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GAME BADGES 1991

400 games

Ian Halliday

300 games

Keith Harper

200 games

Andrew Mulcahy
Clayton Ryder
Nigel Clarke
Gary Thomas
Phil Harry

100 games

Paul Early
John Mitchell
Ian Darby
Norm Hoskins
Brad Shearer

Matthew Read
Scott Willis
Craig Wilson
Stuart Finlay

50 games

Keith Burrows
Mark Watton
Greg Ross
Kim Langlands
Bernard Colgan
Neil Denman
Chris Abent
Peter Dawkins
Ian Knight
Grant Miur
Jason Maher
Alex Halliday
Shaun Hooper
Stewart Wroth

Craig Wood
Darryl Milton
Emily Halliday
Garrick Allen
Blake Burrows
Christopher Evans
Bradley Hiller
Brett Ashby
Brendon Joss
Simon Lalor
Sarah Tegeler
Jamie Pickering
Christopher Hamer-Smith
Rohimal Weddikarra

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1991 was to be a year of rebuilding; to consolidate our senior position and to provide our juniors with role models from which they can aspire greatness. I believe we have begun to do that.

Melville City and more specifically, Darryl Dedman (Club Senior Coach) had two major tasks for 1991: To maintain 1B status and to provide the basis from which we could look to regain Classic League within two or three seasons. Secondly, and equally importantly, to gain promotion from 2B to 2A. Darryl with his 1B and 2B squads have magnificently achieved both these goals. The Committee and I congratulate Darryl on these achievements.

The Junior Division has again reached great heights with several Grand Finalists and a well earned State Representation by Matthew Orlando. For this we must give unreserved acclamation to Bruce Read for his refreshing enthusiasm for a difficult job well done.

Melville City continues to prosper financially and I dare say we would be the envy of many of the high profile Classic League Clubs.

There are one or two major disappointments which will dampen our continued development as a great and complete club; One, the increasing lack of involvement from a majority of our senior members. We cannot continue in the thought that the dedicated few will continue to provide the benefits of their hard work while others sit back and take continuously, instead of giving back just a little. That is all that is necessary. Secondly, a very real lack of direction for our junior girls, of whom we have many talented prospects, who, if not given the opportunity in this club or its affiliates, will seek membership elsewhere. This will be remedied one way or the other in the near future.

I thank Norm Kidd and Ian Deveson for words of encouragement when needed, our Committee for their hard work and I extend my best wishes to all our sponsors and members and hope to see you all again for the 1992 season.

GRAHAM NAPIER
PRESIDENT

TREASURER'S REPORT

Generally the finance of the Club for the 1991 season has been in line with the budget , with the exception of the social/fundraising income.

The success of the Pig on the Spit night organized by Jim Polinelli and the 1B/2B players has generated hope for next season that teams will take responsibility for organizing allocated functions.

Special thanks must go to Colin Willis (Assistant Treasurer) and Elizabeth Finlay for their tireless efforts in the bar and canteen, which has provided in excess of \$4000 in profits this season.

The only negative was the number of senior players who have had to be hounded for their fees this season. Possibly next year, those players who have avoided paying fees and have generally let down their respective teams with their lack of team commitment, will be encouraged to play elsewhere.

WAYNE ATKINSON
TREASURER

FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT REPORT

As the title suggests, the portfolio of Vice President Finance and Development is vital to the long term survival of the Melville City Hockey Club.

I am sure we all understand the difficulties all organisations face in the generation of sufficient monies to ensure sustained growth with Melville City being no exception.

Sponsors quite correctly are demanding a return on the money they are investing and we as a Club must look at ways of giving a positive return to these people. This will take on greater importance in the years ahead as the costs of running the Club, particularly one fielding a successful Classic League team, will not be met from the simple levying of fees.

1991 saw us retain the core sponsors of previous years and despite the best of efforts of my small sub-committee of Bruce Porter, Alex James and Pat Matthews, we were unable to attract any new companies to invest in our Club.

This trend must be reversed with new sponsors and money being attracted to the Club. We thank HOME BUILDING SOCIETY very much for again being Melville City's major sponsor albeit on a greatly reduced basis to 1990.

Other sponsors included:

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I again publicly thank our sponsors for their support and my small but efficient sub-committee.

In the area of development we are currently negotiating to amalgamate with the Melville City Women's Hockey Club and hence form a very strong and vibrant Club in the city's southern corridor. A small sub-committee of Gavin Scally, Julie Anderson, Catherine Timmel and myself are very enthusiastic on the large benefits which will result from this amalgamation.

Apart from the obvious social benefits we see it as a perfect extension of our family club with daughters of male members making the natural progression into the women's senior ranks.

The women's club has enjoyed considerable success over the past years and we look forward to the amalgamation and the day when Melville City Hockey Club is represented in both men's and women's First Division competitions.

D.I. TIMMEL
VICE PRESIDENT
FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

On the face of it, 1991 was an average season for the club. We had great success in the top two grades, but tended to struggle from there down, with successes few and far between for the rest of the grades. This is, however, a very jaundiced view of the club over 1991.

Those of you who still have copies of last years end of year bulletin may care to cast your eye over last years lists. We managed to lose 42 players during the off-season, either to other clubs or via promotion to the Masters. Of those 42, 15 were members of the top two sides. This underscores the remarkable success of the 1's and 2's, whilst offering some consolation to those lower teams who struggled for wins. Add to these numbers the fact that at the start of the season we had 2 goalkeepers on our list, one of whom was Neale Denman from the scrubbers!!

At the beginning of the season the committee and coaches set several aims. Chief amongst these were a good result in 1B's, regaining 2A's, developing juniors through the 3A side and maintaining all of our other grades. At this stage it appears that all of these aims have been met. Our final aim was to foster a more committed attitude amongst members to the social side of the club. If anything, I am least happy with our progress towards achieving that aim, although I'm sure that all of you who attended the 'Spit night' at the end of the year will agree that it was a great night. If we maintain that standard in our functions, in terms of both organisation and support, then I'm sure that the club will be the better for it.

This brings me to the sad bit, for me anyway. It appears that I will be moving to Victoria in the off-season, and as such my association with the club will be ending with this report. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone at the club for their help and support both this year and in previous years, and to wish the club every success in its bid for First Division status in 1993.

GAVIN SCALLY

JUNIOR REPORT 1991

This season has included many high points, far too many to list here. When I took on the job as Vice President for Juniors at our club, it was with some concern as my association with the club spanned very few years. I am pleased to report that with the tremendous support of a large number of people the season has been very informative and enjoyable.

Through my association with the junior committee of WAHA I have met many other people from a range of clubs. In lots of cases the story from other clubs is the same; unruly kids, disgruntled parents, lack of coaches, etc.. While our season has been far from perfect our situation rates with the very best. This comes from a situation that is healthy because it is generally positive. An example is that when a situation or problem has arisen, rather than do the negative thing and stand back and 'throw rocks', our people have in the main rolled up their sleeves and become involved so as to show their positive approach. I have seen this as support for the efforts of others and it is a tremendous attitude to build on.

The attendance at the parents' information night held mid-season was encouraging and the feed-back very supportive.

The introduction of the Skills Certificate scheme was successful and will be improved and extended next season.

The introduction of the 'fitness book' to the Under 17's players sets the scene for a better preparation and approach to fitness in the years to come.

Matthew Orlando's selection in the state Under 15 team was a boost to us all.

The introduction of the "Godfather" arrangement with members of the club's top squad was successful in many instances and warrants formalisation and future development.

Having one team from each age division reach the grand final is a tribute to the players, coaches and supporters across the grades. The conduct of the players has been great and any minor problems were 'nipped in the bud'.

I thank each team coach and team manager for their efforts during the season. In many cases their contribution has been well above the normal expected from such people - THANKS.

The integration of juniors into senior ranks, both in games and at training sessions, will undoubtedly benefit the individuals concerned and our senior teams of the future. The early introduction of juniors to the higher level will need to be fine tuned and extended in the years to come as hopefully this will be a key feature of a successful assault on the classic league in a year or two.

In conclusion, thank you all for your encouragement and support, it has been much appreciated. The future for our junior hockey players is outstanding.

BRUCE READ
VICE PRESIDENT JUNIORS 1991.

SENIOR AWARDS 1991

1B	DEAN REVELL
2B	ALAN MEACOCK
3A	NICK TWEEDIE - KEITH HARPER (TIE)
4B	NICK HAMER -SMITH
5A	JOHN SLOANE
5C	GLEN TWEEDIE
RS1	BRUCE JOHNSON
RS2	TERRY BROOKS
MASTERS	IAN HALLIDAY
VETS A	MAX CURRELL
VETS E	GORDON WHITMORE

1B PROFILE

This was a season we thought would be easy, especially with a first up 6-0 win, but from then on and with a few nasty losses, the penny dropped and hard work began.

Team effort and desire was shallow and the team worked individually for a while. Fortunately the guys got their heads together and a team unity developed, desire intensified and we stormed home to finish in third spot with a real chance of winning our final contests.

Congratulations to Darryl and team on a job well done. Let's finish the job.

JOHN COOK - CAPTAIN COOK: Half back whose direction on the field has been timeless. A skilled player whose distribution lead to many assaults on goal.

PAUL EARLY - STRINGER: Half back whose many dives and OOH's and AH's must have won him many Oscar nominations. A speedy, skilled player in attack and defence. A great mate and asset to the team.

ADRIAN MAHER - The finger tape kid. Dragged his hands so much on the turf every finger was taped from finger nail to knuckle. A very fast attacking and tough winger, who lost his way a little in the middle of the season, but came back strong, and matured greatly.

