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MELVILLE CITY HOCKEY CLUB (INC)

**LIFE MEMBERS**

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D. SPITTELER	(1969)
P. NOAD	(1971)
R. HALLIDAY	(1972)
B. SPITTELER	(1975)
M. CURRELL	(1978)
W. MEACOCK	(1979)
K. TIMMEL	(1980)
W. FORWARD	(1982)
J. COLE	(1984)
M. REYNOLDS	(1985)
B. HANCOCK	(1987)
I. DEVESON	(1988)
J. PICKERING	(1991)
N. KIDD	(1992)
W. ATKINSON	(1993)
G. NAPIER	(1994)
C. WILLIS	(1994)

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Tuesday, November 27th

7.30 pm

AT THE CLUBROOMS

MELVILLE CITY HOCKEY CLUB (INC)

CLUB ADMINISTRATION 1996

**Patron:** MS. K. MAIR (MAYOR, CITY OF MELVILLE)

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# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As I sit down to write this report I am aware of some of the comments of my predecessors on the matter of people to thank for their contributions, advice and help. Like them, the numbers I have to thank are numerous and would take up a great space if I listed them all in this report. Also, I am sure I would miss someone so may I simply say to the many who have contributed their advice, time, expertise etc a gratitude that comes from my heart and hope it continues in the seasons to come. This type of contribution is what this Club is built on and in fact is what makes it so successful.

One person I would like to thank personally is our Bulletin Editor, Leslie Walker (my wife), who through all adversities has prepared, collated and distributed the weekly publication. I believe all would agree that it is a professional job that is well done. Roll on a typing free Sunday!

I still have one veterans game to play, so as I write this it means our seniors also have one game to play, but our juniors, except for the Under 11's, have completed their home and away fixtures. It would appear at this stage our results are similar to last year which is good to see.

Again we have had good support from our sponsors with our juniors receiving an added boost with an injection of funds from a sponsorship received from **Healthways** and the continued support of **Bankwest** for the Under 15/Veterans concept. I would encourage all members to direct any potential business towards our sponsors, even though it may be during the "off season", for without them the Club could not be run as successful as it has been and the fees would have to rise dramatically.

Whilst talking on the matter of support it was great to see that our social/fundraising events were well supported this year and the monies received from these also go to keep down our fees.

Again we have received criticism for the state of the grounds during this season. Dave Porter, our Club/Council ground liaison officer, has spent many hours hassling the Council on this matter and finally we are seeing some light at the end of the tunnel with regards this matter. Again, if club members wish to bring this matter to the attention of their local member(s) it would not hurt our cause.

At this year's AGM we will see a fair few familiar faces resign from the committee due to many varied circumstances so I would encourage members to attend that meeting and to think deeply about offering their support in running what is a very successful Club. If the work is left to only a few of the "oldies" and we do not "blood" new people then the Club will, in the long run, suffer.

Even though the games may have finished the Club work never stops it merely slows down a little. This may mean that I will be able to see my family and do a little around the home. To this end may I say to my family thank you for your patience, understanding, support and assistance you have given me this busy year.



**Rob Walker**  
**President**



# SENIOR ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Well, it's that time of year again where we look back on what was hopefully a successful and enjoyable season for all of us. Once again I would like to thank those people who have made it possible for us to play hockey each weekend.

This season, Colin Brandis was appointed coach for the Top Squad and throughout the year has motivated the boys to obtain that elusive top spot and promotion to Classic League. Unfortunately we missed out but the 1's played off in the Challenge Cup and both teams are in with a great chance in the finals. Thanks Colin, let's hope we can now build on this past season and take the next step.

Thanks must also go to Ian Deveson "The Manager" who always had enough elastoplast to go round.

To Keith Harper who took on the job of running training and many other things for the 3's down, and even took the 3's to what we think was their first ever Challenge Cup, not bad for a team just trying to hold the grade. Harps it would have been an absolute disaster if not for your efforts. Thank you!

To Gary Thomas and his Regional South boys for their efforts in organising the highly successful fundraising activities which were enjoyed by all those who attended.

To Johnson Orr for his continued organisation of the Vets who from all accounts had another great year.

On finishing, I would like to thank everyone who has helped me in these past two seasons, especially Gavin Scally who has put up with most of my gripes. I hope that whoever takes up the position next season is given all the support they need.

**Mark Watton**  
**Senior Vice President**

# JUNIOR ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Whilst sitting in front of this computer and starting to write this report I realise what a topsy turvy year it has been for the junior administration of the Club. I started the year out as Vice President - Junior Administration (an impressive title) and ended up as Club President when the Committee could not find a replacement for Ian Deveson. It meant looking for a new junior administrator and after several unsuccessful tries we settled on appointing age co-ordinators for the various age groups. To Colin Willis (17's), Neil Ashley (13's) and Frank Williams (11's) I say thank you for the work done.

The season as a whole has seen mixed and varied results. After talking to coaches, managers, players and parents I feel that this year's season has been a successful one. I mentioned in last year's report that final four finishes are only a small consideration when we look at the success of the overall junior plan. We must consider other factors such as the levels of enjoyment, both player and team improvement that has occurred during the season, and the various life skills learnt (sportsmanship, respect, discipline, contributions to the team and Club etc) when we review our successes/failures.

From some of the feedback I received I consider that for most of our juniors the 1996 season has been a successful one. The game has its rewards, at varying levels, for all who wish to participate and put in the level of effort they perceive to be relevant to their needs.

The season saw some memorable achievements which included :

- 3 teams contesting the Challenge Cup.
- The continuation of junior members participation in the junior umpiring program along with some new volunteers for the program. It saw several members progress up the various levels, and included Brett Martyn umpiring in the 2A grade.
- The **Bankwest** under 15/Vets competition continued (after a few Association organisational hiccups) and again was voted a success by the participants. At one stage we almost ended up with two teams playing in the competition.
- The selection of Travis McIntyre and Brett Martyn in the West Australian Under 15 team. Also Michelle Hitchens' selection in the State Schoolgirls Development squad.
- 8 members' attendance and qualification at the Level 1 Coaches Course.

Many people have contributed to the success of the season. I think that the greatest thank you must go to our coaches. We are lucky to have the services of many capable and dedicated people who give their time each week to pass on their skills, experience and knowledge to their teams. Equally important are our managers who give their support to the coaches each week. To all I say thank you, your efforts are most appreciated. Also I think I can pass the teams' (and my) thanks to Norm Kidd for that behind the scenes work in the preparation and maintenance of the Club's gear.

From a personal note I would like to thank Col Willis, Ron Wilson, Neil Ashley, and many others not named here for their support during the season.

I have already thanked my family in the Presidents Report but I cannot help but say thank you again for your support and understanding in what has been a very busy year for our family.

**Rob Walker**  
**President**

# FINANCE & DEVELOPMENT REPORT

With the continued loyalty of sponsors from 1995, Melville City has had good sponsor support. Duracraft Paint and Panel (Steve McEntee), Melville Toyota (Bruce Shannahan), L.J. Hooker (Patrick Wee) and Australian Housing and Land (Graham Napier) are still our Major Sponsors. These four people and their companies make up the bulk of our sponsorship donations. On behalf of the club, I thank Steve, Bruce, Patrick and Graham for their Major contribution to our club.

We would like to welcome Twin Disc (Steve Durie) as a New Silver Sponsor. Our continuing loyal Gold and Silver sponsors once again have assisted the club and to them I would also like to say thank you from the club. Without all our sponsor support we would not have the great club we now enjoy.

In the present economic climate with each business dollar being spent with a close watch on return, value for dollar, sponsorship donations are hard to maintain without financial or personal reason. As a club member return loyalty to our sponsors is essential for our sponsors to consider continuing there support of our club. Our sponsors offer many products and services across the board. All club members should consider our sponsors when in need of services that a sponsor offers. Our sponsors offer very competitive opportunities in their particular market place.

Most sponsors do offer additional benefits to our members, however, it should not be regarded as a given. Large amounts of money have already been generously given to your club. These donations help keep fees down to the most reasonable in the association.

We look forward to our sponsors continued support in 1997 and wish them all the best for their business for the remainder of the 1996/97 financial year.

**Gary Bowater**  
**Vice President - Finance and Development**

## 1996 SPONSORS

1. **L.J. HOOKER - Patrick Wee**
2. **DURACRAFT PANEL & PAINT - Steve McEntee**
3. **MELVILLE TOYOTA - Bruce Shannahan**
4. **AUSTRALIAN HOUSING & LAND - Graham Napier**
  
5. **Home Building Society - Gold**
6. **Hockey Action - Gold**
7. **Bowater Marine Electronics - Gold**
8. **Kardinya Tavern - Gold**
9. **Parry Place Cellars - Gold**
10. **Richard Ellis - Silver**
11. **Ashley Computers - Silver**
12. **Twin Disc - Silver**
13. **Network Packaging**
14. **Porter/Matthews - Silver**
15. **Gateway Printing - Silver**
16. **Fremantle Sports Medicine Silver**
17. **Sportsafe - Healthway**
18. **BankWest**

# SOCIAL REPORT

The social and fundraising side of things had much better results this season. Although not everyone participated, our Bailey's Drive and Movie Night were a great success.

With the help of the Committee, and a special thanks to Cheri Bowater and Alison Backhouse, the Bailey's fundraiser went along without a hitch with Andrew Starling as the top seller for money raised.

The movie "Phenomenon" at the Cygnet Theatre was well received and was also supported by the Women's Club.

The Senior Player Tea's were very well supported and I thank Gary Thomas, Keith Jackaman, Gavin Scally and the "squad" of helpers who organised these functions.

I was very pleased by the response to the 40th Birthday Celebrations held on June 22nd. A good night was had by all and it was great to see some of the old faces back at the Club re-living old times. Thanks to Hugh and Andre Paterson from "Australian Spit Roast" for their contribution to the evening.

Last but not least, I thank my wife, Christine and Scott, Ryan and Brooke for their support during the season.

Some good-old-club-feeling is returning, so let's support our social and fundraising ventures in 1997. Your support will maintain the continued success of our club and ensure we all enjoy our hockey in the future, and above all keep our fees down.

Thanks to Rob Walker, Committee, one and all!

**Colin Willis**  
**Social Convenor**

## SENIOR AWARDS 1996

### FAIREST & BEST

1B (Founder's Shield)	<b>Mark Lyons</b>
2B	<b>Scott Forbes</b>
3A	<b>Stuart Burling</b>
4A	<b>Nigel De Silva</b>
5A	<b>Ron Chesny</b>
6B	<b>Jeff Gangell</b>
Regional South	<b>Bruce Turner</b> <b>Mike Jolliffe</b>
Veterans A	<b>Russell Scanlon</b>
Veterans C	<b>Syd Wilson</b>
Veterans E	<b>Bruce Johnsen</b>
Veterans F	<b>Kelvin Woodward</b>

## JUNIOR AWARDS 1996

<u>Team</u>	<u>Fairest &amp; Best</u>	<u>Most Improved</u>
17A	Tim Price	Brad Hiller
17C	Byron Last	Clive Paterson
15A	Travis McIntyre	Nick Bowater
15C	Michelle Hitchens	Adam Ivey
15 South	Bethanie Gouldthorp	Michael Ashley
13B	Evan Bowater/Paul Ashley	Darren Palmer
13 South East	Matthew Brockman	Jamie Drew
13 South West 1	Robert Porter	Sophie Hancock
13 South West 2	Andrew Taylor	Michael Pugliese
13 South	Vaughn Taylor	Peter Heavens
<b>Mount Waverley Hockey Club Trophy</b> (Most talented U17 progressing to Seniors)		Tim Price
<b>Life Members Trophy</b> (Most Improved Junior)		Nick Bowater
<b>David Porter Trophy</b> (Most Improved Goalkeeper)		Dean Walker

# GAMES PLAYED AWARDS - 1996

**400 GAMES**

John Meacock

**300 GAMES**

Noel Backhouse

**200 GAMES**

David Timmel  
Syd Wilson

**100 GAMES**

Scott Martyn  
Robert Arts  
Colin Slattery  
Terry Parker  
Jeff Anderson  
Graham Watts  
Tim Gouldthorp  
George Watts  
Brett Martyn  
Travis McIntyre  
Dean Walker  
Simon Rate  
Andrew Scanlon  
Johnson Orr

**50 GAMES**

Adam Steel  
Scott Lehmann  
Justin De Sousa  
Steven Criddle  
John Maher  
Kelvin Woodward  
Ross Hannagan  
Paul Bradbury  
Richard Williams  
Dominic Reay  
Graham Walsh  
Brendan Rypp  
Adam Margetts  
Adam Ivey  
Vivian Oldfield  
Grant Lehmann  
Tim McEntee  
Corinne Johnsen  
Michael Gooding  
Nadia Lehmann  
Kate Best  
Justin Wake  
Graig Orr  
Robert Porter  
Breony Allen  
Brad Wake  
Bronwyn Williams  
Paul Ashley  
Tegan Martyn  
Darren Palmer  
Brenton Jackson  
Joel LeBreton  
Daniel McEntee  
Jack Steel  
Daniel Ivey  
Tony Illman



# THE TOP SQUAD

A new year, a new coach, and a fresh approach - same results though. Sure to do better next year with some more fresh blood and a year of our new system under our belt, so watch out!

Here we go - the grand slander!

## **ANDREW 'THE STATUE' SCANLON**

The only man on earth that has lost a 100 yard dash against a garden gnome. He hasn't spoken to either of us since the shellacking he took last year, and has vowed to change his ways and make good his sullied reputation. Unfortunately, Andrew has made very little progress this year. In fact, it has been very difficult to detect any movement whatsoever, apart from the movement he made to board the 6 pm flight and leave the team in the lurch for the finals.

