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MELVILLE CITY HOCKEY CLUB (INC)

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, November 26th

7.30 pm

AT THE CLUBROOMS

MELVILLE CITY HOCKEY CLUB (INC)

CLUB ADMINISTRATION 1997

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This is my third report, second as president, that I have had to write for this publication. As in previous times I look back at the year and all the advice and help that I have had from numerous people. Again, the number is too vast to mention individually and I fear that if I try to list them I will miss someone.

So to all those people, that have contributed their time, advice, expertise and in certain cases, goods, may I say from deep down, thank you very much, for it is this foundation of support that makes the club the success that it is. (Committee members, coaches, managers, fund raisers, social organisers, bar staff, etc.)

I will digress slightly to thank one special group of people, and that is my family, Leslie, Christy and Dean. They act in many unseen rolls such as telephone operators, lamington packers etc, and in some cases as sounding boards. Last year Leslie was going to "hang up the boots" when it came to being the bulletin editor but when we could not find someone to do this task she stepped in and again prepared the weekly bulletin, delivered it to the printer, picked it up, collated and folded it and then, along with Christine Willis, made sure it got into the weekly team bags. Also she has prepared this magazine for publication. So for all the hassles that my position presents at times to my family may I say thanks for your support and, Les, maybe 1998 will see a typing free Sunday.

At this stage the results from the season's home and away games look like being even better than last year so to the Challenge Cup and Finals participants, may I say Well done!

Many sporting clubs, in whatever sport, often rely on fundraising or sponsorship to help keep down the cost to players and the running of the club. To our sponsors from whom we have again received great support, may I say thank you. To all club members I would say, even though we are in the 'off season', please continue to support them and direct your potential business to them, for without them, the cost of fees etc rise dramatically and the success of the club can be affected. To all those involved in the various social/fundraising events conducted during the year may I say thanks, for their success would not have been forthcoming without your hard work, and again the money raised is used to keep our costs down.

Last year we mentioned the state of the grounds and I think all will agree we have seen some improvement in them. I am sure that this is due to the work of our ground liaison officer Dave Porter. I also thank the Melville City Council for their support, but would say we still need help getting our clubrooms up to a decent standard.

At last year's AGM we only just managed to get a quorum. This resulted in major positions not being filled and we started off the year on the back foot. A lot of the "new" office bearers have indicated that they will continue on in their jobs but a few of the "oldies", including myself, feel that it is time to step aside and hand the reigns to some further new faces. We also have important decisions to be made, so to the many members may I ask for your support in attending the AGM and I would like to encourage members to think deeply about putting their name forward for the various vacant positions. To be blunt, without your support the club will suffer and all members could be disadvantaged in some way or another.

The season may have finished, but the work for the committee continues albeit a little less intense. So may I hope that everyone has a good break but ask that you give your continuing support to them. Thanks again for your support to myself during my tenure as President. But as I step down from this position I am sure I will still be involved in the club in one way or another. - THANKS!



Rob Walker
President

FINANCE & DEVELOPMENT REPORT

This year has been an exciting year for everyone in the club. The faithful sponsors once again came to the front and we thank them. It was really pleasing to see some more names on our sponsor list. We thank and welcome our new sponsors also. I can honestly say that without hesitation every sponsor agreed to help the club.

Sponsorship is not only a one way street and I ask all our members to consider our sponsor's services when the time for them comes up. At least give them a chance to quote or offer services as they have so willingly helped us at MCHC and deserve consideration.

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome the Women's Club to our numbers. The 1998 season should be exciting for all of us and I invite any of the ladies who have ideas for Finance and Development to discuss them with me.

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To each and every member all the best wishes for the remainder of 1997 and I look forward to seeing you all again in 1998.

Gary Bowater
Vice President - Finance and Development

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Here we are at the end of the season again - or is it "You beauty!?" It's definitely a time for mixed feelings as we look back on a season of hockey where games were won and lost by the slimmest, but sometimes, largest of margins. There are some people I would like to thank for their efforts, both on and off the field.

First thanks must go to the first team coach, Colin Brandis, for his ever reliable efforts at both training and the matches. Once again the boys didn't quite crack those few games get us into Classic, but our promotion of youth this year will surely pay dividends next season. Thanks, Col!

A special thanks must go to our 1B's team manager, Ian Deveson, the big man with a big heart, with very efficient managing skills. A job well done once again. Thanks, Mate!

Now we come to the 2B's fairly successful season, in which a few draws lost them promotion to 2A's. Thanks must go to Andrew Scanlon for taking on the coach/manager job for the team when his playing season came to an end. He got struck down by a mechanical bull. You idiot!

At the time of this report the 1's and 2's were looking at the finals where hopefully we could bring home a flag or two. Good luck, fellas!

The 3A's struggled for most of the season, but managed to have a few wins. Thanks to the guys in all the lower grades for their efforts at training and hope to see you all next year.

The 4A's unfortunately didn't have a good season. Accolades must go to all the players who played week in week out and did their best, especially Nigel Ellis for taking on the job of team manager (Knuckles). Thanks for your efforts, Nigel!

Well what can I say about the 5A's. Well done guys!

The 6B's had a fairly good season which looked like finishing second or third. We hope to see you all next season and good luck for the finals!

The "Scrubbers", formally known as the Regional South Team, now 7A's, proudly lead by Gary (Mudguard) Thomas, had a very up and down season. Finishing just out of the finals contention with their loyal band of players and supporters, they had an enjoyable year. See you next year fellas!

A special thanks must go to Gary and the boys who organise the "Culture Nights" and to all who attended. A good time was had by all and a great effort once again guys.

To the Vet's and Johnson (Rubber Neck) Orr. Due to great organisation by Johnno and his helpers, the Vets ran like clockwork. With new 'T' shirts, walking sticks and all, a great time was had both on and off the field. We hope to see you all again and once again, great thanks goes to Johnson Orr.

Thanks to Colin Willis and Ian Hale for their management of the bar on Thursdays and Saturdays.

In my first year as Vice President - Seniors, it has been very much a learning experience. Of course, I could not have achieved anything if it wasn't for the tireless efforts of Rob Walker and the Committee. Thanks for your help and I hope to front up again next year. From what I have seen this year, we have a lot of young and enthusiastic players coming up through the top grades, so the future is looking great.

Mal Farmer
Vice President - Senior Administration

JUNIOR ADMINISTRATION REPORT

When I took on this job, I did not quite realise what was involved. At the first training night there were about 20 Under 17's, 35 Under 15's, 50 Under 13's and 25 Under 11's. Many of these players had not played before and had no idea what to do. In the next 4 weeks, we had to formulate not only teams but the grades those teams were to play in. I cannot thank enough those who took responsibility for this task: Peter Galbraith, Dave Porter and Rob Walker. I would also ask all parents that next year, on that first training, please come forward and say 'I would like to help, what would you like me to do?'

Having got that off my chest, I am pleased to say that our 12 junior teams enjoyed a very successful season. I lost count of the number of times that parents came up to me and said that their child was really enjoying playing and that says a lot for our coaches and Club's approach to junior hockey.

The season saw many highlights and some of these are :

Three teams, the 11B, 13SE1 and 13B went through the season undefeated with the 13SE1 winning the Challenge Cup. In addition, the following teams all made it to the finals : 17C, 15B, 15 Central, 13SE2, and 13SW2.

Brett Martyn (17A/1B) was selected in the WA U16 Schoolboy's team. Ryan Backhouse (U15), Ben Meacock, Robert Porter and Anthony Ricciardone (U13) were selected in the SW Regional teams.

Melville continues to promote and support the Junior Umpire development program and this year Michael Ashley, Coran Napier, Ryan Kelly and Evan Bowater all started in the program.

The Vets/Juniors program was run within the club this year and everyone who participated thoroughly enjoyed the games. Thanks to Johnson Orr for organizing the program.

Thanks to our President, Rob Walker for his support during my first season in this job and finally a special thanks to all the volunteers, coaches, managers, umpires and parents who make it possible for the players to enjoy their sport.

I hope to see you all back next year.

Neil Ashley
Vice President - Junior Administration

VETERAN'S REPORT

First of all I would like to thank all the veterans who have been involved with the running of the club in various jobs from the President to the Bar Manager. The club owes them a great vote of thanks.

Why do we play? ...Pleasure? Each week we roll up to play this game. We try to accept each others faults and play as a team, but most importantly we enjoy the game.

What an eventful year! Several times this year, trying to find players to fill teams was, to say the least, almost impossible. Injuries caused problems this season which stretched our resources to the limit on more than three or four weekends. Some players were playing two games in the weekend, to whom I thank very much for their effort.

A special thanks to the managers of each team this year. Vets A - Daryl Knapp; Vets C - John Smith; Vets F - Ross Hannagan. Daryl put up with me pleading each week for players to fill the Vets C's and John had the task of making a makeshift team each week. I lost count of the number of players that filled in with the C's. Ross, like me (Vets D), had to make the best team available under the circumstances.

I look forward to you all playing again next year and with luck we will fair better position wise in 1998. A final special thanks to Les Walker who had the onerous job of correcting my spelling and grammar throughout the season.

Johnson Orr
Vets Co-ordinator

SOCIAL REPORT

Once again the social / fundraising of the club was reasonably well supported. It is this continued support that keeps our fees down as low as possible. thank you all for your contribution.

Thanks to Rob Walker and the general committee for their assistance during the season. I would like to thank the women's club for joining in with the social fundraising activities this year.

As for 1997, once again the Bailey's drive was a great success due to the efforts of Cheri Bowater and Alison Backhouse and their team of helpers - well done!

A special thanks for the help from Mal Farmer and his "merry" team of men and women who helped with the movie night at the Cygnet Theatre for the movie "Paradise Road". The same team scored a major hit with the "Stars and Super Heroes" night at the club on August 2nd. For those who did not attend, but saw the layout on Saturday afternoon, you will know just how much effort went into this highly successful night (and morning). I'm sure in the future these joint functions will be a regular occurrence. Mal's contribution to the fundraising/social side of the club was enormous and I personally would like to thank him for his effort.

The year could no go by without our Player's Tea's and once again they were magnificently run by Gary Thomas, Graeme Coleman, Noel Backhouse, Keith Jackaman and the rest of the team. Their efforts are very much appreciated.

I would like to thank Ian Hale for once again manning the bar on Saturday afternoons.

I must also thank my wife Christine and the family for their support and tolerance during the year. More time at home in 98.

I would encourage members to come forward and offer their assistance in any capacity to help the club maintain its position as one of the most respected clubs in the competition.

Thanks again to one and all!

Colin Willis - Social Convenor

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1988	HAROLD FARMER
1989	KEITH HARPER
1990	GRAHAM NAPIER
1991	WAYNE ATKINSON
1992	COLIN WILLIS
1993	BRUCE READ
1994	ROB WALKER
1995	LES & ROB WALKER
1996	COLIN WILLIS

SENIOR AWARDS 1997

FAIREST & BEST

1B (Founder's Shield)

2B

3A

4A

5A

6B

7A

Veterans A

Veterans C

Veterans D

Veterans F

NOTE: For junior distribution this page is
intentionally incomplete

JUNIOR AWARDS 1997

<u>Team</u>	<u>Fairest & Best</u>	<u>Most Improved</u>
17A	Graham Watts	Graham Walsh
17C	Mark Carson/Chris Inglis	Hugh Gardner
15B	Ryan Backhouse	Madeleine Dawe
15 Central	Justin Wake	Rohan Power
15 South	Daniel Ivey/Andrew Taylor	Corinne Johnsen
13B	Anthony Ricciardone	Ryan Mahney
13 South East 1	Rory Read	Brooke Willis
13 South East 2	Michael Pugliese	Annelies Becu
13 South West 1	Claire Hadley	Renae Stirling
13 South West 2	Rhys Holland	Ryan Needham

Mount Waverley Hockey Club Trophy
(Most talented U17 progressing to Seniors)

Graham Watts

Life Members Trophy
(Most Improved Junior)

Madeleine Dawe

David Porter Trophy
(Most Improved Goalkeeper)

Graham Walsh

Ian Halliday Trophy
(Highest Junior Goal Scorer)

Jamie Drew

GAMES PLAYED AWARDS - 1997

400 GAMES

Keith Harper
Keith Jackaman

300 GAMES

Gary Thomas
Terry Brooks

200 GAMES

Scott Willis
Michael Deveson
Matt Read
Nathan Rowden
Matthew Wright
Ken Woollams
Norm Hoskins

100 GAMES

Ryan Backhouse
Bethanie Gouldthorp
Cameron Porter
Evan Bowater
Nick Bowater
Rob Walker
James Hackett
Michael Jensen
Robert Knyn
Kane Woollams
Gary Bowater
Kym Wilson
Denis Bawden
Neil McPhail
Steve McEntee

50 GAMES

Andrew King
Mark Myer
John Smith
Jamie Drew
Evan Kelly
Owen Powell
Vaughn Taylor
Garth Dickson
Demelza Dravneiks
Luke Smith (U15)
Sharon Paterson
Andrew Taylor
Hugh Gardner
Bradley Poore
Ben Dunstan
Gregory Roos
Ben Rushton
Paul Fields
Ray Rodrigues
Phil Dunstan
Ted Neesham
Wayne Hudson
Joe Stocco
Joe Pica
Rod Wake
Kathryn Atkinson
Corey Le Breton
Paige Tucker
Brooke Willis
Matthew Willis
Meghan Williams
Neil Ashley
Regan McClure
Shane Knapp

THE TOP SQUAD

1B & 2B

1B Team - The 1B team finished the 1996 season as Premiers. The start of the 1997 season saw us lose four of our senior players from that team, so testing the depths of our club. The losses were compounded with the early exit of our captain through injury. The team ended the season in third position (4 losses) and have the potential to defend the premiership.