DEAN REVEL - SMOOTH MERV: The ever reliable. A very consistent skilled magician on the field, who was sorely missed when unable to play. Dean made the ball sing and made many an opposition spit chips when he coolly stole the ball and turned defence into attack. The number one pick in any team.

MARK LYONS - FLASHER: Showed many a cool ball on and off the field. Flashed here, there and everywhere on the field. Very fast mover, always in the play, always striving to do better.

DAVID OGILBY - BIGGSY: King of the Backchat, which earned him several unscheduled spells. However, David was one of the best players in the side, who eluded many defenders, and when he shot for goal the ball stayed hit - tremendous power in the most relaxed fashion.

JEFF WEST: Our speedy and gifted left winger who could take a ball from deep in defence, weave in and out the opposition within niches of the line, and then always got a shot away. Some shots were at a defender - managed some spectacular goals.

STEFAN WILLET: Started the season as reserve but soon made himself a permanent member with skilled and untiring effort. A young player who hated leaving the field. Worked generously with the 13A side and must come close to being the Godfather of 1991. Well done.

KEITH BURROWS: GOALKEEPER: The flick mixer Cop whose sharp eye saved all but one penalty flick this season. Early decision maker who made many opposition work very hard for their goals - except when he executed a ballet stretch against Hale. How embarrassing, 19 seconds was it?

BRUCE HANCOCK: Never has a more sweaty, more out of breath, more stuffed player been so polite in asking for a drink at half time. A clever, skilled player who was a delight to play with.

ANDREW CRIDDLE: Introduced to the side late in the season. Needed one outing to consolidate and will be a great asset to the first side next year. Great work, Andrew, a top effort.

DARRYL DEDMAN - COACH: Successful, respected, tiresome, ugly, lecturer, frustrated, Darryl experienced all these labels this year in a top year for the Club. He's also a very skilled player, despite his aging years, his frequent visits on to the field produced many a goal when the boys strayed from the game plan. Melville owes this bloke a heap of praise.

GRAHAM NAPIER - MANAGER EXTRAORDINAIRE: Top drink mixer, ice putter onner, butterfly sticker putter onner, ball retriever, to name a few. Seriously guys, enjoyed the experience, the fun and the company but you can stick those Saturday nights. Good luck in the finals.

Thanks to the other fill-ins during the season, their help was greatly appreciated - Keith Harper, John Meacock, Andrew Mulcahy (master blaster), Des Twoomey, Geoff Ranford, Ian Darby, and others who may have been missed.

2B REPORT

The loss of 2A's last year formed our prime objective this year to regain our rightful place in the grade. Remnants from last year's 2A team and the great 4A rescue squad were called upon to achieve this. It was a combination of the old stalwarts and the young go-getters which aided us in our top of the table finish and promotion back to 2A's.

After playing the Challenge Cup and going down we will be even more determined to win the Grand Final.

JIM "JESUS" POLINELLI - GOALIE: Just the look of him put the fear of God into opposing forwards. Very rarely did they break away through his death defying keeping efforts. Looking for great things from Jim next season.

ANDREW MULCAHY - FULLBACK: Easily the slackest guy in the team. It's amazing that he is able to find astonishing bursts of speed at vital parts of the games, and once at training, when running against the coach. He also has a devastating hit which when taking short corners can spell danger for opposing fullbacks.

JOHN 'FRED' MEACOCK - Being the old stalwart for the 2's can be pretty tough sometimes and that is what Fred is on oncoming opponents often rendering them paraplegic with his devastating tackles.

STEFAN WILLET: Stef solved his shin pad problem this year by not wearing any at all. This didn't stop him putting life and limb into tackling oncoming opponents. He obviously has no feeling in his shins.

PAT MATTHEWS - INNER/HALFBACK: Pulled from semi retirement in the 3A's he showed his tremendous versatility at being able to run and dribble at the same time. Pat often had bursts of long lost skill and scored some great goals as a result.

MARK 'WATTO' WATTON - HALFBACK: A peaceful kind of guy who enjoys a tight contest. Likes to run with the ball when he gets the chance, even took the time to score a few great goals at opportune moments during the season.

IAN DARBY - WING: With his lightning pace, Ian moved past opposing backs as if they were standing still but apart from that, we didn't really hear much from him during the season.

ALAN MEACOCK - It's great to see that the old veteran hasn't lost any of his finesse over all those years, but the legs seem to be feeling the pinch.

DARRY DEDMAN - INNER: DD's unfair advantage over opposing sides, especially on sunny days, allowed him to score many a goal. That shiny head comes in real handy.

CLAYTON RYDER - CENTRE FORWARD: It's good to see Clay's form hasn't changed much this year, drinking habits included. Although he did learn how to score goals, unfortunately he had to leave before the finals just so he could go and blow up hills.

ANDREW CRIDDLE - WING: Andrew improved out of sight this year and was promoted to the I's accordingly. When he did play with us his uncanny ability to dribble, drag and force shorts all with one hand on his backstick helped us score many a goal.

GEOFF 'RAM' RANFORD - FULLBACK/HALFBACK: Always reliable, solid as a rock in the last line of defence. Ram always seems to be there. You can't say a bad thing about him because he doesn't ever put a foot wrong. Ram is also one of the first to enjoy a cold beer after the game.

Thanks also to Harps, Whip, Tim Read, Ben and Ryan Rushton, Evan Floyd and the other under 17's who helped us out during the season.

3A - THE CONCEPT TEAM

For the first time in many years a senior side was targeted as a 'bleeding' team for the club's juniors. We weren't aiming for championships but after knocking off Y.M. first up with six under 17's in the side, a very bright season was anticipated. Unfortunately, by its own design, the team was always going to be unsettled with Under 17 players rotating through every week. As such, the 3A's played some of the best and worst games you'd care to see. Importantly, though, we held the grade and learnt lessons for 1992. Our true success lies in this list of juniors, all of whom acquitted themselves in a manner that gives the club confidence enough to say, "Our Future is Bright".

JAMIE MORRIS	7 GAMES	NATHAN ELLIOTT	6 GAMES
SIMON ATKINSON	6 GAMES	BEN RUSHTON	5 GAMES
GARRY SWAN	5 GAMES	MARK SCHIBECI	5 GAMES
PAUL DAVIS	4 GAMES	JASON MAHER	3 GAMES
GRANT MUIR	3 GAMES	RYAN RUSHTON	3 GAMES
LEIGH NASTASI	2 GAMES	BRUCE RUMMINS	2 GAMES
BRAD SHEARER	2 GAMES	IAN LADHAMS	1 GAME
TODD BARRETT	1 GAME	SIMON KLASS	1 GAME
MATHEW RUMMER	1 GAME		

GREG ROSS: Apart from engineering, this well educated soul is expert in dentistry, the lumberjack trade and is a master at the telegraphed pass. He despairs for our intelligence, as no one took his hint to bring their own drinks, despite his team supply being brought in a miniature container every week.

TIM CUNNIFFE: Our Tim is an expert on the black and white worries. So, in order to protect his priceless fingers and yet satisfy his love of hockey, Tim played goalie - not so silly when you see the size of his gloves.

SAAD OMARI: Master Blaster, " 'E do 'it dem backboards 'ard, man". Must speak in tongues for whenever we thought he'd just said "Oh", the umpires sent him off.

NICK TWEEDIE: Even the opposition knows that "he always drags the same way". We don't know what the "Katmandu Kid" drags but it's O.K. by us. Continually one of our best players. Nick devised the cunning feint while taking flicks. He'd point his nose at one corner but flick the ball into the other. Those goalies just couldn't pick it.

KEITH HARPER (CAPTAIN) All hopes for a slack year at centre forward were dashed early on so he had to settle for being slack at inside right. Many thanks to Harps for the thorough preparation that he put in at the team's pre-match warm ups.

GAVIN SCALLY: Spat the dummy and left us when some heartless bloke pointed out that the sound of his shoulder dislocating was upsetting the team. Fortunately, the Prodigal Son returned for the last, critical grade saving game. It took him nine shorts before he finally didn't get the winning goal. A hero, a Legend, Fat.

PATRICK MATTHEWS: Splitter! Refused to play poorly enough to remain in the 3's. Yes, Pat's desire for excellence could see him get into the club's top team yet again! Noel Backhouse 's team of champions await eagerly to see if he can ever really make the grade.

MAL FARMER: Unlucky to catch a terrible aging disease at Bunbury. Kept in the side as a sign of kindness and to make Greg and Harps look good. Tremendous year in front of goals. Mal had the statisticians running for the record books. Mal humbly stated that he hoped he could do even better next year.

JOHN (PSYCHO) D'ALTON: Made difficult goals look ridiculously easy and easy goals look ridiculously hard. Typical winger - true to his French blood - he was full of flash and dash, using his rapier one handed to great effect.

4B REPORT

This year's 4B side had a wonderful season marred only by not winning very many games. A team of unlimited pace, skill and desire, clearly took pity on their opposition by not using any of it, and having a good time instead. Possibly the best side at clutching defeat from the jaws of victory I have ever seen: their level of skill in this regard matched only by the propensity of team members to disappear for weekends to go skiing or terrorising the northwest! All in all we maintained the grade, and that's what counts.

BARRY WELLINGTON - MC BAZZA, a man of blinding pace and bewildering haircuts, he was a worthy late addition to the side who didn't get involved in any punchups this year, something of a first! Did everything that could have been asked of him, including stuffing up his leg and not playing in the crucial games at the end of the year!

CHRIS GOLDING - The quiet axeman, winner of the Charles Manson award for tackling, never seen hitting anyone but often seen running away grinning from freshly mutilated forwards (Clarkey taught him well). The only U17 to graduate to the senior ranks this year, and played well in his debut year.

