

MELVILLE CITY HOCKEY CLUB INC.

CLUB ADMINISTRATION - 1989

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1989 must be regarded as one of the most traumatic and controversial years for both hockey administrators and players.

The introduction of Classic League to replace the traditional 1st Division competition created a financial nightmare and a frantic search by all clubs to find elusive and in most cases, non-existent 'major sponsors'. Fortunately, with a combination of common-sense, a realistic approach to what was actually achievable, and eventually additional sponsorship at Association level, Classic League subsided to a level manageable by the clubs.

Delays in completing new synthetic surfaces caused havoc to senior fixtures whilst the errors in the much awaited junior fixture book added to the confusion. In fact the situation was only kept under control by our club secretary, Patricia Floyd, diligently perusing the weekly computer sheets.

Many thanks to Alec James and Graham Napier who together with myself, attended the numerous Association meetings during the year.

I cannot speak too highly of my Committee who worked so hard to maintain the high standard of administration synonymous with the Melville City Hockey Club. Their task was made even more difficult with virtually no social or fundraising sub-committee. This situation must be remedied in 1990.

Notwithstanding all these problems the Melville City Hockey Club acquitted itself extremely well both on and off the field. With 23 teams fielded, 13 in the final four, and the Classic League team achieving its best ever result, speaks for itself.

Financially the club is in a sound position thanks largely to the generosity of our major sponsors.

1990 will be a challenging year for hockey in W.A. To continue to develop, and to confidently improve our position in the Classic League I believe the Melville City Hockey Club must adopt a more professional approach to ensure we compete on an even footing with the other clubs.

Mal Poole has accepted the position of coach for 1990 after completing two splendid years in this position. The acquisition of a State or International player into his 'top squad' would enable the development of other players and make our Classic League Team a force to be reckoned with.

Finally my sincere thanks to Committee Members, coaches, managers and all others who gave generously their time and expertise to make 1989 such a successful year.

N. H. KIDD  
PRESIDENT

## TREASURER'S REPORT

May I say at this point that the club's finances are in a healthy position and are expected to disclose a modest surplus as at 31st October, 1989.

This position is largely attributable to the financial budget prepared by Bill Lunt, our immediate past treasurer, for the 1989 season. However, significant factors which have also contributed to our current standing include our substantially reduced financial commitment to the Classic League competition, to which was first proposed the continued support of sponsors (\$6000 so far), and marginally increased club fees. Major fundraising events this year were: Chocolate sales (\$3500 so far), Quiz Night (\$830), Grape-picking (\$1580) and uniform sales.

The bar always performs well and this year is no exception. Bar sales were marginally lower than initially anticipated. An increasing number of away from home games and scheduling of fixtures at irregular times has to a large extent manifested this position.

Offset against this income were the W.A.H.A. affiliation fees which rose by 10% and the licence fee for the Classic League team of (\$1500). Other major items included the up grading of club noticeboards, (\$600), Club development (\$6000), Windelya Assoc. fees (\$250) per month, Ground rent (\$2566), club bulletins, stationery and equipment.

During 1990, Melville City will continue to maintain and develop its prominent standing within the hockey community, and will aspire to greater achievement in the Classic League competition, and throughout all the senior grades, and more particularly, in the juniors. To this end, it is important that our financial standing continues to be strengthened so that we may commit a greater proportion of our financial resources to the development of our players.

I would wish that club members continue to support social functions and assist in all other fundraising events.

My sincere thanks for the support given by all club members during 1989 and in particular the following:

Norm Kidd	all rounder - loves chocolates
Bill Forward	in control of chocolate sales
Alec James	Sponsorship Guru - bought lots of chocolates!
Jan Kuhlmann	Uniform sales. 'Tailor' made for the position, thanks, Jan.
Bar 'scrubbers' brigade	- Mal Farmer, Paul Lambert, Phil Read, and others. Good job, boys.
Trish Floyd	Secretary extraordinare -
Nigel Clark	Assistant Treasurer and Bar accounts manager

Patrick Matthews  
TREASURER

## FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT REPORT

In years to come, I am sure that 1989 will be considered to be one of the most significant and difficult years for hockey in W.A. This year the Classic League has been established and for the first time in the history of mens' hockey in this State, clubs have had to pay a licence fee to enter a team in the top competition.

Whilst it is appreciated that these changes have been made for very good reasons and certainly in the long term interests of our sport, it has placed significant pressure on clubs to substantially increase their sponsorships.

A major corporate sponsor was actively sought to contribute between \$5000 and \$10000 to Melville City. This proved very difficult and unfortunately no single sponsor was secured on these terms. However, by restructuring our sponsorship packages we were able to attract 24 sponsors to the club. These were:

### **MAJOR SPONSOR**

New Horizons

### **GOLD SPONSORS:**

Home Building Society  
Hooker Land Development  
L.J. Hooker International  
Westsure

### **SILVER SPONSORS:**

AGC INTERNATIONAL	DYNAMIC BUSINESS RESOURCES P/L
FOO GWAI	FREMANTLE SPORTS MEDICINE CENTRE
GATEWAY PRINTING	GREGSONS OFFICE FURNITURE
HENLEY MOTOR COMPANY	KARDINYA TAVERN
LIBERTY CHICKENS	MILLERS SPORTS
SANDS & MCDUGALL	SHACKS HOLDEN
STEVEN FINLAY AUTO CENTRE	SWIMART O'CONNOR
VITAL PACKAGING	WALDINGS
WATER SPORT WEST	WESTERN AUSTRALIAN LEASE CO.
WING WAH CHINESE RESTAURANT	

Through their generous financial support these sponsors have enabled the Club to participate in the Classic League, to publish a weekly newsletter for members, to fit out our top couple of teams with club tracksuits and assist with club development.

Sponsorship will continue to play an even greater role in the future in terms of our club's finances. Understandably, sponsors want a return on their investment in this regard, and it is therefore imperative that members support the sponsors' products and services.

In anticipation that next year will necessitate significantly more sponsorship funds, leads are already be pursued to secure a substantial major sponsor for the Club. We are also liaising closely with W.A.H.A. Executive and other Classic League clubs in this regard.

In recognizing the need for such a commitment to sponsorship it is probably appropriate for the club to consider establishing a small task force to undertake the marketing of our sponsorships, and servicing the needs of the sponsors. This should provide the framework for the club to increase sponsorship next year.

Alec M.S. JAMES  
FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT

## JUNIOR REPORT

The 1989 season has produced a mixture of successes for our junior sides. Fielding eleven teams in the under 17, 15, 13 and 11 premierships, seven of these sides will make the final four. Of those which did not make the finals, I can sincerely say that none have thrown in the towel, and any side they play must earn their wins. Congratulations and good luck to the teams who are in the finals.

Bad luck to those who are not, but regardless, the Committee and Club are proud of the sportsmanship and the talent that all our juniors possess.

A special note of congratulations must be extended to Gregg Taylor on his selection in two State teams. Well done, Gregg.

The further development of junior hockey in this State has taken a very positive step forward this season through the W.A.H.A. Junior Committee. Junior development, improved grading procedures, and experimental umpiring techniques are some of the issues being addressed by this Committee and hopefully will lead to a better junior competition next season.

Again this year I have been a co-ordinator of co-ordinators and warm thanks must be given to John Taylor, Wayne Atkinson, Ron Wilson and John Finlay for the administration of the respective age groups. Their dedication has ensured the players and parent supporters have enjoyed themselves and will surely bring them back again next year.

This year we have been able to organize the under 11 competitions at Morris Buzacott Reserve, which was a terrific boost for the Club. As a result we opened a junior canteen which proved very successful. Thanks to Liz Finlay, Jill Halliday, Chris Willis and Pam Porter who manned and organized this profitable little venture.

Finally, the Minkey programme which fosters our players of the future was again a great success, and it is anticipated that graduates from this programme will enable us to field at least four under 11 teams again next season. Thank you to Bruce Porter, Frank Williams, Bruce Cameron and John Smith for their support and help each Saturday morning.

It is necessary to repeat myself from last year that to ensure our junior grades continue we must promote this programme. However, growth needs greater commitment from our senior players. Our juniors look up to you, so please do them proud and put back what you can into this great game.

I extend my best wishes to Norm Kidd, his wife Marie, the Committee and to all members for the coming year.

GRAHAM NAPIER  
VICE PRESIDENT - JUNIORS

#### PLAYER ACHIEVEMENTS....1989

500 GAMES

BRIAN SPITTELER

300 GAMES

BRUCE CAMERON  
GEOFF RANFORD

200 GAMES

IAN DEVESON  
GEOFF GORHAM  
BARRY HANCOCK  
CRAIG LANKESTER

100 GAMES

PAUL DAVIS  
EVAN FLOYD  
WARWICK FRY  
JARROD POZZI  
PETER WELLS  
KEN WOOLLAMS

JUNIOR AWARDS 1989

TEAM	FAIREST AND BEST	MOST IMPROVED
17B	NICK HAMER - SMITH	ALAN BARHAM
15B	MATTHEW RUMMER	GRANT MUIR
15C	SAM MCKAY	LEIGH NASTASI
15F	IAN LADHAMS	MICHAEL SHEA
13A	CRAIG WILSON	DAVID PARKER
13B	CRAIG SHEARER	DAVID SCHIBECI
13E	SHAUN HOOPER	DAVID KOVAC
UNDER 11	ALL PLAYERS	ALL PLAYERS
PETER SHACK TROPHY (MOST IMPROVED JUNIOR)		MATTHEW RUMMER
DAVID PORTER TROPHY (MOST IMPROVED JUNIOR GOALKEEPER)		ADAM FITZGERALD
MT. WAVERLEY HOCKEY CLUB - MOST TALENTED U17 PROGRESSING TO SENIORS		NATHAN KENNEY

COMMITTEE PROFILE

NORM KIDD "THE BOSS" Busier than ever now that he has retired. Tried his hand at everything, from fixing the lighting to chasing the chocolates, and hosting the Vics!

PATRICIA FLOYD Secretary, bulletin editor, maker up of bags, returner of the cards, ticket maker, chaser of the annual reports, etc. You name it, she did it!

PATRICK MATTHEWS: Highly valued by us all. Worked hard balancing the books. Played hard at weekends.

ALEC JAMES Again wooed the sponsors with his charm. The Club is fortunate to have a man with his talents.

FRANK WILLIAMS Coach, selector, umpiring co-ordinator, player. A devil for punishment.

GRAHAM NAPIER Hooked on hockey, especially Masters and juniors. Again did a great job with the minkey and junior co-ordinating.

