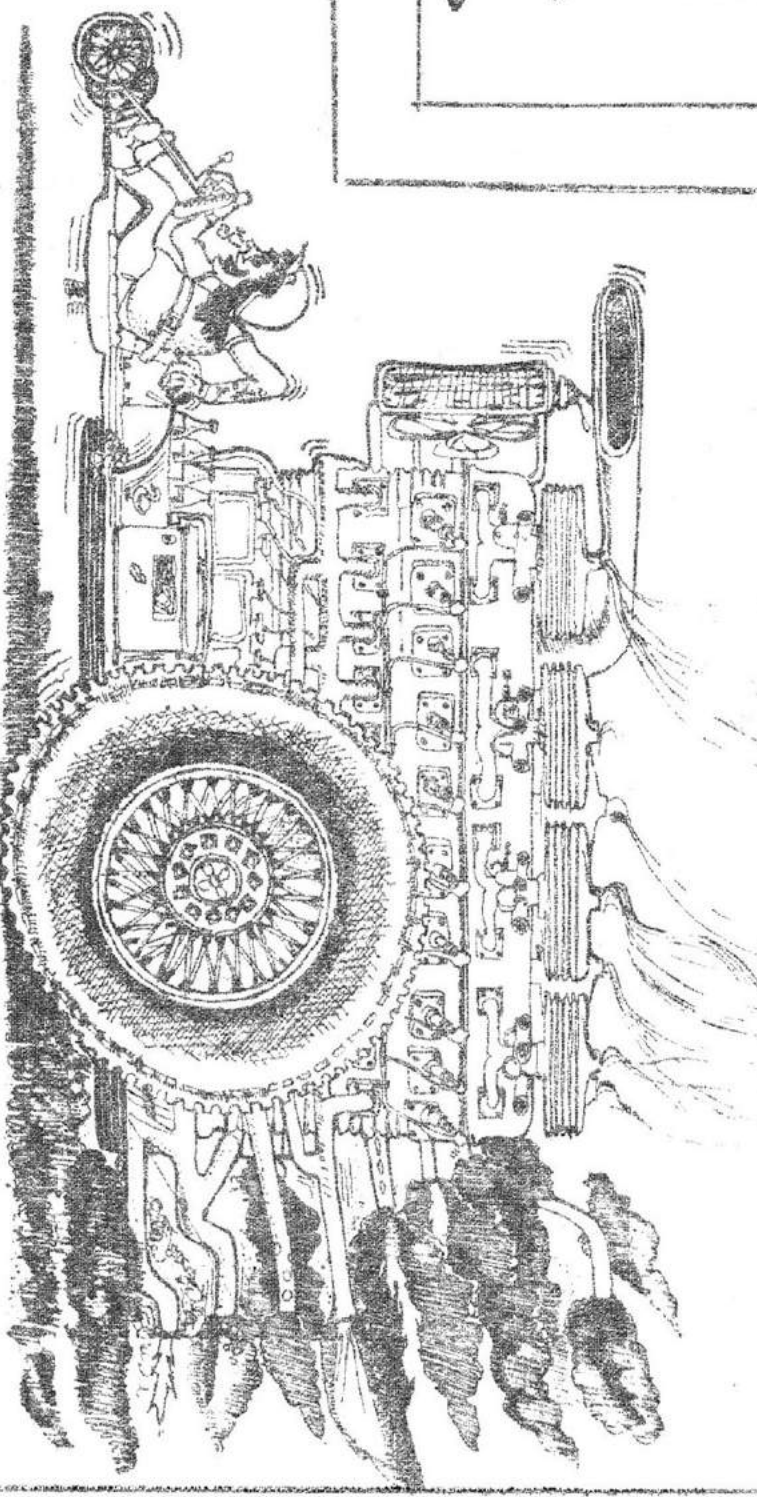


B1 Grand final after Grand Final

DIGGER'S DREAM CAR

"THE IMPOSSIBLE DREAM"

Featured Nightly - stereophonic sound
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A3 GREEN - CONT'D.

TERRY O'RAFFERTY, HAYDN BINNING, IAN MILLER, HOWARD BRADFELD and GRAHAM FREEMAN - all played well and showed tremendous Club spirit in putting every effort into their games.

Our top side performed very well to finish second, one point behind the leaders at the end of the qualifying round. Lack of fitness told in the finals and unfortunately we were eliminated in the preliminary final, however all in all it was a tremendous season.

B1 RED

Winners of Guth Ardagh Pennant by winning fifteen games and losing only one. Gained promotion to Reserve A Grade for 1974 - Grand Finalists.

K. GREEN - R.W. & L.W. - A promising new comer to senior ranks who plays the game very hard and has scored several excellent goals.

C. WEST - R.I. (Captain) - A very talented player whose skill and experience have been an inspiration to all members of the team.