JOHN MITCHELL - SKEETER, answered the SOS for goalkeepers after Warwick Fry went away to think about the temple and stuff, did an admirable job. His secret was discovered at Bunbury, where he was seen playing with three ankles, he is the master of the cool save, and has a wonderful scream that is only unveiled when Bart runs into the 'D' at training.

JULIAN ANDREWS - ROWDY, a great guy, good hockey player, ladies man, all around nice bloke, I just wish he'd shut up occasionally!

KIM LANGLANDS - PART TIME COACH, not to mention player, was a utility in the side who filled gaps as they arose in the side. Good to have Kim back from the country, and to see that training in the country has left him with no pace but the ability to render an opposition player useless with devastating tackles that begin just above the knee and manage every now and again to make contact with the ball. A great example to mass murderers everywhere.

MASON PAYNTER - SPRAY PAYNTER, the Vanilla Ice haircut, the \$15 hockey stick, the terrible jokes, the shirt off at every opportunity, the hangover at Bunbury, what can I say! Played a great four weeks just after the Bunbury weekend, he caused problems for the side in that everyone else in the side stopped concentrating on hockey so that we could get the name of this weeks girlfriend right!

MIKE BROOKS - CIDERMAN, stay away from this guy when he goes on the town. We saw a side of Brookesy that we'd never seen before at Bunbury, and Bruce Hancock for one is still recovering. Won this years award for the longest dummy spit, and played well in a variety of positions..

MIKE SCALLY - another who joined the club from the country this year, and immediately emerged as a contender for the Keith Harper Trophy for Consistent Trapping. Played every game this year, and must have been the only person who didn't go away, and displayed the ability to turn into a cabbage at Bunbury in the twinkling of an eye. You can still hear him muttering "I'll get that bloody Hancock" under his breath today! A nice bloke and a good hockey player, but you can't pick your relations!

NATHAN KENNY - JUNIOR, all set for a big season but a quick impersonation of Edward Scissorhands at work left him out of the team for a long period. Has the knack of being in the right place to score goals almost constantly, but then he has to because with a conversion rate like his you need all the opportunities you can get!

NICK HAMER-SMITH - The mainstay of the side at centre half, Nick played consistently well all season. Unfortunately he too learned how to tackle off Nigel, and together with Chris, Kim and of course Nigel managed to create quite a bit of work for Perth's orthopaedic community!

NIGEL CLARKE - The veteran of the side, managed to stay in town occasionally to play, and when he did was a rock in defence. Fatherhood has mellowed Nigel, which is to say that he's too tired to run around hitting people all the time these days, so he only hits those that come within range! An asset to the side as always.

PHIL GRAHAM - A newcomer to the club, who was instrumental in retaining the grade this year. Another one like Julian who is impossible to shut up, managed to strike dumb the entire squad one night by **TURNING UP FOR TRAINING!!!**

SAAD OMARI - Played half the year in this grade before being demoted to the 3's, so I thought I'd better write something so he doesn't get upset.

Thanks to: Vaughn Cockerill, Stefan Willett (great game, Steff!!), Glenn Spark, Geoff Ranford and all the other people I've forgotten.

METROPOLITAN 5A

Melville had the youngest side in the 5A's. Even with Westy, the average age was around 21. No one from the 5A's can say they did not have a good time. Our underdog approach to all games scared many of the fancied sides. All players should be thanked for displaying sportsmanship, and sometimes humour, on and off the field.

JOHN SLOANE - GOALKEEPER: "KILLER" improved immensely over the season (not from lack of practice!) A goalkeeper who has a good attitude to the game.

CHRIS WEST - FULLBACK: The grandfather of the side. Due to unforeseen circumstances, Westy decided to get married without telling us! A stalwart in defence, his presence was sorely missed whilst on his honeymoon.

NATHAN FITZGERALD - FULLBACK: Nathan is a hard worker in deep defence, whose attitude is commendable. The party animal and Ford Escort driver, who incited Sloany to tear up opposition car parks, comes and leaves always with a smile.

SEAN ROSE - HALFBACK: A rose has many thorns, and this man knows what the back of the goals looks like. Known for his distinctive "McEnroe-ian" headband and temperament, his backstick tackling was legendary and made many wingers look ordinary.

IAN LAURENT - HALFBACK: Froggy was the inspiration of our team, whose skills astounded many opposition players (and himself more often than not!!). Always an upholder of hockey justice, we often saw Frog's hands thrown up to catch an ump's attention.

JASON BRADLEY - HALFBACK: The gentleman of the team. Nothing could make this man riled. He strongly marked his wingers and improved considerably as the season progressed.

TIM KLASS - WING: Exciting winger whose skill and effort was 100% for the limited opportunity he had out on the wing. Timmy went AWOL mid season, but when put back out on the wing where he belonged, he was an integral part of the side.

ROHAN LAWLOR - INNER: One of the most skilful players of the side who possesses a strong hit (especially on short corners). It was unfortunate that work commitments forced Rohan out for a few games.

PETER GAVRANICH - INNER: 'ROWDY' - the shy youngster whose maturity developed over the season. His confidence improved more and more, as he carried the ball more and more, and beat defenders more and more.

STU LADHAMS - WING COME CENTRE FORWARD: The closet party animal showed endeavour every game. Always showed pace and skill and scored some great goals this season. Brother of Ian Ladhams (under 17A and 5A wizard). Rumour has it that Stuey is adopted!!?

MATTHEW WRIGHT - CENTRE FORWARD COME WING: Matty always shows G and D and runs a lot of times on emotion. His backstick gem against Fremantle will always be remembered. Thanks for the half time drinks as well, Matt.

The following players filled in mid season and we would like to thank them.

TONY FISHER - FULLBACK: 'FISH' was no red herring. He played a handful of games mid season, but brought another character to our game! Some say he was more of a Sturgeon than a surgeon in defence. But like Salmon swimming upstream, Fish's endeavour was relentless. Then Fish broke a fin in Bunbury and was never seen again.

IAN LADHAM - WING: Ian was our illegal under 17A player, who played with us when his side played on Friday nights. Scored two vital goals on the wing. Ian has pace and skill personified and was not afraid of the seniors pressure, in fact, he relished it. He came at a time when we were short of players.

The 5A's would also like to thank Jean Louis Desouza, under 15A's Scott Willis, Grant and Bruce from the under 17A's, and anyone who helped make up the numbers this season.

METROPOLITAN 5C

Intensive pre-season training proved to be impossible, so we learned as we went, and took each game at a time. On our bad days we certainly could have been beaten by the Santa Maria 9's B team if they were short on a favourable pitch. Good fun was had anyway.

Any similarities between these and any real people, living or dead, is purely coincidental.

GEOFF READ: The old man of the team kept the team together on and off the field. Scored vital goals.

SIMON BIGNELL: CAPTAIN, because he has the loudest voice. Simon nevertheless managed to do big things and even hit a few goals late in the season.

JEAN LOUIS DESOUSA: Classy forward and a big goal misser...still owes us beers for it, and we won't let him forget it!

BARRY HALTON: Sporadic appearances due to a dicky hamstring didn't stop Barry doing what he does best.

GLEN N TWEEDIE: Casual under pressure, doesn't mind leaving the tackle to the last moment. Former pupil of Frank Murray - owes a lot to this great man.

CALLUM 'HOON' MCALINDON: The wild hairy Scot. Leading goalscorer for our team. If we had planned a game on supergrasse he would have been dynamite!

KYLE GRESHAM: Some huge penalty flick saves highlighted a busy season. Laid-back attitude spooked many an opposition forward.

TODD ELLIOTT: A thoughtful player who improved from game to game and turned defence into offence in the twinkling of an eye.

ASHLEY (BART) BUDDEE: Secret weapon, dealing out strategic blows to the very core of the opposing team, even with a broken stick.

CRAIG BOWYER: Cool as a cucumber but not green. Craig is a lynch pin of the defence.

TIM KLASS: Missed a few games due to appearances at the Burswood Showroom in cabaret, but otherwise a big effort.

GLENDON GILL: Power forward with speed and skill and a bad attendance record.

VAUGHAN COCKERILL: Left us late after a "nought to 100 in 6 seconds", turbo charged. Impact on and off the ground.

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NOEL BACKHOUSE: Always in the action when he played, which, owing to work commitments, isn't very often. Managed to stay out of trouble this season even when he played Gosnells.

TERRY (PIERRE CARDIN) BROOKS: Fortunately his hockey is still better than his dress and luggage. Continues to throw himself into the play with reckless abandon and is particularly noted for his slide tackles and headlocks, both of which are executed with a great deal of style.

KEVIN COLEMAN: Leo's nephew, Kevin had another good year and when given the chance in mid field showed that he has a wide variety of skills. Probably the highlights of Kevin's hockey are his great dashes down the right wing with any number of defenders being left in his wake.

GRAEME (LEO) COLEMAN: Serious thought has been given to changing Leo's nickname to "horse" . The amount of times he had a saddle put on him and was made to eat grass by opposing fullbacks and goalies this season without getting a flick was unbelievable. Despite these handicaps and his advancing years Leo still managed to be our leading goal scorer.

GARY DUNN: The man with the Ned Kelly beard. In his second season with the team was always one of our better players and often heard to say at the end of the game, "Why can't we win fellas?" Gary's pace and determination created numerous opportunities for other forwards.

NEALE DENMAN: Despite our lowly position on the ladder our goalie had a pretty good season, with an average of less than 2 goals per game getting past him. Neale continues to specialise in psyching out opposition flickers, in fact, he's now got it to the stage where they miss the goals altogether and he doesn't have to make a save!