DEAN REVELL Kept the Secretary sane with his minute taking! A top job again this year. One wonders where he finds the time to fit his studies, hockey and committee duties in to his busy life.

NIGEL CLARKE Again kept the Bar account in order. Another person with 48 hours in a day!

MAL FARMER Great worker for the Club. If it needed doing, Mal would fix it!

HAROLD FARMER Organizer of the Vets. Norm's handy mate and everyone's best friend! A great club man.



## CLASSIC LEAGUE PROFILE

If one looks back on last year's team there were quite a number of player losses through transfers, retirements, etc. These losses were covered essentially from our resources and it is a great tribute to Mal and the players that they actually improved the number of points scored, and finished in front of more heralded teams, such as YMCA and Subs.

No doubt next year will bring further changes, and every year is a tougher year in this grade, but we should look forward to it with confidence. Perhaps we might even reach the zenith of having a report in the newspaper of one of our games. Even to be mentioned regularly would be an improvement.

DEAN REVELL - centre half/Captain

Dean has had another fine year and has developed into a first class player with the respect of the team and the opposition alike. Study commitments have always limited Dean's chances of representative honours but the way he is playing those honours may not be all that far away.

MARK LEAVESLEY - goalkeeper (Retired)

As is indicated, Rat has announced his retirement and following a trip to Europe plans to settle in Denmark (W.A. I think). Mark has had another fine season and this was recognized by his selection for W.A. in the State of Origin match. It is no coincidence that during Rat's time with our Club we have managed to stabilize our position in the Classic League. Well done, Rat.

ROB SEE - fullback

Robbie has played some marvellous games for us this year. He is a strong tackler and hitter which combined with a lot of courage, has made him one of the most effective fullbacks in Classic League. When given the opportunity he is a very effective short corner hitter.

JOHN MEACOCK - fullback

John's season was punctuated by absences through injury and business. Nevertheless he has had probably his best season in first division. Known for his fairly uncompromising defence he hasn't mellowed with age as many opposition forwards will testify.

EVAN FLOYD - left half

Probably the success story of the year. Evan's transition to the half line has brought about a regular first team place and a growing confidence in his own ability. His tight marking and good tackling have cut many right wings out of the game.

ANDREW SANDERS - right half

A young player who has returned to the fold after some years away, and he settled into the first team. Suffered a nasty injury early in the year but came back with courage and enthusiasm. Good to see his overlapping play, particularly late in the season as confidence grew. A good contributor.

ALAN MEACOCK - left inner

"The Veteran". Some of us can actually remember his first senior game. Again a season punctuated with injury (seems to be a family trait) but toward the end of the season Al's form returned to its very best. Trust all this talk of retirement will be put off for a few more years yet. Well done, Al.

DAVID OGILBY - left inner

David has a good first half of the season, but suffered some injuries in the second half which meant he had to miss the remainder of the season. His good skills and deceptive pace mean that he will be a key player in next year's team.

RON CHESNY - centre forward

A good year from Ches, who on his day, can be a match winner. Always enthusiastic and a hard worker, he is now in the veteran class but is an established first division player. Some good goals too, old fellow.

GLEN DEUBLE - right inner

Our A.I.S. draft for the year. Glen hails from Townsville and is a tribute to hockey in country Queensland. He has speed, skill and a bit of fire which all augers well for him if he decided to continue on to the top level. Some of his goals this year have been terrific and he has been a valuable member of our side.

GREGG TAYLOR - goalkeeper

Gregg was called upon to fill in during the year, and at the age of 15 showed us why he is going to be a great keeper in the future.

NICK TWEEDIE - centre forward

Studies and music have impeded on Nick's hockey playing this year but he still managed to show us that he has what it takes at this top level. We all hope that next year he can get a better balance of his interests so that we can see more of him on the hockey field.

MARK LYONS - left wing

Mark had a good year and is starting to gain confidence in the grade. Hard running is the hallmark of his game and I have no doubt once he channels this properly he will be an exciting striker.

PAUL DENNETT - left wing

Paul is a young player from last year's under 17 team, who showed us that he has what it takes. His skills are good, his confidence and strength are growing, and we can look forward to even better things next year.

KEITH HARPER - right wing

Who would have believed this veteran could make his rather reluctant come-back and have the influence he had. Keith had a terrific last few games and really revitalized our forward line. Well done, Keith.

ROBBIE MCPHERSON - left half

Another veteran plucked from obscurity. Rob showed us the reason that he was such a respected first division player a few seasons ago. Unfortunately a hand injury curtailed his come-back.

STEVE MCLERIE - fullback

Steve relished his opportunity of playing Classic League and showed us some good tough Goldfields hockey. We can look forward to more next year.

GRANT MAPP - centre half/right half

Our second A.I.S. draftee. Grant unfortunately played with injuries for much of the season and eventually returned home. He is a cool defender who liked to penetrate into the circle. Hopefully he will be back next year.

MAL POOLE - coach

Mal had a good year, his voice held out and his blood pressure remained erratic. Always enthusiastic, his advice to umpires is much appreciated by all. Unfortunately his impecunious state forced him to wear spectacles with only one lens for most of the season, and this did effect his ability to actually see the game. But nevertheless his mostly lucid comments at half time inspired our players to great heights, although there are some in the team administrative structure who would say it was the cordial. Mal suffered a nasty injury at training early in the season which left the player concerned pondering his future. However, it is a tribute to Mal's generosity (or possibly his senility) that he forgave the anonymous player. Well done, Mal and we look forward to next year.

JOHN PICKERING AND KEITH TIMMEL - co-managers

Timmel did not do much, only made the drinks, etc. My most onerous task was to make sure he did it all. As a team we were first class, taking credit for our wins, blaming the coach for our losses, and treating draws with equanimity. It's tough being a manager!

## 2A PROFILE

The 2's played a stronger first half of the season than the second, as can be seen by the fact that they lost the Challenge Cup but failed to make the final four.

This could be put down to the turnover of team personnel throughout the season, whereas many opposition teams formed a regular core of players by the second round.

I am sure the entire team thanks Keith Harper for the effort he has put into coaching them again this year.

This team was ably managed by Craig Barrett and we sincerely thank him for his efforts over the season.

ROB MCPHERSON - centre half/forward

Rob is a very experienced and astute player who still plays the game with youthful (?) enthusiasm. He unfortunately missed some mid season games due to a broken thumb.

GREGG TAYLOR - goalkeeper

Gregg follows in a long tradition of quality goalkeepers by being a 'gregarious' member of the team. He has exceptional skills that will hopefully be used to defend Melville for many years to come.

GREG ROSS - fullback

Greg is another of the cool headed players who contribute to the defensive side of our play. He also organized the popularity polls which went under the guise of best player votes.

KEITH HARPER - COACH / forward

Keith is a tireless worker as coach of the 2A's and 3's, and he puts the same effort into his on field activities. Will nappy changing be a part of every one's pre season training next year?

PAUL DENNETT - forward

Paul is a product of the junior ranks of our club and has adapted very well to top class senior hockey. His opportunist forward play earned him some Classic League games.

STEVE MCLERIE - fullback

Steve is an aggressive fullback who backs his eye and as a result is a very hard defender to get past. His strong short corner hitting was an asset to the team play.

PAT MATTHEWS - forward

Pat is a talented forward who has played top quality hockey for our club for many years. He puts this experience to good use when aiming for optimum use of minimum energy.

STEFAN WILLETT - halfback

Stefan has continued to play strong hockey for the 2's this year. He is an imaginative player who never gives in and always lends himself for the short pass.

MARK LYONS - forward

Mark has the ability to run the opposition defence into the ground with his sustained high work rate. His back tackling also kept the opposition forwards on their toes.

MARK ARNOLD - forward

Another hard working forward who runs tirelessly throughout the entire game. He always had a constructive comment on play to make at half time, which usually involved through balls for him to run on to!

GAVIN SCALLY - fullback

What can you say about the big man? He hits hard, he tackles hard and he talks hard!

PAUL OATES - halfback

Paul played his best hockey towards the end of the season as he settled into the team. His cool head often turned defensive play into strong attacking moves.

NICK TWEEDIE - forward

Besides looking a bit worse for wear on Saturday afternoons, his forward play has not suffered due to his rock 'n' roll stardom! Someone was heard to comment that his black mouthguard makes him look as though he has coughed up his liver!

PAUL EARLY - halfback

Paul is a player for which everything looks easy, including high pressure defensive situations. Another player with constructive comments at the break.

ANDREW SCANLON - forward/centre half

Andrew has often been the play maker for the 2's this season. Swaps back to centre half when Rob feels a goal coming on!

Thanks must also go to Tim Reid, Michael Heard, Jeff West, Paul Meacock, Andrew Beattie, Tom Tate, Andrew Sanders, Geoff Ranford, Andrew Stevenson, Scott Forbes, Mal Farmer, Mike Shannon, Bruce Hancock, Paul Lambert. I hope I haven't missed anyone!

### 3A PROFILE

The Legend team showed small patches of a team that could have been a potential finalist. However, it was not to be. There are probably a lot of excuses floating around, however it all boils down to 75 minutes on a Saturday. Still, every body had a few laughs.

MIC SHANNON (SUMO) - goalkeeper

Mic's large frame once again proved useful. (Bunbury team member)

GAVIN SCALLY - fullback

Possibly the loudist shorts in the Competition, not to mention his voice! (Bunbury team member).

SCOTT FORBES - fullback

A small bloke who put in a 100% effort. He always seemed to stop large opponents.

BRUCE HANCOCK - halfback

Never said boo when his mum and dad were around. Fitted in well in this elite team.

GEOFF RANFORD - centre half

"Rams" hockey is all based on facts. Always enjoys a beer after the match.

TIM REID - halfback

Tim has not changed very much. Still has a 30 second warm up and the odd dance on the field.

ANDREW CRIDDLE - wing

Scored a brilliant goal against the top team. Almost made him a Legend.

MAL FARMER - inner

As well as worrying about the Bar, ankle, back and his hair, Mal enjoyed what could be his last game in the Legend team. (Bunbury team member).

SEAN MAHER - centre forward

Sean always made sure his hair was in the right place while playing hockey. A good first year in seniors.

PAUL LAMBERT - wing

Despite being injured most of the season, I was there in spirit. My words of wisdom at half time sounded good, but that's about all. (Bunbury team member)

Thank you to all the players who made the 3A team. All 30 of us! The Legend team will bounce back in 1990.

### METRO 4A PROFILE

The Four's had a very up and down year. The team maintained its position in the four until the last round, finishing fifth for the season. A great disappointment, given that the team had beaten all four teams finishing above us during the season.