The opportunities presented and taken by the young players in the club has put us in a healthy position for the coming years. A number of players straight out of juniors were given opportunities to play in the top team this season and showed that they have the potential to play at this level in 1998 and beyond.

Our senior players were called upon to provide a higher level of effort and consistency. They responded positively to ensure the team has held its position amongst the top teams in this grade, in light of the mass player losses. A very good and encouraging year for the club and its current squad of top level players who now have the capability and responsibility for progressing the club into the next level.

2B Team - The 2B team were runners-up in the 1996 Grand Final. The 97 team lost a few of the senior/experienced players over the summer, again creating opportunities for new players out of juniors to play senior hockey in one of the high grades. The team only lost one game during the season and ended the season in second place (narrowly missing promotion), with expectations to again contest the Grand Final. During the season the 2's played in the Challenge Cup, narrowly losing on penalties.

The strength of our junior program was put to the test and has stood up well with all the debutants performing above expectations and potentially capable of playing at still higher levels.

The senior players in this team have done an excellent job in maintaining the momentum and assisting in the development of the younger players. In all an excellent season from a team seen to be in a re-building year. Everyone played well above expectations and all deserve the reward of a Premiership.

CAMERON ROBINSON (1B Goalkeeper - Captain)

In his second year at the club Cam has established himself as one of the best goalkeepers in the 1B competition. Cam's goalkeeping skills are at a high level as a result of dedication, hard work and enthusiasm to learn. Cam took over the Captaincy of the team mid season and his contribution to this role has been significant. An excellent season from Cam in goals and a very good team result under his leadership. Well done!

MATT READ (1B Midfield - V. Captain)

Matt is one of the new young breed of mid fielders with very good skills and speed. Matt has made the transition from striker to midfield in his stride. Learning the role and responsibilities of this position will continue and, with development, Matt will give the club many years as a skilful, goal scoring mid fielder. Matt has filled the role of Vice Captain with maturity and his input into team management and selection has been of quality.

JOHN COOKE (1B Full Back)

John has persevered through a season of heavy work commitments and has again performed week after week at a level most aspire to. John's experience has got the team out of many a tight situation as he dominates at full back. Extremely skilful and cool in tough spots, John usually wins through. A more relaxed player this year, John's searching overlaps were fewer but still damaging. A very good season from John, with still some more to come, we hope!

MICHAEL DEVESON (1B Full Back)

In his second season of seniors, Junior has established himself as the 1B's new penalty corner hitter, stroke taker and left full back. Michael has played at a level beyond his years and will, with time, learn to dominate games from his position. An excellent debut season in 1B's and the start of many more at this level and beyond.

TOP SQUAD (Cont.)

1B & 2B

NATHAN ELLIOTT (1B Half Back)

Nathan proved this year to be the competition's best left half. With his timely and clean tackles he was rarely beaten by an opponent. Nathan also added some attacking flare, where with his speed and sense of space he set up many attacks and put opposition sides under pressure. Along with Junior, Nathan provided a safe and decisive left side defence.

BRUCE HANCOCK (1B Half Back)

Hank had a disrupted season with an overseas trip mid-season. After a very good start to the season it was a blow to lose him for a while. Hank didn't take long to pick up on returning. His excellent work rate and simplistic playing style gives confidence to those around him. He is rarely beaten. Barring more adventures, Hank should be a contributor to this team for a number of years.

MARK LYONS (1B Midfield)

In 1997 Mark has played in a defensive midfield role. He has adapted very well and has used his deft stick skills and passing skills to set up the players around him. With a work ethic above most others he continues to set the standard for all other players. Another excellent season, Mark, and we all hope there is still more to come. Very well done!

DALE REEVES (1B Midfield)

It's good to have Dale back after a broken collarbone ended his 1996 season. Dale continues to be able to set up play through very good elimination skills and precision passing. In the twilight of his career, Dale has been able to support the development of the younger players. Dale's contribution to our midfield this year has been a major reason for us maintaining our momentum at the top.

MARK WATTON (1B Striker / Mid fielder)

Watto has continued to develop this season. His skills have developed to complement his speed, making him a very dangerous forward. With his fitness and tenacity, he is a hard player for the opposition to match up. Watto is used often to mark out opponents, a job he does very well, while still being able to be amongst the club's leading goal scorers.

BEN RUSHTON (1B Striker)

Ben has stepped up to the 1B's after a season in the 2's. It took Ben a while to score his first goal, but once he did he never looked back. Ben has great speed and along with good goal sense and elimination skills, has been our leading goal scorer this year. There are many more goals to be scored by Ben at this level over the coming years. An excellent debut season in the top team.

GEOFF COOPER (1B Striker)

Coops came to Melville direct from a season in Kalgoorlie. With CL experience, and gifted with brilliant elimination skills and goal sense, Coops has brought an aggressive touch to our attack. A fit Coops will go a long way to helping this team get to the next level. We hope to see Geoff around for some time and to see him at his best. Welcome to the club, Coops!

SCOTT WILLIS (1B/2B Defender)

Scott played much of the season in the 1B's as a defender and found the role at times easy and at times a struggle. Scott's confidence suffered from his inconsistency so he spent some time in the 2's. Next year is a new opportunity to again establish in the top side. Under the circumstances, Scott had a good season with new skills developed and a new comprehension of what is required.

BRETT MARTIN (1B/U17 Defender)

Congratulations to Brett on being selected in the successful WA U/16 School boys team. Brett is the youngest player in seniors but plays well above his years. A great debut season in seniors, and still another year left in juniors. Brett has the ability and potential to develop into a class mid fielder/defender at the top level. The next season of seniors will see Brett consolidate to take the next step in a blossoming career. Well done Brett!

DOM REAY (2B/1B Forward)

Straight out of juniors, Dom's hockey has quickly matured to the stage where he has ended the season as a regular in the 1's. Dom has speed, very good stick and passing skills and a good shot on goal. When Dom's speed and skills catch up with each other he will be a class mid fielder. Dom has a good work ethic and once he learns the role and responsibility of the midfield position he will be a force in the top grade. Well done on an excellent debut season - the start of a long career at the top level.

TOP SQUAD (Cont.)

1B & 2B

MICHAEL JENSEN (2B Defender - Captain)

Still the veteran of the team, but also the backbone of the team. Mike has been a great influence over the young debutants. Fleet of foot and possessing an excellent tackle, Mike has shown there is still some good hockey left in him which is good news for the development of the young players in the club. Mike's great leadership qualities are evident in the consistently good results of the team. Well done Michael on your's and the teams excellent season!

RYAN RUSHTON (2B Midfielder - V.Captain)

Ryan has developed his skills to be a consistently good player in the 2's. His leadership skills still need some work but Ryan has the potential to develop this aspect. Ryan's enthusiasm for the game and being around his team mates has been great for the team and the club. Ryan's hockey is still improving with goal scoring now being his reward. Well done Ryan, along with Mike, you have led the team well!

STEVE WALSH (2B Defender)

Steve played part time in the 2's through the season and has developed with the experience. The opportunities given to Steve were deserved and well taken. There is still room for improvement but I am sure Steve will respond positively and the rewards will come. Well done Steve!

GAVIN SCALLY (2B Defender)

Gavin was having a great season, and scoring more than a few goals, before the call of the wild took him overseas. Gavin played a vital role in introducing the new young players into senior ranks. I'm sure you left your mark, Gav!

ANDREW SCANLON (1B Defender - 2B Coach)

Andrew started the season very well and was in good touch for a great season as captain. Andrew eventually succumbed to a long term groin injury which saw him not complete the first round. Andrew took over the coaching of the 2B's for all their matches. His many years as a leader and his natural managerial skills brought a professionalism and guidance to the team. This has meant the development of the young players has been more focused. Thank you Andrew for taking on this role with enthusiasm and professionalism and congratulations on the results the team achieved in the 1997 season.

SIMON SCANLON (2B Defender)

Remember Simon? Simon came to us from the east and played some exciting hockey at full back. His hard hitting and dribbling frenzies were an exciting mix. Simon left mid-season to a posting in Hong Kong. An excellent cameo performance!

PAUL FIELD (2B Goalkeeper)

Paul once again showed his ability to change the course of a game through inspirational and spectacular saves. Although injury curtailed Paul's time on the training track, the fire is still in the belly - a great asset for any keeper. Thanks Paul for another great season for the club, your experience and skills played a large role in the success of the team this year.

STEFAN WILLETT (2B Midfield)

Returning from overseas mid-season Stef didn't take long to get into stride. (Was it love or the hockey that brought him home early.) Stef's control of the midfield was a settling influence on the team. Stef is a great role model to the younger players with his composure, excellent elimination skills and quiet presence, he has set a high standard. Good to have you back, Stef!

RAY RODRIGUES (2B Forward)

Ray has had a season in the 2's where he has enjoyed the opportunity to dribble a lot and score many a goal. With the kids doing the running, Ray has set-up as many goals as he scored. A very good season from Ray who still possesses excellent skills and an attacking prowess. Ray has provided the young players with guidance and an insight as to what is expected at the top level.

NATHAN ROWDEN (2B Forward)

Rowds became an instant veteran of the team (at 21) and played like one (in the right sense). Rowds has developed his game through the season with improved skills and being able to have a greater influence over the game. Rowds is the 2's leading goal scorer and had a hand in many others. A great season Rowds, and don't lose sight of the next level.

TOP SQUAD (Cont.)

1B & 2B

RICHIE WILLIAMS (2B Defender)

This was Richie's first year out of juniors, where he played as a forward. His skills are seen appropriate to a defensive role so he became the 2's left half. Richie has developed into a very reliable defender with good attacking skills and very good passing skills. The next level is not beyond Richie's capability. A great debut season Richie, with many more ahead. The forward line looks quite a distance away at this time though!

REGAN McCLURE (2B Forward / Defender)

First year out of juniors and Regan has adapted well to seniors. Regan played a number of forward and defensive positions, and did well in all of them, scoring some goals too. Versatility is not a bad trait in today's game. Regan's enjoyment of the game and competition and his great attitude are a great asset to the team. An encouraging debut season which will lead to a bright future in senior hockey.

GRAEME WATTS (2B/U17 Defender)

One of the young brigade who played both juniors and seniors. Graeme's skills and confidence have developed to a level where he is able to influence games at senior level. A great tackle over a five metre radius, he is difficult to get past. An excellent debut season has established Graeme into seniors with the potential to play at the highest level. Continued improvement will see Graeme in the top side in the near future. Well done!

BRENDAN JOSS (2B Striker)

In his first year out of juniors, Brendan started the season in the 3's but developed through the season to be a regular member of the 2's team. A very good debut season. With his dedication and work ethic I'm sure Brendan will maintain his improvement and hold his place in the top squad. Perseverance and hard work does have rewards. Well done Brendan!

COLIN BRANDIS (Club Coach)

Another successful season with Colin at the helm for the 1Bs and 2Bs. Colin's knowledge of hockey (tactics, rules etc) is second to none in our Club and testament to this is the successes the 1Bs and 2Bs have enjoyed over the past two seasons. Colin's knowledge of opposition teams is excellent enabling him to set team plays to negate any strengths they have and to exploit their weaknesses.

IAN DEVESON (1B Manager)

Thank you Ian for taking on this important task once again. You have added a professionalism to the role and to the team. We enjoy your company as well. Where would we be without our individually mixed water in our specially selected bottles. It is comforting to know that the little things are done without fuss and bother to the main event. An almost injury free season has seen little of you running onto the pitch. Hopefully we can see you in the same role next year. Your work is appreciated by all the players and especially the coach, along with those Joondalup sandwiches Pam most kindly supplies. Another great season, Ian!

TOP SQUAD (Cont.) (yet again...)

1B & 2B

Another long hard look at the top team - the real story!

After the coach's player summaries outlined on the previous few pages some blokes need to take a long hard look at themselves. So this is what we came up with:

COLIN BRANDIS

The Kevin Sheedy of hockey coaching, although Colin makes more moves than Sheeds. Colin has undertaken a dual role this year. One as coach and another as an umpire's adviser. He is often seen prowling the sidelines calmly advising - NOT - umpires on which decisions he thinks have been made incorrectly. Ie: All those decisions against Melville!