MIKE JOLIFFE: Mike had the dubious honour of being last to turn up one day when Neale was overseas and was drafted into being our substitute goalie for three matches. He was heard to say after one game, when being congratulated on keeping a clean sheet, "How about my pants?" Most of the season he was on the left wing where he continues to battle hard.

AL MARSHALL: Actually managed to keep hold of his hockey stick for most of the season. Al filled a variety of positions on the forward line where he gives 100%.

COLIN SLATTERY: The skunk has been around in this team for a few years now and continues to set the standard in late arrivals. You know that if Slats is there before the game starts, the game is running late. Colin was often drafted into the centre half back position during the season where his tackling and trapping skills were vital to our team's performance.

GARY THOMAS: Could do with a little more pace and a lot more hair.

KYM WILSON: Joined the team this season and played some very good hockey on both the forward and half back lines where he uses his pace well. Topped his season off with a virtual solo run from the defensive 25 yard line to score a goal for a team that was getting thrashed.

IAN WRIGHT: In his first season of hockey for many years, Ian did very well, particularly early when he scored a number of goals. Seems to have trouble understanding the offside rule.

BUNBURY 1991

A record 24 boarded the bus on the Friday evening to take part in this year's carnival. This number was further boosted on the Saturday by the arrival of another three.

With two teams entered and a number of very doubtful starters for the early games we needed that many players.

There was some very forgettable hockey played during the weekend but we managed to win the C. Grade Premiership, the prize for which was \$100.00 and two cartons of beer, much of the \$100 was quickly converted to liquid assets. Does this mean we have ruined our amateur status and miss out on Barcelona?

Some of the individual highlights were:

JOHN (CAPTAIN) COOK: Struggled early but once he found the instructions on how to use his hockey stick managed to play some useful games.

JIM (JESUS) POLINELLI : Has got it all over his namesake as this bloke saves goals and souls.

GAVIN (DAN QUAYLE) SCALLY: Unable to play due to injury so Dan took on the job of Bar Captain and by really dedicating himself to the task at hand led for the entire weekend by personal example.

MASON (SPRAY) PAYNTER: Never has one man missed so many easy goals in so few games. Perhaps he was blinded by his shorts, they were nearly as loud as he was. Some of the things this guy says are really OFF.

GRAEME (LEO) COLEMAN: By all reports a pinball wizard, the way he was alleged to have bounced off the walls of the local night club was reminiscent of Tommy.

MIKE JOLIFFE: Never the most co-ordinated person, Mike was heard to say on Saturday morning that he thought he had woken up in Bart Simpson's body, don't worry Mike, it must have been the water.

NATHAN (JUNIOR) KENNY: Was his hair embarrassed by the standard of his hockey or bloodshot from the amount he drank?

GARY (MAD DOG MORGAN) DUNN: Instant party just add Danny, this man is now being sought by the Bunbury C.I.B. for the heinous crime of goal stealing from a minor at hockey. Also well known for his world record breaking 20 foot horizontal dive into the team condom.

TONY (BASELINE) FISHER: A man of a few words, we just wish he would stop repeating them. Was this year's club representative at the Bunbury Hospital.

CLAYTON (DIRT TRACK) RYDER: Possibly the biggest surprise of the weekend, he found the right hotel both nights and actually slept in his own bed.

ROB (F) ARTS: Rob had some difficulty in working out if we were staying at the Prince of Wales or the Lighthouse.

BRUCE (GEORGE JETSON) HANCOCK: Debuting at Bunbury this year, George really showed us how to enjoy a bus trip.

NOEL BACKHOUSE: Who needs an alarm clock around the place when you've got Noel.

Perhaps the comment of the weekend came from one not quite so heartbroken wife on the Friday night as we were leaving the Club. "I don't care what you do down there just don't bring anything back" Name names mentioned Mr. and Mrs. DUNN!

MASTERS

Here was a group of men young at heart,
Who took to the field and all did there part,
To play out a season with friends who all know,
The aches Sunday's bring as older they grow.
We start off with BOMBER who had but one aim,
To keep out those balls that caused us much pain.
With REX KNUCKY just like the Rock of Gibraltar.
(That's solid, not thick) the team did not falter.
And NORM (the Flash) HOSKINS was like a beast stalking,
His bold upfield streaking had all the girls talking.
And what of PETE DAWKINS - team selector extraordinaire,
He should be a Pollie with that diplomatic flair.
RUSS SCANLON was new, the babe of the blokes,
He enjoyed the odd quote - odd quotes for old jokes!
When DAVE PORTER's around we all hold our breath,
He's mellowed with age but still fights till the death.
His young brother BRUCE still dribbles a lot,
He likes these bad habits - it makes him feel hot!
BRUCE CAMERON allowed us half year of his presence,

He returned from O.S. but brought us no presents.
FRANK WILLIAMS achieved some memorable deeds,
Like not scoring a goal - but still gave good leads.
And young JOHNSON ORR was always around,
To pounce on loose balls and send them in-bound.
For who else but IAN to pick up the scraps,
And convert the half chance and hog all the claps.
PETE KAZAKOFF showed off his stick and ball skills,
We assume that's the way he gets his cheap thrills.
And now to AJ - HOME grown , lean and mean,
The way he hits balls is a sight to be seen!

So that was our team - a memorable lot,
Who gave of their best - gave their best shot.
We now rest our knees and aching feet too,
And start shuffling ahead to Year '92.

VETERANS A

After a few years of dominating Vets B., we were pushed up into Vets A this season. Well, it sure is tough at the top. We held our own against most teams with a solid defensive play but we just couldn't seem to beat them.

Yes, we were awarded the wooden spoon but the team benefited from a season of good tough, skilled hockey and we thoroughly enjoyed ourselves (though it is nice to win occasionally).

Congratulations to all team members for their efforts, with a special thanks to those who did more than their fair share of umpiring - look forward to a short rest and come out fighting in 1992.

Thanks to our large band of supporters who either attended our games or allowed us to attend, and thanks to the players who came and assisted us on occasions through the year - Col Willis, Ray Ranford, Jeff Robinson, Graeme Wilson, Barry Lansdowne and Craig Lankester.

JOHN PICKERING - LEFT WING: The quiet one, saving all his energy for his new role in hockey this year, turning the ball in and making those powerful shots across the goalmouth - just waiting for a forward to catch up and be in the right place at the right time. Picko always gives 100% support, either on or off the field, which is appreciated by his team mates. Well done.

TERRY PARKER - LEFT INNER: Not a bad bloke for a "Pom". Scores a few goals but not enough to make up for the rest of us. Known to his team mates as a rowdy sort of bloke and we often need to settle him down. A good season from a bloke who always keeps trying. Thanks, "Parks".

STEVE DOUGLAS - FORWARD: Steve joined the Vets this year as a centre attacking player. He doesn't mind going in hard either around or through the opposing backline. His rugged direct approach earned him a broken thumb during the season. It was good to have you Steve, and we look forward to your return in 1992.

PHIL HARRY - FORWARD: There was a full forward named Phil
Whose speed gives his team mates a thrill
When he gets to top pace
Don't get in his face
Cause you're apt to become his next kill.

Now Phil is a really fine lad
Except if you get him all mad
When the Ump's a bit weak
There's a mouthful of cheek
But deep down he isn't so bad.

Course Phil is feeling his age
How much you can't really gauge
Yes, he's over the hill
Like the rest of his mates on this page.

GARY DIENHOFF - RIGHT INNER: As an inner, Gary was expected to both attack and defend - a skill that we came to rely on this season. Gary performed this "Houdini" act with his usual aplomb and showed that a good hockey player will always rise to the occasion.

BILL CALDER - FORWARD: Bill was another of our 'quiet achievers', always working hard on the hockey field. Bill showed his versatility by playing in most of the forward positions on the field, and playing in the music hall off the field. Melville relies on players like Bill with tenacity and we look forward to his return in 1992.

DAVID WILSON - RIGHT WING/RIGHT HALF: A very solid defender, David was a welcome addition to the team this season. He started on the forward line but appeared happier when moved to defence where he could show his skills under the constant onslaught of opposing forwards each week. We look forward to settling Dave into the lineup next year.

FRANZ HELLEMAN - LEFT HALF: Our secret import to the team this year, no expense spared in blooding this future champion. Franz is a consummate tagger, he makes sure that his opponent doesn't touch the ball during the game. His straight stick and cool play goes a long way to balancing our team of hot-heads. Well done Franz.

MAX CURRELL - CENTRE HALF: Max is the premium player and engine-room of the team, who has endeavoured to school us in the art of first division hockey and found it challenging to teach old boffers new tricks. Max's tackles are a delight to behold, provided that you are not on the receiving end. Max would be a picture of sartorial elegance if he remembered to bring all his gear to the game.

SYD WILSON - ANYWHERE! : Syd was six weeks late for the first game this year, which is a club record. His excuse of being under the doctor's knife pre-season was not widely believed. Syd attempted to make up for his late start by playing several positions at once. Finding this required an unseemly amount of running, he compromised and played right half for most of the time. Syd also captained the side, and cast many pearls before the swine at half-time. His team mates were generally very polite at these times, some even listened!! A fine season from Syd, who will no doubt mature into a good player.

BRIAN SPITTELER - HALF BACK: Played only a few games this year due to commitments in the Eastern States. On these occasions "Spitz" returned to show that he had lost none of his 'fire' and rallied the troops into defensive action.

GEOFF GORHAM - LEFT FULL BACK: Our long hitting, short corner specialist. Encouraged from the sidelines with "Hit 'em Geoff", his aggressive tackles left many an opponent wondering about the virtues of non-contact sports. Geoff put in a top season, setting an example to all in his desire to win.