## **'FLIGHT LIEUTENANT' ANDY STARLING**

Will do anything to get airborne, including winning the Sergei Bubka award for trying to pole vault a goalkeeper using nothing but a hockey stick inserted three inches into his thigh (go and ask him, he'll show you the scar - sorry Trish). He came back from a world tour of Scotland and demonstrated the benefits of listening to the calm intonations of the pilots over the speaker systems - "Ladies and Gentlemen, this is your Captain speaking. Straaaaaaeet. Push it straaaeetttt ye great jessie!."

## **BEN 'WONDER TWIN #1 (or is it #2?)' RUSHTON**

Wonder Twin powers - ACTIVATE! Shape of - Happy Gilmore! With amazing speed, agility and skill, Wonder Twin #1 (or is it #2?) managed to miss a golf ball completely and embedded the club in his own skull. This may seem far-fetched and ridiculous until you realise that Ben's head and a golf ball bear a remarkable resemblance (all the dimples). In fact I defy anyone to spot the difference. A great scorer of goals provided he was within his range (about one foot from the baseline, in the middle of the goals.)

## **BLAKE 'BLAZER' MARDON**

The bloke with the best right cross in the top squad joined us from Harlies, and proceeded to hit the ball a lot....a real lot. Blake is the sort of guy who would lend his car to his brother and then cycle in the rain to umpire - either a legend or an idiot, depending on your point of view. A welcome addition to the fullback line, helping to bring down the average age, which Jenno constantly inflates to ridiculous proportions.

## **BRUCE HANCOCK (Say hello to mum and dad Hank - Gav and Stef)**

Bruce hasn't stopped whinging about last year's pen picture yet, and so we have decided to be serious and restrained with Bruce this year. - Not. Bruce changed careers early in the year and was extremely disappointed to find out that Coke didn't deal with the merchandise he thought they did. He still managed to obtain a small truckload of Powerade within his first week of employment though. Despite only managing to get on the field because of a dedicated team of eastern European faith healers and mystics, Bruce continues to play hockey on a higher plane than the rest of us, and is always handy with a sledge for the opposition - that's my kind of teammate!

## **CAMERON 'TIMBER' ROBINSON**

Most goalkeepers are the type of guys who are into heavy metal and songs of death and destruction. Not our Timber. Unique in the goalkeeping world, he is often heard humming late night love songs, and no neo-nazi symbols for him - he has 'Whispering Jack lives' and 'Michael Bolton forever' tattooed on his buttocks. The only man I have ever met who has Timberland jeans, shirts, jackets, jocks, socks, G-string, key-ring, shoes, hair-piece, braces, sofa, fridge, and the list goes on. Rumour has it that he liked the clown shirt so much he was seen roaming the malls of Garden City in that distinctive day-glo pink.

## **MARK 'BLOTS' WATTON**

It's hard to be tasteful when you are talking about a man who vomits on his own teammates. Blotto's skill level has improved since he began regularly attending AA meetings, although his judgement was clearly impaired when he instigated Bruce's move to Coke. Like Bruce, his illusions were shattered. A hard man to mark during a game due to his skill, pace and tendency towards projectile vomiting. The team has offered several donations towards a goatee comb for young Blotto, because on occasions his goatee was seen to resemble Heinz soup - full 'o' chunks.

## **MARK 'CLARRIE' LYONS**

Clarence has put in yet another big effort this year, giving his all on the field and off it, especially at cultural evenings. He is quick, skilful, committed, fit, and therefore doesn't fit in very well.



# THE TOP SQUAD Cont.

## COLIN BRANDIS

A true hockey journeyman, Colin brings to the coaching position a wealth of experience, including many state championships, an international umpiring badge, a huge collection of just too small state tracksuits, and the list goes on. He is working on changing our style, and next year should see the fruits of his labours. If Colin has done nothing else, he has stopped us from slagging the Statue about being the slowest man in history.

## DALE REEVES

A man with great pace, skill, ability and sheer talent, Dale obviously had no place in the machine that is Melville. After a monetary exchange, a contract was struck and so was Dale, leaving him with a shattered collarbone and the rest of us with a chance for glory. Now if we could only get rid of Clarrie. (Seriously Mate, get well soon and we'll see you on the track next year.)

## GAVIN SCALLY

A man whose limbs are held together with bits of string and baling wire, Gavin wears more neoprene on the hockey field than Jacques Cousteau wore on a deep sea diving expedition. Can often be seen wearing a blue bandanna under the total misapprehension that it makes him look like an athlete. Nothing could be further from the truth - you IDIOT Gav! He has been known to tell opposition forwards that hockey is a simple game for simple people - he may have thought to reflect a little more closely on his own advice.

## IAN DEVESON

A block off the old chip, Devo is without doubt the fittest and most athletic manager Melville City has ever seen. Most of the suspense in our games was provided when we waited to see if Ian's heart would take yet another sprint(!) out to an ailing player - guess it just goes to show what a big heart the old b...er has got. Great to have him around, and hopefully he'll be back next year.

## JOHN COOKE

Business entrepreneur, homeowner, pharmacist, and the worst right inside that has played fullback in the last 100 years. Cookie's various attempts to break into the forward line have proved to be a failure, primarily due to his lack of ability and repeated attempts to maim any player (from either side) who comes within five yards of him. Please note - Cookie's Canning Vale concoctions will soon open - no drug deal too big or too small.

## MAL FARMER

The only player in the 2's with a head shinier than the hockey ball itself. With his extreme lack of hair comes an extreme lack of pace, skill and ability, although he did manage to score six goals in a game while in traction. Mal is waiting for the introduction of wheelchair hockey so he can continue his career next year.

## MATT 'THE PROFESSOR' READ

Has made great strides this year, managing to drink two whole beers in one sitting during the first cultural evening. Has the best drag in the club, but only at training, and his almost pitiful obsession with the Dockers continues to cast doubt over his mental state. Best thing he did all year was bring Timber to the club, and then dob him in for listening to late night love songs.

## MICHAEL 'JUNIOR' DEVESON

The oldest eighteen year old in the world. Roger wouldn't strike you as the type, but his antics indicate that he has a closet full of raincoats at home together with a collection of People magazines. Basically a very small chip off a humungous block, Junior enjoys a goal, a beer, and doing what Greer tells him.

## MIKE 'How old - you're kidding' JENSEN

The veteran - this spritely octogenarian kept body and soul together and played his 60th consecutive season of hockey. He held the defence together, fed the forwards well (especially the Wolves centre forward) and would be a much better hockey player if only he was born sometime after the Wright brothers flew at Kitty Hawk.

## NATHAN ELLIOTT

Ready access to pharmaceuticals appears to have led to the collapse of Nathan's immune system - he is prone to life-threatening illnesses than none of the rest of us have heard of, yet still manages to get on the field every week, explaining thus, "no worries - my doctor told me to run it out". His Stephen King inspired tackling style and calm, smiling demeanour combine to give the closest thing we have to Charles Manson. Runs fast though.

## NATHAN ROWDEN

We thought great things were afoot when Rowdy was seen back-tackling in the D early on in the year, but it turned out he was just playing out of position. A bloke who is at his best running flat out and shooting two feet from the baseline, Rowds has obviously had a great year given that Kelly was seen actually watching at times, and once she didn't even bring a book.

# THE TOP SQUAD Cont.

## PAUL 'STRINGER' EARLY

Failed to find gainful employment this year and so remains a lawyer. String has had a great year on the field, but off the field...well, lets just say that coins are for spending, not for swallowing, and certain nurses at the Emergency Department of Fremantle Hospital still don't believe that innocent story about a skulling game gone horribly wrong.

## PAUL 'BILLY' FIELD

The year started badly for Bill when he turned up a day late for last year's windup. Then he didn't grow over summer. Not an inch. In fact, rumour has it that he shrank (that's what happens when you get old). He then gradually improved over the season and looked like finishing on a high, when the ultimate low point arrived....after watching String swallow a coin, he failed to learn the lesson and....swallowed one as well. Just goes to show, this bloke was born to be a goalie.

## RAY 'THE COLONEL' RODRIGUES ("of course I want fries with that")

The fast food freak is in his element now that the all you can eat buffet is open at KFC - just turn him loose and watch the feathers fly! Given his dietary predilections, it is no surprise that Ray's already gargantuan thighs continue to expand, necessitating a mid year shift to inside forward to give them more room to move. Has been an asset this year, but we're not sure who to.

## RYAN "Wonder Twin #2 (or is ti #1?) RUSHTON

Wonder Twin powers, ACTIVATE! Form of - a really bad haircut. Really, really bad. Wonder Twin #2 (or is it #1?) passed the youth test and was therefore made an inside forward, where he runs all day but generally has no idea where he is going. His main role this year was to report on the antics of his brother. Has to get in even closer to goal than his brother does to score, and he overacts something awful - rolling around screaming, being taken to hospital in an ambulance, and what was wrong? A broken leg? Shattered kneecap? Nope - five (count them - 1,2,3,4,5) stitches. Woossie!

## SCOTT FORBES

The Plaintiff failed to strike it rich with D'Alessandro and Associates over summer, and therefore hasn't had the reconstruction yet. Played anyway, despite the knee resembling a bag of chips, and has had his usual solid year, finishing off with a tremendous head butt on the Willetton inside left, explained thus, "I didn't mean to head butt him, it was meant to be a shoulder". What a gentle soul!

## SCOTT WILLIS

What can I say about Scott that he hasn't already said himself. Scott has probably played in every position this year, and has developed the overlap beyond even Cookie's efforts. In fact, I've never seen a left half who plays in front of the centre forward before, but I guess that is what the 2's are all about.

## STEFAN WILLETT

Revenge is a dish best served cold. Many years ago, Stefan cruelly slandered me in the end of year bulletin with the following comment, which I can now return as a result of him getting crotchety in his old age: "Favourite colours - red, yellow and green". Aaaaah, revenge is sweet. The Gobbledok hasn't had a bad year, given that his whole focus is on his imminent twelve month world trip, during which he hopes to introduce the 'date pass' to Europe and convince the wristy subcontinental players of the virtues of the failed reverse scooped overhead - truly a uniquely skilled player.

## WADE MARDON

Came over with Blazer from Harlies, bringing a love of curry, a bizarre collection of headwear and an approach to the game not seen since Mal Brown gave up playing football - I'd definitely rather be with him than against him! Mind you, he looks a bit of a pretty boy when he's selling clothes at Aherns.

## GRAIG 'TESTE' HEAD

You know your team has hit crisis mode when your #1 supporter is a football mad Meekatharran whose only link to hockey is the wonder twins. Teste made many long journeys, was always in sparkling form (especially the day after is twenty first) and doles out many helpful hints to those toiling away on the field, especially Ben. A special mention must go to his performance in being accused of breaking into a church while in no fit state to stand up - apparently being found in the fountain outside Gelare in the Fremantle Malls. Not even Watto has done that!

Thanks also to Scott Pitter, everyone else who helped out this year, and a special thanks to our loyal band of supporters, including Kelly, Lynn, Tina, Joanne, Jane, Janice, Katherine, Lisa, Jenny, Katrina, Nicki, Irene, Trish, Leanne, Mrs Forbes, Mrs Watton, and the Read, Willis and Deveson clans.

# 3A

## **KEITH HARPER** (Captain - Coach)

Ditched us for the mugs, but realised the error of his ways. Amazing to watch as he really does not have any regard for the opposition's fingers, shins, chins, heads, knees, etc. It won't be long before HARPS II and III join the fray as his kids have little or no regard for their own fingers, shins, chins, etc. And we appreciate that type of violence.

## **ASHLEY KNAPP** (Centre half)

Our towering centre half - our rock of Gibraltar, our Ash, never caught napping. We thank you Champ for showing that age is no hindrance.

## **SCOTT PITTER** (Full back)

A man of epic proportions with an uncanny ability to trap. Steve's best mate!

## **STEVE WALSH** (Full back)

The young defender with an uncanny ability to tackle from the wrong side. Dentists best mate!

## **ANDREW CRIDDLE** (Half back)

With the skills of a person with skills. Aspired to the forward line, alas, only got as far as Steve would let him.

## **ADAM SPARKES** (Half back)

A tenacious little fighter who can claim for his own the position of four-eyed git with a burning desire for beer.

## **MATT WRIGHT** (Half back)

The mouth not shy about saying how he is feeling about any subject, especially on umpires' lack of sight, speech, hearing, ability and ancestry.

## **DANIEL PICKERING** (Half back)

Jumped up from the 4's and jumped straight into a permanent half back position. Nice job, young man!

## **SCOTT LEHMANN** (Winger)

Slacker than my bladder, but with a warm heart. Sorry mate, but you didn't cover your winger.

## **SCOTT MARTYN** (Winger)

With a mighty bellowing call, Scotty charges down the wing, receives a beautiful long ball from Knapps, gets into the D with uncanny ability, goes to shoot at an open goal and misses the ball, falls over and gets substituted.

## **MATT WAY** (Winger)

Our once soccer player turns it on in the big ones - not a prolific scorer or even a speedy one. Prefers to take his time when scoring.

## **PHIL DUNSTAN** (Winger)

Alias Plugger with little or no regard for the opposition - and they of him. Dangerous not in front of goal, but if he sits on you!

## **ADAM STEEL** (Inner)

With a mighty lock of hair can boast about a 3A's goal feast in which he was the feaster. Rock on!

## **MAL FARMER** (Two's)

Our main man rudely poached by aliens. See you next year old fella!

## **STUIE BURLING** (Goalie)

Well what can I say?

\* Un-believable!

\*Fantastic!

\*Big heart!

\*Warm hands!

\*Loves beer, girls and staying out late - so, ladies, give him a call!