JOHN COOKE

Cookie is clearly the most outstanding player in the club and possibly Australia. Due to his outstanding ability Cookie has decided that he no longer needs to train. This new age training method has resulted in a new level of tackling ability. Cookie sees no further need to take the ball cleanly. It's much easier to take a player's legs out from the knees.

GEOFF COOPER

Not one to advise his team mates, Coops leads by example. He does this using all his medical training and with the technical skill of a surgeon. Hangin' with Mr Coops usually involves the pushing, shoving and running over the top of opposition players until he makes the circle before pushing the goalkeeper over and scoring a much needed goal. The doc with the Shot!

IAN DEVESON

Manager and stop watch specialist. After 1000 games Devo has yet to have a single game where his time keeping has corresponded to that of the umpire. This is as a result of his superior technical ability. Well, it's not due to his superior athletic ability that's for sure!

MICHAEL 'JUNIOR' DEVESON

Since playing full back alongside Cookie, Junior's tackling ability has improved markedly. While yet to render a player comatose like Cookie, Junior has the ability to seriously bruise, gash and break opposition limbs. Always seems to be in the right place at the right time - especially on gentlemen's evenings!

NATHAN ELLIOTT

Nathan has spent much of the year at left half and his ready access to pharmaceuticals has definitely had a dramatic impact on the way he plays. Anyone who has seen Nathan overlap or try and hit a ball on the run knows that his constant sniffing is not flu related.

MAL FARMER

As the 2's super sub the only reason Mal was used was to bring the average age of the team up from 14 to a more respectable level. Mal has to wear full body wetsuit during a game to prevent injury.

PAUL 'BILLY' FIELD

Billy by name and Billy by nature. The only goalkeeper to request that more canes be put out during training. Always punctual when arriving at a game. If a game starts at 3pm Billy would arrive on his motorbike, in a cloud of smoke coming from within his helmet, spot on 3pm. Thus creating a ten minute delay while he gets padded up.

BRUCE HANCOCK

After discovering coke wasn't what he thought it was, Bruce decided to pack up and move to Amsterdam where the local product was more to his liking. After sampling every coffee shop menu in Amsterdam, Bruce came back to play hockey on a totally different plain, Man!

MICHAEL JENSEN

Jenno has recently taken over the title of "the oldest person alive" due to the death of an old lady in France. Almost blind and hard of hearing, Jenno brings some much needed experience (ie age) to the 2's. Jenno can't stand still for too long for fear of fossilising. Doesn't like night games as the cold is bad for his arthritis.

BRENDAN JOSS

Like Gav last year Brendan wears a bandanna in the mistaken belief it makes him look like an athlete. As a forward, he has spent most of the year trying to work out how the midfield operates. Has yet to work out that the midfield is made up of a bunch of clowns who don't know what the heck they are doing. Like most of the team, he too has a silly surname.

TOP SQUAD (Cont.)

1B & 2B

MARK 'CLARRIE' LYONS

Rumour has it that like Mork, from Mork and Mindy, Clarrie is actually from Ork and is aging backwards. Although he still looks 19 he is in actual fact 93 years old. A player with an unquestionable work ethic which I think is in itself very questionable. It depends on your perspective really. Nanoo! Nanoo!

BRETT MARTYN

Already a veteran at 16, Brett pretended to be in the state team so he had a valid excuse to go skiing more often. If Brett is anything like the other young guys in the team he can expect to grow about 3 feet taller in the next 12 months.

REGAN McCLURE

The Richie Benaud of the team, Regan could often be heart muttering "a marvellous trap that" and when asked how many goals were on the board he would simply reply "twoooo, twoooo". The best forward to play right half all year!

MATT READ

A player with great ability. Apparently he is the best drag in the club. I can't confirm this rumour as I have yet to see him in women's clothing. Due to a wandering right hand, Matt had to play most of the year with a knob on his stick.

DOM REAY

A man with no surname, sometimes no hair and definitely no idea. Dom brings his cricketing influences on to the hockey field. He has the speed of the West Indians, the cheating ability of the Pakistanis and the Aussie attitude of doing bugger all and telling everyone how good he is.

DALE REEVES

Dale has also taken on Cookie's new age training method without the tackling ability - or is that disability? Dale being the experienced mid fielder doesn't see any reason why he should tackle at all. Although old enough to play veterans he is a player with a lot of skill and ability - so why he is playing with us remains a mystery???

CAMERON 'TIMBER' ROBINSON

The late night love song man himself. Thought the most exciting thing to happen all year was Katrina hurting her knee playing netball. What a nice bloke! Then again you can't trust a man with Michael Bolton and Celine Dione in his CD collection and who is also salivating at the thought of Tina Arena releasing a new CD. Then again, he is a goalkeeper!

RAY RODRIGUES 'THE COLONEL'

Well McDonalds have Son of Mac, but Melville has Father of KFC. Ray's warm up routine consists of 2 buckets, 12 zinga burgers and a small fries coupled together with 10 tubes of dencorub for each leg. The only man who needs a trailer when using the KFC drive thru'!

NATHAN 'ROWDY' ROWDEN

Rowdy's word for the year is subtle. Subtle with his onfield chats with the opposition players. Subtle with his runs down the right wing. Subtle with his shots on goal and especially subtle with his backtackling. Rowdy has developed his backtackling into an art form, or blood sport, depending on your perspective on life. Subtle? I don't think so!

BEN RUSHTON

The wondertwin without hair! The only man who owns more surfwear than Tom Carrol yet doesn't own a surfboard. rumour has it that he can't even swim. He has increased his scoring range from one foot from the goal line to about two feet. A much improved golfer also!

RYAN RUSHTON

The wondertwin with hair is probably the most gifted, talented, committed, quickest, agile and skilful.. footballer in the team! It's just a pity he can't play hockey. He is under the misguided impression that the Metro in Freo is a really cool place.

GAVIN SCALLY

Gav only played half a season this year. Being too old, too slow and an outright joke of a man, the two's decided to chip in and have him deported until the season was over. From the results this year, the move paid off handsomely.!

TOP SQUAD (Cont.)

1B & 2B

ANDREW 'THE STATUE' or 'ELVIS THE PELVIS' SCANLON

The statue spent this year coaching the twos due to the tragic destruction of his pelvic ligaments during an Elvis impersonation undertaken whilst riding a mechanical bull. All this after drinking 46 beers, 24 scotch & cokes, and 12 tequila slammers. The only reminder of this incident is the Elvis hairstyle which the statue maintains in respect for the King in this the 20th anniversary of his death.

SIMON SCANLON

Easily the more intelligent of the Scanlon brothers, Simon took a job flying big planes in Hong Kong for Cathay Pacific, earning a million dollars a year, working two days a week. Why he chose this over playing 2B's is a mystery?? Personally, I think it shows how much of a disloyal, selfish, arrogant b.... he really is. I say this without any jealousy whatsoever - it's not my fault he's a b....!

STEVE WALSH

Steve proved to be the left half of the year. So much so that everyone refused to cover, leaving Steve to cover four men in an effort to make him look bad. Unfortunately this only made him look good as he was rarely beaten. As this makes the rest of us look bad we plan to have him killed at the end of the season.

GRANT WATTON

Grant played the odd game in two's. He was quickly identified as a solid and skilful right half, therefore, having no place in the team.

MARK 'BLOTTS' WATTON

Hi Ho Silver away! A man with more grey hair than his own grandfather. Blotto's pace and stamina has meant that he is hated by all of his team mates. Payment to opposition players resulted in a broken thumb and a couple of weeks missing. No one wants a smart a.... in a team - especially us!

GRAHAM 'INSPECTOR GADGET' WATTS

Slightly taller than Luc Longley, and with an extremely aggressive nature. This has seen Graham receive more yellow cards than the whole team put together. He has a reach identical to the wing span of a Boeing 747. Can tackle all opposition players on his flat while standing at left half.

RICHIE WILLIAMS

Slightly taller than Graham, Richie has a reach like a sick dog. An extremely sick dog! Likes drinking with the boys and girls with their bodies pierced in all the right places. Dislikes wearing boxer shorts to gentlemen's evenings.

SCOTT WILLIS

A man with more state gear than all the AIS put together. Can bench press 200kg without a nasal strip, and 300kg with a nasal strip. He has recently tested positive for going to the hairdresser once too often. Original hair colour unknown!

STEFAN WILLETT

Too old, too slow, too injured and too much of a clown. But you knew all that anyway.

3A

MAL FARMER (Coach) (Forward)

Full time coach for 3's, 4's and 6's, and part time player in the 3's due to injuries (hernia, knee, broken finger, etc), moonlighted in the 2B's as super sub for short corner hitting (tried to tell us it was for the skill and experience - nice try!). In the 3's he also became a super sub (not so fit). Did manage to play some good hockey and added strength and fire in the forward line. Managed to increase the average age in the 3's by years every time he played. What he lacked up top (nude nut) he made up for in skill, strength and ability.

ASHLEY KNAPP (Captain) (Centre Half)

Part time captain who played in midfield - the rock of Gibraltar when he wasn't in Melbourne, Queensland or Sydney for work, or on holidays. Also increased the average age in the side by years when playing. What he lacked in pace he made up for in ability to read and control the play. Heard to say "use your brain not your ability and don't Let the bu.....s get past you".

SCOTT PITTER (Full Back)

A player who is very deceptive in tackling - just when the opposition thought they were past he would pick them off. Often controlled the play in the back line and showed incredible experience and no mercy with opponents. As with most back players, he loved to run up the field and was often found with the ball in the attacking 25.

ADAM STEEL (Forward)

Our man with the locks, who was one of the 3's top goal scorers. Always gave plenty on the field although managed to play only seconds of one particular game before getting cut above the eye and being carted off to hospital. Although this is not unusual the fact that he got voted one of the best players was some achievement (who did you pay?) What would he have done if he had played all game. Often found with common player injury - hangover. Party on!

ADAM SPARKS (Forward)

Missed the first part of the year, but started where he finished off the year before showing his tenacity and willingness to commit body and all. Lots of guts and wanted to take on all. He moved this year from playing in the half line to relatively permanent winger - good effort! Only mishap was losing ring (for girlfriend) on the last training run. Several players were enlisted to search both that night and the next day.

SCOTT SPARKES (Goalie)

A player who had plenty of work throughout the season and managed not to lose sight of the big picture. A little quiet at the start of the season but got into the swing of things by the end.

MATT RUMMER (Full Back)

Reluctant at start of season to play full back, however, he showed incredible skill and determination and ended up looking like a player of many years experience. Many times his best hockey was when playing with his worst hangover. First words when turning up for a game were generally "have we got any reserves - not feeling too well!" Party on!!

SIMON ATKINSON (Forward)

Played most of his hockey as centre forward and certainly our best opportunist who showed early in the season how to score goals from the back line, on one foot, with the back stick (even from outside the circle on one occasion!) Ended up being one of the top goal scorers with a hat trick in one game (actually four - goals, not hat tricks!)

DAMIAN DE SILVA (Forward)

Put in a full effort for the full year and showed growing strength and ability cementing his place in the side. A quiet achiever!

ANDREW KING (Half Back)

Joined us after the start of the season and showed cunningness and strength. Often giving away several centimetres to his opponents, however, managed to get under most of their skins by smarter play and ability to tackle on the left.

GRANT WATTON (Half Back)

Played a solid season at right half and flirted with getting in the top squad. Often gave away years in experience to the opposition but you'd never know.

ANDREW CRIDDLE (Half Back)

Played first half of the year before work took him away up north. As usual, he played a rock solid game and had an uncanny ability to p..s off the opposition by disposing them and then running rings around them.

3A (Cont.)

Special thanks to the following players for moonlighting in the 3A's for one or more games"

BRENDAN JOSS (Forward)

Played several games when not playing 2's. Showed considerable skill for youth.

STEVE WALSH (Back)

Played with us when not playing 2's.

RYAN RUSHTON (Forward)

Played games when not playing 2's. What more can be said about the Rush's

STEFAN WILLETT (Back)

Played a game on return from trip to Europe, for fitness so they say. Showed usual level of skills and deceit. Good to see the new pair of socks to hold up the new SKINPADS.

SIMON LALOR (Forward)

Played last few games.

COLIN BRANDIS (1's & 2's Coach)

Played one game as super sub.

4A

MIKE SHANNON "Sumo"

Although many rumours abound about how he not his name - ie left over from the Sumo Championship in Melbourne this year, Sumo's just bloody huge. He played a solid year and still showed for games when he had high work commitments.

NIGEL ELLIS "Knuckles"

Was brought back from South Africa, closely related to the ape family. The nickname? - He was seen dragging his knuckles along the ground at one training session while he was running. His primal screams providing wanted/unwanted motivation on the field. He had an enjoyable first year at the club.

PHIL DUNSTAN

Somewhere along the line Phil picked up some female traits. He made being fashionably late into an art form, providing a few scares for the team on more than one occasion. He finished as the team's highest goal scorer but would improve his strike rate if he stopped practising soccer.

BEN DUNSTAN

With a low strike rate shooting for goal, he was often seen patting his guide dog at half time. If he keeps up the good work they will start going in - we hope!