The team saw a lot of faces during the season given the nomadic wanderings of many players. Enjoyment of the game and good sportsmanship were however a trait of all who played for the team. Look forward to next year and pray we learn to win the easy games.

NIGEL CLARK  
MANAGER

TOM TATE (Toady) - goalkeeper

Tom was a real find for the team. An excellent goalkeeper until used by the 2's where he managed to kick the ball with his knee and was out for numerous weeks. Good one, Tom!

CRAIG BROWN(CAPTAIN) - fullback, halfback - you name it! Craig led by example, by playing almost every position in the team (except goalkeeper!). Solid player who developed a mean hand stop late in the season. Most unusual to see a traditional fullback handstop short corners.

KEN MELLOR - halfback

Ken came from the country and was a very consistent, cool, hardworking team member. His experience was a great asset to the team. Ken's desire to join the "veterans" is a worry to next year's recruiting.

BRAD REEBY - halfback (Ned Kelly)

A real live wire given the 'big' Friday nights Brad had during the season. An excellent mover of the ball and he capped off some fine passages of play with great goals.

CRAIG LUNT - forward (Spiderman)

The man has an incredible reach and when motivated scored some sizzling goals. Craig won many a game for us with his aggression and hard work. Self abuse on missing goals must stop if Craig is to get through a whole season without destroying a stick. Always a sight to see!

GEOFF CHANDLER - forward

Geoff came to us as a new recruit and was quickly slotted into the Premier team. A marathon runner on the field, Geoff would cover every inch of the field and still manage to touch the ball. A great team man and real asset to the club.

DAVE WINTHROP - forward

Dave's hard running and excellent disposal of the ball set up many a goal for the team. Combined well in our ever changing forward line.

GRAHAM HETHERINGTON - halfback/forward

Graham had another good year in a variety of positions. Mid season marriage many thought took the 'edge' off his pace but he still managed to score many great goals. Has enthusiasm in gaining and keeping possession of the ball. Always a plus to the team.

FRANK WILLIAMS (COACH) - halfback/forward

Frank started the season with the intention of taking it easy in the 5's but was persuaded to play in the Fours again. Frank's excitement in gaining possession in front of open goal was great viewing!! Another good effort in coaching 'the others' in the Club.

NIGEL CLARK (Manager) - fullback

Inspired to become team manager on basis of not having to move up and down the grades. Another enjoyable season at the back terrorizing opposition forwards a foot taller and losing.

JOHN COOKE - halfback

Lured out of early retirement to play social hockey for the 4's and was then lured out again. A great player when available to join us who has definitely not lost his touch. Good future ahead with the club if back fulltime.

ANDREW MULCAHY - fullback

Andrew played on and off with the team and was a strong full back and short corner striker.

ASSOCIATED OTHERS:

Thanks also to all the other players who participated for us during the season. They include:

Warwick Fry, Bruce Porter, Craig Harper, Rob Knyn, Andrew Criddle, Graham Read, Graham's brother (alias Reeby), and any others I may have missed. Accuracy of spelling I cannot guarantee!

#### 4B PROFILE

An older experienced slow team that is looking forward to playing a lower grade (preferably 5A) next year.

IAN HALLIDAY (Captain) Centre forward.

But for the joy of scoring a few goals Ian should have retired years ago, and is probably looking forward to playing veterans.

DAVID PORTER (Vice Captain)

Played his best game of the season in goals but insists that he is really a forward, the heart is willing but the legs are failing and probably should join Ian Halliday in Veterans.

CRAIG LANKESTER (Long John) - Goalie and team dentist

Pretty fast for a guy with a gammy leg and if it wasn't for the amber fluid after the game he probably would have been a figure skater.

CHRIS WEST - right full back, (when he is not on holidays)

A very consistent player, i.e. he was consistently away for every second game.

NORM HOSKIN (Manager) - left full back

Would have been more suited to boxing or soccer but since we let him score a few corner goals this year, we will probably never be rid of him.

ROB KNYN - left half back

In his second season with us. Has now settled in as a regular team member with his once obviously abundant skills rapidly degenerating to our standards.

MIKE BROOKS - centre half back

An evergreen player with abundance of skill and energy. He makes us sick!

PETER DAWKINS - right half back

Plays the position just as it should be, frequently overlapping into the forward line. Loves a shot at goals but isn't it a long run back to defence!

BRUCE CAMERON - left wing/ left half back

Spent the last 2 seasons worrying about when his house was going to be finished, which combined with living in a tent has definitely seen his hockey skills deteriorate. If it is not finished soon, he will probably regress to playing full back!

PETER PILLENGER - left wing / left right out

An enthusiastic player who could not understand what he had got into when he started playing with this team. Has made it clear that he would like a full game of hockey and we look forward to having him on the ground next season.

CRAIG HARPER - right inside forward

Loves to swing the ball around as long as it's no further than 6 inches from his feet. Will probably be spending the off season practising flicks. Played his best game with another team.

ALEC JAMES - right wing

A player with fancy footwork, who we are sure, would prefer to play a position where his rectum was not the target for driving passes which once extracted, he is expected to perform miracles with!

BRUCE PORTER - left inside forward

A really dynamic player who should have been allowed to score a lot more goals, make more base line saves, take flicks, hit short corners, but don't make him write the team report!!

#### REGIONAL SOUTH 1 PROFILE

WARWICK FRY - goalkeeper

Very experienced in goals. Has the confidence to organize defenders and be in command in the 'D'.

GLENN TWEEDIE -defender

Excellent defender who rarely loses a tackle. Loses his cool this year a lot less than he did in previous years.

GRANT FRAZER

Old man of the team, soon will be with the Veterans. Tough defender and getting a reputation as a goalscorer also.

JOHN DE SOUZA

Started as a winger but has become a regular at right half. Uses the ball intelligently.

ANDREW ROGERSON

Another 'oldie' who has excellent stick work and never plays a bad game. Has been known to score a penalty flick once!

CALLUM MCALINDON

Versatile player, lacks pace but makes up for that by using his head, and sometimes his mouth.



MARK WATTON

Played everywhere but goal keeper. Likes to be where the action is and always gives 100%. New girlfriend is keeping him a bit quieter, I notice.

STUART RANN

Pacy forward who likes to have a go at the goals. Sometimes his ball control lets him down at a critical stage.

JULIAN ANDREWS

Good value at right inner, always uses the pass effectively and gets his share of the goals.

LESTER MAHER

Hard working inner or centre forward. Hungry for goals and likes to take opponents on, especially the big ones!

JASON VANCE

Developed into a very useful attacker, as confirmed by five goals in the last game of the season. Has potential as a car thief also having unlocked Mark's car without the using a key

JOHN DALTON

Left wing maestro who has a growing fan club at home games. Does some crazy things, but DOES NOT LIKE UMPIRES!!

KYLE GRESHAM

Played a few games as goalkeeper in Warwick's absence as a complete novice. Now doing some good work for the RS2A team.

REGIONAL SOUTH 2A PROFILE

Our season started with frustrations, both the inability to field a full side each week and to score goals when the opportunity arose. To the credit of the team we were never badly beaten, and although at the end of the first round we were placed last, we had a much better goal difference than those immediately above us. Our first win occurred mid season (after some frustrating draws and losses) against Wasps, which was a credit to all, since then we have been beaten only once, by Trinity, placed first in the division, and the strongest team. This has resulted in us finishing fourth in the qualifying round, and we are ready for the first semi final with a determination never to say die, and the ability to score the early goals and put the opposition under pressure. The addition of a goalkeeper for the last six games strengthened a workmanlike and determined, if not flashy, defence. If the determination shown throughout the season is carried through to the finals, we should acquit ourselves very well.

DAVE HINGSTON - left wing

Joined the team mid way through the season after being coaxed out of retirement. Took some time to find his feet, but when he did, he continued to do so. Provided valuable assistance to a previously overworked forward line.

KYLE RICHARDSON - left inside

Necessity found Kyle placed in a number of positions and eventually forced him into the forward line where he always wanted to be. Provided legs and drive to an overworked forward line.

MAE SINGH - centre forward

A talented and skilful striker who had trouble with eyesight early. However the fact that Mae started finding the net had much to do with us finishing off the bottom. Previously an overloaded forward.

GRAHAM JAMES - inside right

A tireless worker who never gave up. Once our forward line became settled, Graham controlled mid field play, and this enabled the goals to be scored.

RIC SINNOT (right wing)

Joined mid season and quickly proved his effectiveness. Provided a regular avenue to goal. When Ric arrived, Mae's eyesight improved and the two combined to score many fine goals.

DAN COLGAN - flank half

Coaxed out of retirement early by brother Bernard. A free running defender who suffered from wanderlust at times, although reliable and determined. Also brought the drinks.

BERNARD COLGAN - centre half

Bernard played the position out of necessity and although rarely comfortable provided mid field drive and linked very well with the forwards.

TIM VERNE - flank half

Sound, dependable. Forming the cornerstone of our defence, that although not flashy, proved very effective.

JOE PICA - fullback

What Joe lacked in skill was made up by guts, determination and concentration. Learnt the value of guarding the post on short corners the hard way.

STEVE MARTIN - fullback

The reluctant captain!

KYLE GRESHAM - goalkeeper

Like a mirage in a desert, Kyle appeared one day as our goalie, having only played once before! Quickly he showed he has the fighting qualities and reflexes to be a valuable asset, and certainly proved effective.

JOHN MCINTYRE - halfback, forward

John was the main stay of the team in the first half of the season and unfortunately (as far as points are concerned), we did not get the benefit for his efforts early. Work commitments took John away just after we turned the tide, and he was unlucky not to have enjoyed our later success.

We also must mention Ray Forward, John Oliver and Brendon Peters who also contributed but were forced out early due to injury.

#### REGIONAL SOUTH 2B PROFILE

A very good season saw the scrubbers make the finals for the first time in many years. This team would have to be the most mobile in the club with many team members enjoying overseas holidays during the season. As well as those listed below, we had many players who filled in during the year, and we thank Ross, Bomber, Ross, Les, Rick, Ross and Ross!

NEIL DENMAN

Took over from Evan as our team international and lived up to this title by touring the world for 3 months during the season. Always great to see Neil in goals.

CHRIS (GRANDAD) AVENT

Another solid year as fullback from grandad, where his clearing hits set up many attacks.

PETER HILL

Good to see Hilly back in the scrubbers. He enjoyed a mid season trip to Disneyland which he said was for the kids. A hard man to get back on to the field once he has subbed off.

PHIL READ

Felix had another good year on the half back line and also scored some useful goals when up forward. Sorry to see Phil leave just prior to the finals. He will be missed next season.