KINGSLEY MCGUIRE - RIGHT FULL BACK: Feared by opposing forwards for his Viking-like appearance, but Jude tells us that he is really a lamb at home. "Kings" used to be the baby of the team, but rumour has it that he has recently been organising a school reunion for a class at high school **33 years** ago!! The steadying influence in our backline, has even been noticed in our attacking 25 endeavouring to score his second goal in 35 years of hockey. His last one was in 1956??

STUART BEECHEN - GOALKEEPER: The man in the iron mask. To see Stuart arrive with his bag of tricks, one would imagine him to be going to a jousting tournament. He would don his armour and proceed to the arena to do fair battle. By all accounts Stuart had a good year. Although we didn't win many games, one to be precise, it was not his fault in any way - he's a fine goalkeeper. Our gladiator in armour also had the daunting task of keeping the running with his expert managerial skills - not an easy task in this grade.

VETERANS E GRADE

After a disastrous start, the Vets E. grade had a successful and enjoyable year, finishing the season in fifth place.

BARRY LANSDOWNE: Custodian of the Goals and therefore last line of defence, Barry was left exposed more often than he should, but remained cheerful throughout.

IAN KNIGHT: Ian was almost the only one who attended practice and his reliability and consistent performance showed the benefit of this preparation. His getogenic play amused us all.

JOHN KNOX: John played the fullback position with enthusiasm, frequently hiding his jet lag from his envious colleagues. His complete ataraxia was an example to us all.

BOB BOWYER: Bob played the difficult left half position with distinction, probably because he didn't waste his good play by arriving too early for pre-match practice.

JEREMY ALLEN: Jeremy led the side from the centre half position where his strategic knowledge of the game could be applied to good effect. His leadership was quite egregious.

KEN WOOLLAMS: Ken played mostly at right half although the casual observer could have been confused by Ken's penetrating forays into the forward line into thinking he was a forward.

COL WILLIS: Col thought he was a forward and the occasional threat of relegation to the backline usually prompted a flurry of goals to delay such a move until next season.

IAN DEVESON: A versatile player, Ian's communication skills in the backline enabled his colleagues to keep out of his way when he cleared up the backline.

RAY RANFORD: Ray's youthful legs provided much needed speed in the forward line, particularly at left extreme. His coruscating play on the wing was a delight to all.

TREVOR OSBORNE: Trevor's anticipation on the right wing led him to be in the right position at the right time, resulting in some goals and near misses.

GORDON WHITMORE: The short passing game modelled by Gordon soon became a feature of our play on our better days. Gordon's long acquaintance with the game of rugby did not seem to be a hindrance.

GRAHAM CAKE: Graham played the right inside position with enthusiasm and nerve, not always matched by the opposition. His willingness to 'tackle back' earned him many friends in the backline.

BRUCE READ: Bruce played only a few most welcome games for us, and we knew he probably wouldn't get a mention anywhere else.

JOHN SANDERS: John was the manager this year and only forgot the 'bag' once. Modesty prevents an in-depth analysis of his on field contribution. His moliminous contribution was noted.

JUNIOR SECTION

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TEAM	FAIREST AND BEST	MOST IMPROVED
17A	NATHAN ELLIOTT	JAMES MORRIS
17C	MATTHEW RUMMER	ANDREW ANGELATOS
15A	JASON CUNNINGHAM	JAMIE CLEARY
15C	MICHAEL DIBB	STUART WROTH
15E	DAVID KOVAC	MATTHEW WALL
13A	LUKE MUNRO	TRENT ROWDEN
13B	BRADLEY MILLER	GEORGE WATTS
13C	SARAH TEGELAR	MICHAEL PARKER
13D	DALE TRIBBICK	CHRISTEL MATHELOT

MOUNT WAVERLEY HOCKEY CLUB TROPHY -
MOST TALENTED U17 PROGRESSING TO SENIORS - SIMON KLASS

PETER SHACK TROPHY -
MOST IMPROVED JUNIOR - JAMIE CLEARY

DAVID PORTER TROPHY -
MOST IMPROVED JUNIOR GOALKEEPER DANIEL KING

JUNIOR SKILLS CERTIFICATES ACHIEVED IN 1991

FUNDAMENTAL: (BADGE)

UNDER 17:

TODD BARRETT

NATHAN ELLIOTT

UNDER 15:

JAMES BROWN
JASON CUNNINGHAM
ROBERT CURRELL
MATT KING
STEPHEN MAHER
MATHEW MORISEY
CRAIG PRICE

MATTHEW READ
BEN REAY
CRAIG SHEARER
BRAD TAYLOR
MATT WALL
SCOTT WILLIS
CRAIG WILSON

UNDER 13:

JUSTIN GOLDING
TATE NAPIER
TIM PRICE
BRENT RADFORD

MARCUS WEBB
ROH WEDDIKARRA
CRAIG WOOD

UNDER 11:

TIM GOULDTHORP
ELISHA ROWE

BRETT MARTYN
RYAN WILLIS

UNDER 17'S

Our boys attained, for the first time since 1988, what the Club has always strived for: A grade status. For this achievement alone, everyone should be tremendously proud of them. The quality of play in this grade is outstanding and puts many senior sides to shame. As such, it is the ideal 'finishing school' for developing strong players, capable of performing well in senior ranks. Twenty out of twentyseven players made the most of this opportunity and every player learnt more about their own skill level, position play, team play and about attitude. As coach, it has been this aspect that has been most pleasing to see. Everyone's willingness to listen and apply themselves has seen some quite remarkable improvements, and this is what all coaches find rewarding - to know that their efforts are not being wasted.

In addition to playing 17's, nineteen players were given an opportunity to experience 'senior' hockey. It's been here that they learnt some of the tougher lessons in hockey and the club learnt a lot about them as future senior players. It's exciting to be able to say that our current senior players will definitely have to fight in 1992 for their positions when these lads come through.

At the time of this writing, the under 17C 's are preparing themselves for their grand final. I'm confident of success, for these guys have shown tremendous desire to do well both as individuals and as a team. They've already won the Guth Ardath Pennant and have the talent to take the ultimate prize - mental strength on the day will tell the tale.

Finally, on behalf of the players, these people deservedly need to be thanked:

Ted Nastasi - for filling in as second coach and acting as 17A Manager, Ray Walters and Venii Fitzgerald for managing the 17C's, and to all the mums and dads who served brilliantly as chauffeurs and were really appreciated as spectators.

KEITH HARPER (coach)

UNDER 17A

SIMON ATKINSON: speed is Simon's greatest asset and, at left wing, he set alarm bells ringing in many opposing defences. Capable of freakish goals, he needs to make more of the legitimate chances he creates.

TODD BARRETT: Guaranteed to give 100%, Todd was used as a utility player throughout the half and forward line. His marking and defensive work was fantastic to see. Needs to value the ball more when he has possession of it.

PAUL DAVIS: Self confident, aggressive and dominant; physically strong both in positioning and tackling; possessor of a hockey - intelligent brain: Paul's defensive work has moved from satisfactory to outstanding. Looking forward to seeing him establish himself in one of the top three senior sides next year.

NATHAN ELLIOTT: Mr. Versatile, Nathan played with tremendous strength and speed in defence (initially) and later as a controlling right inner. Nathan reads the play with great intelligence, his work rate is second to none and his onfield leadership qualities developed as the year went on. Nathan has set himself up for a fantastic season next year in 17's - that is, if he hasn't forced his way into one of the top senior sides.

SIMON KLASS: The guy who does not lack confidence. Simon's aggression, reflexes, control of the circles and attitude lifted the whole team's expectations and performance before and during all our games. Simon played some outstanding games before injury sidelined him for the last quarter of the season.

IAN LADHAMS: In any position across the forward line Ian could be relied upon to mark out opposition players and still make himself available for attacking moves. At his best in midfield. Was beginning to be stronger on the ball by the end of the season and will be a top asset next year.

JASON MAHER: Not our paciest player but definitely our most skilled. He must have forced 30 - 40% of our short corners by taking on the defence and forcing errors in the circle. His distribution to team mates improved as the season progressed but he maintained his frustrating habit of hitting the post or missing a goal by a hair's breadth. Increased strength and a shorter, quicker hitting arc will see Jason become a lethal striker.

GRANT MUIR: One of the few players allowed a specialist position this year. Grant's speed down the right wing gave us one of our best attacking avenues all season. Working on his strength for next year will enable him to ride tackles with greater success and goal shooting practice will enable him to get true value out of the great chances he creates for himself.

LEIGH NASTASI: Definitely the most overcoached guy in the whole competition. Ted and I were pleased to see Leigh positioning himself correctly without having to be told by the end of the season. Ever keen to attack, Leigh was responsible for some fine moves down our right side. This needs to continue next year but, in addition, there must be a higher degree of care given to his defensive role.

MARK SCHIBECI: Always full of surprises in that no matter which position he was thrown into he would get stuck in and come up trumps. Close marking, strong tackling and intelligent passing to close forwards saw Mark's work at half back help our side out of trouble on numerous occasions. He's still cool in a crisis.

GARRY SWAN: Two things rugby has taught Garry; One is to have heaps of aggression, the second is to run in straight lines. We loved his aggression. Opposition defenders loved his straight running. Garry could be relied upon to give our attack some vigour and fire with his onfield talking and by the example he set with his back tacklings. Quick witted as well as fleet of foot, Garry's humour at training ensured that sessions he attended were never dull.

BEN RUSHTON: Another player who played extremely well when the pressure was on. Ben's tackling, his ability to hold the ball and distribute accurately meant that he was one of our most valuable contributors. Surprisingly quick, Ben was excellent at channelling opposition players into dead pockets and running the ball out of defence when the opportunity arose. He attracted the attention of the senior's coach and he played a few games with the 2B's.