P. HARRY - C.F. - A damaging spearhead who gives the forward line the bite it has lacked over the last few years.

J. COLE - L.I. - Another damaging forward who was promoted to A3S late in the season. Has been responsible for several spirited fight backs during the year.

C. WILLIS - L.W. & R.W. (V. Captain) - Has been an active member of the Club for many years and plays a strong game on the wing. Has scored some very good goals.

G. COLE - Goalie - One of the most improved players in the Club. Has a very good eye and is not afraid to take on any of the opposing attackers.

R. HOPE-JOHNSTONE - R.F.B. - A strong and reliable player who is very cool under pressure. His clearing dashes have turned defence into attack many times.

D. BICKFORD - L.F.B. - Excellent club man and dashing defender who is rarely beaten. Uses his pace and long reach to advantage and has been an outstanding player for the team all year.

I. FINLAYSON - L.H.B. - One of the younger members of the side and also one of the most promising. Plays good position hockey and the opposing forwards have to earn every hit.

K. JACKAMAN - C.H.B. - A reliable and talented player whose exceptional reach makes him one of the best tacklers in the business

B. HANCOCK - R.H.B. - One of the veterans whose experience and skill holds the side together. Rarely beaten when in control of the ball.

P. STEVENS - R.I. - A tireless worker who has assisted capably in the team effort this year. A good club man.

B2 GREEN'S

TONY (DIZZI) LIBRIZZI - Left Wing

Fast and determined usually adding a goal or two a match. Came into the team half way through the year from the B1s and fitted in well.

RAY BACKHOUSE (BACKIE) - Left Wing

Played most of the season with the B2 Reds, then came to our side and performed extra well and worked in with the rest of the fellows, helping us to maintain our position.

IAN (MITCH) MITCHELL - Centre Forward

Played the last half of the season with our team, in which he gave a lot of knowledge. A constructive forward, always thinking ahead.

BRUCE CAMERON (GOOSE) - Centre Forward

Played well and helped contribute many a goal.

DAVID (HUGHSIE) HUGHES - Right Inner

One of the hardest triers, played well whilst in our team after promotion from the B2 Reds. Many games also played left inner. Many years of Hockey still left in you Hughsie.

PAUL (RED) STEPHENS - Right Inner

Played most of the season in this team with a few games being played in the B1's. Tried hard and forced the game into our circle on many occasions.

GEOFF (RILES) RILEY - Right Wing

Sprinting down that right side always ready to pick up the deep passes and bang them towards the net. A talented player who has a great deal to offer the Club.

BARRY (GIBO) GIBSON - Left Half Back

Determination plus, Workhorse. For a player who never played hockey before, fitted well into the side showing plenty of skill and team work.

GREG (ARNIE) ARNOLD - Centre Half

A skilled and talented player always creating opportunities for fellow team mates. Unfortunately came down with an injury to his wrist and was unable to play the last few games. A player who always used his vast knowledge to the advantage of the side.

TERRY (RAFF) O'RAFFERTY - Centre Half

A player who has unlimited talent with a placid approach to the game. A good fill-in for Greg. Terry only played the last half of the season due to outside commitments, but a valuable player for the club.

GREG (DIGGER) STEWART - Right Half

A real trier. Always gives his full effort, and holds off many attacking forwards.

GEOFF (GOS) GORHAM - (Captain) - Left Full Back

Definitely the Backbone of the defence. A player who is never beaten without a fight.

B2 GREEN'S - CONT'D.

ROD (BISH) BISHOP - (Vice Captain) - Right Full Back

A solid defender and an excellent clubman. The Club owes a great deal to Bish this year.

(Editor's Note)

RON COCHRANE - Goalie

Confident goalie, played well all year stopping strong opposition from scoring.

Other Players who lined up during the Year:-

ERIC BRADFIELD - PHIL HARRY - KEITH JACKAMAN - BARRY HANCOCK - KEVIN GREEN - TERRY BROOKS - BRUCE CADD - IAN DEVISON - BRIAN SPITTELER - STEVE WILSON

The B2 Green's ended the season by being on top of the ladder, but were defeated in the Semi Finals. A very hard game was fought when our team confronted Old Hale in the Challenge Cup, but luck was not on our side.

Many thanks go to the selection Committee; around the table; during the year for their time and effort in helping this team gain such a healthy position at the end of the season.

Congratulations must go to the players for their loyalty and understanding shown during the year, in making the most out of the season, with much experience being gained by all.

Thanks fellows.

Bish.

B2 RED - (THE BIGGEST)

MANAGER: OWEN FERGUSON - Qualified 4th played in Preliminary Final.

This team was the biggest in the Club as we are able to name at least twenty-five members who played in it. It was also the biggest size-wise with the bulk of the side comprised of players like "Mitch", "Caddy", "Devo", "Nigel", "Pod" and "Fergie". The team started very well however due to injuries and promotion of key players we suffered a mid-season slump. Improved play in the final stages of the qualifying matches enabled us to scrape into the four after the last match. After winning the Semi-final we unfortunately lost to Redcliffe Rovers in the Preliminary Final. All in all a very good year with the "Cross" particularly from our old man "Black" Jack. Our thanks to the Club for making it possible.