LEWIS BINT

Every team had to have a token old man/experience. Lewis used his experience to good avail and showed many a young player how hockey was played. Strong on the ball and good solid passes.

SCOTT MARTYN "Scotty"

Persevered this year after a slow start. He was much stronger on the ball in the second half of the year, after adjusting to men's hockey and the more physical side of the game. He learnt this year that hockey is a contact sport.

SIMON LALOR

The "angry ant" in the team as full backs usually are. Played some good games as full back, while always dreaming of playing in the forward line as full backs do! He didn't like to carry his hockey stick and usually left it at the ground after the game, which is bad when you're playing away.

ADAM SPARKES

Dropped by the fours, and the three's being undermanned, he was soon playing with them. He spent his last training session looking to see where his season had gone or was that his girlfriend's ring?

MAL FARMER

I think he's our coach - spent most of his year with delusions of grandeur, actually thinking he could play hockey with the three's. They searched all year for a way to get rid of him (kept on naming himself in the three's) and finally did it with two games to go. Who's soft now Mal?

TED NEESHAM

Dropped by the sixes for having way too much energy, he was a good addition to the 4's side. His speed and tenacity at the ball made sure he fitted in well with the team, and his goaty scared no one, not even the other team.

DANIEL PICKERING

Daniel was one of the quiet blokes in the team, but they're the ones you have to watch out for! He proved the theory at the costume party coming as the construction worker from the Village People and spent the rest of the night stumbling around - was it the dark sunnies or too much alcohol?

JOHN D'ALTON

Psycho got sent off nearly every game he played, and just gave up playing in the end. Could possibly have been abused by umpires when he was young!

COLIN KOP "Fingers"

Had a weak excuse of a broken hand halfway through the season. Came back after much harassing for a sympathy game at the end of the season.

CLINT DYMOND

Came into the team halfway through the season. We stuck him up on the wing and he looked good there, so we left him there!

JAMES PICKERING

Nice hair cut James!

STEPHEN CRIDDLE

We brought him from 6B's as a pinch hitter - it didn't work!

SPECIAL THANKS goes out to everyone involved with the team throughout the season including **Matt Wright, Michael Taylor** and 17A's **Nick Bowater, Clive Paterson, and James Hackett**, and 15B's **Ryan Backhouse**.

5A

Played 16 (Won 16)

Goals for - 142, Against - 13

If records were to be broken then the "Legend" team was sure to give it a big shake. Our goal tally (almost matching the average age) may prove to be a record in senior ranks and will long stand before it is broken.

Once again, the call went out and all again responded to make it another successful season flogging many a team. Sorry to say Warwick was not spared when he offered his services to one opposing team when short of a goalie. He barely walked away alive, looking more like the rear net than his usual self.

The success of 1997 can be attributed to this odd bunch of guys who have moulded and made the "legend" team what it is today. A very skilful and competitive group of old boys.

Some highlights: Chez pulled it once again.....Evan pulled his.....Warwicks effort in the opposition goal.....Everybody scored except Warwick.....Evan scored four goals on one leg.....Alan's introduction to Vets.....Chez's frustration level.....Keith's level of excitement, animation and frustration.

RON CHESNY (Centre Forward)

The voice of Jimmy Barnes, the goal tally of Tony Modra, and the hamstrings of Mickey Mouse. Ches set out to score his age in goals this year, and in a magnificent season, he achieved his target. Just ask him how old he is??

DARYL DEDMAN

DD - faster than a seagull to chips, more skilful than Mike Tyson in the clinches, smarter than my cat, Midge, fitter now than the day he was born, funnier than Jim Carey's mother, younger than Buddha, and hairier than Homer Simpson. The ultimate goal scoring, backtackling, hard working team player. A true ornament to the game. An integral part of the indomitable, intimidating, merciless 5A machine.

ANDREW FORD

"Spike" enjoyed a consistent season filling a number of roles. He was also consistently late, arguing with the umpires, and scoring goals. Found his niche on the right wing and gave us great drive from that position late in the season. Well done, Spike!

EVAN FLOYD

After a fairly slow start to the season (ie game four), Evan's Hot Tuna shorts and Inspector Gadget like arms were back in full flight. Right wings from every team in the competition soon began to dread the trip to Buzacott. Towards the end of the season, Evan showed his versatility by moving into the forward line whilst injured and scored four goals on one leg.

WARWICK FRY (Goalie)

Our illustrious goalie missed the first few games while away in Canberra, but returned once again to his afternoon naps when little action came his way. He won't forget his second half effort in the opposition goal for one game which woke him well and truly.

KEITH HARPER

The team pessimist! Harps was banned from the pre-match "pep" talks for his negative comments. Nonetheless, Keith has maintained an incredible work rate throughout the season. Has a knack for finding the net in all of the big games of the year - including the winning goal of the game against Hale!

ROB KNYN

Unassuming kind of guy who was likely to score when you least expected it. Rob was a real bonus. He often scored the early goal which then set us up for our accustomed win.

BRIAN MATTHEWS

Reliable and determined, the "old twinkle toes" from last year performed admirably in defence. In the second half of the year the name "Bazooka" was proven with excellent penalty corner goals. Always a professional approach balanced with the enjoyment of the game.

PATRICK MATTHEWS

A great season in the forward line resulted in Pat often demoralising opposition defences with skilful play resulting in a variety of specky goals. As a half back, Pat provided the cool calculating pivot that often resulted in a feast of goals. As a full back we are yet to see the full potential (keep your day job, Pat!). Thanks for your behind the scenes work.

5A (Cont.)

PAUL MEACOCK

Whip's pre-season diet campaign was rewarded when he was moved up the field to the pivotal centre half position. A great distributor and controller of the game, he also had the honour of scoring the team's 100th goal (and setting it up as well). Had to balance his hockey with international commitments but always returned with the same level of fitness. Who knows, might be in the forward line next season!

ALAN MEACOCK

Old Man, Silver Fox, Vets in 5's, Team Daddy - whatever the title, it should not distract from his impressive skills and determination over the ball. Has had a tremendous season, always ranking highly in the teams best on a day. You could be forgiven in thinking he's the Dermmy Brereton of the team. No slouch with ball, mouth and for physical presence, Alan enjoys a quiet afternoon of getting to his immediate (and distant) opponent. In what is possibly his swansong year (there's plenty more years left though), Alan has consistently displayed the skills and character he is renowned for (except passing to mates who like to score goals). Hope you come back for another!

GEOFF RANFORD

Ram is in that grey area between being a youngster and a veteran. He has just enough pace, agility and fitness to make the older members of the team look slow and 'past it'. In fact he is in the "evergreen" class. A solid performer in defence all year.

DAVID TIMMEL (Right Half)

Opposing sides found DT an immovable object. It's no surprise, we found him immovable too. Delivered some severe tongue lashing to opposition sides. Being cheeky b....rs they told DT to look at the score card - not to see Melville's score, but to see the blank next to DT's name. That blank remained there for the season. Still, Dave *can* tie shoelaces.

6B

GRAHAM JAMES

Graham came back in 97 to continue in his role as the fulcrum of the 6B's half back line. Not being captain this year obviously took a load off with Graham giving everything week after week. Thanks for another season of hard work Graham.

LIAM SHORT

This was Liam's second season with the 6B's and his confidence and ability has grown to epic proportions. Filling the left half is no easy task in any game and Liam did it with gusto. There's even a rumour he came to at least one game without a hangover.

JOSH SMALES

There's nothing quite as dangerous as an animal when it gets its first taste of blood and Josh was no exception this year. Constantly crouched on the edge of the D ready to strike at any time, Josh cast a shadow of fear over any opposition. Well done Josh, Man!

SCOTT LEHMANN

A real Evil Keneivel both on and off the field. Scott is a master of sending things sideways on the field and somewhere else as well. Sometimes things work out and sometimes they don't but Scott keeps on trying and the 6B's have benefited. Thanks for your effort and for continually checking to see if your name was on the card.

STEVE CRIDDLE

The Big Cohuna of the 6B's team. Watching Steve take a shot or three at goals is like a slow motion replay. There's nothing better to get the stress levels up. Thankfully things usually paid off. Well done, Steve!

JUSTIN GILL

It's Deflector Man himself! Justin's uncanny ability to be in the same time-space continuum as the ball and deflecting it with impressive dexterity set up play after play for the rest of the forward line. In short, he did good! He might have even scored a goal himself. We hope to see you back next year Justin.

JEFF GANGELL

Jeff showed the type of commitment to the team that saw him take on the jobs nobody else wanted, including goalie. Thanks to Jeff's captaincy the 6B's have had a second strong year that has seen us compete in the finals twice running. Thanks muchly Mr Jeff!

ROB THORN

The quiet achiever of Melville 6B's, Rob seems to enjoy the stuffing up of every forward attack by the opposition. We have been told that next year all games will continue to start several minutes before Rob shows up to the field. On ya Rob!

MIKE DIBB

The man with the funny shorts or at least so says Ted Neesham. Now he should know! For a guy who parties on continually and who still can run around on the field, Mike sets an example for everyone on the team. Just a bit of advice though, Mike - Get that Dato running for next year!

KANE WOOLLAMS

When the ground echoes to the sound of "Tonk" you know Kane's at full steam. Full back extraordinaire, Kane shuts down any attack and launches one of his own. Watch that undercut Kane, and thanks for the aerial spectacles.

GAVIN FORREST

What can be said about Gavin, but "Mr Reliable". Both on and off the field. Gavin took on the manager's role of the team and has done a great job. On the field he's done a great job in defence, but come on Gav, you can take a 16 yard hit every now and then. Keep up this great form in the finals.

VISITORS TO THE 6B'S

Thanks to all those who visited with us during the season. Your contribution was much appreciated. Mention must go to the many goalies who risked their percentage by playing with us, Dean included. Thanks to Ted, Dale and Adam.

The teams rigorous pre-season training did not put us in top form for the resumption of play this year. Although most of our tactical moves were worked out well in advance (at the conclusion of the previous grand final) they had little effect on our ability to win games. Throughout the year it has been difficult to field a consistent side due to members being the most nomadic persons in the world. We have one who hasn't decided if he likes living in the northern or southern hemisphere, consequently he spends four weeks in each. Another has an addiction to trade fairs and follows them worldwide. One member has a green middle finger which is only activated under strict guidance and another has become attracted to small marsupials which he chases to remote areas to study. We also have someone who flew all the way to Palermo to taste authentic spaghetti and later spent a week in Iran to practice his sandcastle building in preparation for summer. With our changing talent base it is difficult to put together enough wins to ensure that gardening for all is not a consequence during September. Off the field it has been a far more successful year due to the popularity of the cultural evenings. The Scrubbers wish to thank all for their support and attendance to the senior players' teas, without your help these nights would not be possible. The world's pearling supplies are slowly being replenished after they became somewhat drained during the middle of this year. Some of us have been enlightened to alternative uses of these precious natural resources.

ROB ARTS

The arrival of a new member to the Arts Family did much to improve Artsy's maturity (or at least the average maturity of the household). Some people will do anything to get the second half off and Artsy goes into next season with a cumulative 220 minutes still to serve behind goals, having received more cards than Santa this year.

CHRIS AVENT

Another big effort from this "golden oldie". Time spent in the retirement home over the summer paid off and Grandpa's sporting achievements this year were topped off with a record breaking ride, jockeying "Morning Glory" into third place.

NOEL BACKHOUSE

Sometimes known as Noel Roundhouse, Noel amazed us all this year, by keeping control of himself, but unfortunately not the ball, especially during the latter stages of the competition. Noel was a reliable and consistent performer manning the door at the cultural events throughout the year.

SIMON BIGNELL

Again the Bignell fan club made a difference this year, often making the difference between us losing and us losing by not so much. As often happens at this age Simon has had a little trouble with his knees this year and has often spent the latter half of the game in a deck chair.

LINDSAY BORTHWICK

This man certainly got value for money with the uniform changes this year, depriving several skydiving clubs of their seasons activity. Greenies have assembled a lobby group in preparation for the protest of logging when he puts in his order for a new stick.

TERRY BROOKS

Terry managed to play his 300th game for the club this year and in doing so managed to pick up a lucrative sponsorship with Grecian 2000. With the competition expanding to north of the river, Brooksy has been able to pick up enough frequent flyer points to take the team around the world seven times.

GRAEME COLEMAN

What can you say about Leo that hasn't been said already, or at least that would be published. Talent, ability, skill... these are all words that don't belong in the paragraph, and probably not on this page. Graeme's contribution to the team was extended this year when he took on the role of official time keeper, because he never ever takes his watch off... well maybe next year he had better stick with just supplying the party pies.

MIKE JOLLIFFE

Adrian turned up late to a home game this season although he was only metres away, (albeit several thousand vertically) at least one and a half hours previous to the fixtured start time. Either he had trouble with the emergency exit or he couldn't convince the pilot that the runway was shortened considerably and had turned green.

JOHN MAHER

They call him the quiet achiever because he managed to keep it quiet for so long that he is the oldest member of the team. His secret was unveiled during the season after we encountered some carbon dating specialists.