# 5A

**THE STATS:** Played 16 (won 12, lost 2, drew 2)  
**Goals scored:** for - 54, against - 11  
**Position** - 2nd

Prompted by our previous success in higher grades the "All Stars" sought new challenges in the 5A's and again enjoyed a very successful season finishing second after the qualifying rounds. The overall strength of the team shone through in the early rounds, with many high scoring games against spirited opposition, which culminated in our winning the Challenge Cup. The second round was almost as successful but on a few occasions we dropped one or two points to deny us first place.

The team combines considerable experience from high calibre players and our squad by necessity numbered 15 or so.

Injuries were kept to a minimum and Chez surprised most with an almost injury free year, and Simon suffered a nagging hamstring. Unfortunately, we lost the services of Nick Tweedie late in the season when transferred to Melbourne while on occasions others took "R&R" which made for shortages making for some of our best performances. When improvising, Brian took great delight in donning head gear to fill the role of kicking full back.

Welcomed to the team this year were Paul Meacock, Andrew Ford and Geoff (Ram) Ranford - all prize recruits.

Looking forward to the finals and an equally successful 1997.

## **SIMON FORD** (Full back)

Held back by the good old hammy, but never lost his knack to crunch, munch and dispose of opposing forwards but sometimes he lost that special ingredient called subtleness. A very solid and tenacious performer.

## **ANDREW 'SPIKE' FORD** (Forward)

Younger sibling of Simon who blew the cobwebs off his hockey stick and returned to the great game after a ten year or so lay off. A very useful forward who has refined the pole driver tackle.

## **JOHN MEACOCK** (Half back)

Played the pivotal role at centre half and controlled the mid field with his usual flair. He missed a number of games due to work commitments but was always a solid performer when available. John will be sadly missed next year when relocating east with work.

## **DAVID TIMMEL** (Half back)

A most reliable player who, though lacking some speed, (prerequisite in this grade) revels in the tough encounter and regularly had the better of his winger. Always enjoys his game!

## **BRIAN MATTHEWS** (Full back)

Surprisingly nimble is old twinkle toes with that trademark clearing hit and stop tackle. Became our stand- in kicking full back when no one else volunteered, and performed exceptionally putting both feet and head to useful effect.

## **ALAN MEACOCK** (Forward)

This perennial looks as good as ever and continues to surprise by his mobility, strength and skills. Saw him on one occasion dispose of five players before slotting an acute goal. A most valued player.

## **RON ("Give me the ball") CHESNY**

Hungry for the ball and hungry for the goal is what Ches is all about and was our leading goal scorer this year. A very competitive individual who takes the game very seriously.

## **EVAN FLOYD** (Half back)

Mr 'Fit' who was left to run amuck while us older boys watched with delight, and relief on occasions. His poke tackle and agility are his greater attributes making him very difficult to pass.

## **PATRICK MATTHEWS** (forward)

Keeps rolling along doing a bit of this and that and even scored on occasions. Thoughtful player who can often produce that searching through ball to the leading forwards. Again Managed the mob with his usual enthusiasm.

## **WARWICK FRY** (Goalie)

Reunited with the team almost mid way through the season after managing with a kicking full back for many of the games. We can recall some critical saves against better teams and his record is impressive having conceded only five goals in qualifying rounds. A fine team man but occasionally needs reminding of game times.

## 5A Cont.

### **NICK TWEEDIE** (forward)

An excellent all round performer who gives 100% every time. His dash was a clear winner and he set up numerous goal scoring opportunities. He was also about the only forward able to back tackle. Sadly lost when transferred East with work late in the season.

### **GEOFF 'RAM' RANFORD** (Half back)

Mr Versatile, Geoff can play any position any time, always with a great degree of assertiveness. His great assets are his cool manner, solid control over the ball and fine distribution skills. His young son Sean was seen at every game giving his Dad plenty of useful advice from the sidelines. *Where're the chips, Dad?!*

### **ROB KNYN** (Forward)

Surprised everyone with his uncanny ability to score the most unexpected goals. Has good close in skills and performed solidly all year.

### **PAUL MEACOCK** (Half back / Full back)

Great to see Paul back with Melville after a long spell. Despite his occasional ailing back, Paul was still able to assume a defensive role showing all his wisdom of years gone by. Still retains a great ability to read the game and would often repel opposition attacking moves while quickly establishing a counter attack.



# 6B

## **JEFF GANGELL** (Centre forward)

Jeff came into the side late in the season after being kicked out of his rugby league team. Jeff has risen to the lofty heights of "6B Loudmouth" which is a feat in itself, given the company. Despite his tardiness in entering the team, Jeff has excelled as the 6B centre forward and has demonstrated what a lot of effort (with questionable skill) can achieve. Good on you mate, and nice "Trinnie Powell" backstick wonder!

## **TED NEESHAM** (Left inner)

Ted joined MCHC this season, mistakenly believing it to be a drinking club. When he realised that he was here to play hockey, he pulled his finger out and made a good contribution to the team. Never seen without Gavin Forrest, Ted has continued to attempt to sabotage the efforts of other forwards by trying to gain the honour of top scorer. Pity you weren't there for the beer raffle. mate!

## **GAVIN FORREST** (Back, Left half)

Gavin joined MCHC with Ted Neesham, of course, although he was separated from Ted when he went to Denmark (Denmark, Europe) for a few weeks of drinking and womanising. Always reliable and supportive, Gavin has proven himself to be a valuable member of the team despite being hungover at most matches.

## **JUSTIN GILL** (Team manager, Right inner)

I came into the team later on in the season and unwisely accepted nomination for TM. I have managed to make some contributions at the front, although I seem to have the uncanny knack of missing open goals (according to Jeff).

## **SCOTT LEHMANN** (Right wing)

After being unceremoniously dumped from a more senior team for being a slacker, Scott lifted his game due to the high standard expected of 6B's players (not). Scott has provided us with some unbelievable goals from extraordinary angles and has displayed some amazing skills. *PASS THE BLOODY BALL!*

## **LIAM SHORT** (Right half / Variable positions)

Liam "where's my stick and am I playing hockey?" Short has mostly managed to turn up for games and even occasionally for training. "Mr C..p Excuse" has made some great contributions to the 6B's and has supported the forwards well from the half position. Come on, Mate, change the basketball boots for some hockey boots! (Slip, slidin' away!)

## **GRAHAM JAMES** (Captain - Centre half)

The man who still plays with his Sports Locker stick which he got in year 4! Graham was nominated for Captain as he was the oldest guy in the team. Even so, Graham has lead the team well and worked hard at CH to provide quality balls to the forwards and to spearhead the defence.

## **MARK JOHNSEN** (Back)

The big man at the back. Bundi has played consistently well at the back with his characteristic horizontal trapping technique. Renowned for upsetting opposing forwards and for pinging the ball for three pitch lengths, Bundi has had a good season even though he insisted on leaving a match halfway through to attend a school ball "but the limmo is coming at 6.00!" Tart!

## **JOSH SMALES** (Left wing)

What can I say about Josh? He played for the 6B's?? Josh provided moments of brilliance on the left wing and didn't say too much.

## **COLIN KOP** (Back)

A man who has a penchant for facial redesign, Colin "Stitch me up" Kop has had a solid season, providing the 6B's with terrific support at the back and some amazing forward breaks. A new player this season, Colin has been a great team player. *WARNING:* Do not allow this man to bid for your syndicate at the next Gentleman's Evening. \$70 for a b...y broomstick horse! "It's alright - I'll pay the extra". - Yeah, right!

## **KANE WOOLLAMS** (Back, half)

Kane has worked hard for the team at the back and half positions. He has not only defended with good skills, but he has also created some great opportunities for the forwards. Like an apparition, Kane likes to appear on the pitch at the last minute before a match, keeping the TM and Captain in suspense.

## **SUMO** (Goalkeeper)

Sumo has provided the team with stability and experienced advice on the occasions when he has played for us. In adverse conditions, Sumo has produced some athletic saves defying attempts of opposing forwards and his own physique. Thanks for your help, Mate!

## **AARON SMITH** (Goalkeeper / regularly borrowed from U17's)

Aaron has provided the team with off and on-field amusement and has consistently contributed to the safety of the team effort by producing some great saves. Thanks for letting us use your mobile to remind Kane that we're playing! Aaron has real potential to be a force in goals.

## **GENERAL AND STRAGGLERS**

Our thanks are also extended to Craig Head and Tim Verne for their support in making up the numbers. Thanks guys! The team has achieved extraordinary success, considering that we started from scratch at the beginning of the season. Going into the finals in third spot is tribute to the way that the team has come together and developed into a viable unit, overcoming an initial complete lack of skill! *Well done guys - be proud!*

# REGIONAL SOUTH

After a poor start to the season which netted only two wins from the first round, the "Scrubbers" found exceptional form to manage not to lose a game in the second round. Next year Mick Malthouse should endeavour to think up his own game plan.

We have now secured fourth position and are confident of doing well in the finals, after having been on the losing end in two grand finals in recent times. There have been numerous stand out performances by individuals during the season, however most have occurred during early morning hours when hockey is luckily not played.

The "Scrubbers" would like to thank all club members and others who gave us great support and assistance to make our two cultural evenings a huge success, socially and financially.

## CHRIS AVENT

As old bones don't heal as fast as young ones, Grandpa missed the first four games due to a walking frame accident. Fortunately the bandages did not restrict him from attending the "Scrubbers" rigid pre season training session (conducted on the Thursday before the first game). Grandpa as always was a real asset to our team, being ever reliable in the last line of defence.

## NOEL BACKHOUSE

A quiet year for Noel, who this year managed to align his roster to be home for every bye, which meant his "Twin", (only their mother could tell them apart), had a good chance to memorise the drive from Secret Harbour. Concentrating on how to operate his new tin stick has swung Noel's attention away from swinging at the opposition. A reliable player who has spent most of his playing time in the forward line.

## SIMON BIGNELL

Throughout the year the Bignell's were our only consistent fan club. Whilst Jenny supervised the kids, demolishing opposing teams venues, Biggles did his best to wheel our other defensive stalwart, Grandpa, into the action. Not too many forwards got past Biggles this year and those that did had the kids to contend with. Another great year with the team in which Simon has made our back line complete. Hope you get the night right this year.

## LINDSAY BORTHWICK

Around mid season we thought we would loose Lindsay to gardening leave, but fortunately for us the big man was able to make a come back causing a serious maroon fabric shortage in several underdeveloped countries. It is always a pleasant sight to see Lindsay towering over midfield and apply "serious" tackles to adventurous forwards.

## TERRY BROOKS

Brooksy tag teamed with Noel again this season, fortunately for Noel, they didn't share the same uniform. During the course of the year he has managed to play every position on the field, including the one behind the goals. Left wing was his most rewarding position where he made some good dashes and scored a couple of goals.

## ROB ARTS

Despite being the object of an Under 11's talent scout "F" was again able to play with us this year during the off season, and lets face it in "Scrubbers" there aren't too many on ones. Artsy's feet seemed to grow to a size where they attracted any balls within the circle. A promotion to half back this year meant Artsy could legitimately run up on short corners screaming pick me, pick me... but to no avail. As usual though, Artsy was dependable in defence and stopped many attacking moves with desperation tackles.

## GRAEME COLEMAN

Leo nearly missed the latter part of the season for a late call up to Atlanta, but the bar team was already selected. This year Leo continued his usual major contributions to the team by organising the party pies for the players tea. Aside from this he did play some hockey and was often seen in the early parts of the season entertaining opposing teams by offering piggy backs to the full backs.

## MIKE JOLLIFFE

Mike has again completed a great season in goals stopping many opposition scoring attempts. Luckily Mike has an understanding employer who is willing to pay for the many mobile phone calls made in an attempt to direct him to the correct ground every week. He is currently looking for a sponsor in order to employ a personal assistant to help him put on his gear in the correct order.

## REGIONAL SOUTH Cont.

### JOHN MAHER

Despite having the handicap of having to work with Gary Thomas, John was one of the few team members to play almost every game this year. Most were played as centre forward and in the latter part right wing became his home. He has been our highest goal scorer this season and probably our most consistent forward.

### ALAN MARSHALL

Al started the season in fine form scoring several goals and became a real option in the forward line. Playing on the left wing must obscure him from the action on occasions, so when he gets involved some oscar winning performances sometimes eventuate. Al finished the season with a few goals, two Logies, one TV week best supporting actor award and twins from whom he is currently trying to extract petrol money for a trip to England.

### MARK MYERS

Having played for the "Scrubbers" for several years, Mark has adopted the punctuality of some of the older members. He now has warm up exercises with Slats as they race to get their shoes and socks on before half time. Playing on the right wing for most of the season, before his early retirement to the Kiwi snowfields, his form improved throughout the season to the detriment of his driving ability.

### GARY THOMAS

Thanks to turtle wax the original mudguard shines on for another year. Except for a surprising return to his younger form in which he scored a goal, some say it was from outside the circle, Mudguts put in his usual solid effort on the field. As usual Muddies influence was more apparent in the behind the scenes things that he does every year.

### COLIN SLATTERY

Again this year, the prospect of playing "Scrubbers" for a year made this man's hair turn completely grey. Slat's form this year took a surprising change with him turning up early and having both his socks and shoes on in time for the start of at least two games. Centre half back has become the position that seems to suit Slats, where he has become a great influence on setting up forward moves and stopping opposition attacks. Slats tried the Lisa Curry-Kenny motivational method this season but it had disastrous results.

### BRUCE TURNER

Despite sporting the same hairstyle as Mudguard, Bruce was able to gain a promotion to the "Scrubbers" this year. He has slotted into the forward line to become a goal scoring option as right inner. His greatest contribution to the team has been his ability to add ten dollars to the betting syndicate on the cultural evenings.