Note: Pre-season training for all past and present members of the B2 Reds at the Majestic is not compulsory, as rumoured, but preferable.

Team members were:

LW

GRAHAM RICHMAN - Scored some brilliant reverse stick goals but unfortunately lived up to his name and ricked his knee half way through the season.

ERIC BRADFIELD - Played the second half of the season and was a very serviceable replacement.

LI

MARK JOHNSTON - Took a while to adjust to senior grade however showed a lot of improvement to finish the season strongly.

TERRY O'RAFFERTY - Played a few games with us towards the end of the season and was promoted to B2 Greens.

IAN DUNSTAN - Acquired from the B3 Reds towards the end of the year and added b to our forward line.

CF

DAVID HUGHES - A tigerish player who proved too good for us and was promoted to the Greens.

IAN MITCHELL - A very aggressive, attacking forward who was also promoted to B2 Greens.

BRUCE CAMERON - Spent the end part of the season with us and played well.

RI

BARRY MURRAY - A very capable young team member who always played well. Barry also played Right wing and right half-back.

BRIAN MOORE - Our short pass expert. We acquired Brian half way through the ye and he always tried his hardest.

RW

RAY BACKHOUSE - Very fast on his feet (when he could stay on them) however Ray too fast for us and sprinted into the B2 Greens.

L.H.B.

MIKE PAYZE - Started the season very solidly but had to go to England.

BRUCE CADD - A more than adequate replacement. Played very soundly and always turned in a good game.

C.H.B.

GREG (DIGGER) STEWART - A really tenacious player who thoroughly deserved his promotion to the Greens. An excellent Club-man.

IAN DEVESON - We acquired "Devo" towards the end of the season. Always played solidly and opposition forwards found it very hard to get past him.

R.H.B.

HOWARD BRADFIELD - Our Captain. Always did his best for the team and played well both in this position and also centre-half.

JACK COX - A changed player who always plays well and even turns up on time.

L.F.B.

NIGEL ATKINSON - Was possibly the only player to play every game with the B2 Red and was nearly always one of our best players. He also provided our staunchest supporter.

R.F.B.

JACK WARMAN ("BLACK" JACK) - our advisor, practised what he preached and played well at all times. It was noticeable that as the season progressed he got more and more of his breath back.

ROD HYMUS - A very talented junior who filled in for us during the season. He should go a long way in the Club.

GOALIE

OWEN FERGUSON - It may be a surprise to team members that he did play this year and wasn't just part of the goals. Was the top goal scorer for the team- pity it was against them.

Other club members who played with the B2 Reds - Les Brooker, Craig Nalder, Tim Foster, Chris Avent, Clive Bradshaw, John Cox.

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B 3 RED

Qualified 5th after an excellent season and were very unlucky to miss out on four.

GRAHAM WILSON (MANAGER) (CENTRE FORWARD) - Fast, strong player who was always damaging in attack. Played well in B1 in Semi Final and is set for a good season in 74.

BRIS BURKE (LEFT HALF)- Excellent club member and selector who always gives effort. Uses his pace and long reach to advantage and is hard to beat.

PETER BESTE (LEFT WING)- A player who has a lot of fight. Extremely fast and agile and with development of "skills" could be a champion. Just needs to do that control - what about it Peter?

IAN DUNSTAN (POD) (LEFT INNER)- Strong player with good drive for goal. With regular training to "trim" down that figure "a little" will be a real asset to the club.

CLIVE BRADSHAW (RIGHT INNER)- Fast, tenacious player with good goal sense.

VERN MURDY (GOALIE)- An excellent season of consistent play. Is developing into a skilful - fearless goalie who will play in much higher grades in the future.

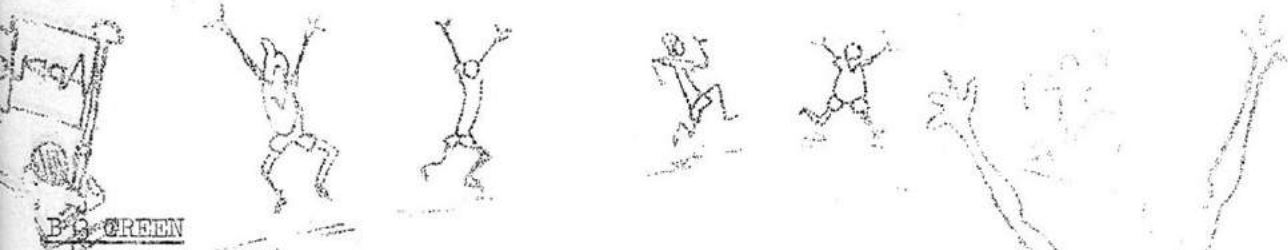
DAVID SMITHERS (RIGHT WING)- Youngster of the team who gave a fast avenue of attack along the right wing. Good centre hit and high potential.