ALAN MARSHALL

Al must be preparing to buy a Toyota, as he has been seen practicing the well known leap on the field throughout the year. It is not surprising he is thinking of changing cars as we have seen him pushing it to the ground on many occasions.

7A (Cont.)

MARK MYERS

Mark managed to acquire a different fixture book to the remainder of the team. Instead of having early and late games, he had late and later on all occasions. He consequently failed to witness the start of most games. He has set two goals for next year, turning up on time and learning how to drive.

COLIN SLATTERY

Colin's performance improved tremendously this year due to the fact that he missed more games than he played. After a good start to the year, Slats suffered a major setback when his major sponsor, Grecian 2000, pulled out to support a higher profile player.

GARY THOMAS

This man's form and age appear to be inversely proportional. Having had his fortieth birthday this year he has been the subject of much attention from the Vets (Veterinarians - studying rapid and complete hair loss).

BRUCE TURNER

Bruce has produced some stiff competition for Mudguard this year in the hair loss department despite the handicap of being ten years younger. Although he turned up at both cultural evenings, he has less recollection of the events than Ros Kelly has of monies spent.

VETS A

The Veterans A competition for 1997 was tougher than our first year in 96. However we did not make either the Challenge Cup or the finals this year, a tad disappointing. This year we only had a handful of players that played every game, and the structure of our team changed weekly to accommodate those who were available. The team this year was made up of :

DAVE PORTER (Captain - Left half back, goalie, all forward positions)

The BOSS, Tactician, Motivator, Strategist, Leader and general all round good guy. Dave took on the position of team captain, although I thought the ballot was rigged, and showed us by example what was required to play in this grade. We were able to entice Dave into goals once this year, and he played a memorable game. Thanks for a memorable year and gratitude from all the Vet's A Squad, for a job well done.

DARRYL KNAPP (Team Manager - Full Back)

Darryl is a person who takes the chance on the odd run into the forward line, but is always mindful of his position in defence. Darryl and Norm Hoskins form a formidable full back line. Darryl is always bossing around the half backs and forwards into positions, attempting to pick off opponents passes, turning defence into attack quickly. Darryl acquired the position of Team Manager, when the rest of the A's decided to take a vote in Darryl's absence, and voted him in without objection. Thanks ye-all, it was fun, but next year let's have the vote with us all there!

PETER KAZAKOFF (Right inner, Centre forward, Left and Right wings)

Peter is the quiet achiever of the team - just gets out there and gets on with the job at hand. I don't believe once this year that Kaz had words with umpires and/or other players. Kaz you must take a class with all the Vets A squad, treat them as pupils, teach, coax, bash into our skulls, not to argue with the umpires and to concentrate on the game for the whole 70 minutes. Kaz is like a good wine - gets better with age !

SHANE KNAPP (Centre half back, full back)

The BIG fella! Snappy, as Shane is known, plays a pivotal position at centre half. If you have ever had the misfortune to run around Snappy, it's a long way. Tried going through? - not a good idea, I would equate it as similar to hitting a brick wall. Snappy this year put in a nomination for the State Veterans Squad to tour South Australia, and was selected as a FULL BACK. Well done Snappy, enjoy the trip. The speed and mobility of the State team's back line, with you and Brownie (Fremantle), will be something to see !!

ROBERT LISTER (Forward)

This year was Rob's first season with Melville Vet's A. Robert is blessed with legs that will run all day and skills to beat most opposition players. He has fitted well into the team and consistently plays a high standard game. Robert is known to blame his tools (hockey stick) occasionally for missing his shots on goal. One particular day, he even had the audacity to blame his son for exchanging sticks. Rob, please, enough!

BRETT GLOYN (Goalie)

Brett played with us for the second season, and thanks for a job well done in goals. This year Brett was injury prone. Some injuries to note were, knee, dropping a piece of steel on his foot at work, the cold, and gout. Every week though, Brett showed up at the game, playing or not, giving us all advice / thoughts of wisdom / and lending Dave Porter his equipment when unable to play. Thanks Brett, see you next year.

NORM HOSKINS (Full Back, Left Wing)

Norm is our stalwart in defence, an un-assuming figure, but always with kind and assuring words to those who played alongside or near. Norm occasionally shows us rare glimpses of a full back charging in full flight into the forward line, taking the ball from deep defence to attack the goals circle. Norm and Darryl have formed a solid defensive unit.

RUSSELL SCANLON (Right half back)

This year Russell has had a mortgage on the right half position. Russell has a unique warm up methodology. He will lay on the grass sunning himself (not unlike a walrus) and will actually not put on his boots until five minutes before the game, then wander out to hit at least one ball prior to the game. It seems to work, as Russell rarely puts in a bad day. What's your secret, Russell?? Russell is also a man of great knowledge and is a steady influence on the team.

PETER DAWKINS (Left half back, wings)

Peter has been consistently playing good hockey all year. Peter is another stalwart of this team, encouraging others and is a steadying influence who rarely puts in a bad day. Peter is an un-assuming person who just gets on with the game, no matter what position he is playing or who the opposition is. Thanks Peter for a consistent and good year.

VETS A (Cont.)

GREG ARGÆT (Left half back, forward)

Greg has the nick-name of 'Darge'. Darge is known throughout the land for his dummy spits. We have applied to the Scottish Highland Games for Darge as an entrant in the LOG TOSSING event. If you have ever seen Darge throw a hockey stick, we believe that Darge is a shoe-in for this event (gold medal material). The second last game of the season Darge showed up for the game with all his attire, except his HOCKEY STICK. His stick is known as a Karri stump, so it was very hard to find one that was heavy enough, and had a large grip. Being a resourceful lot we were able to find one, and would you believe he scored his first hat-trick with it, and didn't buy us a beer at the end of the game - we've got long memories, Greg!

BRUCE PORTER (Left half back, forward)

Bruce is one of the characters of the game. Bruce has the ability to upset any player that he plays on, by simply doing a couple of energetic tackles, then saying "what's the problem?" His opponents normally lose their cool, and Bruce gets the upper hand. Not a bad trick, Bruce! Bruce is blessed with the ability to run all day. Thanks for all your help in defence, especially running out on the short corners. The odd yellow card does not seem to bother you, and you play your own style of game, regardless of the opposition.

IAN HALLIDAY (Centre forward, right wing)

Ian has the uncanny ability, if only given a slight chance at goal, to slot it in the back of the net. Ian's first game this season back after his knee operation, was against Fremantle. Within two minutes of subbing on, Ian scored his first goal of the season. Ian then set up another goal a short time later. Ian is also a steady influence within the team and proves why a good strike forward / opportunist is such an asset to the team.

NORM MORRISON (Right & left inner, centre half)

Somewhere in Norm's past he acquired the nickname "Gnome", nothing to do with his stature?? Gnome has become an integral link within the Vets A team, with the ability to dazzle opponents with his skills, and setting up plays in our forward line. Gnome and Russell Scanlon seem to have played together before, both knowing what the other is going to do. Gnome has the ability after spending all night on the turps, chasing loose women at the casino and getting 3 hours sleep, to still be able to play a good game of hockey. Gnome, there's a message here, maybe all of us should go with you, then maybe we will all play a good game??

STEVE NEEDHAM (Forward)

Steve is another player blessed with the ability to run all day. Steve is always the person within the team driving us to perform above our own individual levels. Steve has given his all, and is one of the driving forces within the forward line. Steve will work deep in our defence to clear the ball, (those in the back line are forever grateful) and then follow the ball the length of the field to score goals.

GARY BOWATER (Right & left inner)

Gary started the season by breaking a bone in his hand while playing a practice game against our own club, (I believe the 5's), and missing the first four games. Then midway through the season he went to Japan for three weeks. Upon his return we had a full complement of players, and Gary has played the few games in the Vets C team. Gary is a player and person that fits well in any team. Hoping that next season you can play a few more games and break back into A's as you have become an integral part of our forward line setup. See you next year, Gary!

BRUCE JOHNSEN (Right inner)

Bruce was seconded from the Vets C team in the first round when we had a lack of numbers. Bruce found quickly the speed of the game and fitted in well. Thanks Bruce for filling in, and all the best for next year, hopefully in the A's.

JIM PAPAS (Goalie)

Jim filled in as goalie against Uni-Associates when Brett had a bad case of the dreaded lurgie (the cold). Thanks, Jim, for filling in, and next time we hope it will be a more memorable occasion. Maybe we might even win!

ALAN MEACOCK (Right inner)

Alan played one game with us to avoid UMPIRING, and put in a blinder, after a slow start. Alan and Dave Porter combined well with Ian Halliday, and we scored seven consecutive goals after we conceded the first two. Thanks Alan, and we hope to see you next year as a permanent member of the Vets A team.

WAYNE HUDSON (Goalie)

Wayne at short notice filled in as goalie against Joondalup, and played a good game in an unfamiliar team. Wayne is a much improved goalie. Keep up the good work and good luck in your next season!

VETS C

KEITH JACKAMAN

Keith is a long standing member of MCHC. In fact his reach is akin to Inspector Gadget. He is tenacious in defence and is a very hard player to get past. He is always a pleasure to play hockey with. I do think he deserves credit for not being late for the whole season - must be a change of life for him. He is a good player hampered by aging legs but I bet he will be there next season. Good luck and thank you, Skinta!

WAYNE HUDSON

Wayne is our quietly spoken goalie who has developed tremendously over the past three seasons from a novice to an accomplished defender. He is always shouting encouragement to his fellow defenders when they clear the ball which makes them feel good and put in that extra effort.

ROB WALKER

Our "El Presidente" who is supposed to be an emergency player for all the vets teams, has played at least half the season with the Cs and has been a great asset. Rob has been solid and steady at right full back and I believe he has enjoyed playing with the team. Thanks Rob, it beats playing short in Vets - to have such reliable "emergencies".

RON RICHARDS

Ron is another "emergency" player who has played a number of games with the Cs. Ron plays on the wing and has non-plussed a number of teams with his pace, making a mockery of those grey whiskers. I hope your hands recover over the summer, Ron, as they have been "iced" in most of our games. Thanks for your help!

KINGSLEY McGUIRE

One of Melville's longest serving players who repeatably turns in solid performances at left full back for the team. Kingsley is always encouraging his team mates and in particular our goalie. Kings is not backward in coming forward and offering advice to the men (?) in white or opposition players. Kings plays it hard but likes a beer after the game with team mates and opposition alike.

SYD WILSON ("Captains Courageous")

Syd missed pre-season training so the team decided to send him overseas mid year to Pommy Land for a fast tracking fitness program in preparation for the finals. On his return there appeared to be little improvement but it took a while to readjust to his vocal outbursts - must have been taking elocution lessons instead. Word is that Syd is going back again next year for further lessons (advanced level) so when you have a spare hour or three just ask Syd about his 129 recipes of "Good Earth". Seriously, Syd is an integral part of the team and a Rock of Gibraltar in defence as any opposition forward will readily testify.

GARY BOWATER

Well what can be said about Gary? We all know he's reliable, consistent, a good forward and team member. Oh! and a great guy. What more is there. Keep it up Gaz!

JEREMY ALLEN

Jerry has been a very reliable right half during the season. Jerry has missed a number of games through injury but always slots back easily into the side. He is always very supportive of other team players and has made a solid contribution to the C Team.

TERRY PARKER

Very much the quiet achiever, Terry has made a major contribution to the team throughout the year. His ability to find space and accurately dispose of the ball has resulted in him being one of our key players in attack.

JOHN SMITH

Mr Everywhere, John is a very valuable member of the team and could be acclaimed as the most travelled positional member of the team. When called upon John will slip into any position in the half back or forward line. To date we have not seen him in deep defence but if asked, he would play those positions, admirably I'm sure. Our quiet, unruffled, non aggressive but tenacious manager has had a champagne season in keeping control of our weekly "game plans". He has been seen to score the occasional goal. Thanks for the effort, John, see you back in 1998!

BRUCE JOHNSEN

Played initially as a forward then shifted into defence - the key centre half. He is a tenacious player with excellent ball skills, distribution and recovery (one of the younger brigade). He is a real attribute to the team. He takes exceptions to opposing full backs trying to roll him.

ALEC JAMES

Ever reliable mainly out in the left paddock. He copped a few knocks, however always kept his cool and very rarely let any balls go past without a nice pickup. Great season - thanks Alec!

STEVE McENTEE

Steve's commitment to the club, the team and the game is total. He is a hard competitor and we are sure many full backs of the opposition can attest to this. The tally for goals scored and goals missed is kept in number of jugs owed. The team and Steve are about even. Keep up the good work!

KEN WOOLLAMS

Another of the temporary fill-ins but when we look at the games played Ken played half the season for the C's. One of our reliable half backs, but was known to have a run in the forward line with some great crosses from the wing. Thanks for the support.

SPECIAL THANKS to these players who also helped out during the season - **Steve Durie, Geoff Trainer, Kelvin Woodward, Greg Argæt, Peter Dawkins, Rob Lister, Kim Wilson, Johnson Orr.** Apologies to anyone we may have missed.