### CHRIS WEST

Although only playing the last few games of the season, Westy was much better prepared for this season with "Scrubbers" by a two year absence from any physical exercise whatever, we all thought the red face was just embarrassment. Otherwise a good effort from Westy, who did however look a little bit lost on the other side of the half way line and by the way, still looks older than Leo.



# VETERANS A

At the start of the season the team set itself the goal of accumulating at least 16 points over the season. We reasoned that 16 points would secure our place in the A division and avoid relegation next season. As it turned out we easily achieved our goal and found ourselves in the Challenge Cup after the end of the first round. At the time of writing this we are entering the semi-finals in third place after accumulating 29 points throughout the season - almost double our original prediction.

No-one can be sure about the definites of why we did so well, but if enthusiasm, persistence and camaraderie count, then this team is well stocked with talent. After such a marvellous year we now look forward to next year, hoping our legs (and backs etc..) can hold out for just a bit longer than those of our opposition.

## **GREG ARGAET**

I suppose the last thing on Greg's mind when he spotted Ian Halliday from his cab was that he would end up playing hockey again this year. But what a fortunate reunion it was. Greg turned out to be a dynamic left half - sure in defence and aggressive in attack, and aside from a couple of leg problems he survived the season pretty well in tact. Greg's high work-rate and astute positional play locked out many attacking ploys by opposition teams.

## **GARY BOWATER**

At the start of the year Gary was not all that keen to play with us. But after quite a few phone calls and a tremendous snow job we convinced him that he would not be spending all his time on the sideline. As it happened Gary has been an integral part of the team throughout the season. His work rate was amongst the highest in the team, playing a variety of positions with equal enthusiasm and aplomb. Gary's reliability to complete any job given to him has been a key to such a successful forward line this year.

## **PETER DAWKINS**

Peter's creative play down our right flank constantly kept opposition halves guessing. One of the hardest working players in the team, Peter was always running himself into the ground as he backed up attacking raids with desperate sprints back to help the defence out of trouble. Many opposite wingers had their wings clipped by the sound of Peter charging back to hassle them off the ball, and many opposition halves were left floundering as he worked his way down the sideline.

## **BRETT GLOYN**

"A rose by any other name ....", well Brett might have been heard to go by a few nicknames over the year but no-one can deny that beneath that rough exterior his value to the team in the goals this year has been enormous. His presence and chants of enthusiasm ("come on guuuuys") constantly kept us focused as he organised our defences. For such a big man he showed us all that he has great touch and judgment in the circle. His clearing kicks were always astutely placed and many a time he turned defence into attack with his clearances.

## **IAN HALLIDAY**

Ian used to be referred to as the 'maestro of the circle' but more recently he is gaining a reputation as 'maestro of the sick bed'. When it's not his knees, or pneumonia, or the latest flu, he rocks up every now and then just to remind us that he is still one of the best goal scoring freaks (sneaks?) that many of us have had the privilege to play with. If any of you younger blokes in the club want to know what is meant to be 'goal hungry' rock along to watch Ian play and learn a few tricks from an ol... no I better not say it!

## **NORM HOSKIN**

One of the most reliable defender's a team could hope for. Norm's speed off the mark constantly cut off opposition drives and he could turn desperate defensive situations into attacking opportunities. There are not many better sights in the game than seeing a fullback break out of defence and race 40 meters upfield to set up his forwards. Norm's calling and positioning of his players blocked out many opposition options, constantly forcing them into error and turning over the ball.

## **PETER KAZAKOFF**

If a team is in need of a player who can work their way through three close checking opponents and still lay off that perfect set-up pass, then look no further than Peter. One of the best exponents of stickwork that you are likely to see, Peter would constantly show up the shortfalls in opposition defences. His judgement on positioning and distribution sets high standards for the rest of us. And his ability to steal the ball off his opposing players is uncanny.

## **DARRYL KNAPP**

Darryl has had an excellent year at back this year. His positional play and never-say-die desperation in defence saved our bacon on many occasions. An inspiration with his calling and encouragement from the back, he was always looking out for that ideal pass that would help us set up our attack. Equally adept at left or right back, Darryl instilled confidence in our halves knowing that he would be there to pick up the plays that got through.

# VETERANS A Cont.

## SHANE KNAPP

The man at the helm, numero uno, the BIG chief - known as SNAPPY to his friends (probably why no-one heard of it before!) he led by example. A talented big man who was always going to get fitter as the season wore on (pretty short season, was it?). From the centre of the field Shane pulled the strings that had the team functioning so well. His control of the ball, deft distribution, and inspirational pre match and half-time talks always kept us focussed.

## NORM MORRISON

Another import from the east! Norm took the opportunity to take up hockey again after missing several seasons and showed us that his skills had not deserted him. His stickwork would often leave opposition players stretching at nothing as he moved the ball through the forward line. Otherwise known as Gnome (can't imagine why) he was the first player we'd seen who looked like he was running somewhere but barely moved at all - who said you can't run on the spot!!

## STEVE NEEDHAM

Steve returned from the wilderness after a short stint with Mods at the start of the year, and how lucky we were that he did. His cat-like reflexes would pick off the seemingly impossible ball, and his ability to accelerate so quickly from a standing start to top speed would leave opposition players floundering in his wake. His work-rate was exceptional, never seeming to tire as he hounded down opposite forwards and cut them out of the game. Ever the opportunist, Steve would always be found sniffing around the goals, making impossible shots out of nothing as he slotted home some of the best opportunists goals you could hope to see.

## BRUCE PORTER

On average most of us would have played well over 30 years of hockey - that's a lot of hockey!! And in that time none of us have ever seen a player have so many opposition players sent off against them. Bruce has some undefinable quality that endears him to everyone except the player that opposes him. For some reason these players continually want to remove Bruce's head or generally submit him to some quite indescribable physical contortion ritual. But to Bruce's credit he shows great composure and manages to keep himself out of trouble and stay on the field, refusing to participate in any vulgar and barbarous acts of revenge. Without his hard, no nonsense play we would all be worse off. His style attracts a lot of attention from the opposition and allows the rest of us to play a much more free-wheeling game. A true unsung hero of the team!

## DAVE PORTER

You have to feel sorry for someone who can't hold down one regular position on the field. Normally you would think something was wrong with such a player. In Dave Porter this has not, is not, and never will be the case. Never have I seen a player so adept at playing any position on the field. His bread & butter may have been as a goalie in his youth (yes he was young once) but those who play with Dave know that he would have achieved at the highest level in any position that he would have chosen. He has for many seasons filled in at a number of positions on the field, both in attack and defence, and never has he played below a standard that we would all wish to rise to. His drive and sheer love of the game are an inspiration to us all.

## RUSSELL SCANLON

After having a season off Russ found the going tough in the early rounds but slowly managed to gain some fitness as the season wore on. Once the conditioning was (almost) there, he thoroughly enjoyed his return to the right after so many years exiled to the centre (thanks Shane!)

# VETERANS C

"THE WOULD BE PREMIERS"  
(Would be if they could only find the net)

## STEVE McENTEE

Steve played mostly at centre forward this season and has consistently put in a hard effort. He has been unlucky not to score more goals, but that has been the problem with all of us. Some good flicks from the spot and a good season overall, Steve.

## WAYNE HUDSON

As far as most Vets go, Wayne has minimal experience as goalie having only played a few seasons in that position where most of us have had 20 to 30 seasons. But to watch him play no one would guess. Wayne is the last man between us and a loss so his presence was most appreciated. Always one to encourage others around him - a *most* valuable member of our team.

## JOHN "Picko" PICKERING

Part of a very strong back line, Picko, together with two other unmentionables, could be likened to the three tenors. Not musically - don't be silly! - but perfection personified. Picko has had, by all accounts, a good solid season and is still almost impassable. His speed is a little on the wane, but he still keeps up by taking two paces to everyone else's one. Not forgetting his goal sense, just to let you know it's still there. His one and only goal was against Harlies when he was hamstrung, resting in the forward line and blinded by the rain on his glasses, banged in a good one. Now I would like to see that again! I am sure he will be back again in 1997!

## STUART MEREDITH

It was good to see Stuart when he was available or not injured. He showed style and speed down the right wing and scored some good goals. We hope next year Stuie can have a full season with us.

## JEREMY ALLEN

Long, lean, but not mean, would describe Jerry, the team's regular right half. Left wing's of opposition teams found very little room to move and it is safe to say very few of them scored goals this year. Jerry's efforts this year were tops and his friendly nature complimented the fierce approach of our centre half.

## TERRY PARKER

Parkes had a very good season considering he carried an achilles problem throughout causing him to leave the field on a number of occasions. Several weeks ago we saw him limping so badly to his car we thought, "That's the season for Parkes". However he fronted again last week and put in his usual solid effort. Parkes spent most of the year at left half but moved into centre forward for the last few games and gave the forward line a focal point. We won three games in a row with Terry in that position.

## PETER STEEL

Peter played all season in the inside right position and showed a touch of class on many occasions. His speed off the mark bewildered some of our opponents and his combination with Graham, Steve and more recently, Terry, created numerous opportunities for the team. "Steele" also scored some classic goals in a very consistent season. Peter was among the team's best players on most weeks.

## JOHN SMITH

Hey, what a guy! A half back who can play in the forward line, score goals when under pressure, and be a tenacious defender each week, is someone a team like ours needs and depends upon. John's tight style of play and never give up approach makes him a worthwhile and respected team member. P.S. Thanks for the effort as team manager - great job!

## SYD WILSON

(Left half, Centre half) Quiet and demure are the words that immediately come to mind. For those of us who have played hockey with Syd over the years, "you don't tackle on the wrong side" is a repetitive call (along with the ambulance). Its amazing how they forget, even in Vets. Must be Alzheimers. Syd played about two thirds of the season with us and his arrival, first at left half and then at centre half, coincided with a complete turn around in our form and fortunes. His tackling, ball distribution and enthusiasm lifted the rest of the side. Well done Syd! Thank God he wasn't here for the full season, we might have played in the finals!

## KEITH JACKAMAN

Mr "Spare Part", Skinta will probably be featured in several team profiles but deserves a mention in ours. I think he played at least five to six games with us and was always ready if someone was injured or unavailable. For a guy having knee problems, he did extremely well at left wing, left half and right full back. Thanks Keith for all your help!

## FRANK WILLIAMS

In spite of being partially incapacitated at work, he never stops running on the hockey field. This frustrated many of his opponents because he just never stopped coming after them, and when he had won the ball, they couldn't keep up with him. After being forced out of the back line half way through the season, he picked up a few tips from his daughter Bronwyn and turned into an effective forward. Another 100% commitment to the Vets C team.

## GRAHAM WILSON

"Weeping Willow" - never needs watering, sways with the play and is one of the meanest, tenacious players on the team. He never gives up and keeps on chasing that little white ball!

# VETERANS E

I can't believe how many players we have used this season.... 27!! It has helped us to survive the season. We have had a pretty good season, some lucky wins and some unlucky losses. Too many injuries to think about. Overall the mateship was the highlight for me. As I have said before the best way to get the most out of players is to encourage them and not abuse them when mistakes are made. That applies for the old fellas and the young ones alike.

## **NEIL ASHLEY** (full back)

Neil has a new stick this year! We all agree that his game has always been good, so with the new stick it's even better. All the forwards have been enjoying the magnificent through balls out of defence throughout the season.

## **BRUCE JOHNSEN** (right inner)

What can we say about our BRUCE? is he really over forty? Julie reckons he is, especially when she asks him to do the gardening on a Sunday morning. Bruce is like the 'scarlet pimpernel', he's HERE - THERE - & - EVERY WHERE.

## **IAN KNIGHT** (full back)

Old reliable. Cut out the old I hear him say. Ian has had a wonderful year in defence. Since getting his new contact lenses he has been stopping balls better than ever and he also tells us he can see where he hits the ball now!

## **NEIL MCPHAIL** (centre half)

As usual Mr McPhail has been outstanding at centre half, cool as a young surfer on his board in the deep blue ocean. After the visit to the witch doctor to repair the leg injury, we all did a dance to scare off the 'evil muscle pulling spirits', banishing them to younger players. I can't believe I wrote that !

## **JOHNSON ORR** (left inner)

Johno, as usual, like a bull in a china shop, managed to play left inner again. Tried to run all day, with consequences on Sunday morning (those knee's). Like most of the other players that played Sunday morning in the vets /15 comp, had a great time.

## **JOE STOCCO** (winger)

Joe has the ability to trap most of the balls that come his way. A quick look and a run down to the back line then the ball was on its way to the circle where we tried to finish the job. We can't ask for anything more from a winger.

## **KEITH JACKAMAN** (half back)

Keith was our Utility player. He never complained whatever position he was sent to play in, on the field. From full back to forward he can add a touch of finesse to the team. Also a handy man to have when the draw was made on Thursday nights. (just ask why)

## **GEOFFREY TRAINER** (half or forward)

Geoff joined us after a few games had been played. We were sure glad to have him on our team this year, although he did get the time wrong on one occasion! DID we not Geoffrey? Thanks to your wife for being our official supporter squad along with Chris Willis. Hope to see you next year.

## **ROB WALKER** (full back / half back)

Our illustrious Presidente, had a terrible time for a few weeks with injury but soon was back to his old reliable self. Another player with a crisp clean hit, which often found the forwards with ease.

## **COLIN WILLIS**

Col played where he was put, (Chris says he doesn't do what he is told at home), never complained, (well he did a couple of times). I have never seen a player get past Colin and get away. They may think they are past, and that's the mistake they make, *thinking* they are !!