RYAN RUSHTON: Polite to everyone except Ben and opposing forwards. Ryan's defensive work was tireless as were his attacking runs. No one will ever forget his acutely angled goal against Northern Districts. An A+ for geometry!

JAMIE MORRIS: Started the season in the 17C's, played well enough to get into the A's, played well enough to get into and became a regular 3A member and played well enough there to earn best player votes. Jamie has an uncanny tackle and his distribution is very intelligent. Fantastic to see him improve as much in one season.

MATHEW RUMMER: Given the chance late in the season Mathew came into the centre half position and proceeded to play as well in the A's as he had in the C's. A fantastic work rate and the ability to hold and protect the ball will see him hold down that position in many teams of the future.

Mention also go to:

Jess Newman for filling in for Simon Klass when the S.O.S. went out.
Andrew Angelatos and Brad Shearer for their efforts in the forward line.
Bruce Rummins and Adam Sparkes for the games they played in defence.

UNDER 17C

ANDREW ANGELATOS - FORWARD: A speedy forward with much improved skills, who never misses an opportunity to make a cross or shoot for goal. An excellent team player with a good future in hockey.

ADAM FITZGERALD -DEFENCE/FORWARD: A very versatile player who can play well in almost every position on the field. He has the potential to be a top forward with the skills to put the opposition defence under pressure.

ADRIAN KING - DEFENCE/FORWARD: Adrian broke a bone in his arm and unfortunately missed quite a few games. He has shown improved skills this year as a forward who is prepared to run hard and share the ball with other team members.

MATHEW MCINNES - FORWARD: A fast wing player who grew in stature as the season progressed. A quiet achiever who is always prepared to work hard and play his part in the team.

JESS NEWMAN - GOALIE: Jess joined the team part way into the season and all the other members were delighted to have a regular goalie. This is a very difficult position to play yet Jess took up the challenge and proved to be a very capable goalie.

SCOTT PITTERS - DEFENCE: A very reliable solid defender putting into use his good skill development to stop the opposition and put the team into attack. He worked hard to support his forwards and is always very consistent and gives of his best.

BRUCE RUMMINS - DEFENCE: This year Bruce's stick skills have improved considerably which has had the effect of increasing his confidence. He is a good defence player and was often the key player in the team in building up play from the defence to the attack. He needs to put in a little aggro to his game.

MATTHEW RUMMER - DEFENCE: Probably the hardest working player in the team. Always willing to give his best with courage and application. A very good team member. Towards the end of the season he was promoted to the 17A's, a promotion well earned.

ADAM SPARKES - FORWARD: A good forward with speed, strength and excellent ball control. He has a natural aggression which makes for a strong attacking player, but needs to learn to combine better with the other forwards.

BRAD SHEARER - FORWARD: A player who gives one hundred percent to every game he played and likes nothing better than to take on the opposition and score goals. He could increase his goal rate further if he lined his shoulder up with the centre of the goal before shooting, rather than standing square on.

STUART WICKING- DEFENCE/FORWARD: This was Stuart's first year in club hockey yet this was not evident at all. As the year progressed his natural ability and stick skills began to show. Keep up the good work - there is definitely a great future for you in hockey.

CRAIG WALTER- DEFENCE: An obvious increase in confidence has meant he is now backing his own judgement. He is very reliable in turning defence into attack with good trapping skills and strong clearance.

DAVID WILSON - FORWARD/DEFENCE: Has shown great improvement. He played in a number of positions, mostly on the forward line but occasionally in defence. He always gave his maximum effort for the whole game. A very good team player.

UNDER 15A

This season was a memorable one for our boys and their parents. We were unfortunate to miss out on minor premiers on goal difference. The team was built by Bruce Read who wanted boys who were physically fit, had stamina, skills, were team players and committed to the Club.

Being part of this team was a pleasure. It was more than 12 boys playing hockey on a weekend. It was also 24 parents and a few grandparents. Not only did we win on the field, but lined up each week with more supporters than most of the other teams combined. This support was much appreciated by all.

Highlights of the season were: reaching the Challenge Cup final (unfortunately losing it), finishing in second position, being the only team to defeat the minor premiers, having Matthew Orlando selected in the State under 15 side, a defence that had the least number of goals scored against them, winning the second semi final.

These boys are excellent sportsmen and great ambassadors for the Club.

COACH, BRUCE READ: A talented coach who has moulded a great team with the assistance of Ron Wilson and Colin Willis. Had the respect of the boys and parents at all times. His rapport with the boys was to the degree of always being able to obtain 110% from them at all times. His knowledge of the game and tactics were a great asset. On behalf of the boys and parents, thank you Bruce for your time, enthusiasm and support.

JAMIE CLEARY: A defender who can be relied upon to upset the best of forwards. His timing in tackles and clearance of the ball were a feature of Jamie's game. A resolute fullback whose calmness on short corners saved many goals.

JASON CUNNINGHAM: Played as a key forward. Jason knows where the goals are and how to score them. His speed and ball control put opposition defences under enormous pressure throughout the season. Has the ability to reach the top in this sport.

STEPHEN MAHER: Started the season at fullback, after playing all of his previous hockey as a forward. Not afraid to tackle players of any size or reputation. His stick skills were often used to turn defence into attack. Finished the season as a forward, scoring many fine goals, including a hat trick in the second semi final.

MATTHEW ORLANDO: UNDER 15 State Representative. A strong centre half who has the ability to overlap and create havoc for defences. His physical presence is enough to deter any forward. Scorer of many goals, especially off short corners. Will go well in 17's next year.

CRAIG PRICE: A player of small physical build who had a mediocre start to the year. Grew in stature as the season progressed. Developed into a reliable defender as his confidence increased. Carry on the good work in the 17's.

MATTHEW READ: Played as a half back and inside forward. Capable player who frustrated opposing forwards and defenders. What Matthew lacked in speed he made up for in skills. Can look forward to a successful hockey future.

NATHAN ROWDEN: Rowds is a player who worries defences with his tenacity and speed on a wing. Is always prepared to run hard, take on fullbacks and retreat to help in defence. Rowds doesn't know the meaning of defeat and will always give 100%

CRAIG SHEARER: Versatility is Craig's strength. Played with determination as a half back and inside forward. A valuable team member who sacrificed his field play to take over as goal keeper for the last five weeks. Held this position with distinction.

TIM SMITH: Speed is Tim's trademark. The ability to outpace defences and chase balls deep into the forward line are a trait of his game. This ability and physical strength will make him an asset in 17's.

DAMON SPARKES: As our regular goalie, Damon started the year in fine form with many great saves. He was our general in defence. However, a broken knee cap caused an abrupt end to his season. A fearless goalie with a bright future.

CRAIG WILSON: Continues to show skills, versatility and mature hockey ability. A reliable half back who can take on the opposition and turn defence into attack. Has the right mental attitude to ensure a long future in hockey.

SCOTT WILLIS: Played the season as a fullback, winger and inside forward. A hard working contributor with a never say die attitude. Continues to improve in skill and growing in confidence. Will be a valuable player in the 15's again next year.

Thank you to the following players who filled in when we were short due to injury: Matthew Allen, Dean Oates, Michael Dibb, David Parker.

UNDER 15 C

MATT "MERCURIAL" ALLEN : a player that can play almost any position well, dependable in defence and creative in attack.

MICHAEL "MACHO" DIBB: loves nothing better than using his speed and vigour to break up the opposition's short corner attempts, frequently turns defence into attack.

STUART "STRONG SILENT" FINLAY: Well maybe not silent, can always be heard "encouraging" his team mates, but certainly has a good strong hit, just has to concentrate on not lifting it.

ALEX "AMAZING" HALLIDAY : it's amazing that he doesn't fall over when he is running, his stride is so long, but he can really cover the ground.

SHAUN "SLICK" HOOPER: give him a glimpse of the goal and watch out, always on the look out for an opportunity to score.

GLEN "GUN" HUNT: joined the team a little late in the season but scored a goal in his first game, a great beginning and a good season.

MICHAEL "MAGIC" JOSS: has conjured up some great moves in both attack and defence, but probably prefers attack.

DANIEL "DUGOUT" KING: only comes out to destroy the oppositions scoring shots, or to speak quietly and gently to his fullbacks.

ALISDAIR "ASTONISHING" MCDONALD: loves to astonish the opposition and the goalie with his brilliant goal scoring runs down the wing.

KRIS "CRAFTY" MORROW : has to make up for his lack of mobility with clever play, has certainly fooled his share of goalies this year.

DAVID "DEMON" PARKER: has an absolutely ferocious tackle and uses it well, sometimes his aggression looks like it's at the expense of discretion.

DAVID "DAPPER" SCHIBECI: A very cool effective player who has cut many an opposition winger out of the game in his unobtrusive way.

STUART "SCRUFFY" WROTH: would probably play a lot better if his hair didn't obstruct his vision, but when playing into the wind he's OK, tackles well and has improved his game over the year.

UNDER 15E

BEN REAY - WING: A reliable performer each week. Always good for a speedy run down the line and scored a couple of our more spectacular goals.

MATT WALL - HALF BACK: An honest performer and dependable team mate who could be relied upon. He also created many of our forward moves.

MATT KING - HALF BACK: A solid defender who was often in the road of many opposition forward moves.

MICHAEL GRAY - CENTRE HALF BACK: A dour reliable player who was the bane of many opposing teams attacking moves. Good luck in the under 17's Michael.

BRAD TAYLOR - CENTRE FORWARD/WING: A skilful ball handler with his sharp stickwork. Was always dangerous in the circle. Joint hero of our Challenge Cup win. Good luck in the under 17's Brad.

DEAN OATES - INNER: Always a solid performer whether attacking or defending and could be relied upon to contribute 100% each week.