VETS D

NEIL ASHLEY

Neil started the season thinking he would not be able to play but we managed to change his thoughts for him. He started to fill in, then ended up playing his usual full back position towards the end of the season and applied himself in his usual manner doing a great job.

DENIS BAWDEN

The team is beginning to wonder what Denis takes before the game to allow him to keep running all game. Denis played in the forward line either in the wing or inner and always put 100% effort in. His quick burst of speed being his trademark.

BRUCE CADD

What can we say about this super fit hero - forget the fit - forget the super - this young old man played wherever he was asked to play. He loved to play deep in the striking position ripping the hearts out of the opposition defence.

IAN KNIGHT

This old half centenarian was, as usual, rock solid in defence. His hitting was so masterful that he even broke a stick before a game while warming up. The rumour was that the stick was trembling with fear and actually gave up in disgust.

NEIL McPHAIL

Who is this old surfer that nearly did not play this year until the player budget was broken for the year and the cool old surfy signed up for the next three seasons. When the conditions were right this old man would surf in the morning and play hockey in the afternoon. What a life!

JOHNSON ORR

Johnno broke down after a few games! Scotsmen can't stand the pace of Australian sport!

JAMES PAPAS

James came back after a long break. It was a welcome sight to look in the goal and see the RED KNIGHT standing there. The last few games were a true indication to us how we missed James at the back. Welcome back, James!

RON RICHARDS

Ron joined the club this year on a large transfer fee, and proved to be worth every dollar spent, not only did he play with us in the D team, he also played as many games in the C's. Thanks very much for your effort this year, Ron. See you next year!

NEIL TAYLOR

This *young* Scotsman with an accent which can be understood played with great strength in the inner and centre half position this year. Injury kept Neil out of a few games. Neil only knows how to play with 100% effort. Thanks, Jimmy !!

GEOFF TRAINER

This year Geoff didn't know if he was Arthur or Martha, often playing two games in one day to help out in the Vets C team. Geoff's encouraging comments throughout the game kept us all on our toes.

COLIN WILLIS

This *old* fella as usual played wherever he was asked, however, his facial expression when he was asked to play centre half during one game, was priceless - his chin hit the ground. Like Neil Taylor, Colin only plays with 100% effort.

KYM WILSON

Kym's calling for the ball is loud and clear and if you had to have a bet on a player who will be first to the ball after a long chase, then look no further than *LIGHTNING KYM*. Kym's secret? - we will not tell anyone that!

KELVIN WOODWARD

Kelvin as usual never lets the team down. His consistency over the season was a great asset to our side. Kelvin was heard to say that he has had more injuries this year than ever before. Bruce told him, "that's old age, Mate!"

KEN WOOLLAMS

Ken spent a lot of the season helping out in the C team when they were short. Like Geoff, Ken never really knew where he was playing week to week. When Ken played up in the C's we certainly missed him in his usual half back position.

The other players who helped out during the season and deserve a special thanks are:

Steve McEntee, Brett Gloyn, Gary Bowater, Dave Porter, Darryl Knapp, Ross Hannagan, Rod Wake, Kaeshu Nair, Peter Johnson, Warwick Fry, Geoff Riley, Rob Walker and anyone else I've missed.

VETS F

Once again the Vets F have had a terrific season. Fighting hard to remain in the bottom four so as to leave September free. Thanks to all who made the season such fun and we look forward to the 7's competition and next year.

STEVE DURIE

Steve's second year after a long break. He has done extremely well in the forward line and even scored a few goals. Congratulations also on the recent birth of your son.

PETER GOULDTHORP

Peter kindly helped us out when we were short of players, being unable to commit to a regular game because of other commitments. Peter is a real speedster and he always performed well when he played. Thanks Peter!

TONY ILLMAN

Tony continued on from last year in the inner position where he can use his speed and boundless energy (on some occasions). He will now be confined to work over the summer and unfortunately can't join us for the 7's.

KEN JOSS

Ken played at left half and has done a sterling job. He is not afraid to tackle and many a time niggles the opposition into making mistakes. He spent two weeks in China trying to improve his chopping, or is that chop sticks.

JOE PICA

This was Joe's second season and he was starting to play great hockey on the wing when work commitments put a premature end to his season. We certainly missed you Joe!

GRAHAM RAYNER

Graham went to full back this season and was the proverbial Rock of Gibraltar. Thanks to him we foiled many an attack. Once again this year Graham was usually in our best player list.

RAY VON MOLLENDORF

Ray was Graham Rayner's partner in defence and did a sterling job, at times mixing umpiring and playing with aplomb. Until we found Chris, Ray had quite a few stints in goals with some good saves.

BARRY WAKE

Barry played at either right wing or right inner interchanging with Joe Stocco. Barry gets a real steam up when he gets going and has a wonderful cross hit.

ROD WAKE

Rod was one of our stalwarts on the half line playing at right half and doing a magnificent job. He was also in great demand to play with the D's at times.

KARTHIGAESU NAIR

Karthigaesu played his first season of hockey in probably twenty years this season. He started off slowly in the fitness stakes but has excellent stick skills. We all watched in awe at times. It's remarkable the number of ways people spelled his name during voting.

CHRIS COCHRANE

Chris joined us for the last five games as goalie. Having had some experience playing soccer he settled in well and did some terrific work. See you next year Chris.

JOE STOCCO

Joe joined us this season from the E's. He fitted right into a wing or inner and has a good turn of speed with a lot of skill. Also a great passing hit which unfortunately we weren't always on the end of.

CLIVE WALKER

Thanks to Clive who helped us out on many occasions when we were short. Clive can be used in any position and is a welcome addition to our side.

KIERON GUBBINS

Kieron also filled in for us over the last five or six games. He has terrific stick skills and speed and is capable of scoring goals and bringing other players into the game.

ROSS HANNAGAN

This year Ross took on the mantle of team manager. He played in a variety of positions and as always, tried to encourage the team to better things.

UNDER 17A

Although we only won four games for the season, the team should be commended for the manner in which we fought out every game. At times during the season we pushed the top teams to the limit, losing by late goals on many occasions. With 60% of the team remaining in this grade next season, the experience gained should be invaluable.

COREY ATKINSON (Wing)

Corey had a consistent season on the wing, creating many scoring opportunities for the team and also scoring a few himself. With a bit more strength and aggression he should be an improved player in 1998.

NICK BOWATER (Full Back)

Nick as usual was very solid in the last line of defence, and continued to play with the strength and aggression that we all know that Nick is capable of. Nick should also look forward to a strong season in this grade in 98.

BEN DUNSTAN (Inner)

Ben had a much improved season scoring many excellent goals for the team. Ben has "Road Runner" like speed. On the occasions when the ball was capable of keeping up the same pace as Ben, the opposition were left floundering. Ben graduates to Seniors in 1998.

JAMES HACKETT (Half Back)

James improved as the season progressed, and was one of the team's most consistent in the second half of the season. James remains in this grade in 1998 and with the rate of improvement shown this season he will be a vital player next season. It is rumoured that James is holding out, waiting for the highest bidder before he gets his long locks cropped like James Pickering.

BRETT MARTYN (Centre Forward)

The highlight of Brett's season was making the State Under 16 team and playing 1B's and 2B's on a regular basis. Brett gave stability to the back line and his work with Wattsie was great to see. We look forward to next year to see some more of his skills.

RICHARD PARKER (Inner / Half Back)

Richard made a return to hockey this season after a two year break away from hockey. Richard showed that he has lost none of his skills and should continue on in this grade in 1998 as a strong team member. Richard had a problem during the season losing clothes, hockey sticks and himself after training at the Stadium, not to mention the equipment he nearly lost in our last game against Willetton at Joondalup.

CLIVE PATERSON (Half Back)

Clive developed into one of the teams most consistent players this season, carrying out all coaching instructions to the satisfaction of his coach. Clive graduates to Seniors in 1998 and will develop into a very handy player at whatever level he chooses to play.

JAMES PICKERING (Full Back)

James was a very strong and consistent performer all season in this position, as well as scoring many fine goals as our short corner hitter. James confused all team members in the last game by turning up minus his long hair. Unlike Samson, it did not affect his usual strong performance. James remains in this grade in 1998 and should look forward to another good season.

LUKE SMITH (Wing)

Luke demonstrated his speed and skill during the season, resulting in the team and himself scoring on numerous occasions. Luke has the attributes to play hockey at a high level when he graduates to Seniors in 1998.

GRAHAM WALSH (Goalkeeper)

Words can not adequately describe Graham's goalkeeping feats, you had to see some of his efforts to believe them. In his first season as a goalkeeper Graham, on occasions, single handedly kept us in games against the stronger teams, continually frustrating their forwards. Graham is eligible to play in this grade in 1998, providing the Seniors don't recruit him for higher duties.

GRAHAM WATTS (Centre Half)

Graham has been our outstanding player this season controlling all our attacking moves. Graham has played Seniors (2B's) this season and this experience will be invaluable when he graduates to seniors in 1998.

GAVIN OLMAN (Half Back)

Gavin joined our team mid way through the season from Willetton. Gavin played many strong games and was a valuable member of the team.

GREG ROOS (Wing)

Melville's answer to Wayne Carey (Roo Boy). Although Greg's play didn't quite reach the level of Wayne Carey, he had his moments, scoring some fine goals from strong attacking play. Greg can look forward to improved form in 1998 in this grade.

WAYNE ATKINSON (Manager)

Through thick or thin Wayne was at the game. Even with most of the family in bed with the dreaded flu, Wayne was still at the game to undertake his managerial role. Thanks for the job well done, but what would we expect from a club stalwart like Wayne. Thanks Mr Atkinson!

UNDER 17C

With only three of our players in their second year of 17s, we were one of the smaller sides in the division and still finished 4th. Losing our centre forward to the 17As didn't help either. Those things apart, the Cs had a fantastic season. Their commitment was incredible - everyone turned up to training on just about every occasion - everyone was available for every game - a bunch of talented, great guys who were the best! It was a privilege to be your coach, team - thanks!
Alene Ivey - Coach

GREG ROOS (Who?)

Greg was our centre forward but got promoted to 17As early in the season. He helped us out on several occasions early on - thanks Greg!

DEAN WALKER (Goalie)

Dean has matured a great deal this year. Always reliable in goal, Dean can cope with long periods of inactivity without losing concentration. He has made some spectacular saves this year and terrified the opposition with his size and attitude in goal. Always our last line of defence, we could rely on him at every game.

ADAM MARGETTS (Full Back)

Adam played at full back for most of the season, a position for which he is well suited. Outwardly quiet and slow moving, on the hockey field he transformed into a tenacious hard hitting defender with great acceleration. Adam is in his last year of junior hockey and will be an asset to the defence of any of Melville's senior teams. We wish him every success.

MARK CARSON (Full Back)

Mark has played at full back all season. With the strongest hit in the team and one of the most reliable tacklers, nobody got past Mark without a fight. It speaks for itself to say that most of the games we lost were games where Mark was absent - the team relied on him a great deal. He too is in his last year of junior hockey and again, one of Melville's senior teams will benefit from his hard hitting, aggressive style. Good luck, Mark, and best wishes.

NICK WOOD (Half Back)

Nick joined us halfway through the season from WASPS. He has fitted into the team well, both socially and on the field. Nick has played in a variety of positions and has coped very well with the confusion of moving from one part of the field to another - often in the same game. A steady player, Nick will continue to improve next year and we look forward to his presence in under 17s in 1998.

NICK HOLLETT (Half Back)

Sometimes Nick lost a little concentration and needed to be reminded of the job in hand. However, once pointed out, Nick had a dogged determination second to none. Total disregard for personal safety led him into many perilous situations against large opposition members who were totally frustrated to find that, yet again, he had deprived them of the ball. Whilst Nick played mostly at half back this year, he also has potential ability as a forward. Hard hitting goals at training and an aggressive style mark him as a player who could play in a forward position in future.

STEVEN KING (Centre Half)

One of the fastest members of the team, Steve has performed very well all season. He was always in the right place at the right time, attacking or defending, full of energy and enthusiasm. Creating many opportunities for his forwards, Steve was one of the stalwarts of the team and a fine example to his team mates.

MICHAEL GOODING (Half Back)

Michael's hard backstick pass helped him excel as left half back throughout the season. So many opposition players made the mistake of thinking he wouldn't pass on his backhand. Wrong! Fast and accurate, every time a winner. His hard flat hit gained us many yards on free hits and short corners. Michael is a quiet achiever who has a great future in hockey.

CHRIS INGLIS (Mr Variety)

What a repertoire! This season Chris has played in just about every position on the field. He has substituted as full back where his hard hitting and rugged defensive skills saved many a difficult situation. He has played as half back and centre half regularly, where his speed, accuracy and trapping have contributed to the team's success. As an inner, he changed easily from defence to attack mode and mixed well with our regular forwards. Mr variety - what else can you call someone who will play anywhere on the field, do anything you ask him to and come back next week ready to do it all again.

UNDER 17C (Cont.)