## **KYM WILSON** (forward)

We thought that we should enter Kym in the 100 meter Olympic finals at the beginning of the season, then decided that he would be better playing for us, with his speed. The ground has been known to burn up as Kym flies past. Why do you score your goals in the RAIN?

## **KEN WOOLLAMS** (half back)

Ken came to our team a few games into the season, with the job of propping up our half back line. Ken was terrific at being in the right place at the right time when we needed him there. Unlike Samson, when he had his hair cut half way through the season, he was still strong! And now his hair is thicker! Perhaps Johno should try that?



## VETERANS E Cont.

### **JEFF ANDERSON** (Half back)

Jeff left us after the school holidays when he was transferred to Narrogin. This left us without a left half back. Jeff was the quiet achiever and played a great game at half back and on many occasions overlapped into attack and greatly added to the push for goals.

### **ROB LISTER**

Played in our first game, started at right wing, scored a goal within five minutes. Was promptly moved to left inner, where he dominated till half way through the first half, made a magnificent tackle and broke his wrist and a couple of fingers, as well as a cut on the forehead. Rob spent the next few days in hospital having his wrist wired. That was the end of Rob's season. He will be back next season we hope.

### **BRETT GLOYN** and **WAYNE HUDSON**

These two wonderful guys were our fill-in goal keepers for the season when they could. A grateful thanks to them both. Johnno and Ian know how crazy you have to be to play in goals, important it is to have a goal keeper, and not just a temporary fill in. Thanks again boys from all the team

### **JOHN TEGELER** (Goalkeeper)

John had work commitments that did not allow him to play more than a handful of games. We missed you, John! Perhaps next year will be a better year for work commitments and allow you take your place again in goals.

### **IAN DEVESON, BILL CALDER, GREG STUART, RAY VON MOLLENDORF, NEIL TAYLOR, STEVE McENTEE, ROD WAKE, GARY THOMAS, PETER COOPER**

Thanks to all these fellows. They all played for us during our season and their assistance was greatly appreciated. It has to be said that Mr Ian Deveson needs to practice a bit more. The solution for that is you will have to play again next year - no excuses.

# VETERANS 'F'

## **BRUCE CADD**

Bruce played as an attacking halfback this year. He was sometimes too attacking for the umpire's liking. On a few occasions he was seen standing behind our goals - he tells us this was to enable him to give coaching lessons to our goalie.

## **STEVE DURIE**

Steve returned to the game this year after an absence of many seasons. We started him in the backline, but he finished the season as a forward and scored one of our rare goals - you should have told us sooner  
Steve !!

## **PETER GOULDTHORP**

Peter has continued on this season with the good form he showed last year. He started off the year as one of our few scoring forwards, and towards the end of the season, due to injuries to other players, moved to halfback. He showed great form there too. Thanks Peter.

## **ROSS HANNAGAN**

Ross was another to move from the forward line to the backline during the season, to give the backline a bit of a lift....or was it the forward line? We could always rely on Ross to be there to provide advice to other players and to try and lift the team with a pep talk at half-time.

## **TONY ILLMAN**

Tony was one of the few players to hold the same position all year. An inner who never seems to stop running, his deft stick work baffled many opponents....and some of us too. He had a great season, scoring a couple of goals and providing us with plenty of drive.

## **KEN JOSS**

Ken spent most of the season on the halfback line, but seized his opportunity to be a forward late in the year. He scored his first goal and is now thinking about retiring while he's on top. I don't think we can afford that - scorers are hard to find in our team. See you next year.

## **JOE PICA**

This was Joe's first season and he showed great improvement through the year. To say he was a stand-out player is an understatement....who could miss that bright red knee brace? Seriously though, Joe had a good season on the left wing and we hope to see him back again next year.

## **GRAHAM RAYNER**

Graham has to be one of the best halfbacks in the competition. His strong clearing hits created many opportunities for our forwards. There weren't many games through the season when Graham wasn't among our best players.

## **RAY VON MOLLENDORF**

Ray started the season as a fill-in, but after the first game became a regular member of the team. He tells us that his younger years were spent as a winger, but he looks more like a fullback to us. He became a regular there and certainly earned his place.

## **BARRY WAKE**

Barry played on the wing all season and used his pace and stick skills to beat many opponents. In hindsight we could see that we didn't use him enough in some of our games. We'll know better next year!

## **ROD WAKE**

Rod showed his versatility this year by playing almost every position, and acting as manager too. In his second season, he showed that his skills have improved and contributed a couple of goals. He seems to be improving with age.

## **KELVIN WOODWARD**

Kelvin, where would we be without him? At the bottom of the ladder, most likely. Our outstanding fullback and team saviour on numerous occasions. He used his skills and strong clearing hits to repel many opposition attacking moves. A classy player who was always among our best.

# UNDER 17A

We finished 4th, in reality, probably one spot lower than we deserved. We were always a chance in the finals, but had one of those days when the important plays were never going to work. Phil was very happy with the teams improvement over the year. A team of affable guys who were always great to be around. The Club must make sure these players are encouraged to go on and play senior hockey with Melville.

## **SCOTT SPARKS** (Goalie)

Scott was thrown into 17A's and faced a real learning curve. A very determined and spirited player who will develop.

## **GEORGE WATTS** (Goalie)

Fought back from a broken leg early in the season. George is playing good hockey again and will continue to improve. He uses good voice and command to the benefit of his fellow defenders.

## **BRAD HILLER** (Right full back)

Brad has continued to improve. A consistent performer week in, week out, quiet and unassuming but positive with his play style.

## **PAUL BRADBURY** (Left full back)

Paul started the year with great aplomb, then found hockey and Uni commitments a balancing problem. Disciplined and reliable in defence, he has taken on the role of senior full back with proficiency.

## **ANDREW KING** (Left half back)

A dogged player, Andrew is learning his role at half back. Concentration will come with experience. His value to the club is his ability to tackle well and hassle opponents.

## **GRANT WATTON** (Left full back / Left half back)

Enthusiastic and lively, Grant has developed concentration and game control as the year has progressed and is a great reader of the game. He starts off the bench often and has adapted his game well in that role.

## **TIM PRICE** (Captain - Centre half back)

Consistently good all year. Tim uses his run and good skills to stabilise his team. He will be a great player in the future. A job well done!

## **GRAHAM WATTS** (Left full back / Left half back)

This was Graham's first year in U17's and he had to adapt to a new role as a right half. He is on track now with good skills. He desires to hold the ball too long but as this moderates he will become a real asset to be a big part of next year's side.

## **PAUL SPEERING** (Left wing)

Paul has developed as the team's leading goal scorer, particularly from well worked set plays from corners. He uses great speed to create opportunities but needs to develop vision off the ball to compliment this asset.

## **REGAN McCLURE** (Left inner)

Regan changed his role this year to help bind defence. Defensively, he is very controlled and thoughtful. A team player with a genuine position in the team, Regan reads the play constructively.

## **DOM REAY** (Centre forward)

Dom is energetic and illusive in his playing style. He is determined and uses dash as an asset to create opportunities. He needs to work on ball control which will improve his effectiveness in the seniors. Always a chance!

## **RICHIE WILIAMS** (Right inner)

A winger converted to the inner role. Dependable and versatile, Richie is a player more suited to attack than defence. He has a powerful and accurate flat shot at goals and is great when he has space to move.

## **BRENDAN JOSS** (Right inner)

Brendan is the team's utility player and can very much play anywhere. He is energetic and will always give 100% with a lot of run. Usually used by the coach to alleviate a tough situation.

## **GARRICK ALLEN** (Right wing)

He really has developed and continues to improve as a right winger. He shows a good turn of pace and stick skills when he has the confidence to use them. He has slowly blended well into the team structure.

## **GRAHAM WALSH, BRENNAN McCLURE, ADAM HALL**

Used as our back up support - some great talent for the future here. Our thanks for helping out when we needed it.

## **PHIL TODKILL** (Coach)

A productive coach who commits time to watching and assessing the strengths and weaknesses of opposition teams. He works very hard with the players on the "science" of hockey as well as skills. A coach who makes an impact during the game. Very well done, Phil, your efforts will give the guys a good base for the development of their senior careers.

## **NEIL McCLURE** (Manager)

Good to have this guy around. For the amount he does, if we had to pay him, he would starve!

## **JUDY WATTS** (Backstop)

Thank you Judy for always being available to take over when needed.

# UNDER 17C

The team has performed well during the season, but has been unlucky not to win more games. Several players have shown a marked improvement in their skills and confidence on the field. It has been a pleasure to coach a group of fine young men and I am sure that they will continue to improve and enjoy the game. Hopefully, the younger players will have the opportunity to play A's next season and play on the turf. - Terry Parker - Coach

## **AARON SMITH**

Aaron is a very 'solid' and dependable goalkeeper, who made some very good saves during the season. He is a good team player, encouraging the side from the back. A good season, Aaron.

## **BRENDON RYPP**

Brendon is a very reliable and dependable fullback. His game has improved, particularly with his defensive skills, and he has gained more confidence during the season. Well done, Brendon.

## **MARK CARSON**

Mark is one of the strongest hitters of the ball in the team and has consistently played very well at fullback all season. Mark has a lot of ability and could do well at any position.

## **BYRON LAST**

Byron is a fast, hard working and versatile player who has played very well in the half back line. He has developed good skills and improved during the season. With more confidence in his own ability Byron has the potential to be a very good player.

## **CLIVE PATERSON**

Clive is a hardworking, skilful player who has dominated the midfield at Centre Half. His game has improved as he has gained confidence. He is a 'thinking' player who distributes the ball well to the forwards. He has a lot of ability which may be better suited to the turf than to grass. With more confidence he could be a top class player.

## **MICHAEL PARKER**

Michael started the season as fullback and has one of the cleanest hits in the team. During the season he developed very good ball carrying skills and proved effective as an attacking Right Half. With more commitment Michael could be a top class player.

## **BEN STEELE**

Ben is a very reliable and versatile player, who has a very strong hit. He has played at fullback, half back and in the forward line and has been very dependable in each position. He has showed some good goal scoring skills as well as solid defence.

## **BRAD POORE**

Brad is a left handed player who has played mainly at Left Wing. His unorthodox style has confused the opposition on many occasions. Brad suffered with injury during the season, but has put in a solid effort.

## **SIMON LALOR**

Simon is a very strong, skilful player who naturally wants to dominate the game. Simon started the season as centre half but later played at inside right to add some 'firepower' to the forwards. Simon is a very determined player with the ability to win games, but sometimes needs to keep a cool head.

## **BEN DUNSTAN**

Ben is a skilful player who played most of the season at centre forward. He has the ability to take on the defence. Ben was unlucky not to score more goals and needs to develop his goal shooting skills. He has the potential to be a top class forward with more concentration and commitment.

## **SIMON McINNES**

Simon has played mainly at left inner and left wing and has proved to be a useful forward. Simon has good ball skills but needs to develop a little more confidence and aggression near the circle.

## **ADAM HALL**

Adam is a hard working, skilful player who has played mostly at Left Inner. He is a versatile player helping in defence and attack. Adam needs to develop a little more aggression near the circle to improve his game.

## **DIETER VON MOLLONDORF**

Dieter is a very fast runner who has a natural ability on the right wing. He has made some very good plays and crosses from the right and has proved to be a useful forward. Once Dieter learns to keep control of the ball he will be a very effective winger.

## **ADAM MARGETTS**

Adam has played mainly in the half back line and occasionally at full back. He has played consistently and dependably in all positions and puts in a good effort every week.

## **WANDA STEELE**

Wanda is a very skilful manager who has shown great commitment and team encouragement from the sideline.

## **RAY VON MOLLENDORF**

Ray has assisted with coaching the team and helped in making some innovative changes to the team positions.

## **TERRY PARKER**

A noisy, argumentative coach who needs to learn not to upset the opposition supporters.



# UNDER 15A

As coach of this group of boys over a period of eight years, I can say that they are a credit to themselves and their families. Travis and Brett have already achieved recognition by selection in the Under 15 State team and many others have performed to a very high level.

When playing at its best this team can match any other in the grade and over the season there has been much improvement in both team and individual skills.

Our forwards created many opportunities but often failed to convert the chances and so kept ourselves under unnecessary pressure. Our midfield provided a lot of support and our defence has at last developed into a very tight unit which was far more reliable than in previous seasons.

Well done boys! Thanks for all the fun we've had together and good luck for the future.

Thanks to Colin and our band of loyal supporters.

## **Terry McIntyre - Coach**

### **TERRY McINTYRE (Coach)**

A very dedicated and astute coach. Terry demands nothing but the best from this highly talented team. The work he has done with these boys over this season and past years, along with Rod Rate, has been extremely appreciated.

### **DEAN WALKER (Goalie)**

A large and frightening sight in the net, Dean has made many fine saves during the year. Sometimes however he needs to react a little quicker and believe in his ability. He is developing more and more each game.

### **NICK BOWATER (Right full back)**

One half of the last line of defence, Nick has matured greatly this season. He is thinking more about his game and being a more consistent player. He has a strong approach to his game.

### **JAMES PICKERING (Left full back)**

The other half of our tight defence, James has uncanny tackling skills. He also has a powerful hit which is used in our short corner battery. Often aspires to be a gun forward but defence is definitely his forte. Maturing well!

### **SIMON RATE (Left half)**

Simon is a tight half back with a good understanding with James. He never gives his wing much latitude. However an unfortunate snow boarding accident cut short his season, but I'm sure he will respond to next season's challenges.

### **ADRIAN DUSSELDORP (Centre half)**

Holding down the tough pivot position in this grade is not easy. Adrain controls the ball and distributes to the forwards with great effect. He needs to commit himself a little more for his natural ability to come out. Still developing!