TERRY BROOKS

Tony Barlow and Peter Shearer all rolled into one. His sartorial elegance has to be seen to be believed. Great to see Terry back at the club. His play at centre half was at times brilliant.

DARREN THOMAS

Our spare parts man in defence, either as a full back or halfback line. Darren is always a reliable defender and a helluva good team man. Also tells us he had a good trip to Singapore.

NOEL BACKHOUSE

Unfortunately his job on the rigs means Noel can only play two games a month but when he's there its a bonus for the team. Played some good games at centre half and scored vital goals when up front.

GARY THOMAS

Manager of the scrubbers and a tiring half back. Didn't have too bad a season, occasionally caught up to his winger and always enjoyed talking to the umpires.

MIKE JOLIFFE

First season in hockey, recruited from the 88 BUNBURY trip. Mike enjoyed his hockey and his mid season trip to China. How was Tiennaman Square.

DARYL PEARCE

Our main avenue to goals, Daryl had a great season netting about 30 goals. We would have been lost without him. Sadly Daryl's only trip for the season was to Fremantle Hospital.

GRAEME COLEMAN

Scored some important goals at fairly long intervals. Graeme is always there and adds stability to our forward line. Not always respectful to his elders.

AL MARSHALL

Had a mid season wedding in England which took a fair chunk out of the season, but Al was always reliable either on a wing or at inner.

KEVIN COLEMAN

In his first season with the club, Kev showed great promise, especially with some great dashes down the wing and good crosses. Kev is Graeme's younger brother but has overcome this disability admirably.

KEVIN NYLANDER

You wouldn't want to bet on Cobana showing up on time, or at all for that matter. His first season in hockey was highlighted by some great reverse stick stops and stealing goals from his team mates.

COLIN SLATTERY

Came down to fill in one week and stayed for the season. Colin is a versatile talented player who is keen to be a full time scrubber next year.

1989 BUNBURY REPORT

About 17 players, mostly scrubbers, were part of what is becoming a Melville tradition - The Annual South West Hockey Carnival at Bunbury.

The Saturday morning saw a lot of sick players take the field at 8.30a.m., quite an effort for Scally who didn't get to bed till 7.00a.m. Initially our hockey matched how we felt and an early loss to Northern Districts and a draw against Uni left us in a shaky position at the end of day one.

An easy win against Rockingham and a heartstopper against Willetton saw us into the grand final against Northern Districts on Sunday afternoon. Fortunately this time they were no match for us and we cruised to a 4.0 victory to bring home another flag to hang behind the bar.

The highlights of the weekend were: Paul (Legend) Lambert actually playing at Bunbury - the first time in three years, inspirational right inner play by Shoey and Mal Farmer's chip shot at goal over a prostrate Gavin Scally.

A great weekend was had by all: it would be good next year if we had enough starters for two teams to help keep the cost of the bus down.

MASTER PROFILE

For the sixth successive year we are in the finals. And once again not one team can be confident that when they take the field against us they will win. Beaten by penalty flicks in last year's grand final, we hope we can go one better this year. A most relaxed and fun season and I am sure every team member enjoyed themselves immensely. Thanks team it's been great.

PETER KAZAKOFF - captain, right inner

Peter has lead us well this season. His ball skills and ability to beat numerous players to set up goal opportunities have been a delight to watch.

GRAEME WILSON - right wing

A tough, hard runner. Graeme has produced some great runs down the wing and contributed with some fine goals. Graeme also got initiated to full back late in the season and still managed to score.

STUART MEREDITH - left inner

A great team man always trying, always encouraging his team and possesses great skills in the 'D'. Has helped with many injuries when needed.

COLIN WILLIS - anywhere/anytime

Colin was a great contributor this year. The legs restricted him a little, but his heart gives 100% in every game. A great asset.

KEN WOOLLAMS - right half

Ken continued his steady style of play this season. No drama, no fuss, a solid defender looking always to get on with play with direct passes.

NOEL MCROBERTS - centre half

Noel is a tough, aggressive centre who pushes for a full game. Never satisfied with his game, always wanting more for himself and his team. If we don't win this season, it won't be from a lack of Noel's efforts and directions.

DAVE RECHTER - fullback

Dave combined well with Geoff Gorham in defence. Very hard to get through and then if they did, he always back tackled hard. Always used every player that he could to clear, he was a joy to team up with.

GEOFF GORHAM - fullback

At right fullback, Geoff was the other part of our defensive curtain. There is not a tougher, fully committed player going around at the moment, just look at the many scars Geoff has to prove it, and doesn't he pack a powerful hit. Frank B. from Wasps would agree.

STUART BEECHEN - goalkeeper

An even better season this year. Stew continues to save and direct from the back with great aplomb. Dedicated and has great support from his family. Great work, Stuart, delightful play.

IAN KELLY - left wing

Ian took a little convincing to join this season. Thought he would be wanting a little, but soon found he had many mates who have also got a little slower! Tried hard all season and acquitted himself well. Hope to see you next season.

STEVE DOUGLAS - centre forward

Another newy to our ranks this season, and complimented the forward line very well. Great stickwork in close and is always hungry for a goal. Welcome Steve, hope to see some more next season.

GRAHAM NAPIER - manager: wings

Would love to know the finer points of the game like the seasoned campaigners. Feel more comfortable with the through balls which did not come that often this year. Still, enjoyed the company, the encouragement and friendship and will be around next year if wanted, even if only to manage and bring the drinks. Who else is going to keep the umpire's honest?

Thanks also to all those extras who assisted in time of need: Ron Wilson, Mal Poole, Ian Halliday, Dave Porter, Steve Hiller, Ian Deveson, John Pickering and others. Hope you have all learned from the experience.

## VETERANS B. PROFILE

1989 - A MEMORABLE YEAR

### ACHIEVEMENTS:

- \* WINNERS OF THE CHALLENGE CUP
- \* RECIPIENTS OF THE GUTH ARDAGH PENNANT
- \* UNDEFEATED DURING THE QUALIFYING ROUNDS
- \* BEING THE ONLY SENIOR TEAM IN THE W.A.H.A. COMPETITION TO GO THROUGH THE SEASON UNDEFEATED.
- \* BRIAN SPITTELER ACHIEVING HIS 500TH GAME WITH THE CLUB. (FIRST MEMBER TO ACHIEVE THIS HONOUR - WELL DONE 'SPITZ')
- \* MAX CURRELL SELECTED TO PLAY IN THE WESTERN AUSTRALIAN VETERANS TEAM.
- \* PROMOTION TO VETS A IN 1990.

### INJURIES: (Besides the Sunday morning aches!)

Ray Ranford - broken foot  
Brian Spitteler - broken hand  
Terry Parker - cracked ribs  
Manager - broken spirit as he did not receive the Pulitzer Prize for his match reports!

### MOST MEMORABLE GAME:

Winning the Challenge Cup 4-3 against North Coast Raiders. We were 3 up after 15 minutes, 3-3 at half time, and a fine goal by Phil Harry in the second half saw us finish 4-3.

### MOST REWARDING WIN:

Beating North Coast Raiders with only 10 men in the first qualifying game and then beating them again in the second round. Thanks to Eric Johns and Colin West (Vets D) who filled in.

### SPECIAL THANKS:

To our supporters who on occasions braved the elements. To other club members who filled in at times of need.

Rob Walker - now on crutches

David Kent - Back in goals after numerous years away from the game.

Dave learnt very quickly that the hand stop is out - that shows how long he was away!

"Spud" Farmer - I saw you Spud, shake the boots of that 2 metre high person on the Nedlands Foreshore

Ian Mitchell - We found him between fixtures or were you lost between grounds?

Colin West - Showing us there is plenty of puff to come.

Eric Johns - Enjoyed the run away from Vets D

Ron Wilson - out of retirement for his annual appearance The legs are only good for one game these days. See you next year, Ron(thanks Wilma)

TEAM MEMBERS:

RAY RANFORD: Reliable as ever on the wings. Disappointed in himself for allowing his foot to become broken.

BILL CALDER: A dependable and deceptive goal scorer. His goals this year were great to watch.

TERRY PARKER: Talented forward with the one handed touch. Set up many fine goals for others. Became homesick half way through the season and went home to England for five weeks. Glad he came back.

PHIL HARRY: Still as sharp as ever. The team really missed you Phil when you were on holidays as one unnamed forward put it - "It's so quiet up here".

GARY DIENHOFF: The old legs might not win any beauty prize but they can still move. Gary is like a good red wine, maturing with age - his goals are becoming more scintillating each game.

BRUCE READ: Another fine scorer of goals. I'm glad he is on our side as I would hate to be in his path when he's in overdrive and bearing down on a defender.

JOHN PICKERING: "Picko" - the dependable. Not very much got past John. Shares his Saturday between playing Vets, and managing the 11's and 1's.

BRIAN SPITTELER: Another person who was disappointed with himself for letting his hand become broken. 500 club games up and still going strong - the pivot of our attack from defence.

SYD WILSON: The opposition finally worked out how to stop Syd. - they all opened bank accounts at the Commonwealth Canning Bridge. One enterprising person short changed him, and because he could not balance the books, Syd missed out on playing one night at the Stadium.

MAX CURRELL: Still as agile as ever and fleet of foot. We saw a few frustrations being expressed this year from Max. Capabilities and ambitions do get mixed up with the ageing process.

BILL LUNT: The deep defender. I'm sure he's got a rubber arm when you watch him take the ball off the opposing forwards. Very deceptive.

BARRY LANSDOWN: BAZ was occasionally allowed to partake in the game when the goal got into the circle. He only let 5 goals through all year - the other 5 we won't talk about. Where would we be without you?

KINGSLEY MCGUIRE: It's that time again when the manager must write about himself - Ho Hum  
....I'm sorry for not letting the players know the game was rescheduled from an early game to a late game. I was on time  
- my telephone number is 342 4399.....and I'm glad you all appreciated the extra strength cordial I made for you each week..... and nominations are now being received for 1990 Vets A Manager, Water Boy, Cup Washer, Umpire Organizer, Report Writer, etc. etc. Only one person need apply.  
See you next year.

## VETERANS C - PROFILE

With a cast larger than "Ben Hur", more injuries than you'd see in a year of "The Flying Doctors", and called "Dad's Army" more than once, this team of "Hogan's Heroes" finished in the four. In all 30 people played in this team, and there as possibly only one who played in every fixture! Space is at a premium so the following 17 players are thanked for their assistance in helping the nucleus of 13 stalwarts to make the four:

J. Pickering, S. Douglas, B. Calder, B. Lunt, R. Cockrane,  
J. Burrows, J. King, B. Cadd, B. Branston, K. McGuire, G. Dienhoff, B.  
Spitteler, B. Lansdown, T. Lalor, H. Farmer, B. Thompson, J. Finlay.