ROBERT CURRELL - INNER: Another reliable player who was always trying and was capable of creating dangerous moves in attack.

NEWTON DE SOUZA - CENTRE FORWARD/WING: An opportunist with clever stick work. Capable of dynamic play in front of goals.

DAVID KOVAC - FULLBACK: Dependable and always at best when under pressure. Was often called upon to turn back opposition forward moves.

JAMES BROW - FULLBACK: The other half of a very strong fullback line. Good clearing hits and always dependable. Good luck in the under 17's James.

MATTHEW MORRISEY: GOALKEEPER: Joint hero of our Challenge Cup win and has 100% success rate in penalty flicks. Also made several spectacular saves throughout the season. Good luck in the under 17's, Matt.

UNDER 13A

The season 1991 has seen some remarkable progress by the Under 13A team. Starting the season with a loss and winning the second game coming up from 0-3 down gave this team the impetus they required to achieve greater heights. The team won the 1991 Challenge Cup, the first for an under 13A team from our Club. With 12 wins, 1 loss, 1 draw out of 14 matches, this team showed how to play as a team. There were no heroes, no villains, they all played as one.

A few bouquets are in order . Firstly, to our untiring Coach, Duncan Price. We appreciate your hard work and your fine tuning and we hope that the boys and girl will bring home your reward - a win in the finals.

To all the parents who came and supported the team and for the encouragement you gave to the team (and sometimes to the umpires), a big thank you.

RANJITH WEDDIKKARA (manager)

MICHAEL DEVESON: A hard working player who tried hard and achieved some good results. A reliable player in the back line who combined well with the others to repel many an opposition attack.

CHRIS HAMER-SMITH: A player who was able to play in any position was a great asset to the team. Usually a reliable mid field player, he covered many a mile on the field.

DARRYL MILTON: A player who was prepared to attack the ball all the time and sometimes without the desired result. Loved to play in the forward line and when given the opportunity scored a few goals and helped the forwards have a rest.

CHRIS MUNRO: The goalkeeper of the side who could be relied upon for consistently good play every week. Hated to let any get through to the goals. Conceded only 12 goals for the season.

LUKE MUNRO: The most consistent and reliable player of the team found his niche in the right half. He ran from the back line to the forward line, creating many opportunities for the forwards to score goals.

TATE NAPIER: To her team mates she was one of the boys. A very talented and speedy player who was prepared to take the game up to the opposition. Her goal shooting and team play helped the team to win many a game.

TIM PRICE: A player who was prepared to fight for the ball had some excellent moves in the forward line. Played in many positions with equal ability and contributed to the team's success with his team play.

BRENT RADFORD: A very talented and speedy forward who was the main avenue to the goals many a time. Scored a number of goals for the team and helped in many others.

TRENT ROWDEN: A quiet achiever who was capable of playing in any position. Played some fine hockey and formed an integral part of the team play.

MARCUS WEBB: Another of the speedy forwards who did not show his true potential. He still played excellent hockey and created many opportunities for others to score goals.

ROHIMAL WEDDIKARA: Roh was capable of keeping the spectators on their toes whenever he had the ball. His skills and speed has helped him to score many goals this season.

CRAIG WOOD: Started the season in the forward line and, when given the opportunity of playing in the forward line, excelled with some good goals. Another reliable player in any position.

UNDER 13B

A learning year in under 13's in which the team finished a credible fifth after a very strong second half.

BRENDON JOSS - CAPTAIN, RIGHT FULLBACK/LEFT WING: Brendon tried hard all year in several positions but played his best hockey at right fullback.

GEORGE WATTS- GOALKEEPER: George was the personality of the team. He made many brilliant saves with seemingly nonchalant ease. He kept the team in the running for the four throughout the year.

BRADLEY HILLER - LEFT FULLBACK: Brad was the mainstay of the team this year. His hockey was outstanding and he combined with George to provide a resolute defence.

EMILY HALLIDAY - RIGHT HALF/CENTRE HALF: Emily played very determined hockey. Her never say die attitude saw her come back from a serious hockey injury to be a creative force in the half line.

GARRICK ALLEN - LEFT HALF/CENTRE HALF: Garrick was a quiet achiever of the team. He was very determined in defence but when moved to centre half, showed creativity to develop many attacking moves.

BRETT ASHBY - RIGHT HALF/RIGHT INNER: Brett played an attacking right half position. He relished the chance to have a real go when given the opportunity in the forward line.

DANIEL KNUCKEY- Daniel was a hard worker all year. He really tightened his game up in the second half of the season and gave solid support to the forwards.

GARETH FINLAY: Gareth started the season in devastating style but had a mid year lay off through a broken arm. Gareth was the strong man of the team and principal goal hitter on short corners. Another frustrated forward who played his best hockey in deep defence.

DANIEL PICKERING - RIGHT WING: When Daniel was hot we were hot. His penetrating runs down the right wing and powerful crosses created many of the team's scoring opportunities. When Blake and Daniel decided to link up a goal was more than likely.

JANE PORTER - LEFT WING/INSIDE RIGHT: Jane played determined hockey all year. Her main attribute was her ability to hold position and create the one-two play. Her tenacity at right inner won many opportunities for the team.

BLAKE BURROW - CENTRE FORWARD: Blake was a tireless worker for his team this year and produced a number of devastating runs to score goals. His hard running off the ball provided the creative link amongst our forwards.

KIERON LAWLER - INSIDE LEFT: Kieron was a very influential member of the team being the architect of our offensive corners and the runner on our defensive corners. Kieron worked hard as an attacking inside forward during the early part of the season, but started to realise the value of his creative skills in the last few games.

CHRIS EVANS- LEFT WING/LEFT INNER: Chris started the season as a hard working inside left but found the team became far more dangerous when he played on the left wing. Chris used his skills to penetrate opposition defences and deliver telling cross balls.

ELSIE EVANS- MANAGER: Always there, always prepared and seemingly quite skilled at following 13 part time day dreamers. Her quick draw ice pack kept all players in the game at least once during the season.

DAVID PORTER - COACH: The voice on the side line; the rotter at training who tried to make hockey fun and help each player and the team achieve what they wanted out of the season.

OUR SUPPORTERS: The team responded to the many family and friends who came to support each game. There is nothing like achieving in front of the people who count most.

UNDER 13 C

COACH: M. BAILEY, A. BUDDEE

The Under 13C team was made up of experienced players, last year's Under 11 and new players in their first season of hockey. After a shaky start, we got ourselves organised and played some excellent games against strong opposition. The team improved throughout the year and performed creditably.

A sincere **THANK YOU** to our coaches, Murray Bailey and Ashley Buddee for putting so much time and effort into the training sessions. Very much appreciated by all! Thanks to all parents for their support, especially to Mrs. Martyn for her help and co-operation.

All in all a very enjoyable season, and I look forward to seeing you all next Year.

JOHN TEGELAR (Manager)

JUSTIN GOLDING - CAPTAIN, FULLBACK: Justin played some outstanding games for us, especially early in the season. His forceful hits out of defence were a feature of his game. He is calm and controlled under pressure, displays good skills and tackles strongly. A great asset to the team. Well done, Justin.

NIELSON DESOUZA - VICE CAPTAIN, CENTRE FORWARD: Our most prolific goal scorer. A very fast and skilful forward, who on one of his better days can make the best fullback in the competition look very ordinary. A little inconsistent in his efforts on a few occasions, but otherwise a great talent who no doubt has the ability to play A Grade next year.

SIMON LALOR - GOALKEEPER: Simon had a great season in goals. He made many fine saves and saved our bacon on a number of occasions. Against Rockingham he had to perform minor miracles to save us from defeat. He also played one very ordinary game when he conned his coach into letting him play half back. This shrewd move stunned the opposition, unfortunately he confused his team mates even more. The rest is history. A great bloke is Simon, an asset to any team and we want him back again next year.

SARAH TEGELER - FULLBACK: Our "Beauty amongst the Beasts" Sarah had a most successful season. Her hitting, trapping and confidence has improved out of sight, and she was consistently one of the best players in the team. A great effort she can be proud of. Sarah also greatly admired Simon's goalkeeping talents so much so that on occasions she gave the ball to the opposition forward just to watch Simon perform his Kamikaze saves!

BRADLEY HALL - RIGHT INNER: Our own Maradonna! Not because he plays soccer particularly well, but he has great skills, flair, speed, scores goals and is a talented actor as well! Well done, Bradley.

SCOTT MARTYN - HALF BACK: A very valuable team player. He works tirelessly all day and never gives up. His best game was against Rockingham when he marked their best player out of the game. Lots of tiger in this young man. Keep it up, Scott!

KRISTAN BAILEY - LEFT WING: Kristan joined us for his first season of hockey. He showed courage and determination and acquitted himself well. His level of skill and confidence grew during the season. Keep it up.

KANE WOOLAMS - WING/INNER: Kane played a couple of good games early in the season, but generally does not use his ability to his advantage. He has been a very reliable and unselfish team member who worked hard throughout the year.

PAUL SPEERING - CENTRE HALF BACK: In his first season of competitive hockey, Paul made an outstanding contribution to the team effort. His ability to outrun his opponents and high work rate throughout the game proved to be invaluable to the team. His determination and courage was an inspiration to all players. Great stuff, Paul!

MICHAEL PARKER - RIGHT HALF BACK: Michael had a great season. He is a very competitive skilful player. His game improved to where he was controlling the midfield and consistently one of the best players of the team. He is a versatile player and would do well in a higher grade.

PAUL DOUGLAS - LEFT HALF BACK: Paul has been a great asset to the team. He is steady and reliable and achieves a high work rate. Increased confidence and skills resulted in some good passages of play. One of the unsung heroes of the team.