### **GRAEME WALSH (Left half / Centre half)**

Graeme's opportunity came with Simon's unfortunate accident, but his talent had already been noticed in the State Championships earlier in the year. His ability to slot into the team and give it another defensive option was a great asset. Will develop into a fine player!

### **RYAN BACKHOUSE (Right half / Right wing)**

A new member to the team, coming from Under 13's last season. Ryan showed he can play both half back and forward. He is a good tackler and sharer of the ball. Ryan will be a strong member of the 15A's next year. Just react a little quicker to chase in defence.

### **RYAN WILLIS (Right half / Right wing)**

A very versatile player who can play most positions on the field. He has good stick skills and scored some fine goals from right wing. Ryan is a very dedicated team member and has a bright future ahead.

**JAMES HACKET (Right wing / Left wing)** A very quick winger with the ability to run down a long ball. James needs to anticipate the early pass and believe in himself. He will continue to improve and be a vital player in Under 17's next season.

## 15A Cont.

### **TRAVIS McINTYRE** (Right inner)

A much better season capped off with state selection. His stick skills and ability to eliminate the opposition defence and set up scoring opportunities are his greatest assets. Good mid field play also contributes to his versatility. He scored some fine goals this season. Travis is heading towards his ultimate goal.

### **BLAKE ROWDEN** (Centre forward)

Another young charge from Under 13's, he gave the opposition defence nightmares with his quick anticipation of a short pass, pounce and rebound into the circle to score. His talent will be a great asset in 1997. A fine year!

### **BRETT MARTYN** (Left inner)

Another who, by his own excellent standard, justifies state selection. Always strong on the ball and never gives in. Sometimes needs to "cool" down at times but I think it's the umpire coming out in him. Brett had a fine season and has an extremely bright future ahead.

### **DAVID POZZARI** (Left wing / Left half)

David is always in position to receive the pass and create opportunities. When in defence he is always reliable. Just a little more urgency in the "shot for goal". A consistent year.

### **COLIN WILLIS** (Manager)

It was a pleasure to be associated with Terry and this highly talented team. Over the years Terry and Rod have worked on developing individual and team skills that will enable all these boys to have an excellent future in hockey. Thanks to the families and friends that have supported the team during the season. Thanks to Kerry Anne for helping out when I was on holidays. On a lighter note, not everything always went as it should but we all know who's fault it was - don't we! See you all next season!

# UNDER 15C

## **ADAM IVEY (Left wing / Half back)**

Adam is a tenacious, keen team player. His pace and no-nonsense style of play make him both a reliable forward or half back. Adam is the quiet achiever.

## **COREY ATKINSON (Right wing)**

Corey is a skilful and versatile winger. He amazes his opponents with his ball control near the sideline. A prime mover into attack, Corey pressures defenders into making mistakes.

## **GRANT LEHMANN (Left inner)**

Grant is a hard working and mobile inner. Difficult to contain on turf, he can set up many offensive moves. In defence, he frustrates his opposing inner from getting possession of the ball.

## **GREG ROOS (Centre forward)**

Greg is the "reverse-stick-hitter wizard" - and a goalie's worst nightmare. He has a determined physical approach to his game. Given half a chance, he will slot the ball at super speed into the goals.

## **MADELEINE DAWE (Half back)**

Madeleine is a tenacious, reliable half back. No winger gets past her easily - she is one of the quickest players on the field. Opposing players should never underestimate this courageous hockey player.

## **CHRIS INGLIS (Full back / Centre half)**

Chris covers a lot of territory during a game and still manages to hit hard and trap with precision. Chris remains cool in any tense defensive situation and can be relied upon to support a team mate.

## **HUGH GARDNER (Half back)**

A new comer to the team, Hugh quickly adapted to the team's style of play. He is an enthusiastic hard working player who continually thinks about his defensive plays.

## **MICHELLE HITCHENS (Full back / Centre half)**

Michelle has the utmost respect (and fear) of her hockey comrades. When the going gets tough, Michelle just gets better and better. She is a highly skilled hockey player who continually creates intelligent forward moves out of defence.

## **JUSTIN ROSE (Full back)**

Justin is a no-nonsense team player. Attacking forwards find they are harassed by his continually reliable defensive work. With the minimum of ease, he can clear the ball out of defence and create another attacking move for his team.

## **CHRIS MARSHALL (Goalie)**

Chris's qualities of courage and sharp reflexes are something in themselves to watch and admire. Many teams have not scored because of Chris's willingness to back his judgement and use his highly tuned goalkeeping skills.

## **VIV OLDFIELD (Full back)**

Viv is enthusiasm "extraordinaire"! He ignites play around him! He has shown this season he can play in attack or defence. His skill and pace make him a difficult player to oppose. Viv has poise and strength as a full back.

## **GRAHAM WALSH (Centre half)**

Graham is a pacey, energetic hockey player. He is the "engine room" of the team. Few forwards can beat him with his blocking tackles, nor beat him for agility or stamina.

## **JAY GAWLEY (Right inner)**

Jay is a valued, skilful and agile team player. He provides the vital link between defence to winning moves into attack. He is a winger's delight as he always seems to know how and when to pass the ball.

# UNDER 15 SOUTH

A team that was basically made up of players playing their first season in Under 15's or their first year of hockey. I believe we had a very successful year. As a playing unit, the team came together early in the season and improved as the season went on. Players were asked to play in positions which were often new to them and they showed they could play those positions well. It was great to see, as a coach, that skill levels both in teamwork and on an individual level improved greatly as the season progressed.

To all team members I say thank you for your efforts. It has been my pleasure to be associated with you and your development. I would like to thank Neil Ashley for his help at times with the team or as an umpire, and Alene Ivey who helped our new starters develop their hitting and pushing skills. To Justin Rose, who won promotion to the 15C's, thanks for starting the season with us and to Dean Walker, Chris Inglis and Coran Napier may I say thanks for filling in for us when your services were needed. Lastly, but definitely not least, thank you to the large "band" of enthusiastic parents and supporters that supported the team each week (and where necessary helped me and the team). I am sure, as with myself, it was appreciated by the team.

## **MICHAEL ASHLEY (Fullback/Centre Half)**

Michael started out as one of our fullbacks and then took on the role as centre half after Hugh Gardner was promoted up to the U15C's. In both roles he was one of the team's stalwarts often playing against opposition players that were larger than himself. In the latter part of the season he started to take our short corner shots and showed a liking to scoring goals.

## **KYLIE BLACK (Wing)**

This was Kylie's first season at hockey and she showed improvement throughout the season. She showed tenacity and a dislike to give up the ball and was not phased when playing against opposition players with far greater experience than herself.

## **HUGH GARDNER (Centre Half)**

Hugh's energetic nature transposed to his playing style. As our centre half, he had the opposition players in trouble many times. Hugh was promoted to the 15C's about three quarters of the way through the season and his presence was missed in and by the team.

## **TOM GARDNER (Goalie)**

Many a time the team was glad that Tom was in the goal, and just as many the opposition wished he wasn't. Tom made some great saves during the year and in typical goalie fashion wore many bruises etc from those saves. Tom, I am quite sure the position will be there for you next year when you return.

## **MICHAEL GOODING (Halfback)**

One of the team's ever reliable halfback line and quiet achiever. Played as both a wing half and when necessary centre half. Many an opposition player made the mistake of "taking" Mike on his back stick side only to have the ball dispossessed. He has a strong hit which he used to great effect to pinpoint passes to the forwards.

## **BETHANIE GOULDTHORP (Inner)**

Bethanie's skills left many an opposition player wondering where she went, and this was often towards the goal at a quick pace. She scored some great goals this season from the inner position which was a new one to her. She filled the position well and improved throughout the year. Watch out opposition next year.

## **ALIN JENSEN (Wing)**

Also a new starter to hockey this season. Alin showed a steady improvement throughout the season which culminated in her scoring a goal for the team. The team thought you had won lotto after that event but well done and it was a just reward for the work you put in.

## **CORRINE JOHNSEN (Forward/Half)**

Corrine played in both the attack and defensive roles to good effect. Another steady improver during the season who was unlucky not to score. She gave the male opposition players a headache on numerous occasions and combined well with her fellow forwards. Shows she has a good future in hockey.

## UNDER 15 SOUTH Cont.

### **RYAN KELLY** (Forward/Halfback/Fullback)

Ryan was asked to fill many roles this season which he fulfilled in a great way. His skills had him stopping the opposition as a fullback or halfback and then scoring goals as a forward. Your efforts as the "jack of all trades" of the team was most appreciated by myself and I am quite sure by the rest of the team.

### **STEPHEN KING** (Wing Half)

Considering this was Steve's first year at hockey he can be very pleased with his development and progress during the season. The team's "terrier" that would not let the opposition players get away from him. Perhaps he is a chip off the "old block" as dad (Gus King) plays for WASPS and brother Andrew plays in our 17A side also as a half.

### **TIM McENTEE** (Inner)

Tim worked well with Cameron and Bethanie to form a good base for our strikers. His skill set up many of our goals and he was instrumental in getting a few himself. I think dad (Steve) may take some credit for showing Tim how it is done, but in a Bankwest game Tim certainly showed dad how it was done. Although not needed Tim volunteered to be an acting goalkeeper which was most appreciated. Perhaps next year Tim.

### **STEVEN MOORE** (Fullback)

Back with the Club this season, after a stint with Fremantle. Steve became part of our dependable fullback line. He repelled many an opposition attack in grand fashion but suffered some injury in doing so. It was great to see his skills and judgement improve during the season and Steve should look forward to a good year next season. Worked well with fellow team members and your effort was appreciated.

### **CAMERON PORTER** (Centre forward)

The team's main striker, Cameron was involved in some great goals this season. I might add that several of them were on the death knell that snatched a victory from what looked to be a draw or defeat. Cameron showed some great skills that dazzled many an opposition backline player or goalie. Cameron worked well with the other forwards giving them some of their scoring opportunities. Well done Cam!



# UNDER 13 B

## **PAUL ASHLEY (Right Half)**

One of our first year players, Paul slotted into right half after trying a number of positions. Always keen to get involved in the play, his pace was often an advantage in eliminating attackers and setting up forward moves.

## **DAVID BAYENS (Striker)**

One of our 'apprentices' this year, David was used in a number of unfamiliar positions and was always willing to learn. He has good skills and will continue to improve in years to come.

## **EVAN BOWATER (Centre Half)**

Evan has continued to develop as a reliable half back with a flair for improvisation. His excellent stick skills, trapping and passing, make him one of the most versatile members of the team.

## **BRYN DODSON (Utility)**

Bryn played in a number of positions from full back to wing and always gave his best. His skill improved greatly this year and his pleasant nature made him a popular team member.

## **JANE FINLAY (Full back/Left Half)**

Jane started the year strongly at fullback and then moved into the half line where she added work rate bought out her best. A strong tackler with a good hit, Jane will be an asset in any team.

## **DANIEL IVEY (Full back)**

Daniel held a mortgage on fullback this year with his strong tackling, good hit and astute disposal. He was mentioned in the best player list on numerous occasions. Next season, Daniel, get a hat that stays on in strong winds. Well done.

## **BRENTON JACKSON (Wing)**

The striker of the team, Brenton has deft stick skills and great pace which troubled many defence lines. He scored the bulk of our goals and set up many attacks with runs down the right wing. Brenton was selected in the State Under 13 Development squad.

## **JOEL LE BRETON (Goalie)**

Joel had a lot to cope with this season against the State's top Under 13s. His mighty slides, fearless blocks and grim determination saved many goals. He has an excellent future in this position.

## **TEGAN MARTYN (Wing)**

Tegan's stick skills and tackling have improved greatly during the season. Slight in build, she often took on a "Jack the Giant Killer" approach to the opposition defence and surprised them with her grit and determination.

## **DANIEL McENTEE (Wing)**

Unbelievable speed for his size, Daniel has the knack of trapping the pass, taking it up the wing and hitting it hard across the D for a shot at goal, or for the other forwards to take over. Daniel is a natural forward who should develop further as he matures.

## **DARREN PALMER (Inner)**

A very keen player, Darren has that touch of aggression needed to penetrate the circle on many occasions. He has the potential to become an excellent striker, quick to the tackle and a speedy exit around the bewildered opposition.

## **LUKE SMITH (Full back)**

"Nobody, but NOBODY gets past me" seems to be Luke's motto. Tireless in defence, his attitude makes him a valuable member of the team. He never gives up, tackling again and again until he can clear the ball out of the circle.

## **JACK STEEL (Centre Half)**

Jack has a calm confidence which belies his years. Always in control, his deft left hand stick work has bedazzled the opposition on many occasions. Jack was selected for the State Under 13 Development squad - a fitting tribute to his ability.

# UNDER 13 SOUTH EAST

**SCOTT WILLIS (Coach)** - This season has been a very enjoyable one for me as I am sure it has been for all the players. Watching the team improve, both as a whole, and individually is what makes coaching worthwhile, and what makes me hope my time allows me to continue. I would like to thank all the parents for their support throughout the season, and would like to wish all the players the best of luck in the future. A special thanks to Barry and Marie for managing the team, and for your support during a certain incident during the season.

**RON WILSON (Thursday night training coach)** - I always look for the positives in all players, trying wherever possible to improve their weaknesses and faults so that they are better prepared for their long term journey in this great team sport. The players gave me a lot of pleasure and satisfaction by their improvements. Thank you to all parents for giving me the chance of passing on whatever hockey knowledge I still have to your children. A special thank you to Barry and Marie for your first class management.

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A player who has greatly improved over the year and has grown into a solid defender. Justin's occasional charges out of defence attempting to take on the entire opposition, have resulted in his coaches having to remind him of his defensive role. A great season Justin!