IAN DEVESON (CENTRE HALF) - Clever, heady player whose Nth Fremantle experience had a marked influence on the team's success. Brought strength (and weight) to the defence.

ALAN PLESTER (RIGHT HALF)- A very improved player who has had a very good season. Strong hit and hard courageous tackler. Trapping is more steady and reliable.

PETER PURSER (LEFT FULL)- Brickwall in defence. Always makes good positions combined well with Merv Mundy to form one of the best full back lines in the

MERV MUNDY (FULL BACK + EX RETIREMENT)- The brains behind the development and skill of the team. Keen intelligence and skill in defence and he has a great deal of expertise to offer the club. An excellent season.



B.B. GREEN

This team did not do at all well during the season, with only one win and one draw to its credit. The composition of the team was very rarely the same from week to week - and early in the season many changes took place. Often we took the field with only ten men. Consequently it was very difficult to establish effective team play, especially in the forward line. Many times we met teams with which we compared very well individually, but who defeated us with a better team game and superior goal-scoring ability.

Hopefully, next year's team will be more stable with a regular line-up, and that the Club's coaching policy will include training in team tactics and winning strategy for this grade.

DENNY KEMANI (GOALIE)- A consistent effort during the season - defended strongly on many occasions.

IAN FINGLAND (RIGHT FULL BACK)- Solid defence showing brilliance at times - was used by opposing teams as a goal-post on several days!

LAURIE GREEN (LEFT FULL BACK)- Worked well with several partners during the season - generally turned in a sound game.

KEITH DEARNLEY (RIGHT HALF BACK)- A very tenacious defender, rarely playing a poor game- had many umpires worried!!

RICHARD 'BIKIE' BRUCE (CENTRE HALF BACK)- A good season - showed great stamina in this position -- though his style was frequently "cramped".

ROB CAMDEN (LEFT HALF BACK) -One of our "ring-ins" who never played a bad game - has an aggressive style of play which is effective against opposing forwards.

KEN BOOTH (RIGHT INNER)- Was tried at several positions (including water-boy) - showed erratic form (the drinks were rarely cold!) - but managed to score several freak goals.

MIKE NORTH (CENTRE FORWARD)- Always distinctive in his own form of the Club uniform -- was able to help in several key moves with clever stickwork.

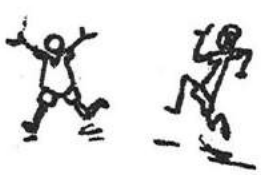
STEVE SAYERS (LEFT INNER)- A good contribution through the year - had several weeks off due to work commitments - but was a useful player.

GEORF SNEEZBY (LEFT WING)- Our G.P. (general purpose) man, often called upon to defend - who could forget his outstanding bit as a kicking full-back!

MARTIN JONES (RIGHT WING)- Another regular "fill-in" player who showed a fine turn of speed down the side line, but was rarely used to good effect in this position.

GARRICK ABERLE (G.P.!) - Another defender, frequently used in the forward line, often helped give us winning chances.

Thanks to all other Club members and outsiders who played in this team during the season. We look forward to better things next year - after, all, we couldn't do much worse !!



"CROSSFIRE."

Old Tompkins Park is quiet these days,
The shoutings died away
And only memories are left
Of fifteen teams fine play



Our thanks to all the parents
Who urged "Cross" on each day,
For they have helped us in our aims
To strive and have fair play.

Many staunch supporters
We had when we played Mods,
And one that stands above them all
Runs "Chariots for the Bods."



At the beginning of the season
One point was very clear.
That under twelves we needed
To fill our ranks this year.

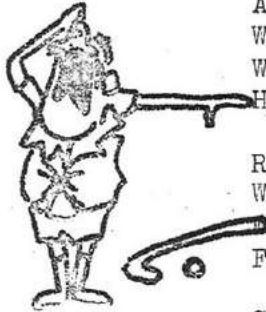
So we set out to the schools
To gather little men
And when the whistle sounded
Roy had eleven of them.



Three cheers for our grand new members,
Those hearty lads from North.
There's Picko and Devo and others
Fine hockey did they bring forth.

Freeman that South Australian Colt,
Played A Threes for us and we cheered
His tales, his goals and his clever play
Before he disappeared.

At the Perth six-a-side' carnival,
Our boys outplayed them all.
When we defeated Cricketers,
Kings was ten feet tall.



A-threes and Y.M. had a torrid time,
With umpires Gooch and Stainton
While our Pres and Mr Spitteler
Had our supporters all a "fainton".