JOSHUA SMALES - WING: Joshua found the going tough against more experienced opposition. A little more strength and confidence will assist his development next year.

MARK JOHNSON - HALF BACK/INNER: Joined us late in the season. Mark is a strong and skilful player who contributed well to the team effort. It is a pity he didn't join us earlier.

BRAD PEGRUM - WING: A pity we didn't see more of him as he is quite a talented fellow who excels on the wing.

UNDER 13D SOUTH

This has been a great season for this team, shown by the regular attendance at training and a general happy attitude by all team members.

MICHAEL STEWART: Michael has been the automatic choice as Goalkeeper this year. Has made more positive clearances as the season has progressed.

MICHAEL PEOPJES: Michael has used his reach to advantage in the fullback position. He still has ambitions to be a forward and seriously practices ball handling skills at training.

DAMON WOOD: Damon has made many surprising interceptions at fullback using his good hand-eye coordination to take the ball away from the surprised forward.

TIM NGUI: Tim has had a good season, picking up Player of the Day Award on one occasion. His trapping and generally reliable free hit have made him a successful fullback, and more recently a reliable half back.

JOSH SOUTAR: Josh has played as a half back this year and has tried to implement the coaches instructions all the time. His hitting and trapping has improved over the season as will his position play.

STEVE COOPER: Steve has been a tower of strength since moving to the key centre half position. His hitting and trapping and intercepting have been very useful in halting the opposition. Taking free hits is an area for further development for Steve.

ADAM ZUMBO: Adam has had an enjoyable season at left half back in 1991. He has worked hard at his position play and is now more aware of his defensive role.

KANE SPAGNOLLO: Kane has used his pace to advantage on the right wing and is working on his trapping. His centring cross is gaining in confidence and he appears to enjoy the game of hockey.

MARC SANDERS: Marc has played the inside forward position with determination. Stronger hitting will allow Marc make his passes even more effective. His ball skills enable him to beat opponents, but disposal is the next thing to work on.

DALE TRIBBICK: Dale has been a tower of strength at the centre forward position, particularly when he is motivated. He has been almost the sole goal scorer and is the most recent winner of the Player of the Day Award.

CHRYSTAL MATHELOT: Chrystal ,after some coaching from Ron Wilson on hitting, has improved in this area. In addition, her deception and ball skills has made her a skilful forward, who is a valuable member of the team.

SUSANNAH LILLIS: Susi has made the left wing her special position and uses every opportunity to demonstrate her growing hockey skills. Her position play is improving and she assists her team mates when she can.

JAMES WEBSTER: James has played mainly in the forward line and showed a growth in his hockey skills. He has shown a willingness to follow instructions and his determination to win the ball is an advantage.

UNDER 11A (1)

This year's hockey has been enjoyable and successful. The team finished comfortably in second spot on the ladder.

Much of the success and enjoyment can be attributed to the efforts of the two coaches, Rod Rate and Terry McIntyre. The team has had solid support from the parents of the team members. John Pickering and Colin Willis assisted with the teams umpiring duties during the season.

The team consisted of Corey Atkinson, Mark Carson, Tim Gouldthorp, Chas Keogh, Brett Martyn, James Pickering, Simon Rate, Travis McIntyre, Leanne Shearer, Luke Smith, Sven Tegelar, Graham Watts and Ryan Willis.

Six of the members of the team will be moving on to the under 13's. These are Mark Carson, Tim Gouldthorp, Chas Keogh, Leanne Shearer, Luke Smith and Graham Watts.

Players played in a variety of positions taking turns to mind the goals. All players showed a marked improvement in hockey skills and attitude during the season. The team tended to play the difficult and important games very well, with a high degree of determination and skill.

The Melville City Hockey Club can continue to be proud of the support and organisational skills it gives to junior hockey.

UNDER 11 A (2)

We scored a goal. A tumultuous roar from our supporters. Wide grins on players faces, and even a few high fives. It was great to see them enjoy that moment, and a pity that with more realistic grading they couldn't have experienced a more balanced development of their games. You can't complain when a team always turns up for training, tries hard, shows improvement throughout the season and comes away better for the high and the lows.

BEN BIRRELL: Ben played a variety of positions and displayed speed and skill in attack. Pleasing to see his defensive skills improve and his concentration maintained for longer periods.

NICK BOWATER: Always reliable in defence, attacking the ball and giving his best at all times. Nick's hitting skills improved markedly and his attitude was terrific, both at training and the game.

ALISTAIR BURTON: Alistair has displayed a high level of skills this season. Very determined, willing to learn and always tried hard and played well in defence and attack, and shows great potential.

MARK DOUGLAS: Mark has improved throughout the season and as regular goalie, has turned back many attacks. His mid field play, positioning and stick skills have shown encouraging improvement.

JAY GAWLEY: Pleasing to see Jay improve his skills this season and develop his understanding of different positions. A reliable and determined player with a good attitude at training.

BETHANIE GOULDTHORP: Our very determined fearless winger. An opposing coach wished one day that he could have eleven like her. Well done, Beth.

CHRIS GRAY: Chris has developed some good skills this season. His confidence has slowly returned and as his cooperation develops he will make good progress in the future. A friendly boy, always prepared to listen and improve his weaknesses.

BYRON LAST: Byron has shown steady improvement this season. His attitude at training has been excellent and it is pleasing to see his skills and understanding of different position play develop.

SIMON MCINNES: Mr. Friendly. Listened to advice, practised well, talked a lot, and tried hard. Has played very well in a variety of positions.

CHRIS MENEGHELLO: Chris was our mainstay in defence earlier in the season and was a good example to the other players. Always determined, and a pity to lose his defence due to a broken arm.

GRAHAM PEOPJES: Graham has developed better defensive skills and has played well in a variety of positions. Shows flair in attack, but needs to improve his stick skills.

BLAKE ROWDEN: Has developed good skills and teamwork. Always tries hard and should consolidate his improvement next year.

ELISHA ROWE: A very determined player, both in attack and defence. Elisha's skills have developed well and she has played consistently well in every game. A great attitude and team spirit.

DANIEL SCORER: Daniel has developed his skills throughout the season and has played at times in a variety of positions. His progress will accelerate as his concentration improves.

Many thanks from the children and their parents to **GREG ROWDEN** and **GEOFF READ** for their coaching and guidance throughout the season.

UNDER 11B

I thank all the 11 B's for a most enjoyable and rewarding season of hockey. Your attitude and application for the game was greatly appreciated. An average of 13 out of 14 at training said it all. You gave your all and you worked the way a good team should. Part of my reward was to see a group of newly promoted (well almost all) minkey players progress throughout the season and become a team of hockey players that gave their best.

Although we did not win a game during the year, our last game showed the spectators just how hard you work, how you have improved and progressed. To me, you are all champions and I am proud to be associated with the team. Thanks to all those who helped, especially our manager, Pauline Ryan, and our 2B Godfather, Jim Polinelli.

ROB WALKER (Coach)

RYAN BACKHOUSE: Ryan is one of our most vocal players and as the season has progressed his skills have made a steady improvement. He is a persistent tackler and combines well with others, whether in the backline or as a forward.

ROBERT BELL: An intelligent player with plenty of ability. He has a strong hit and is versatile whether in attack or defence. A tenacious tackler who is always first out on short corners. An important asset to the team and a player of great potential.

EVAN BOWATER: A player whose age and size has not dampened his enthusiasm for the game. His skills have shown steady improvement. He played a good game as goalie and is now learning to stay on his wing. Will be a force to be reckoned with in years to come.

TRISTRAM COURTNEY: A first year player whose usual position is on the wing. His skills and concentration have shown improvement throughout the year,

JANE HILLIER: A strong player who has for most of the year been one of the cornerstones to our fullback line. She is ever reliable and combines well with the other backs to form a solid defence line. Jane tackles tenaciously and keeps position well.

MICHELLE HITCHENS: A strong, determined defensive player. She works hard in tackles and disposes of the ball with some skill. Is the other cornerstone to our fullback line and always combines well with the other backs. She is consistent in her play and a strong clearing hit to players would round off her game.

AMY MITCHELL: A player who has shown continual improvement throughout the year. She is hardworking and her determination has seen her make many attacking runs in our forward line. Further development of her skills will ensure that she continues to be an asset to the team.

VIVIAN OLDFIELD: Straight from minkey, Viv is our most exuberant and vocal player. His skills show a steady improvement but he must be mindful to play in his correct position. Shows potential if he can develop consistency in his play and believes in his own ability.

CAMERON PORTER: A first year player from minkey who shows very good trapping and hitting skills. Likes to play in defence and will learn how to keep pressure on when tackling. His positional play is showing improvement. A good team member who always puts in 100%

DAVID POZZARI: Has made an excellent adjustment from minkey to hockey. He is a speedy, versatile player who never tires throughout the game. Shows very good ball and trapping skills. Manages to apply pressure to the opposition on his way to the goals. A player of great potential.

KELLY RYAN: Kelly has settled into her first year of hockey with a quiet determination. She has played halfback most of the season and shows a good understanding of positional play, and tackles hard. She has saved many goals when backing up this season and has the potential to become a fine halfback of the future.

ANDREW ST. JOHN: A quiet young man who is keen to be on the hockey field. Continued perseverance with his skills and positional play along with a belief in his own ability to do the job will see him develop into a sound hockey player.

DEAN WALKER: After a couple of changes in position early in the season, Dean has settled in as our goalie. He has often been under extreme pressure and has made many good saves. Shows the potential to become a good goalie of the future.

YANG TAN: A speedy, free ranging hockey player who left part way through the season. Most suited as a forward and his potential was missed.