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A very solid defender who's strong tackling skills have often saved us in the last line of defence. With perseverance, her hitting skills will improve, and the increased confidence will improve all aspects of her game.

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A reliable team member who has shown good improvement throughout the season. Sarah has played both in defence and attack but has shown a preference to right wing.

## **JAMIE DREW**

A very skilful player who has shown exceptional improvement, which is evident by Jamie receiving the most improved award this season. His persistence has rewarded him with some goals late in the season. Keep up the good work.

## **DAVID CUNNINGTON**

David is a versatile player who is best suited to a defensive role. He needs to assume a less casual attitude in his defensive roles, and improve his distribution. A great season David.

## **CLAIRE HADLEY**

Claire has shown a great effort for a first year player. She developed a good understanding of the game and has shown a marked improvement throughout the year. We look forward to seeing Claire's hockey career continue.

## **JAN HAAK**

Jan began the season at centre half where he had the opportunity to play in attack and defence. His preference to play in the forward line found him positioned on the wing, from where he played also as an inner. As a winger Jan was able to use his speed and tenacity to take on opposition players.

## **SANDRA MILLAR**

Sandra's regular attendance at training indicated her interest in the sport, even though she struggled with the basic game skills. It was great to see in the latter part of the season Sandra's persistence being rewarded and she was getting involved in the game.

## **MICHAEL RITCHIE**

As a footballer, Michael was able to use his eye feet co-ordination to save many fine goals this season. Mike shows the basics of a great goalkeeper and is not afraid to confront opposition players. At his request, Mike played the last game in the field, and showed he can match it with anyone on the field.

## **PAIGE TUCKER**

Paige has played a variety of positions and has enjoyed her season. Her speed and determination contribute to her success as a striker, and her skills will continue to improve as her confidence grows. When playing half back, Paige must remember her role and not just follow the ball.

## **BROOKE WILLIS**

Brooke has had a very good year and showed a marked improvement in playing a range of positions over the forward line. She scored her first ever goal after complaining the same morning that she couldn't score goals. This shows what you can do if you believe in yourself, doesn't it Brooke?

## **GARTH DICKSON**

Garth has played in a number of positions, of which most were attacking. He is tenacious in tackling an opponent with the ball, and has used this on many occasions to the benefit of the team. We would also like to thank Garth for filling in in goals on the couple of times he was required.

# U13 SOUTH WEST #1

## **KENDALL CRAKE**

Kendal has shown us all how to put 100% into a game. Kendal has worked hard all season and the sight of a boy coming towards her does not put her off at all. She played in several positions throughout the season and played well in them all. Well done Kendal!

## **NICHOLAS DANDIE**

Nick was our goalkeeper for most of the games. He showed improvement throughout the season and had some excellent saves. His understanding of being a goalkeeper has improved game by game. Well done Nick!

## **SOPHIE HANCOCK**

Sophie was our left back for the season, her eye for the ball was marvellous and she was very strong in defence. Tackling was super and nothing seemed to panic Sophie which is just what you need in a fullback.

## **LISA INGLIS**

Lisa has shown that she is very strong on the ball, never shirking tackles. Looking before she passed the ball was a great asset. Her short little one two passes with her team mates were a delight to watch, especially with Sandra (is there a reason for that ?) Oh yes. Thanks for wearing your hat each week!

## **SANDRA INGLIS**

Sandra was a quiet achiever, very strong on the little one two passes, with the ability to run with the ball as well. Her mid field play was great, never holding back in her tackling and never showing any fear tackling the boys. Thanks for not wearing a hat so that we wouldn't be confused.

## **LAUREN JACKSON**

Lauren was very good with her running tackles, where she ran along side the opponent, with her stick on the ground, to annoy the opposition player, then tapped the ball away from the opposition stick. Great fighting spirit showed during the games.

## **CORAN NAPIER**

Coran filled in for us on several occasions when he was not playing in goals for his own team. He added a spark to our forwards with his wonderful hitting and stick control and some great runs down the wing. Coran has a very good understanding of the game. *Well done Coran!*

## **ROBERT PORTER**

Robert was our last man in defence. Rob will run all day, never giving up. His sixteen yard hits were strong, going to the inners and wings, which is just what the doctor ordered. Robert gave every last ounce of effort stopping the opposition on numerous occasions from penetrating the circle.

## **STEPHEN ROBERTS**

Stephen has improved with great progress throughout his first season and never gives up when the ball is in front of him. He always fights for the ball with great passion and determination. Well done Steve! See you next year.

## **BLAKE ROSE**

Blake was our quiet achiever - very quick and also gave 100% effort every game. He's always trying to improve his game each week. He is very strong on the ball with great running to cover back and help the mid field. He loves to have a shot inside the circle.

## **SIMON ZBYRKO**

Simon showed a great appetite for the game. Simon's skills improved through the season after not playing since minkey. His passion will no doubt inspire him to keep going and enjoy his hockey throughout the coming years. Good luck at Como!

## **WILLIAM HANAGAN**

William has showed great improvement this year, also not having played since minkey. William, being left handed, has to overcome the desire to play with the stick on his left side. When he masters this, he will enjoy hockey even more. One great hockey player who is left handed is Peter Hazelhurst.

## **DAVID BROWNE**

David joined us half way through the season and has adapted quickly to the outdoor game after playing indoor. David has a good eye for the ball and showed some great touches in the games he played. David's stick control looked good when he was running with the ball.

## **CRAIG ORR**

Craig showed improvement over the season. It looks like centre or right half was his favourite position. Craig could set up an attack by playing the ball through to the forwards with good vision. Nice stick skills were shown in close dribbling.



# UNDER 13 SOUTH WEST #2

To the end of the qualifying rounds the team has enjoyed quite a successful season. We have had fun, and have developed a better appreciation of hockey, we have won more games than we have lost or drawn, we played in the Challenge Cup (but lost to a better team on the day) and I think we have ended the season in second place. I would have liked the players to have made a better effort at improving their skill levels, but I greatly appreciated their friendships and enthusiasm for the game. During the season they occasionally played as a truly champion team and if they can do this during the finals they may well pick up a pennant. Parental support for the team was great.

## **BRAD WAKE (Goalie)**

A great little trooper who combined top talent with a happy, determined and positive attitude. The team was very much built on confidence in his ability, and he showed many times that this confidence was justified. He was undoubtedly the best goalie in the competition and his improvement during the year suggests he has a great future behind the pads and helmet.

## **PENNY COOKE (Full Back)**

The Rock. Penny was close to our most consistent field player. A really solid defender who stood her ground, tackled well, hassled well (by this I mean staying close to the opponent with the ball, with her stick near the ball, keeping pressure on all the time), and had a rocket like clearance hit that all the opposition respected. She formed a close working relationship with her fellow full back Demelza (often too close as some poor attacker was thumped by both of them at the same time!!), and the team's other tenacious female defender Breony. Peggy has an extremely mature hockey mind.

## **DEMELZA DRAVENIKS (Fullback, Half Back)**

The Smiling Amazon. A real power house of a player who is fast, can run all day, is strong on the ball, fights non-stop to win the ball and was a great asset to the team. If she can improve her hitting she will be awesome. She had two other faults - Liked to drift over to Peggy for a chat, and often tackled with one hand on the stick (you got away with it this year Demelza, but as other players get stronger you will find you need two hands). Did a great job organising the team for the film night.

## **BREONY ALLEN (Half Back, Full Back, Wing)**

A quietly determined, very reliable and versatile player. These attributes led to her being used in a number of important positions when other players were being rested. An excellent tackler who uses her Ron Wilson slap hit to get the ball away before opponents realise it. Always played for the team and on many occasions was seen covering the positions of other players who had forgotten what positional play was. Needs more confidence in her own abilities, a little more aggression sometimes, and a few less sleep overs.

## **RYAN MAHNEY (Centre Half, Forward)**

One of the cap wearers, but not one of the Capped Duo. Ryan is a player with great potential, but he needs to stay focussed. He started the season in outstanding form, then went off the boil, before starting to show some glimpses of his true potential towards the end. He is a good runner with excellent eye to ball coordination, and his best performances were those days that he ran to and chased the ball, and was consistently in the action. Other days he kept running to open spaces hoping the ball would be hit to him, and ended up taking himself out of the game. Ryan has a good hockey mind for someone so young.

## **MICHAEL PUGLIESE (Half Back)**

Michael started the season with very few hockey skills, but an obvious determination to learn the skills, learn the game and enjoy it. He always concentrated at training, listened to the advice he was given, and tried hard. He has been rewarded for his efforts. His trapping and tackling are now excellent, his hitting and pushing are good, he has developed a good understanding of positional play, and he has combined all these developed skills with his natural ability to run fast to end the season as a really excellent contributor to the team. I have enjoyed his pleasure in his improvement.

## **LUKE ZUMBO (Half Back/Forward)**

The Trickster. If I was a teacher I don't know if I would like to have Luke in my class. A really likeable young man with an angelic smile, but he loves to chat with the person beside him or pinch their bottom or hide their ball. Apart from this, once you get him on the hockey field he is a real fighter. Luke doesn't have strong skills but has developed some abilities that he uses to good effect. Unable to hit a ball at the start of the season he has developed a strong slap hit which he uses to great effect. In fact he enjoys this new found skill so much that he is inclined to hit too often. He is also a very solid tackler, his opponent often losing control of his stick as well as the ball.

## UNDER 13 SW#2 Cont.....

### **RENAE STIRLING (Right Wing)**

One of the Capped Duo. Another real improver this year, particularly in her hitting ability. Always held excellent position on the wing and combined good trapping and dribbling skills to take the ball down the right. In the D she was always ferocious at the goalies pads and she surprised many defenders with her tackling back. Occasionally got bored with right wing and asked for a change, and held her own in a number of other positions. Always happy and responded to the coaches calls.

### **ANDREW TAYLOR (Inner/Centre Half)**

I was amazed to find Andrew allocated to this team. The A's loss was our gain. I have been associated with Andrew for a few years now and was really pleased with his development this year. He matured greatly in the way he thought about what he was doing and how he used other players around him. He also improved his skill level. He still needs to control his frustration with himself better, and should realise that as he goes through his growth spurt his body may be a little less coordinated than his mind wants. Andrew still has the tendency to try to do a bit too much himself, but consistently was able to take the ball through several opponents. He did excellent things in most games and was a real strength. The selectors shouldn't forget this boy when they pick the 15A's in two years time.

### **OWEN POWELL (Inner)**

The Tactician. Owen joined our team after negotiations with his Mum and the Club. Why you may all ask. Well I can now let all of you know that Owen was eligible to play Under 11. This will surprise most of you because Owen more than held his own and displayed excellent skills and knowledge of the game. He had a consistently hard work rate (that is why I used him in the toughest position on the ground - left inner), was a great tackler, was the best hassler in the team and always thought about how he distributed the ball. His positional play in the D was excellent and was rewarded with several goals. He has two bad habits. He pulls the ball back with his back stick too often and sometimes passes the ball too gently, so that it doesn't reach where he wants it to go. These are small problems which he will easily overcome. Owen has an excellent future. Thanks for your thoughts through the year Owen. They were always sensible and good ideas.

### **BRONWYN WILLIAMS (Left Wing)**

The other of the Capped Duo. Bronwyn played consistently most of the year, but on a couple of occasions she really fired. If only I knew what caused these spurts of energy and top quality play. Bronwyn was one of the most consistent straight hitters in the team which resulted in her being our specialist hit-out person for the short corners. She never let us down. As a left wing she played excellent positional play which meant she got a lot of ball, providing that free person when the other forwards were marked. She gave me great pleasure when she smiled to herself after doing something good.

### **MATTHEW WILLIS (Utility)**

During the year Matthew has been tried in most positions as I try to work out his best position. To date his best performances have been as a half back, where he really thinks about his position and his distribution, but occasionally he has done some very special things in the forward line. We will all remember his break away in the Challenge Cup which he finished off by drilling the ball past the goalie into the net. Not the best of trainers (often Luke's chatting mate), but always full of enthusiasm during the games. With the interest he has shown this year and his improved skills, I think Matthew has a good hockey career ahead of him.

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**OTHER HELPERS.** Jan Wake was Assistant Manager, Alana Wake acted as Assistant Coach from time to time and was at virtually all training sessions, Rob Willis was sideline coach on the side opposite to me and provided end of game advice, and the Wake Family were the deep defence sideline coaches.

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Ben saved his best efforts for the final few games of the season. His skills level is good and he approaches the game in a keen manner. On those occasions when the forwards all clicked, the teamwork was excellent and the results showed on the board. A good solid season.

### **TRENT LISTER**

Trent played at left wing for the team with good results. Often a thankless position, left wing is also a rewarding one when the team scores from open play and a quick transfer of the ball from right to left. Trent is a good team player and contributor with a positive attitude.

### **CORY LeBRETON**

Cory is another player who adapted well to playing at left or right inner. A little too much work on the back stick at times, but an energetic and co-operative team player. He would score more goals with a little more aggression in front of goals.

### **LAUREN MILLER**

Lauren played right wing to good effect. Her speed and ball skills enabled the team to employ a right side attack on most occasions, and penetrate into the opposition defence. As one of the two "ladies" in the team, she imposed her coolness and guile on opposing defenders.

### **ANTHONY RICCIARDONE**

"Ritchie" has had an outstanding season in 1996. Playing at centre half, he has been the machine room of the team often playing to the state of exhaustion. His ball skills are exceptional for an eleven year old and he will excel at this game given good coaching and the right opportunity as he progresses to the next age group. A potential top division player for the Melville Club in the future.

# UNDER 11B SOUTH

## **PHILIP DOPSON** (Left full back)

Philip played a steady and reliable game each week. He showed some good passages of play and has the ability to become a versatile player.