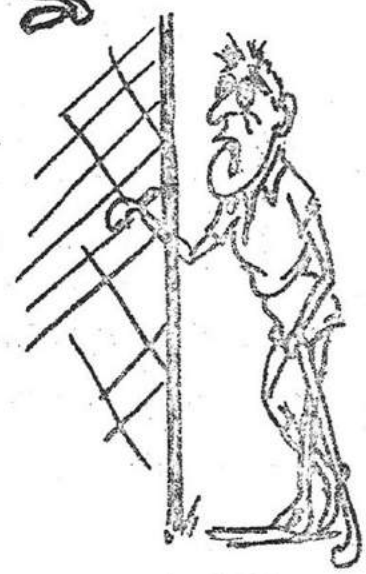
Rob Bentley came to our clubrooms,
With friendship and a Labrador,
We hope he stays a long time yet
For we like him more and more.

Spit's Chinese banquet was a great success,
Fifteen courses all a clutter.
It stopped the gourmet in his tracks
And left some in the gutter.





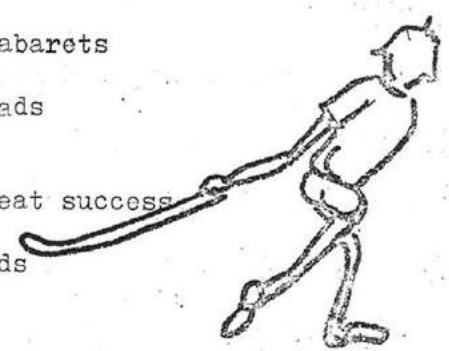
Young Sneezby came to take his fill,
His wife wore a sparkling locket.
Fine food he ate and then he left
With chopsticks in his pocket.



The lads ate meat at Bickies,
To toast the B-three Reds.
There was splashing in the fishpond
And eggs around the heads.

Quiz Nights, Cook Books and Cabarets
Were on our social agenda.
Our thanks to Bisho and his lads
For raking in the tender.

The Bunbury Carnival was a great success
For senior players true.
And Northam saw our junior lads
Bring home the pennants two.



Our B-Ones won the final,
With strength and flashing sticks.
Our valiant twelves and fourteens
Drew but lost by flicks.

Ray's lads were the winners,
Of pennants numbering four.
Our B-One and our B-Two lads
Brought promotion to our door.



Our club was represented
At W.A.'s. finest day.
When our juniors crushed Victoria
With possession style of play.

Col West has taught our club to play,
Just this sort of game.
From Under twelves to A-threes too
The results are just the same.



Nineteen seventy three has been
A good year for our club.
We've all worked well together
And had fun at Stackie's Hub.

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 outclassed.



U16 DIVISION 2

QUALIFIED 6th

Manager R. Bockhouse
R. Jones

Rob HYLES (Captain)

Centre Half.

Has shown pleasing development and high potential. Played strongly when substituted in A3 during the year.

Tim FOSTER (Vice Captain) (Centre Forward)

Work horse of the team. Always gave full effort to the team and has strength and ability.

Jim GERRITSON

(Left Wing)

A promising first year player who has good judgement always gives of his best.

Ray DAVIS

(Loft Inner)

Clever forward who has skill and ability. With improved fitness and training performance would do well in the Club.

Evan BARRY

(Right Inner)

Clever stickwork and good goal sense. Combines well with other forwards and with better fitness and training practice could be a top player.

Nicol FEWKES

Excellent team member with sound stickwork and tactical skill. Always played well.

Craig NALDER

(Loft Half B)

Has pace and determination. Could develop into a capable defender.

Rob DALGLISH

(Right Half)

Cool and talented defender who always plays well. Not hustled and very dedicated. Should be one of the Club's top players in future years.

Peter BURGE

Excellent clubman and steady defender. Has shown improved confidence and always gives of his best.

Kevin WILSON

Reliable defender who always played solidly. Strong

Les FOGGON

An outstanding season for this hardest worked goalie of the Club. Is developing into one of the top goalies of our Club and made some brilliant saves in almost every game.

TEAM PROFILE

UNDER 16 DIVISION 1

Manager S.L. BROOKER

A team of good lads who consistently fronted up for matches without too much ceremony and played the game, usually with gusto and enjoyment.

Although we had a few ups and downs during the season, the boys reached the 1st Semi-Finals with a record to be proud of. Well done chaps to Qualify 3rd.

Geoff WOAD

Joined the team in the latter part of the season and proved to be the left winger the team was looking for.

Mark RANDALL

Did some good things at left inner

Gary THOMAS

Took over Captaincy of the team half way through the season and proved a tower of strength at centre forward

Noel BACKHOUSE

When in form, deadly at right inner.

Mark Taylor

A very able and fleet of foot right winger.

Drew GRIFFITHS

Improved throughout the season, to fill left half back position very ably.

Steve CLAVEY

Small lad with a big heart. Shared left half back with Drew Griffiths, Most improved player.

Chris AVENT

A popular vice Captain. Always prepared to get into the game and show the way.

Andrew ROBERT

A handy performer at right half. Very intelligent player

Brad PLATELL

Solid as a rock at right full back. Always consistent.

Peter SWIFT

The second half of an excellent full back line. Very reliable with good eye and safe hit.