ROB BUTLER: Playing wise new to Melville this year. Slipped and slid around the forward line and scored some great goals.

GRAHAM CAKE: Joined us mid season after filling in for Mods. Slotted into left wing and was often called on to fill in at left half.

VIC CONN: Recruited from Harlies. Has held down the right half position for most of the season; until he re-injured his knee with two games to go.

IAN DEVESON: Still manages to trot around the track, score the odd (??) goal and, more importantly, make the cordial.

TREVOR HALLIDAY: Played a few games after 20+ years and decided he needed the exercise, so joined our team. Spent more time injured through non-hockey activities. Scored a couple of reflex goals (much to his surprise).

KEN JOSS: First ever hockey season as a player. Still a lot to learn but is keen enough to listen to advice. Helped hold down the right wing position and I'm sure he'll play again.

DAVE KENT: Joined us mid season after a 17 year lay off and has proved to be a valuable team member, holding out the opposition in the last line. Moves very well in the pads and helmet.

IAN MITCHELL: Ever reliable Mitch - played forward, half back. Managed to play most of the season around shift work commitments. I'm sure he'll front for another season next year.

RON MILTON: Transferred in mid season from JTA and took over at centre half. Played aggressively and repelled many opposition moves until he succumbed to injury two weeks before the end of the season.

ALAN MORCOM: New to Melville but known to all the old North Freo members. "Rabbit" pulled on the boots again after a five year rest. Missed a few games through injury and illness but has "captained" the side all year.

KEVIN RUNGE: Standing joke about Kev. is "If he's late, he's on time", except when he's really late, like the time he went to the wrong ground. (Got Newman and Scotch Colleges mixed up). Gave many an opposition winger a hard time.

JOHN SANDERS: Started as centre half but was promoted to full back where he acquitted himself very well. Always a risque joke to tell, especially at quiz nights.



ROB WALKER: Our permanent fill-in - played full back until the surgeon's knife put him on crutches and then a walking stick. Will be right next season.

#### VETERANS D PROFILE

JOHN FINLAY: A solid performance throughout the year in goals, with a number of excellent saves. Improved positional play over the previous year.

A good team and club man. Wife Liz was our main supporter/best supporter during the season. Thanks Liz.

BOB BOWYER: For a guy who reached the half century during the season, age certainly did not slow Bob down. This ability to take the ball from defence into the forward line, and to hassle opposition forwards, being features of his play.

A dependable full back who played a number of excellent games. Thanks Bob for being the "drinks man" and organizing our social function at the Firehouse Restaurant.

IAN KNIGHT: The other full back and another dependable player. Every so often would decide to become a forward! with long dashes from the backline. Had a small problem with raising free hits.

ROGER COLE: Another player who achieved 'vintage' status during the year. Obviously needs a new watch (Carol -Christmas?) because we were never sure when Roger would arrive for a game. Good skill in trapping the ball.

BARRY HANCOCK: A great addition to the Vets D. "Hank" played a number of magnificent games in the right half position. Was at his best when stirred up, by the opposition (e.g. Fremantle), building contractors, etc. Our most reliable and consistent player, with many skills.

JOHN KNOX: A newcomer to the team, and a welcome addition. Although John only played half a dozen games, showed he had the ability to play a sound half back's game. Hope to see you with us next year, John.

TREVOR OSBORNE: Played in a variety of forward positions, in the main as left wing. Always a trier, and it was great to see Trevor play his best ever game of hockey in our final game of the season. Scored some good goals.

COLIN WEST: A true "vintage" player and another welcome addition to the Vets D. Returning to the game after a five year absence, Colin showed his reputation as "Twinkletoes" was still there, with his ability to get around opposition defenders. Scored some memorable goals. Congratulations on being selected to play in the Australian Veteran's Carnival in October. P.S. Give that "hamstring" a rest over summer, Col.

JOHN PHILLIPS: "Mr Versatile" of the team. Played in nearly every position on the field during the season. In the end settled into the centre forward spot, with some distinction. Scored an inspiring goal against Old Haleians.

ERIC JOHN: Easily won the Captain's nomination as the most improved player in the team. After a few 'uncertain' games as a defender, Eric then slotted into the right wing position and gave us a number of impressive performances. Great ability to get the ball passed opposition half backs. Well done, Eric.

KEITH MORRIS: An excellent player who gave considerable 'bite' to our forward line. It was unfortunate that a side tackle against a Willetton back ended up with Keith breaking his finger, and being sidelined for most of the second half of the season. One of our leading goal scorers and until injured, a contender for the Fairest and Best Award.

RHYS GRAY: The Captain, third member of the 50 brigade, centre half, and writer of the notes! (No correspondence will be entered into to, etc).

It was satisfying to captain a team that having come bottom the previous year, had a real chance of getting into the four right up to the second last game.

HAROLD FARMER: Our best club man. "Spud" would willingly help out if the team was short. Thanks for organizing the Vets in 1989, Spud.

Others who played Vets D during the season were Peter Bassett, Joe King and Brian Thompson.

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**MELVILLE CITY HOCKEY CLUB INC.**

**WEDNESDAY, 22ND NOVEMBER, 1989**

**MORRIS BUZACOTT RESERVE CLUBROOMS**

**7.30 P.M.**

**PLEASE NOTE THIS DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR**

## UNDER 17B PROFILE

The U17's began the season playing grading matches in the U17A grade. However it soon became obvious that we would be much happier in the B grade. This proved to be the case, with the boys taking it upon themselves to play some truly inspirational periods of play.

Included in the serious hockey were the occasional social event. These included numerous training sessions. However, we did undergo a formal team evening ably organized by Tim K. and Nick during which several important facets of the team emerged. The first and most minor was the reason that each and every one of them played hockey. This *raison d'être* became obvious upon observation of their skills on the pool tables at Pot Black. All I will say is that they got value for their money by making sure that they got the most possible shots out of a game of Pool. Then we went to Quaser. At Quaser I was able to confirm my team selections. Those who did not shoot me got a game, those who shot me didn't! Unfortunately, you can't play hockey with only one player. It wasn't the getting shot that upset me, it was the fact that we were all on the same team. However, despite these disturbing features, we continued on to complete what I felt, and I hope the boys and their supporters (parents etc) felt, was a most satisfying and enjoyable season.

### DARREN HANDS (GOALKEEPER)

Darren is one of the most enthusiastic and daring goalkeepers I have ever had the opportunity to see in action. In full flight he resembles something akin to a cross between a rock and roll wrestler and the A team. Could always be guaranteed to display some feat of amazing courage in attempting to save goals. Sometimes I suspect the rest of the team used to give the opposition the ball just to watch Darren in action.

### MATTHEW WRIGHT (Fullback)

Matthew took it upon himself to become the teams on field motivator. Sometimes he took this to extraordinary lengths in his attempts to inspire the team. He also displayed some of the most amazing vocalizations ever heard on the field of combat, when making an exceptional moose call (at least that is what we suspect it was). The most amazing thing about this was that John understood it and almost scored a goal from the resulting pass. Improved throughout the year to become a dependable fullback (but not a forward).

### CHRIS GOLDING

In combination with Matthew, Chris formed a formidable deep defence to which many a opposition forward would attest (and also probably be able to show the evidence). Chris improved greatly throughout the year to become one of the teams best players. Coincidentally Chris played his best game late in the season when he acquired a new stick which he properly christened in the fine old fullback tradition. Good season Chris, but don't let the occasional mistake get you down.

### BARRY WELLINGTON (half back)

One of the quiet boys of the team. A very dependable defender who can always be guaranteed to provide solid marking, tackling and passing. Barry is also extremely adept at finding the foot or leg of any player silly enough to get in his way, as the coach will only too eagerly attest, especially when he was dummy tackling during goal shooting.

NICK HAMER-SMITH (centre half back)

Nick is like the phantom on the hockey field. He is always there when he is needed, does no evil, and only occasionally speaks some evil (but only to himself). A certainty to come off the field with some blood leaking in evidence of another hard fought battle. Should continue to excel next year when he enters the ranks of the seniors. A most consistent players who rightly deserves the fairest, as well as best, player award.

CRAIG MCPHEE (half back/ left wing)

Craig always lined up on the field in the left half position. Could always be guaranteed to sneak a little bit forward given the sniff of a left side attacking move. Whip, as he is affectionately known by anyone privileged enough to watch in action, has the ability to put off many right wingers, and could always be depended on to provide excitement to the game. A great asset to the team and one of the players who actually listened to the coaches rhetoric (about Triumphs anyway).

GEOFF READ (Left winger/ Centre forward)

Whenever and wherever Geoff lined up on the field he always gave as much as he had in him. A pleasure to coach and an even greater pleasure and inspiration to watch in action. Never gives up and it was a shame that Geoff failed to score that elusive goal as he is rumoured to perform an even more exceptional form of celebration than any previously known by mankind in even its most tribal form. In fact I have heard that Geoff's celebration would put even Matthew's moose call to shame! Would it to be that every person had Geoff's determination, courage and application. Good on ya!

ALAN BARHAM (Left wing)

Another quiet fellow, Aggro prefers to let his hockey do his talking. Started the season as an interchange player but steadily improved to gain a deserved starting lineup selection. Alan's greatest attribute is his ability to do the simple things. A deserved winner of the most improved award, and with more strength and confidence which will come as Alan grows he will progress to even higher levels.

TIM KLASS (Left wing)

Tim has developed a habit of trying to play the ball from his left side, which he should try to eliminate from his game. Otherwise Tim has proven to be a very useful player down the left wing. As well as displaying good attacking flair, Tim has been an extremely useful contributor to the development of the team as a whole organizing the teams most memorable evening out. Tim sometimes has problems with goal scoring. Tim solved this problem by putting himself in the goal, resulting in a subsequent upheaval, followed by an extended period of hysteria by all watching. Unfortunately this goal was deemed ineligible for the spectacular goal of the week award.

TIM OATES (Left Inner, Right Inner, Halfback)

Tim was Mr. Versatile in this team. An extremely useful player with abundant skills which when applied are a pleasure to behold. Probably the player who won the most Mars bars at training during the season.

NATHAN KENNEY (Centre forward)

This redhead lived up to the tradition of this genetic trait in that he plays in a very fiery and enthusiastic manner. A real livewire both on and off the field, Nathan could always be relied upon to provide some sizzle to the forward line. When fully focused on his task Nathan displays brilliant skills which when combined with his pace provides for some sensational play from him. Will do well in Seniors next year if he fully applies himself.