BRAD POORE (Left Wing)

Our "cack handed" left winger - what will we do without you Brad? Tearing down the wing at a million miles an hour, hooking the ball across goal at the last possible second, throwing up aerials from one side of the field to the other, life in 17Cs will be much quieter without him. His incredible energy and commitment to the game will see him do well in the senior ranks next year and we wish him every success. See ya, Brad!

HUGH GARDNER (Inner)

Hugh played an excellent season as inner, resulting in several goals. Never deterred by his slight build compared to some of the opposition, Hugh also defended with ferocity. He is always a team player, ready to call for the ball or warn a team member of an impending tackle. Hugh is a consistent, dependable player who can be relied upon to give his best every game.

GRANT LEHMANN (Centre)

Grant started the season as inner and moved to centre when we lost Greg Roos to the 17As. Grant is a very determined player who attempts to win every game on his own if need be. Good ball control and an uncanny ability to be in the opposition's "face" helped make Grant one of our leading goal scorers for the season.

PHIL MINCHIN (Inner)

Another player who joined us from WASPS halfway through the season, Phil has fitted easily into the side as an inner. Phil has combined some excellent moves with our centre forward resulting in several goals. He needs to develop a little more aggression near the circle to improve his game. We look forward to having Phil with us again next season when I am sure he will continue to contribute to the side.

ADAM IVEY (Wing)

Adam continues to improve every year. As his legs grow longer, his speed increases until the opposition now find it very difficult to catch him on the move. Adam traps the ball well and surprises many of the "big" opposition with his tackling. Indoor hockey experience has made him the expert of the "on the posts" goal. So much so, in fact, that Adam was the top goal scorer for the season. You just need to learn to talk to your team mates, Adam - call for the ball!

UNDER 15B

We have had a rewarding season with its ups and downs. I asked a lot of the players and they responded. Due to restraints with turf times, we have trained on different days and different times and the players have had to re-arrange other things to fit in. I must thank the parents for getting the kids to training and games. It is not easy to turn up for a game at 5:00pm on a wet Friday night at McGillivray. Thanks also to the players, for your enthusiasm and your efforts during the season.

It is hard to single out people who helped me more than others but I must give special mention to my manger, Ian Moore who did a great job, Peter Steele who helped at training and who I used as a 'sounding board' more than once, and Gary Bowater for umpiring and support during the season. **Neil Ashley - Coach**

MICHAEL ASHLEY (C)

Michael matured as a player over the season and developed his skills including a powerful hit and strong tackle. Mike was used in a number of positions but excelled at fullback.

RYAN BACKHOUSE (VC)

One of the strongest players in the side, very mobile and tenacious. Ryan always gave 110% and lifted the team on many occasions. Keep working on your distribution, Ryan and you will be an even better player. Ryan was selected in the U15 SW Divisional Team.

MADELEINE DAWE

Madeleine excelled this year at left half but can play in most positions. Madi possesses one of the strongest tackles in the grade and very few players got past her. She was mentioned in the best players often. Well done!

TOM GARDNER

Our goalie, Tom, pulled off some great saves during the season. He is very dedicated and will continue to improve.

BETH GOULDTHORP

One of the fastest runners in the team who always tries hard, Beth found her niche on the wing where she developed good trapping and elimination skills. She 'almost' scored about 6 goals this season.

BRENTON JACKSON

Brenton specialised at right wing where his excellent stick work and speed were an asset. In the latter part of the season he started to read the play and anticipate the passes.

RYAN KELLY

A player who can play in almost any position, Ryan always gave it everything he had. He played well on the half line or as a forward and was used effectively as a tagger in a couple of games.

STEVEN MOORE

Steven started the season by saying that he had always played fullback but finished as a very handy right half back. He improved his tackling and disposal skills and always contributed.

CORAN NAPIER

The 'apprentice' of the team, Coran lives and breathes hockey. He had an unfortunate run with injury and illness this year which slowed him down a bit but he always gave his best.

CAMERON PORTER

One of the players tried in the strikers role with some success. Cam showed brilliance at times and looked dangerous in the circle.

JACK STEEL

A player with deft touch who read the game well, Jack was at home at full back or anywhere in the half line. As an example of his dedication to the team, he came to one game just to watch because he had been in bed with the flu all week and, due to injuries, played most of the game.

EVAN BOWATER

Evan joined the team late after showing exceptional form in the 15S team. Evan can play at half back or in the forward line and really enjoys his hockey.

During the season, these people played for us and we thank them for helping out:

Chris Geers, Andrew Taylor, Paul Ashley, Robert Porter, Rohan Power, Ben Meacock, Jamie Drew.

These players also umpired regularly: **Ryan Backhouse, Michael Ashley, Coran Napier, Ryan Kelly, Evan Bowater**

UNDER 15 SOUTH

Coach : Stuart Finlay

BREONY ALLEN

Breony joined the team after the season had started and settled well into the half back line. Breony is a hard working and effective player.

LIAM BEST

Liam put in a great effort for the majority of games. His effort was rewarded with quite a few fine goals scored throughout the season.

KYLIE BLACK

Kylie is a player who is always willing to have a go. Her game improved considerably as the season progressed.

EVAN BOWATER

Evan left the side during the season to play with the U15B side. Evan is a very good midfielder who quite often turned defence into attack.

JANE FINLAY

Jane worked hard back there in the full back position. She dispossessed many opposition forwards who thought they had a good chance of scoring a goal.

WILLIAM HANNAGAN

William is a very quiet player who is still developing his skills and confidence. He always tried hard throughout the season.

DANIEL IVEY

Daniel is a hard working full back who has an excellent tackle when attacking the ball.

ALIN JENSEN

Another developing player who always gives 100% when asked of her. Alin has developed into quite a good left wing player.

CORINNE JOHNSEN

Corinne has improved out of sight throughout the season. Over the season she has developed into a very reliable half back

JOEL LE BRETON

Joel's aggression at the ball could never be compromised. His many fine saves were exceptional. A most reliable goalkeeper.

TEGAN MARTYN

Tegan is a hard working forward who always tried hard and combined well with the other team mates around her

DARREN PALMER

Darren was greatly missed when he was forced to leave the team due to injury. Darren is a very tenacious and skilful player.

ANDREW TAYLOR

Andrew joined the team after the season had started. He is a very versatile player who can put in a great game in either the half back line or up front as a forward.

UNDER 15 CENTRAL

GARTH DICKSON (Inner)

Garth is the terror of the hockey field. The opposition never knows what he'll do next (neither do we, for that matter). He's always enthusiastic (even if he does forget his gear) and has also been a valuable stand-in goalie.

BRYN DODSON (Center Half Back)

Bryn has matured as a hockey player and is always a thinking half back who directs play. A member of the awesome foursome in the back line, he loves his hockey and has even been known to get up from his sick bed to support the team.

DEMELZA DRAVNIKS (Left Wing)

Demelza has a strong voice and uses it to great effect on the field. She has developed a great eye and anticipation for the ball, and never gives in to any hassling from the male opposition.

SOPHIE HANCOCK (Inner / Half Back)

Sophie has a happy disposition (despite what the opposition may think) and has developed a strong forward passing shot. She can always be relied upon to support other players.

ANDREW HOLLETT (Right Half Back)

Andrew is the quiet achiever. New to hockey this year, he's always willing to slide in to the ball, with unbelievable daring and has really developed his skills as a halfback.

LAUREN JACKSON (Half Back)

Lauren is always ready to play her best, even when bruised and sore from camp. She is a very tenacious player who always cuts out her male opposition and opens up the play to the team's advantage.

TIM MCENTEE (Goalie)

Tim is a highly effective goalie but when not actually saving goals he likes to keep his mind active by counting the blades of grass inside the goals. He has also been known to score when playing up forward.

ROHAN POWER (Center Forward / Inner)

Rohan is a rare junior forward who can always score goals. He invariably has a positive influence on the team's play, running all afternoon and creating scoring opportunities for the team. (Perhaps he really did wear out that first stick!)

LUKE SMITH (Full Back)

Luke is a strong player and an integral part of the awesome foursome in defence. He can always be relied upon to support his team and is ever ready to offer encouragement to his fellow players.

JUSTIN WAKE (Full Back)

Justin anticipates play and always makes precision passes to the forwards. He is an outstanding fullback and has been a very effective team captain. Hard to ruffle, he has been known to stun his verbally aggressive opposition with the cutting reply of, "Just shut up."

KENDALL CRAKE (Inner / Wing)

Kendall is an enthusiastic team member who, despite breaking her arm mid-season (at a school dance – who said hockey was dangerous?), performed well on the field.

CHRIS GLIDDON (Center / Wing)

Chris has great speed, and he uses it to full potential. He has been instrumental in many of the goals during the season. He and Garth have had their own competition to see who could turn up to the game with the strangest hair colour.

UNDER 13B

A great year was enjoyed by all, both on and off the hockey field. A most skilful group of players who were keen to learn and even more keen to display their skills in the game. This year we concentrated on mastering the fundamental skills and practiced positioning and passing during our games. The team was undefeated in fixture games.

DANIEL McENTEE (Left Wing)

A dynamic young player with a great shot on goal. Daniel was always in position and never hesitant about taking the defence on. His unselfish passing of the ball also gave the opportunity for the other forwards to score goals. Daniel has a natural talent for left wing. He is one of the few players able to get his body around the ball when centering.

PAUL ASHLEY (Inside Left)

Paul was the real energy of the team, sometimes unharnessed, but able to run all day and tackle strongly. He combined very well with Daniel on left wing and Jamie at centre forward. As Paul's control develops further he will become a very effective player.

JAMIE DREW (Centre Forward)

Jamie was a focal point of our attack. Jamie is a natural striker with a good sense of positioning and will take the early shot on goal. His consistency resulted in 41 goals by the end of fixtures. Great effort Jamie.

BEN MEACOCK (Inside Right)

Ben is a very effective and hard working forward, always keen to be in the play. Ben has excellent ball skills, and when he combined with Evan on the right wing to work the short passes, they were a reliable avenue of attack every week. Ben is very enthusiastic about his hockey and was selected in the Under 13 Regional Team. Well done, Ben!

EVAN KELLY (Right Wing)

Evan is a very talented forward with the ability to beat his opposing defender and to carry the ball deep into attack. His combination with Ben each week was a feature. The discipline in Evan's game to hold his position saw him rewarded with a number of fine goals.

CRAIG ORR (Right Half)

Great team player with excellent close ball control skills. His strong hitting allowed him to set up numerous forward attacks. Craig is very economical with his energy output and will be a much more forceful player in the years to come.

ANTHONY RICCIARDONI (Right Half/Inside Right)

Anthony is an extremely talented hockey player. His ball control and vision enabled him to dominate the mid-field and make up for his occasional wanderings. Anthony often set the standard of play and was very unselfish in his passing. He was selected in the Under 13 Regional Team. Well done Anthony!

RYAN MAHNEY (Centre Half)

Ryan had an enormous learning year in the mid-field of the ground. He took advantage of the opportunity and is starting to become an effective pivot across field and a link between our deep defence and forward line. Always keen to score a goal, he soon realised the benefit of holding mid-field position near the top of the circle when we were in attack. As Ryan's peripheral vision develops so will his dominance in the mid-field.

OWEN POWELL (Left Half)

Owen was the quiet achiever of the team who played very effective hockey on one of the most difficult positions on the field. No forward attack got the better of him and he combined very well with the rest of the defence in covering the opposition's attacks. His controlled passes to Paul and Daniel provide many opportunities of attack down the left side. With continual work on his stick skills Owen will become a very effective mid-field player.

ROBERT PORTER (Right Fullback)

A tower of strength in defence this year and always a sure avenue of turning defence into attack. His confidence of holding the ball in defence and gaining the free hit allowed the team to retain possession and work the way out of defence. His quick distribution to our right side attack created many forward line thrusts. Robert was another player selected in the Under 13 Regional Team. Well done, Robert!

VAUGHN TAYLOR (Left Fullback)

Vaughan played an excellent defensive role this year. Although very keen to get into the attack, he controlled his play and distributed the ball very well to our half backs and inside forwards. Vaughan played his best hockey against the stronger opponents, and was always very cool in defence, never rushing his tackling or being hurried in his disposal.

BRAD WAKE (Goalkeeper)

Brad had a very positive year, and although not called upon in every game, made some critical saves in the tight games we had to win. He has excellent concentration and positioning and is now starting to show an aggressive side to his game which will continue his improvement as a goalkeeper.

DAVID PORTER (Team Coach)

JOHNSON ORR (Team Manager)

MICHAEL ASHLEY (Team Umpire)

UNDER 13 SE #1

This has been a great season for us. We have been undefeated so far and won the Challenge Cup. More importantly the skills development has been pleasing to see. The players gelled together from the very first game and lived up to the word TEAM. Everyone helped each other and was well disciplined in all our practised moves. I have had a most enjoyable time coaching this bunch of misfits and wish them all the best in their future hockey. I must also thank the dedicated band of parents who braved all conditions to support the kids throughout the year. Special thanks to our manager Rob Willis who looked after the "bag" and took care of all the non-playing club matters. Also to Brian Chapman who helped out training and patrolled the other side of the field on game days.