Mike BROOKER

Provided some very solid and aggressive goal keeping. Well done Mick.

APPLECROSS Y.M.C.A. HOCKEY CLUB

UNDER 16 DIVISION 2 Season 1973

MANAGERS C. Everingham & K. Timmel

The Team enjoyed a very successful season losing only four games and finishing third on the Premiership table at the end of the qualifying games.

Earlier in the season they earned the right to participate in the Challenge Cup and were defeated in extra time in a game described by many experienced judges as one of the best junior games they had seen.

The team was very fortunate in having the support of many parents and thanks go out to the Reynolds, McGuiness', Rowes, Forwards and Matthews, Mrs. Edsall and Mrs. Woollacott.

The success of the team can be attributed in no small way to the interest of these parents and we say a Big Thank You. Colin Everingham, Keith Timmel and Jack Edsall who were always on hand with words of encouragement and wisdom and the boys were most appreciative of their efforts. This applied not only to Saturday afternoon, but to Sunday training also. Their contribution to the Clubs Administration was most significant.

PERSONAL PARS

David ROWE (Captain) Fullback. David had a great season until injured on the eve of the selection of the State Junior Team. Came back after the injury to play many fine games only to suffer further injury the week before the final games.

Paul MEACOCK (Vice Captain) Half Back. Gain selection in State Junior Team. A well deserved honour. Played several games with A3 and acquitted himself well. Divvy 2 boys were glad to have him back.

Ken EBSALL Goalie. Played well when called on with strong keeping being a feature of his play. During height of winter ran 'grave' risk of catching severe cold.

Ray FORWARD Half Back. Cool 'customer' under pressure and his game improved as season progressed. Very dependable.

Pat MATTHEWS. Half Back. A really talented half back whose fine efforts often went un-noticed. A very reliable defender.

John EVERINGHAM Full Back. John had a good season and the improvement predicated in 1972 was most noticeable in his games during the season.

Neil WOOLLACOTT Neil joined the team mid way through the season and his vigour added bit to the teams performances particularly when playing as a forward.
Half Back and Forward.

Andrew McGUINES Half Back. Another player who showed an ability to remain cool under pressure. a defender who was rarely beaten.

Andrew REYNOLDS, Greg HUNT, Keith HARPER. (Forwards) (The Mosquito Fleet) Combined weight 12 stone - wringing wet. These lads had the happy knack and ability to make any defenders job most difficult. A bright future in hockey is predicted for these lads.

David TIMMEL. Forward. Joined Club from Albany where he had played most of his hockey as a full back. Trained hard and showed improvement as season progressed.

A team of triers who always gave of their best for their Club and their Coach; Graeme Meacock. The boys say 'Thank You' Graeme for your time and efforts.

U16 - DIVISION 3

QUALIFIED 5th After a good season. MANAGER Roy FLETCHER

Derek Diaz Goalie - good season, improved considerably with Club and Appbeross High School. Excellent club man who attended every training session.

Worwick(WOCKER)ROBERTSON-SKIPPER Reliable fullback, good leader and consistent player. A.H.S.

Gareth WIDGER, Fullback, Improving aggressive player, good potential A.H.S.

Paul SLAVIN Halfback Regular, consistent player. Good team mixer.

Glen DATSUN Halfback - Forward, Played most of the year and put in some good games.

David FINLAYSON - Halfback Dashing style, will continue to improve good team member, A.H.S. Very dedicated player with a bright future in hockey.

Tony FLETCHER Centre Forward-Halfback Consistent goal scorer, also reliable defence player, Good season and A.H.S. Will be a top U16 player in 1974.

John CLARKE New player, winger, eager to improve, follows game well.

Simon FORD Left Inner Quick moving and skilful player who always works hard and got his share of goals. Simon is one of the top forwards in our U16 age group. M.H.S.

Tim JOHNSON Right Inner Regular and consistent, goal getter, good team member with a very sound tactical knowledge of the game. MHS

Chris SMITH. Winger Will improve with effort and concentration. Good team member who joined the Club during the season and showed dedication to his Club.

Chris BROWN RightWinger Speedy attacker, good effort for year despite arm injury. M.H.S.

John JAROSEK Half Back-Forward Sound year's performance, reliable team member who has shown improvement and dedication.

U14 DIVISION 2

Manager Alan BROOKER

QUALIFIED 4th. Won 1st Semi and Preliminary Final.

GRAND FINALISTS

TEAM PROFILE Senior UNDER 14 DIVISION 2

Simon NELSON Alternate Captain and Centre Forward. Possesses good stickwork and plenty of drive. Scored many of our goals and had disputes with umpire.

Don BROOKER Alternate Captain. Left Half and fills in as forward. A good solid player and team man. Hair sometimes gets in eyes when shooting for goal.

Caesar SCALISE Our classy Left Winger. Has improved immensely this season and is scoring many goals from fine sweep shots. Coach has some trouble keeping him in position.