DARREN BUTLER (Right Inner)

Darren did well to make it to the final trials in the U/16's this year. He did this because he possesses good skills and is strong on the ball. Darren certainly has the aggression necessary to perform well in hockey but sometimes this is misdirected, when it could be focused on getting the ball back by back-tackling and chasing that bit more. Otherwise Darren should do well in whatever grade he plays next year.

JOHN HAINES (Right wing)

Every team needs a good right wing with pace and the ability to do something with the ball once he has it. John is such a player, however at times I feel we neglected to make the most of his presence. When given the ball, John could be relied upon to set up some penetrating forward attacks, which quite frequently resulted in goals. John also has the most uncanny, and dare I suggest unnatural, ability to comprehend the almost totally incomprehensible message hidden in a Matthew Wright moose call-should see an exorcist!

JOHN TAYLOR (Manager)

Unfortunately John suffered from a heart complaint midway through the season and was unable to attend training or games from this point on. One hopes that the condition was not a result of taking the boys for training, a task that would disturb even the most stout heart! Thanks for your efforts and support throughout the year as you were sorely missed. Sincerest hopes from all team members that all is now functioning up to scratch!

EVAN FLOYD (SUPERCOACH)

A rather splendid title bestowed on a truly deserving and modest practitioner in the art of coaching. How this came to be applied to me is a matter of serious conjecture, although I am sure that the undercut competitions at the end of training (once Darren had turned up) and the prize of a Mars bar for the most spectacular goal of each session had very little to do with it. The title probably came about from my ability to lead by example in such skills as goal shooting, with a solid 100% miss record, or the ability to place myself in the exact position where the boys were intending to run, during their attempts at spectacular goals.

#### UNDER 15B PROFILE

DAVID OGILBY (COACH)

David has done a great job with the boys this season. We have seen a big improvement in the boys' games. I hope by the time we read these reports that we are Premiers which is the reward David deserves. The boys all respect David for his quiet manner (although he gets the message through when necessary). Thanks from all of us and we hope to see you continue next year.

PAUL DAVIS - Captain, right full back

Paul has been a very reliable back this year showing an improvement in his speed. When his hits are not hunting the umpire's head, they are usually a good ball out of defence.

MARK SCHIBECI - wing, half back

Mark did not play a full season with the team, but since joining us from the third 15's side he has certainly earned his place in the side. Mark's attitude is a credit to him. For those who think he is very quiet - ask him about the blue elephant which stole his encyclopaedia?

NICK HAMER-SMITH (centre half back)

Nick is like the phantom on the hockey field. He is always there when he is needed, does no evil, and only occasionally speaks some evil (but only to himself). A certainty to come off the field with some blood leaking in evidence of another hard fought battle. Should continue to excel next year when he enters the ranks of the seniors. A most consistent players who rightly deserves the fairest, as well as best, player award.

CRAIG MCPHEE (half back/ left wing)

Craig always lined up on the field in the left half position. Could always be guaranteed to sneak a little bit forward given the sniff of a left side attacking move. Whip, as he is affectionately known by anyone privileged enough to watch in action, has the ability to put off many right wingers, and could always be depended on to provide excitement to the game. A great asset to the team and one of the players who actually listened to the coaches rhetoric (about Triumphs anyway).

GEOFF READ (Left winger/ Centre forward)

Whenever and wherever Geoff lined up on the field he always gave as much as he had in him. A pleasure to coach and an even greater pleasure and inspiration to watch in action. Never gives up and it was a shame that Geoff failed to score that elusive goal as he is rumoured to perform an even more exceptional form of celebration than any previously known by mankind in even its most tribal form. In fact I have heard that Geoff's celebration would put even Matthew's moose call to shame! Would it to be that every person had Geoff's determination, courage and application. Good on ya!

ALAN BARHAM (Left wing)

Another quiet fellow, Aggro prefers to let his hockey do his talking. Started the season as an interchange player but steadily improved to gain a deserved starting lineup selection. Alan's greatest attribute is his ability to do the simple things. A deserved winner of the most improved award, and with more strength and confidence which will come as Alan grows he will progress to even higher levels.

TIM KLASS (Left wing)

Tim has developed a habit of trying to play the ball from his left side, which he should try to eliminate from his game. Otherwise Tim has proven to be a very useful player down the left wing. As well as displaying good attacking flair, Tim has been an extremely useful contributor to the development of the team as a whole organizing the teams most memorable evening out. Tim sometimes has problems with goal scoring. Tim solved this problem by putting himself in the goal, resulting in a subsequent upheaval, followed by an extended period of hysteria by all watching. Unfortunately this goal was deemed ineligible for the spectacular goal of the week award.

TIM OATES (Left Inner, Right Inner, Halfback)

Tim was Mr. Versatile in this team. An extremely useful player with abundant skills which when applied are a pleasure to behold. Probably the player who won the most Mars bars at training during the season.

NATHAN KENNEY (Centre forward)

This redhead lived up to the tradition of this genetic trait in that he plays in a very fiery and enthusiastic manner. A real livewire both on and off the field, Nathan could always be relied upon to provide some sizzle to the forward line. When fully focused on his task Nathan displays brilliant skills which when combined with his pace provides for some sensational play from him. Will do well in Seniors next year if he fully applies himself.

SIMON ATKINSON - inner

Simon has showed a lot more endeavour in his game this year and scored some really good goals. Simon has some very good skills and I am sure he will be an asset to any team.

DAVIN OGDEN - left half back

Davin is a very solid and reliable player. As we found out, nothing will keep him down. Davin is going to live in Sydney after the finals and we wish him and his family all the best. Show them what you are made of, Davin!

MATHEW MCINNES - right half back

Mathew is a very quiet player who always gets the job done without any fuss. He always puts in his best and is a real asset to the team. Well done Mathew.

SIMON KLASS - goal keeper extraordinare

Simon has slotted into the position of goalie very well. He has made many great saves this season and looks to be a natural in this position. Simon always keeps the boys in line when he has a quiet day in the back line.

JASON MAHER - centre forward

Jason is a speedy player who has scored well this season. He has good skills and runs onto the ball well. Keep up the good work, Jason.

GRANT MUIR - wing

Grant has really improved throughout the season and has showed a lot more aggression in his game lately. He makes some very good crosses in front of goals which has resulted in a score on the board for us.

ADAM STEELE - wing

Adam has missed some games this season through golfing commitments but seems to have settled into the team very well. He is a very good player with a fine sense of humour. Never a dull moment with Adam around!

JUSTIN CASTLEY - left full back

Justin has showed us how reliable he is this season. Always there when he is needed and has a good strong hit out of defence. Justin has a very good attitude.

JARROD POZZI - inner

Jarrold has developed into a fine player, showing lots of speed and scoring some great goals (a couple off the back stick). He is a good team man and worked well with the other boys.

MATHEW RUMMER -centre half

After taking a few weeks to settle, Mathew has had a very good season of hockey. He has been very consistent showing us heaps of speed and good skill work. Well done Mathew.

#### UNDER 15C PROFILE

MARK WATTERS

Mark is developing into a fine goalie. He has the intelligence and quiet reaction necessary to be an effective defender. He thinks all the time and encourages his team mates.

#### NATHAN ELLIOTT

A tough, thinking defender. Nathan has increased his skills level tremendously this year. I am impressed with his dedication to training sessions.

#### MATTHEW ROPER

Matthew has found his niche. He has continually out-thought his opposition. A great team man...always encouraging his players. A wonderful season.

#### ADAM SPARKS

Adam started the season slowly but has in the second round, produced some first class hockey with great spurts of speed and skill. A reliable half back.

#### JAMIE MORRIS

Jamie has the ability to become a top class player. He is a good team man with good skills, who works his opponents hard. A solid, hard working half back.

#### LEIGH NASTASI

Leigh has developed into an extremely reliable, hard working half back. He always offers his team mates positive encouragement. His hard working, skilful style of play has won him the respect of his team mates.

#### TODD BARRETT

Todd is mastering a difficult position at left wing. His speed and skill has constantly won him battles against his opponents. He has developed excellent skills this year as has been shown by the confidence his team mates have in him to deliver the ball well into offence.

#### GARY SWAN

Gary started off slowly but has lately developed confidence in his skills and has become a very threatening forward at left inner. A pleasure to see him working offensively and defensively..a real hard worker.

#### BRAD SHEARER

Brad has excellent ball control. His skills have been lost a little due to lack of tackling strength. This has been remedied lately, and rewarded for his efforts. Developing into a dangerous centre forward with excellent skills.

#### SAM MCKAY

Sam is an intelligent, hard working, skilled player. He has won the respect of his team mates and opposition alike. He never gives up regardless of the odds and this has won him many hard earned goals. A terrific team man who gives his best at training or in games. A brilliant right inner.

#### CHRIS CHESSON

Chris's speed and skills make him a dangerous right wing . A terrific developmental year for Chris. He is a good team man who is tough on himself, always expecting the best for himself. Very skilful - the "artful dodger".

#### TEAM PROFILE

An unusually strong bond exists between all the boys in the team. Their support for one another has destroyed the opposition this season. It is a hard thing to beat -especially when you don't have that bonding. An absolute delight to coach.



## UNDER 15F PROFILE

### ADAM FITZGERALD - goalie

It is always difficult being a goalie for a team which is at the top of the table, because there are many games when the goalie has very little action, yet when we played the better teams he was an extremely important player, and in this regard the team was lucky to have Adam as goalie. He never lets the team down, and always gives his best, which often results in some brilliant saves.

### IAN LADHAMS - forward

Ian's speed and acceleration are a continuing source of amazement to both the coach and myself. He never lets up and because of his speed and determination has often made some fine goals. If he continues to work on his stick work he will develop into an excellent forward.

### KALE LOPES - forward

Kale is a player who seems to have a natural talent for the game. He consistently displays excellent stick work and is a very good team member, who is prepared to share the ball. All he needs to do now is realize his own ability and he will develop into a very good player.

### RICHARD MCDONALD -defence

Richard is a good all rounder and plays well in most positions in the team. He is very consistent and always gives his best, applying himself to the game with strong determination and doggedness that has won him the respect of the team.

### SIMON PARKES - defence

Simon shows the makings of a very good and steady player. He is consistent, and his skills are improving all the time. If he continues to work hard at the game, with improved power and strength, he will continue to succeed.

### SEAN PATERSON - forward, defence

Sean shows a fighting spirit and determination that makes a good forward. He is also very solid in defence. His hockey skills are developing and with more practise, he will become a very valuable player.

### BRUCE RUMMINS - defence

Bruce's confidence has improved this year and he now has the confidence to go in and tackle and chase the ball. He is a good team member, thinks well, and has often made some fine passes to the forwards, which have resulted in goals.