## **DANIEL CHAPMAN** (Right full back)

Daniel's not as quick as Philip, but ever so reliable each week, showing control under pressure. He will develop to play well in this position.

## **DAVID ORR**

A versatile player who covered from back line to forward. Where a player needed to be slotted in, David fulfilled this. He has good stick skills and game sense.

## **RHYS HOLLAND** (Half back)

Rhys is hard working and in time his skills will develop with him. He is always communicating with other team members.

## **NATHAN BEARD** (Half back/forward)

Nathan has excellent stick control and made solid contributions to the team effort.

## **CHRISTOPHER COOPER** (Half back/forward)

Christopher developed well during the year with skills. A quiet achiever.

## **TRISTAN DRAVNIKS** (Forward)

A speedy and determined player in attack, Tristan will develop into a solid player.

## **KIERAN DREW** (Half back)

Kieran is one of the smaller players but he showed strong tackling and crisp hitting of free hits.

## **MARTHA REAY** (Half back/Full back)

Martha showed strong tackling and good stick skills and created opportunities for other players

## **TARA BOWATER** (Half back/Forward)

Tara performed well and will develop into a consistent performer.

## **RHYS SLOAN** (Half back)

Rhys came to us in the middle of the season and worked hard to lift his skills to the other team members.

## **JAYLENE WAYMAN** (Half back)

Another who came to us in the middle of the season and worked hard to develop her skills.

## **ALEX WALLIS** (Forward)

Alex is always enthusiastic and hard working. He teamed well with Tristan to form a lightning strike force in attack.

## **DAVID MARSHALL** (Goalkeeper)

David is solid in defence, turning in good performances. He left us in the middle of the season to play with the 11C's.

## **MEGHAN WILLIAMS** (Goalkeeper)

An excellent goalkeeper who is very good at keeping goals out and frustrating the opposition.

## **SHE'LL BE BACK PROTECTING HER GOALS**

Written by Meghan

## **COACH**

Frank Williams - may be back

## **TEAM MANAGER**

Diane & Peter Drew - they'll be back.

# UNDER 11 SOUTH WEST

This tough little team, bar for one or two, was created out of a mixed group of players, half of whom used to play Minkey, while the other half had never played. One third of them were willing 8 year olds, but they had an enthusiasm for training and playing the game that many a budding gold medallist would do well to notice. The results and the small number of teams in our competition combined to hide the true heart of this team.

Thank you John Miller who coached this team, and developed in them, the enthusiasm for Hockey that is so evident in their play.

Thank you Scott Spark who as the assistant coach filled in, took over, or covered for anyone and everyone that was missing.

But most of all, thank you, the players, for your effort and courage throughout this season and I hope you enjoyed playing Hockey as much as we, your supporters, enjoyed watching you.

**Mick Hadley -Team Manager**

## **NADIA BACKHOUSE**

Our stalwart and ever active Centre Forward. A team player, she pursued the ball with tenacity and initiated most of our forward moves. In the future I hope she will continue and get the rewards she is due. Thanks Nadia.

## **REECE CRAKE**

A continuous stream of movement, this person never stops, even at training. Whether playing defence or as a forward, Reece brought the same active play into the game. A player who is always ready to play, in any position, is an asset indeed.

## **RUSSELL DAVIES**

Sometimes he played as a forward and enjoyed it, but this guy was such a ferocious defender there was little choice but to use him to defend us for most games. A strong and willing player whose amazing endurance highlights his potential.

## **HILARY DONRAADT**

Improved over the season and developed into an enterprising and thoughtful tackler of the ball. Beneath that seemingly placid exterior is a determination that we saw more of as the season went on. As her confidence grows so will her successes.

## **CARL FAULKNER**

Workhorse Carl. Some players have a natural attraction to the ball - Carl is one. He played his position of Centre Half with distinction all season, constantly feeding the forwards and being first in defence. He will develop into a great Hockey player.

## **REECE GREENEM**

Reece is a strong player - he took the tough decisions and went in. Whether in attack or defence you could depend on his ability to move or stop the ball as he wished. He has the confidence and talent to become a force in the future.

## **DYLAN HADLEY**

With a heart as big as his feet, this player shows he likes the game. An active, if unlucky Inner who often missed goals 'by that much'. When switched on, he played with amazing skill and endurance beyond what you would expect in a Rookie year. He will develop and be an asset to any team.

## **GEOFFREY HANSON**

Not wanting people to specialise too early in their Hockey careers, Geoffrey alternated between Goalie and Left Wing for most of the season. In our games the Wing positions are quiet but Geoff is an attentive and determined Goalkeeper. I would like to see this guy play in the more active positions which would highlight his obvious potential as a forward.

## **EMILY MILLER**

She was always there. Emily played a strong season, always dependable whether playing forward or in defence. As her skills increased so did her willingness to play hard and those flashes of brilliance betray a talent of the future.

## UNDER 11 SOUTH WEST Cont.

### **HOLLY NAUGHTON**

This is our Goal scorer - an Inner of immense potential - a born forward. As her team skills develop she will continue to add to her successes. Holly shows all the signs of a good attacking forward and will be someone to watch in the coming seasons.

### **PAIGE ROSE**

The Quiet Achiever Award goes to you Paige. Ably backing up the forwards, and increasingly determined defence was a hallmark of her game. As her skills rose to meet her potential she produced some remarkable results. Paige is a player that will continue to develop in the future and will become a great Hockey player.

### **BRENDON SPARK**

The big hitter! When Brendon connected with the ball it flew. As a Defensive Half his big hitting of the ball turned many an opposition attack into opposition defence. His game, although erratic at times, showed flashes of a budding champion. Effort will be repayed!

### **CHRIS STEWARD**

The never tiring forward who I always called Carl. Chris's pedigree showed and continued to show as he developed during the season. Constantly mentioned as Best player, his engaging personality off field belied his determination on the field.

### **DAVID MARSHALL**

'David the Goalie' came to us late in the season. His protection of our Goal and his command of his circle was a joy to watch. He makes the backs feel guilty and the opposing attackers feel sad. O' Gods of the higher grades, please do not take him away, although surely you see he is one of you.





# The Poison Pens

Here they are ..... the whole year's Poison Pens all in one bundle, just so we can embarrass those involved just one more time.

- ☒ **Grant Watton** (17C's) was most bewildered when he turned up at the first training session one week early, only to find no-one there. But all due respects to **Grant** - he went to training on his brother **Mark's** say-so.....and he had no reason to doubt **Mark** (1B's) as he *is* the **Vice President - Senior Administration**.
- ☒ Speaking of **Mark!** He failed to turn up at 7.30am last Saturday morning to mark the grounds as arranged. Is it true his mother had to send out a search party when he had not arrived home from the previous night's outing? Hope you had a good time **Mark!**
- ☒ **Janice Scally** was called upon last week, during the 1B's game, to take injured player, **Stefan Willett**, to hospital for treatment to split fingers (ouch!) While she was waiting for **Stefan** to be treated, who should walk in? None other than husband **Gav**, a casualty from the same venue, with a dislocated shoulder. Seriously though, we believe the shoulder injury is of some concern and an operation is scheduled for this Friday. Best of luck, **Gav**. Hope you're not out of action for too long.
- ☒ Gary Bowater and Johnson Orr (Vets) must have felt like the odd men out at the "Back to the Club" Barbecue last Saturday. They sat at a table made up of the families, **Wake, Walker, Willis, Wilson (Ron), Wilson (Kym), and Woollams**.
- ☒ **Pat Matthews** (1B's) has every reason to be concerned about the future security of his car. After locking his keys in the car at training last Thursday night, he called the RAC, who promptly managed to retrieve them in *five seconds flat!*
- ☒ Someone should issue **Daniel Pickering** and **Dale Tribbick** with a new set of fixtures. They mistakenly turned up at the **3A** game last Saturday instead of their own **6B** game. Nonetheless, they did manage to get a game with the 3A's. Maybe there was method in their madness? But don't ask the **6B's** how *they* went!
- ☒ Don't ever let **Daniel Pickering** (4A's) drive your car! (Just ask his Dad, **John** (Vets)).
- ☒ The scene.... the 2B's game on the 18th May! The victim.... none other than **Pam Deveson**, wife of Past President **Ian** and mother of **Mike** (2B's)! .....Apparently she wasn't paying attention and was caught off guard by those *damned* sprinklers. Word is she got completely drenched.
- ☒ When **Ryan Willis** (15A's) left an "insignificant" piece of equipment at home, on May 18th, (his stick), the call was sent out to brother **Scott** (2B's) to come to the rescue. To add salt into the wound, after travelling all the way to Joondalup, **Scott** was called upon to umpire.
- ☒ **Editor's apology**.....I must apologise to **Pat Matthews** for mistakenly placing him in the 1B's team in the last edition. Although I'm quite sure Pat didn't mind the promotion to 1B's, from his own 5A team, for one week, even if only on paper!
- ☒ Charging full bore down the left wing, with the base line fast approaching, and with strong pressure from an opposing player, **Mal Farmer** (2B's), put in a desperate reverse stick cross pass, (when only 20cms from the base line), which, instead of hitting his intended recipient, went between the goalie's pads and the goal post (a mere 2mm gap), and *slotted into the goal*. He will probably try to tell you that the goal was his intention, but those of us who were there know that it was, in fact, a pass which went *horribly astray!*

## The Poison Pens (Cont.)

- ☠ **Michael (Junior) Deveson** (2B's) decided to take a well earned rest from study one day while his parents were out. He was hitting a tennis ball up against a wall inside the house when the inevitable happened - yes, he punched a hole in the window - a ninety dollar hole, no less! It certainly turned out to be an expensive *break* for **Junior**. (Excuse the pun!)
- ☠ Which person, who shall remain nameless, from the 13A's, has been recently serving garden duty as punishment from his Dad (the coach of the 13A's) for a misdemeanour at the recent team function - something to do with a neighbour's uprooted letterbox?
- ☠ And what about the above's partner in crime, **Jane** (also 13A's)? Did she get off scott free?
- ☠ Also at the same team function....why did **Peter Steel** (father of **Jack**, (13A's) get a little hot under the collar and almost clobber the aforementioned neighbour??
- ☠ When **Helen Pickering** (mother of **Daniel** (6B's) and **James** (15A's)) rang husband **John** (Vets C), to report a crack which had suddenly appeared in the family room ceiling - he said "Don't worry about it" - in **John's** usual laid back style. He was still saying the same half an hour later when the crack was six inches wide, but I bet when the ceiling finally caved in later in the day, he was saying something a little stronger!!!
- ☠ **Daniel Pickering** (6B's) is certainly his father's son. Who else would sleep through the "catastrophic" event, mentioned in last week's **Poison Pen**, of the ceiling falling down?
- ☠ A keen 13 South's player, who shall be known only as **Lloyd K.**, ran eagerly onto the field, after being injury stricken on the sideline, and took up his position.....only to find he didn't have his stick.
- ☠ A "cross-eyed" person of unknown identity, who plays for the 1B's, was in a panic when he thought he had placed his wallet on top of his car and driven off. After stewing about it for some time he eventually found it under his car seat where it had fallen. *Well done, Clarrie!*
- ☠ The entire 15 South team has earned a mention in this column after causing their contingent of spectators to turn grey, and age 10 years, at last week's game. After having most of the play all game, they were down 1-0 at the 65 minute mark. They eventually scored their goals at the 31 and 34 minute marks in the second half, to the complete frustration of the coach.
- ☠ "Sleepyhead" **Liam Short** (6B's) had trouble explaining to his team that he was late for his afternoon games, two weeks running, because he had *slept in!*
- ☠ "The Statue" (alias **Andrew Scanlon** 1B's) is in danger of losing his nickname after a particularly animated run, last week, down the centre of the field from the defensive 25 yard line to the goal circle. Some say it's the furthest he's been seen to run in three years.
- ☠ **Craig Head** (6B's) has asked that all those who bring wire coat hangers to the Club to please leave them in the changeroom. This is because he uses them to open his car door when locking his keys in the car. He has done it twice in the last four weeks and this time he used the last coat hanger he could find around the Club.
- ☠ **Ben Rushton** (2B's), when on the 1B's interchange, and when told of the time of the 2B's game on Sunday in which he was to play, was heard to say, "Am I really playing in that one?" Really Ben, we are told a valuable team member like you would have been missed.
- ☠ The Victorian Alps claimed their toll on this Club during the recent school holidays. **Simon Rate** (15A's) broke his wrist while snowboarding and **Colin Willis** (Vets E's) damaged his pride when he fell off a chair lift. He tried to convince us that first timers on the chair lifts fall off all the time - a likely story, Col!

## *The Poison Pens (Cont.)*

- ☠ **James Hackett** (15A's) could well consider adopting the "good luck" habit of wearing his shorts inside out for his weekly games. He was wearing his shorts thus when he managed to slot a goal in the **Bankwest** game last Sunday. *Well done, James!*
- ☠ Did you hear the one about the 17A's player who turned up at his game last week with only one shoe? Fortunately the 15A's played the fixture before, and **Andrew "Hoppy" King** was able to borrow a pair.
- ☠ **Matt Read** (1B's) recently attended a "Back to the Seventies" night for which he glued sideburns to his face. At the end of the evening when he arrived home he removed the sidies before going to bed only to waken the next morning with the pillow stuck to his face!
- ☠ When **Ben Rushton** (2B's) decided to hit a golf ball in his back yard before attending his game last week, he hit himself on the head with the club and had to have three stitches inserted. Truly "Clown Shirt" material!
- ☠ Further to the previous item, with **Ben's** frequent wearing of the clown shirt recently, it was suggested that it may be necessary to change the name of the shirt to the "Ben Shirt".