Simon JOHNSTON Left inner and Half back. Did a fine job of filling in for us during season when team was short of players. Has also given sting to our forward line during finals. Torn between football and hockey but our game will win.

Michael PITTS Our very consistent Right Inner. Fine stickwork and unselfish goal front team member. Much potential for future Seasons with Club.

Mark WILKES Right Wing and very fast too. Marke has improved with every match this season and with an extra foot of height will frighten many opposing defenders in the future.

Lance HOGG Left Half and a first year player with our team who has probably shown more improvement than any other team member. Good tenacious half back.

Grant McEWAN Centre and Right Half. A very versatile player who has always helped out as a forward during the year. Port Hedland will gain a good player next season. Best of luck Grant.

Pat FOLEY Right Half and another of our band of improving players. A little more weight on the bones will help Pat face the burley opposition.

Laurie LAPSLEY Right Full Back and a big bloke who frightens many opposing forwards. Lauries play has improved this season and he will be a useful under 16 player next season.

Brian MATTHEWS Left Full Back and many times has proved to be a stone wall to opposing teams. Club selectors will no doubt be watching Brian for he has much potential as a player in higher grades. A fearless and skilled team member.

Peter JAROSEK Our good but rather unwilling Goalie. Thanks for doing the job so well Peter. Also filled in as Half and Full Back to good effect and showed much improvement during the season.

Ray ABRAMOFF Not a regular player for our team, but an improving player who should find a permanent team place next season. Thanks Ray!

Many thanks also to the Other Under 14's who have helped our team out during the season and in the finals:- Glen JONES, John MEACOCK, Greg KIDD and Graham WILSON, all good players whom we would have been pleased to have as regular team members.

U14 DIVISION 3

QUALIFIED 5th after a season of very pleasing development

MANAGER John ANDREW

PLAYER PROFILES

U14 DIVISION 3

Left Wing Daryl KAYE

A new player this year who actually qualifies for U12 play. Daryle learnt a lot this season and shows promises of becoming a valuable team member in future seasons.

Left Inner Murray GRANT

Murray showed a good deal of improvement during the season and will benefit with growth and increased physical strength. His play sometimes is less effective than it might be because he tends to wander too much.

Centre Forward Alan HOLBROOK

A strong fast moving forward with the ability to get the ball and score goals from all angles. A fearless player who has had a very good season. Alan has a great future in hockey.

Right Inner Neil BANHAM

At right inner Neil has found his place and is much more effective here than previously when playing on the left side. Neil has a very good understanding of the game and has a bright future with the Club. A few extra inches and pounds will see Neil become a very strong player.

Right Wing Greg KIDD

Greg is a first year player whose natural ability, and speed gave our forwards many opportunities to score goals. Greg is undoubtedly a boy destined to become a top hockey player.

Left Half Eric HOLBROOK

Eric made a good contribution to the team this year at left half and early in the season at left full. Tends to hurry his shots too much by first timing but has a good eye and will develop into a good hockey player.

Centre Half John MEACOCK

Potentially the best player in the team, always steady and never beaten. John's knowledge of the game and command of hockey skills brand him as a top player of the future.

Right Half Peter ANDREW

Peter has found his place at right half. While he is never a star he is a steady player and gave opposing wings solid opposition throughout the season. Peter's game would improve with a little extra pace.

Left full back Travis MAIR

Travis joined us about mid way in the season and made a solid contribution to the team's success. He plays a solid game but would be more effective if he played his position more closely.

Right Full Back Graham WILSON (Capt)

Formerly centre half Graham has developed into one of the best full backs in the U14 Grade. He backs his judgement well, tackles hard and has an effective hit coupled with accurate disposal of the ball.

Goal Keeper James STOBIE

James started in goals a tentative somewhat nervous player. Towards the end of the season he has been forced to use his judgement and has developed into a very effective goalie who will continue to improve.

SUMMARY.

The team had a very good season. All players gave of their best and their sportsmanship is a credit to them and their club. The club will benefit from these boys' efforts in future years. Well done fellows.

UNDER 12 DIVISION I

QUALIFIED 6th after a very pleasing season

MANAGER B. EALES

B. TURNER

Bruce played on Left Wing during the year and always tried his hardest.

H. STEWART

Left Inner and held this position for most games Ashley will benefit from this year's tuition.

C. WILKS

Craig was a dependable centre forward who made the most of limited opportunities.

D. MULRONEY

David's games were at Right Inner and always gave his best.

C. WEST

It is unfortunate that Chris was one of the younger boys who only played half games, as two or three reserves were brought on at half time, but not once did he complain.

M. SHANNON

Right Winger who like his inner had to share this position but Mike never complained and did his best.

M. ALLEN

Murray was played in several positions and it is considered that he develops should do well as a half back.

M. EALES

Maurice played as a dependable half back all year and if he plays to his position will benefit next season from the coaching in 1973.