### MICHAEL SHEA - defence

At the start of the season, Michael had a tendency to grip the hockey stick on the top end. Once he started holding the stick further down, he soon developed more power and accuracy. He is developing into a good defence player.

### MICHAEL SPENCER - forward, defence

Michael showed a tendency only to apply himself when he was put in a position which he liked. As the season progressed, he learnt to apply himself to whatever position he found himself placed in, and became a valuable member of the team.

GAVIN TAYLOR - forward

Gavin is an excellent forward. At the start of the season, he tended to stand square to the ball, however once he learnt to turn his body and shoulder side on to the ball, his aim and accuracy increased, resulting in some very fine goals.

CRAIG WALTER - forward, defence

Craig is developing into a good all rounder. He is solid and reliable in defence and in the forward line, and is starting to show some excellent ability as a forward with his hockey skills. Improving all the time.

PETER WELLS - defence

Peter is an excellent full back and his ability to trap the ball has continued to improve all season. With his natural strength and height, he has the ability to hit the ball harder and further than most other team members.

DAVID WILSON - defence

David is probably the most consistent and reliable member of the team. He always tries hard and does his best with the result he is developing into a very good hockey player.

GENERAL COMMENT:

I have enjoyed watching the team each week and am glad to have been associated with a great group of boys. Good luck to the boys going up to the 17's.

Brian Rummins (Team Manager)

COACH'S COMMENT

My thanks to Brian Rummins for his assistance as manager, and to the other parents for their support. Thanks to the players for their attendance, work at training and effort during the season. Also, on behalf of the parents and players our thanks to Ted Nastasi for coaching our team mid week, as well as his 15C's.

Ray Walter (Coach)

UNDER 13A PROFILE

What our boys lacked in age and size they compensated for in determination and skill. Our team was comprised of some in their first year at 13's and others in their second. Played in the A grade competition we were matched against teams with predominantly older boys.

The team acquitted itself well, finishing 4th. An excellent effort. We didn't have too many star players, what we had was a star team.

The best of our boys' abilities was brought out by coach Ron Wilson. Both players and parents appreciated his efforts during the season and respected his coaching style and motivation.

This team was well supported by enthusiastic parents and grandparents, who were treated to some fine displays of pressure hockey. Ours was the best supported team at the games during competition. Congratulations boys on a fine season.

DAMON SPARKES

Joined this season from Busselton. Proved himself to be a capable goalkeeper making many excellent saves. Has the ability to succeed at under 15 level.

STUART FINLAY

"Stick on the ground, Stuart". His mother's words must ring in his ears after each game. A consistent defender and valuable team member. His forceful hits from defence was a feature of his game.

DAVID PARKER

Determination is David's major attribute. A defender who is difficult to pass. Has the knack of dispossessing forwards with fine stick control.

DAVID MCINNES

Impresses with good stick skills on occasions. David's game will further improve with concentration especially if he develops confidence in his ability.

CRAIG PRICE

A valuable member who can turn defence into attack with solid clearances. He can be relied upon to play either as a defender or forward when required.

CRAIG WILSON

"The Rock" Craig produced some memorable games. A tireless, defendable, unselfish player, who can be used in any position. Shows ability in his games of a more mature person.

PAUL MORCOM

A hard working forward with the skills to put opposition defences under pressure. Paul is a fearless player whether tackling or going past defenders towards goal. Scored many goals this season.

STEPHEN MAHER

Our top goal scorer. Has a good turn of speed and is steady in front of goals. Is a player who knows where the goals are and how to make the most of opportunities when in the D.

SCOTT WILLIS

Continues to improve in stature with each game he plays. A versatile unassuming player, a strong striker of the ball, who is dependable when given a particular role in a game.

NATHAN ROWDEN

Played the majority of the season as a winger. Speedy player who combines well with his forwards to create scoring opportunities. Uses his sound stick control to effectively distribute the ball.

MICHAEL DIBB

A good team member who can be relied upon to play in attack or defence. A tight checking defender with a firm clearance. A determined contributor all season.

MATTHEW READ

Our quiet achiever. A skilful player with the versatility to play all positions. Capable of repelling attacking forwards or scoring goals when called upon to play in attack. A tireless team worker.

#### DEREK SPARKES - MANAGER

The team and parents really appreciate Derek's management. Top weekly comments and words of encouragement to the players were uplifting.

#### UNDER 13B PROFILE

This team had a very tough year. Firstly, for some unknown reason, they were placed in the B grade when they should have been placed in the C. grade. This saw them up against the top teams from other clubs, which comprised mainly boys 12 years of age, whereas we had mainly smallest 11 year olds. Right from the start they had a tough year ahead. Secondly, I was going to be absent for most of the second round and my arrangements for continued coaching during my absence collapsed after I had departed. Finally their manager also disappeared with little warning. Thanks to Gail Shearer for stepping in as Saturday coach and manager, with the help of Sue Cleary. Also thanks to Ken Joss for stepping in and looking after the boys on Thursday nights. Despite all these hardships and only winning one game all year, I returned just prior to the last game to find a real team of boys full of spirit. It was really pleasing to see and all the boys should know that all their parents have been very proud of their efforts this year. All the boys never stopped trying and they were always competitive. This year's experience will only better their long term hockey career.

#### CRAIG SHEARER - captain

A leader by example. Continuously surprised the opposition with his skills and determination. Great club man.

#### ALISTAIR MCDONALD - vice captain

Extremely talented player who only needs to have more confidence in his team mates to become an outstanding player. Also needs to learn how to talk with his mouth guard in.

#### MATTHEW ALLEN

The only person other than Craig to score goals. Proved to be an efficient right wing by good reading of the play and good skills. Will need to develop a little more speed for this position.

#### JAMIE CLEARY

After a career as a goalie took to the field this year. Developed well and is a natural in attack, showing good anticipation, but must remember to work back into defence. His best hits were directed at his mother or me.

#### NEWTON DE SOUZA

A hot and cold player. When hot, Newton is an outstanding player with excellent skills. Just needs to concentrate more on his off days to become a consistent contributor.

#### MARCO DI LUCA

A natural sportsman with excellent sight for the ball and always smiling. More development of his basic skills and knowledge of positional play will see Marco develop into a top player.

#### CRAIG FORDHAM

Still a lot of work needed to develop his skills and knowledge of positional play, but Craig had a big heart and put in a 100% effort in all positions he tackled. I feel he will ultimately develop into a good strike forward.

SUREIN JOHN

A quiet achiever. Excellent reading of the play saw Surein often in the right place at the right time. Only needs to improve his distribution while on the run to become a top player.

DANIEL KING

A top class goalie, but Daniel chose to play in the field most weeks. Proved to be effective as full back with a good clearing hit.

DAVID\_SCHIBECI

A big improver. His first year in competition hockey and by the end he had developed into an intelligent and determined flank half back. Has a good future in hockey.

BRENDON SMITH

A one position player, and that was as full back. By the end of the year Brendon developed his positional and tackling skills to such a degree that he was a major obstacle to attackers.

DAVID WALDOCK

Took the position of goalie in most matches and did himself proud. Was rapidly learning where to position himself in front of the goals and with proper instruction could develop into a fine goalie.

J.G. ALLEN (SOMETIMES COACH)

UNDER 13E PROFILE

ROBERT CURRELL

Robert is a valuable team man. He was always willing to play in any position and each week gave a mighty effort, improving his game as the season progressed. Keep playing, teams need members like you.

JUSTIN DE SOUSA

A reliable team member. Justin was an enormous help to the team with his ball trapping skills and passing shots. He played several positions to the best of his ability. Justin always listened to his coach and tried hard to achieve the results. Well done, Justin.

TYLER GOUGH

Tyler was a solid performer who never gave up. After continuously listening to "sticks on the ground" he received the message and his game improved each week thereafter. A fast player who in the final weeks showed us what he can achieve. Watch out next year, everyone.

ALEX HALLIDAY

It's not easy having a father who is also your coach, but 'one handed' Alex managed to train his coach by the end of the season. Alex combined well with other team members to establish good positional play and this resulted in his scoring some excellent and exciting goals. Keep up the work.

SHAUN HOOPER

The player who gave so much of himself we thought we would have to carry him off the field suffering from exhaustion. Always one of our best players, Shaun played with great determination, excellent ball handling skills and strong tackling. The team relied on Shaun to initiate their attack and he never let them down. Magnificent season, Shaun.

#### MICHAEL JOSS

Michael is fast running, intelligent and gives 100% each game. He is quick to manoeuvre and his fierce determination created numerous opportunities for the team to score goals. Congratulations, keep up the magnificent work.

#### DAVID KOVAC

New to our club this season, David was the type of 'new' player every coach dreams of. He was consistently one of our best players each week. David traps the ball cleanly and was a stumbling block to the opposing teams. His hitting was a pleasure to watch. With his enormous potential, we see a bright future for David in hockey.

#### TODD MATTHEWSON

Todd showed that prior training and experience eventually pays. His confidence with his kicking and slides enabled him to achieve excellent results this season. Great effort, keep it up.

#### KRIS MORROW

What an asset to our team. When we needed him in the back line Kris was there: When we needed him in the forward line, Kris scored goals. His speed increased throughout the season and his versatile skills and tenacious approach to the game was a pleasure to see. Congratulations, Kris.

#### STEPHANIE OGDEN

Definitely our 'beauty amongst the beasts'. Stephanie may have been diminutive in size compared to her team mates, but not in determination. Her tackling skills were envied by everyone and she consistently used her intelligence to execute some excellent passes. Good luck next season. We hope you find a great club in N.S.W.

#### MICHAEL QUINN

Perhaps our most inconsistent player this season. We saw Michael with flashes of brilliance, followed by 'day dreaming' when playing on the back line. Michael obviously prefers the forward line and contributed strongly in that area. Good luck in the forward line next year, Michael.

#### BRAD TAYLOR

A sound, dependable player who has excellent ball control. Brad was the quiet achiever of the team. He played consistently every week and was an amicable and useful team member. You're welcome in any team, any time.

#### GENERAL:

The under 13E team showed a steady improvement throughout the season. All players should be commended on their attitude in accepting the umpire's decision and getting on with the game. Our many thanks to their coaches, Ian Halliday and Ken Joss, who combined to ensure the team had guidance every week.

#### UNDER 11A PROFILE

A classy player is Andrew Cleary  
Works so hard always goes home weary  
His teamwork and tackling skills are really sound  
Had developed good skills all round the ground.

A really hard trier is Neilson De Sousa  
Was never born to be a loser  
Works very hard wherever he plays  
Shows lots of skills in many ways.

A heady player is young Michael Deveson  
His dad would rightly call him a clever son  
He distributes the ball with great skill  
And seems to do it quite at will.

A steady player is our Jim McKay  
As an example to follow he shows the right way  
He tackles strongly on every side  
Despite taking an occasional slide.

Elizabeth Marsden is a young lady of class  
Very mean skills with an accurate pass  
Shows the others the right skills to use  
A heady player with lots of clues.

Darryl Milton has a strong accurate hit  
Even knocks his dad's car round a bit  
From full back to forward he does it so well  
A fighter right through to the very last bell.

Chris Munro our goalie has developed so well  
That this is his first season it's hard to tell  
He works very hard to keep out the goals  
The opposition cannot find any holes.

Luke Munro is a solid player who fills any role  
With skill and determination and lots of soul  
His teamwork is really something to see  
A classy player he'll always be.

Never give up is the motto of Tim Price  
His skills are developing along quite nice  
As the baby of the team he often shows the way  
Will keep running and trying all through the day.

Brent Radford has never been known to give in  
Always thinks in the positive, the game is to win  
A player with great skill wherever he plays  
Scored many fine goals, had many fine days.

Aaron Smith is a trier who is developing well  
He listens to all his coach has to tell  
His best skills his good strong hit  
Stopping and chasing he could practise a bit.

A good strong young athlete is our Craig Wood  
Uses his speed and skills as well as he should  
The opposition find him hard to pass  
At full back or inner he shows lots of class.

Mr. Radford, our manager, has done us proud  
Keeps eating biscuits so he doesn't get too loud  
Our thanks for the fine job you've done  
We consider you to be number one.

#### UNDER 11C PROFILE

An enjoyable season which has been successful and fun. A team blended out of new and experienced players who all worked together as a team, who loved to win, who knew also how to lose well, and so became great ambassadors to our Club.

Thank you to all the parents, grandparents and other supporters who helped give the team support and so allow us to have many pleasurable hours with these kids.

GRAHAM NAPIER - IAN HALLIDAY - KEN JOSS

TATE NAPIER - forward, centre half

Tate transferred from fullback to be a forward this season with great ability. A very strong, aggressive and complete young player who showed excellent skills in close, and who also learnt to score many good goals. Tate is a talented girl with a great career ahead of her.

EMILY HALLIDAY - half

Emily continued to show remarkable ability to beat many opponents and then off load to set up many good scoring opportunities. Emily is a tenacious player, whose defense saved many sticky situations. She is another young girl who has the ability and drive to go a long way in hockey.

BLAKE BURROWS - half

Blake never gives anything less than 100% in all games. He moves all over the field to gain the ball and then is in position when needed. Blake is an exciting young lad to watch.

GARRETH FINLAY - forward/half

Garreth is a strong, fearless player who will tackle any player. Garreth is very strong in the circle and has scored some lovely sweep goals during the season. He will be an asset in any side.

BRENDON JOSS - forward

Brendon has great ability to read play and pounce on any opportunity to score. He is a very quick and attacking forward whose clean breaks from half way have lead to many scoring opportunities.

CRAIG MOULLIN - fullback

Craig was a hesitant starter to hockey but early confidence enabled him to demonstrate to his opponents his very big solid clearing hits which were also valuable for short corners. Craig's reliability at fullback was valuable, and he shone in this area in almost every game. He will develop further in the coming seasons.

MATTHEW GREGSON - (CAPTAIN) right wing/fullback

Matthew has again been very reliable. As captain, his enthusiasm and encouragement to the newer players was exceptional for one so young. He has a lovely cross from which many goals have resulted. Matthew loves scoring from unexpected acute angles. A solid defender, who is versatile and possesses a big clearing hit. In all, a very valuable team member.



ROSLYN HOSKIN - left wing

Roslyn has shown tremendous progress in her first year of competitive hockey. She has learnt to hold her position well, and as she becomes more confident in herself, will inject her evident skills more.

SCOTT MARTYN - goal keeper/half

Scott is an enthusiastic player who has shown eagerness both in goals and as a half back. A spirited little fellow who will not give up until he has the ball, or off loads it. Scott has shown great affection for the one handed left hand reverse stick dribble.

BEN LILLIS - half/forward

Ben is a very fast and enthusiastic player who always makes very good position. He continuously demonstrates 'tiger' and very rarely gives the ball up easily. His obvious strength on the left side has shown on many occasions with good crosses and clearing hits. Ben has had a great season and will have many more.

JANE PORTER - half/forward

Jane is another young girl who has loads of talent and has benefited from her first season of competitive hockey. She is tenacious in her endeavours to steal the ball and when she gets a little stronger, will convert the many scoring opportunities she creates.

KANE WOOLLAMS - goalkeeper/fullback

Kane, in his first season of competition, is learning the skills of defence well. He has saved many goals and his clearing hits from the back line have on many occasions saved some sticky situations. Strength and confidence will assist Kane's development in the coming seasons.

#### UNDER 11E 1 PROFILE

Played 14, won 14 with 58 goals for and 2 against. A very good effort from this team who are still a delight to coach. Perhaps we were a little below over grade but nevertheless we had some fine games during the year. Well done all of you.

MARCUS WEBB - right inner

A fine young athlete in his second year of hockey. He has a great eye for goals and some good skills. Well done, Marcus.

ROHIMAL WEDDIKKARA - left inner/left wing

Something like 30 goals this year. Roh is a real sharp shooter. Likes playing left wing and dazzles the opposition with his skills.

CHRIS HAMER-SMITH -centre forward/inside forward

Chris just never stops trying. He is fast and skilful and often leaves the opposition defence in tatters. Very unselfish and prepared to pass to other players.

CHRIS EVANS - inside left/centre forward

For a little fella, Chris has a lot of speed and a powerful hit. His ability to combine with his other forwards sets up a lot of our goals and he scores a fair number himself.

LEANNE SHEARER - right wing

First year of hockey and Leanne has really developed. Her tackling is terrific and hitting improving all the time. No doubt her first goal isn't far away (especially with her brothers coaching from the side line).

RYAN WILLIS - left wing/right wing

The pocket battleship who has the score to prove it. We'll be on the pension before Ryan finishes under 11's. In his first year he is very enthusiastic, never short of a word of advice and has played some really good games. Not scared of the big guys either.

TIM HARLAND - right half/ full back

A first year player. Tim is a terrific team player, always willing to play in any position. His hitting is really improving as is his tackling. Well done, Tim.

GARRICK ALLEN - left half

Had half a year off while his old man took him to Disneyland and things in the U.S.A. Blessed with good speed and stick skills, Garrick runs out on our short corners and usually gets the hitters. Has scored a couple of goals too. A delight to have in the side.

BRAD HILLER - right half

Probably our most improved player in the side this year. Brad tackles well and positions himself well. Likes to have a run at forward occasionally and scored his first goals this year. A very good defender.

BREE ASHBY - centre half

"Can we have a game" are the words most often heard at training by Brett. He is a terrific competitor and likes to be involved in every thing. Has scored some very good goals, tackles hard and his skills are very good. Still another year in under 11's. Made a great speech on Challenge Cup day too.

DANIEL PICKERING - right full back/forward

Daniel has had a good consistent year. His hitting from defence is very good and his tackling is good. Has scored a few goals in the forward line but his best value to us is in defence. Well done Daniel.

LEAH BARNETT - left fullback

Leah's hitting has improved out of sight and she is now one of the best in the team. Her tackling is also very good and she forms part of a very good defence. Actually talked her into playing on the forward line once or twice but she prefers to be 'at home' at left full back.

JAMIE PICKERING - goalkeeper/fullback /forward

Always wants to put on the pads so he doesn't have to run laps at training. Jamie has had a very good year and he is getting better, with another 3 to go in under 11's. Scored his first goal this year. He is another one who isn't overawed by the bigger kids. Quite the reverse, he thinks he is one of them!

HELEN PICKERING - manager

In name only. I have to write the match reports, player profiles, etc. Still I suppose she did make the cordial. (Just joking, Helen!).

RANJITH WEDDIKKARA / JEREMY ALLAN - umpires

Both of these gentleman performed extremely well during the year and didn't attract any wrath of the other parents. Probably says a lot for our self control!). Nevertheless, thank you gentlemen for helping make our season the success it was.

#### UNDER 11E 2 PROFILE

Even though more games were lost than won, the season has been a great success. The improvement in skills, position play and match tactics has been very good - a credit to the effort and hockey expertise of coach, Rod Rate.

The team of "mostly beginners" can look forward to many years of successful and enjoyable hockey. The introduction to successful 'real' hockey for teams like this one area tribute to the organizers of the Melville City Hockey Club's Minkey programme.

#### CORY ATKINSON

Played most of the season on the wing. A hard working and skilful player. Made many fine attacking moves down the wing, setting up play with his cross passes.

#### MARK CARSON

A solid and reliable defender with good skills. He likes the ball in front of him. Plays the whole game through continuing to put in a solid effort to the very end.

#### PAUL DOUGLAS

Played most of the season as a half back. Has developed some good skills. Can be relied upon to keep the pressure on opposing forwards.

#### MICHELLE EDWARDS

A very reliable full back, she has saved the team many times in the last line of defence. As well as having good skills, Michelle is a thoughtful hockey player.

#### DAVID GOLDING

Played most of the season as a half back or wing. He has developed his skills and his determination to win the ball.

#### TIM GOULDTHORP

Played at centre forward. A hard working and determined forward. Has developed some good skills and is getting a feel for the ball in attack.

#### CHAS KEOGH

Has played a number of positions but mostly as a half back. He has grown as a player throughout the season. Chas has developed some good skills and a determination to be part of the play.

#### SIMON LALOR

Simon has played a number of positions but settled at centre half. He has good skills with a solid clearing hit. He has helped to open up the play and to give his team mates room to move.

TRAVIS MCINTYRE

Travis started the season a little late. He is a very skilful player. Travis used his ability to read the play and his skills to create many forward moves. He played mostly as an inside forward.

SIMON RATE

Simon played a number of positions but mostly as an inside forward. He does a lot of work from helping defend to being a dangerous forward. He has developed some good skills.

SARAH TEGELER

Sarah has been a solid and reliable full back. She is calm and controlled under pressure. She has good skills with a determination not to let the opposing forwards past.

SVEN TEGELER

Sven has good skills and can be relied upon to put in a solid effort for the whole game. He has shown his hockey maturity by being willing and able to play in a variety of positions.

CAMERON WILLIAMS

Cameron has played most of the season as either a half back or wing. He has developed some good skills. Cameron is a reliable defender and is a thoughtful forward.