D. ABRAMOFF

Banny is a player who can play in several positions and with a little more concentration will improve further, but must think for himself without being directed from the sidelines.

R. RAPPON

Robert was tried in several positions and was better suited in defence, must become more dedicated in his approach to the game.

A. ROGERSON

Andrew never failed to turn in a good game and worked harder than most boys. He is dedicated and showed the benefit of the school holiday tuition. Andrew should have a future in this sport.

R. SWIFT

Shared the full back position and with a little more enthusiasm Roger could improve his game.

M. WATSON

Murray had a difficult task all season, as our backs were under pressure in most games played, but carried out his goalkicking duties well.

R. HOFT

Only played as a Reserve towards the end of the season but could develop into a useful attacking player.

TEAM MANAGER'S COMMENTS

Special thanks to Mr. West and Mr. Shannon for training assistance together with Mr. and Mrs. Rogerson for their support during the year. A well organised Club which can only be to the player's benefit.

UNDER 12 DIVISION 2

This very talented team won fifteen games, lost 2 and drew one during the season.

The forward line had a goal scoring feast scoring 108 goals whilst the ever reliable defence only conceded 10 goals.

Winner of the Challenge Cup.
Winner of Avon Valley Under 12 Carnival
Winner of Guth Ardagh Pennant
Grand Finalists.

Stephen FLETCHER An aggressive forward who added bite to the forward line when he joined the team late in the season. Scores many goals with his aggressive play in the circle.

G. RANFORD Played the season as the regular left wing. Filled in ably at right wing when required. With 2 more seasons in this grade Geoff should play a valuable part as a winger.

P. RILEY A reserve forward who always tried hard. Should prove to be valuable as left wing next year if given the opportunity to settle down in a fixed position.

Stephen HORN Although he moved from the district before the end of the season Stephen provided good support at left inner, and scored valuable goals. We hope to see Stephen back at the Club in the future.

Talwyn WIDGER Our regular centre forward and a scorer of many goals, although more concentration on the ball when in a scoring position would have resulted in even more. Talwyn combined well with his forwards and was a valuable member in a strong team.

Matthew JONES Matthew at right inner combined well with his winger. Matthew is a good stick player and will be even better with more concentration on the game. A valuable goal scorer.

Ray McKINNON Ray was our most aggressive attacker. Playing at right wing he continually broke through the defence and positioned the ball for his forwards. Ray should prove a valuable Club Member in the coming years.

Phillip MALACARI Playing his first year of hockey Phillip showed great determination and tight marking. With 2 more years in under 12 his determination on the half back line will be valuable.

Darren MAHER Darren played as half back and as a forward. a fast player and good ball getter but needs to improve his disposal.

Warren O'RAFFERTY A very good ball getter with good stick work. Warren proved to be valuable at centre half and dangerous when used as an inner. Warren needs to play his position and use his team mates.

Darryl MALACARI At left full back Darryl proved difficult to pass. Playing a percentage game was always dependable in breaking up many attacks. Tried hard when used at Centre half. Hold the team together with consistently good play.

Michael OGILBY Michaels long hitting to his winger started many attacking moves. As right full back playing up field he cut out many attacks.

Murray OGILBY Although not required to work hard in most games, Murray played very well and made many fine saves as goalie. Also played well when given a run as a half back.

Andrew BOYD Andrew was unfortunate to miss over half the season. His determination and long hitting will prove valuable at; half back next year. Andrew must learn to check his man more closely.

UNDER 12 DIVISION 2

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UNDER 12/DIVISION 3

MANAGER Norm KIDD and C. LUCE

The Under 12/3 team had a good season to finish 6th on the list. Considering all the boys were new to hockey this was an excellent result and showed how quickly they learnt the game.

Daryl BOLGER

An ideal full back who lent weight to the defence. As captain he led the team well.

David SEE

A very keen attacking goalie who stopped many a certain goal.

Neil WALSH

Played well at centre half back and passed the ball well to the forwards. Also a keen fisherman.

Wayne LUCE

A very enthusiastic player who settled down well as left inner and scored several goals.

Norm WILLIAMS

A dynamic player who wanted to beat all the opposition by himself. Developed into a fine left half back.

Allan KIDD

A nifty player who scored goals from both right wing and right inner. Noted for his great solo efforts.

Clinton REVELL

A very reliable full back who stopped many opposition attacking moves. Maintained a high standard throughout the season.

Mark SKELTON

Always reliable at right half back. Played excellent position play.

Paul FOLEY

A lanky player who covered alot of ground and always watched the ball.

Paul BARHAM

Started off as goalie and then moved to Left Wing. Improved with every game.

John COOPER

Played the position of centre forward very well. Developed into a strong attacking game and scored many goals.

Jeff BARKER

Settled down at right wing and combined well with the forwards. Sometimes found it difficult to hit that elusive ball.

Charles SCOTT

Always tried hard in whatever position he was playing. Improved all the time.