Nigel Atkinson - Coach

PETER HEAVENS (Goalie)

Our goalie, Peter, has been pretty bored most of the season, but has always come through with some great saves and timely kicks out of the circle when required. At times Peter has mesmerised the opposition players (and ours) with his singing. No wonder not many attackers wanted to get into our circle very often. Peter's boredom during the season was compensated by the "field" time he got when filling in for our other 13s. Thanks Peter!

KATHRYN ATKINSON (Full Back)

The female member of our "brick wall", Kat has been a most reliable defender who hates giving away a free shot on goal. Her solid, clearing hits out of defence set up many attacking moves. Kat has also "collected" a few ankles, shins and knees along the way. Kathryn controlled our short corners and set up some good goals for the forwards. She actually scored one herself. Well done Kat!

DANIEL CHAPMAN (Full Back)

Daniel made up the trio of our impenetrable defence. Dan worked well together with Kat and was always there to clean up if any balls got through. He has turned into a good old fashioned defender. He started the season with shoes without tread, shin pads without padding and a stick without tape, but got his act together and has developed well over the season. Thanks Dan!

RORY READ (Half Back)

Rory had a great season and could have been playing in the Bs. He has a ton of ability and reads the play well. Rory constantly fed our forwards with some crisp accurate passing. He even scored a few goals himself when venturing into the circle. He also covered the backs well and defended stoutly. It seemed the "redder" Rory's face got, the better he played. Or was it the other way round? Good luck next year Rory!

PAIGE TUCKER (Half Back)

For her size, Paige is the most tenacious player we have. She is fearless when attacking the ball. Paige has now developed her reverse stick play and has become a more complete player. She roamed the field far and wide to get the ball but once she got it she banged it back into our forward line. Thanks for a great year Paige!

MATTHEW WILLIS (Half Back / Forward)

Matt has the ability to develop into a very good hockey player but must have confidence in himself. Matt's versatility enabled him to play in various positions as required by the coach but he always wanted to be where the "action" was. He played his best game when the old man videoed the game. Maybe the video should have been brought every week. Well done Matthew!

BROOKE WILLIS (Right Wing)

Brooke had a great season out on the wing. She has developed her stick work and general hockey skills quite well and has now added goal scoring to her repertoire. She delivered the ball nicely to the other forwards and was also found camped on the pads ready to flick home the rebounds. Well played Brooke, see you next year!

CORY LE BRETON (Centre Forward)

Great skills for a young bloke! Cory played the centre forward position to perfection. He fed the ball wide and was there for the return to blast a shot at goal. Like a true centre forward he loved scoring goals. He mucked around a lot at training but gave his all on game days. Thanks Cory!

LLOYD KING (Left Inner)

Lloyd was our "loose cannon". You were never quite sure when he was going to go off but when he did fire, a goal would normally result. Lloyd is quite skilful but would develop more quickly if he spent more time at training actually training and listening to the coach instead of running "laps". Thanks for a fun season Lloyd!

UNDER 13 SE #1 (Cont.)

SIMON ZBRYKO (Left Wing)

Simon's skills development over the season was the most noticeable of all the players. With his new found skills, Simon was able to put his bulk between the ball and the opposition and work the ball into the circle or centre the ball for the other forwards. Simon has a very good hit and has scored some great goals. He enjoyed having a go at goal as well. Keep it up Simon.
(Where's my fish?)

SHIYANKA WICKRAMARATNE (Half Back)

Shiyanka joined us mid way through the season and has shown great endeavour in learning her hockey. She is not afraid to tackle and Shiyanka will get better when she finds the right size hockey stick to use. Good luck Shiyanka and keep up the training. Thanks for helping out!

JAY USHER (Utility)

Jay came to us with only three games to go and slotted into the team well. Jay will be an asset to our club should he decide to stay next year. Thanks Jay!

I must also thank the players from the other 13s side who filled in whenever we were short. They fitted in well and helped us field a strong side every week.
Thanks guys!

UNDER 13 SE #2

A rewarding season for team, coach and manager. The team had probably the greatest diversity in talent/experience than any of the Melville teams this season with 5 players starting for the first time, two or three with just a handful of games, balanced by some very good, experienced players. The first half of the season proved to be a real test of character, with several close losses to the competition seeing us finish near the bottom of the league at the half-way stage. The second half saw a much improved team with good wins and fighting draws mixed with some unlucky losses. The turnaround was so good that the team made it to the play-offs in 4th place, a tribute to the character of the players. Parental support to team, coach and manager was first-class and much appreciated.

KENNY ANG (Right Wing)

A first-time player, Kenny has made the position of right wing his own. He is a great runner and a good crosser of the ball when he gets free. His teamwork with Michael on the right contributed a lot to our attacks. Kenny needs to apply himself a little more, however, and not stand back from tackling. The wingers need to tackle as well! Kenny was unlucky not to score some goals, particularly since he has the ability to hit the ball well - just some consistency required. A good improvement.

LARA BART (Full Back/forward)

Lara has improved throughout the season after joining the team having never held a hockey stick, let alone playing. She started at full back and although her hitting still needs a lot of work, her persistence at tagging the opposition and her pushing/sweep shots often cleared the danger. As a forward she did well, combining natural running ability to help out the forwards. Can improve further with working on her stick skills during the off season.

ANNELIES BECU (Left Wing)

Annelies is another player who joined having never played before. However, it was very encouraging to see her concentrate on, and improve her basic skills of stopping, pushing and hitting during the early part of the season. This, combined with her natural running ability, soon allowed her to become an effective winger. She has great ability which, together with some application to her skills and some more competitiveness when playing, shows much promise for the future.

BRADLEY CHANNER (Centre Forward)

Our own answer to tennis' Boris " Boom Boom" Becker. It became a typical sight during our games to see blond-haired Brad charging upfield leaving behind a trail of defenders in his wake. Unfortunately many times Brad would just try and take on one too many and the chance would be lost. However, there is no doubt that when on song Brad's eye for goal was second to none, with his four goals against Willetton to help us win the game at the start of the second half of the season being quite special. Brad just needs to calm down a little when on the ball - stop and pass to a teammate, rather than going just that bit too far. A great character who could do well.

NADIA LEHMANN (Half Back)

One "cool" player with a very balanced, calm presence on the field. An experienced player who produced some excellent games and was a major contributor in helping the team through the season. Unfortunately her coach couldn't allow the luxury of her playing up front as requested every training night! Her role in the half back line was exemplary, breaking up opposition attacks and setting up our own. Nadia's stick skills are excellent and with a bit more positive play and strength in the tackles she will be a first-class player.

SANDRA MILLAR (Full Back)

Sandra played a reliable role as full back with some strong tackling and good, hard hitting. So powerful was her hitting that in one game she managed to split the ball in two! Sandra needs to concentrate on hitting wide to the wings, however, when under pressure and drop her right hand down the stick for stronger tackling. She has the ability to do better with a little more application.

UNDER 13 SE #2 (Cont.)

EUGENE OLMAN (Full Back/Forward)

Our "Mr Utility", Eugene could be relied on to play anywhere. Another first-time player, Eugene's never-say-die attitude allowed the team to have a reliable right-back for the second half of the season, a major contribution to the team's improvement. However, Eugene must remember that when our team is attacking not to aimlessly twirl his stick in the air - just as the opposition are counter-attacking. This behaviour tends to make coaches age 4-5 years! Eugene shows promise and with some more fitness and dedication could be a big improver next year.

MICHAEL PUGLIESE (Half Back)

Michael has had an outstanding year as half back and has been a major contributor to the team's success. His stick skills are first-class, matched only by his tenacity - he will never give up if beaten. He can play anywhere in the half-back line and can often be relied on to score a few goals during the season. During the off season a little practice on his hitting will allow him to become a more complete player by next season. With a little more confidence in his ability, Michael has the potential to become a first-class player.

MARTHA REAY (Half Back)

Another of the experienced players in the team who provided excellent support to the other team members during the season. Martha's hitting and stick skills are excellent and she also doesn't easily give up the ball (one or two boys from opposing teams will testify to that!). Another who would prefer to play in attack, but when the chips were down during a game and we wanted an extra defender to steady the team, Martha always had her hand up first. She scored some good goals at crucial times in games and is another player who shows great promise for the future.

DAVID RYAN (Forward/Goalkeeper)

David and James did the team proud this year by swapping out as goalie/outfield players during the season, each wanting "a piece of the action". However, in many of our games, especially at the start - most of the action was round our goals! David is a very positive player and a good stopper and hitter of the ball. However, he is much improved when he's not trying to blast the ball into the next suburb! He did an excellent job as half back, full back or forward, where he scored some excellent goals in Brad's absence. Some work on his stick skills and calming down slightly during games will do him good. One to look out for!

HELEN TAYLOR (Defence/Half Back)

Before the season, Helen had only played a handful of games in 1995. She has applied herself very well and her stick skills have improved markedly, especially on her reverse stick. Another terrier in the team who would not willingly give in to the opposition, she played key roles as central defender and as half back. Often, however, "getting into the thick of it" would result in bruising and bumps, therefore, allowing the manager some maternal application of the medical kit. Helen just needs to keep positive if things aren't working out on the pitch - and get bigger shin-guards! Keep up the practice and you'll do well.

JAMES WELTEN (Goalkeeper/Forward)

Our reluctant goalkeeper, James (the Cat), with David, did a great job through the season. James' instincts in goals were uncanny and some of his saves, breathtaking. Not frightened to keep quiet, James could often be heard (when his coach wasn't shouting) cajoling his defence to mark-up. His two saves against Kalamunda in the second half of the season, after having had nothing to do during the game, were something special. When playing outfield, James has improved and fitted well into the right wing role when Kenny was absent. James has the potential to do well - as either goalie or outfield player.

NEIL TAYLOR (Coach)

First time as coach, he has enjoyed working with this great bunch of young people. With some more dedication and application of their skills, he thinks they all have a future in hockey. Needs to keep calm during games and not shout at the umpires (too often)!

JENNY TAYLOR - (Manager)

The organiser who kept the team informed of events and team news. Provided good support (and some admonishment) to coach and kept team (and coach) in line.

UMPIRES

Most games were umpired by WAHA. On those occasions when WAHA did not supply the umpires, **Mike Reay** and **Leo Welten** stepped in to help out. The WAHA umpires should have watched Mike and Leo in action to learn how umpiring should be done properly. Many thanks to both of you.

THE PARENTS

As mentioned earlier, many thanks for all your support through the season. I'm sure the excitement and nervous energy generated during the team's games kept you all warm on some of the colder mornings!

UNDER 13 SW #1

We started the year with a team of different skill levels with six players with little or no contact with the hockey club. The other six have been involved with Melville from Minkey or under 11's. Both parents and myself have enjoyed watching the kids develop in social and hockey skills. Well done team!

Frank Williams - Coach

Thank you parents! It was a pleasure to be supporting our team with you this season and on behalf of the team and the parents, thank you Frank for a season of good hockey and for moulding 12 hockey individuals into a hockey team.

Finally to the important people, thanks guys, it was a pleasure to be associated with you this season and may all your future miss-hits turn into goals.

Mick Hadley - Manager

ASHLEY (ASH) HAZELL (Goalkeeper)

Ashley padded up this season for us and put in many good games. His willingness at keeping has been appreciated and noted by all in the team.

RENAE STIRLING

Renaë started at centre half and played well. She filled in at right full back and has shown great ability in this position. Strong and fearless where weaker players would have failed.

BAKAR JUMARI

Bakar has played well at Left Full Back, though he could be stronger. Bakar has worked hard at his hockey skills and these show each week in his team play.

KATE BEST

Kate started at Right Full Back but lost her position when she went on holidays. She had a run at Half Back and Wing and shows a natural feel for both. Kate set herself the task of improving her hitting this year and to her credit achieved a high level of success.

KENDRICK (KEN OR KENDALL) POOL

Kendrick has played as a striker but when given the job at Centre Half revelled in that position which was where the team needed him. Kendrick has the ability to cover vast areas throughout a game.

BRONWYN WILLIAMS

After a slow start to the season Bronwyn has revealed the ability to carry the ball down the flanks with speed and skill. Bronwyn's hard hitting passes have been a bench mark for other team members.

DODI HANS

Dodi has had a good year with us in that his hockey skills have developed well this year as a striker. He combines well with fellow players and we hope he continues to enjoy his hockey with Melville. (We all saw the goal Dodi!)

CLAIRE HADLEY

Claire has developed both in hockey skills and game confidence. She played well as either Half Back, Wing or Inner and slotted goals throughout the season - just reward for playing well.

ANDREW GIZARIOTIS

Small in stature but never said die, Andrew played centre, scored goals and combined with the other team members in play. Andrew will develop into a good team player for Melville.

TIMOTHY (TIM) PRIEST

A very energetic player, Timothy has played a very serviceable game for us in the forward line as a striker. He slotted away some good goals through the season and will develop into a class player in time.

LAUREN FERGUSON

This girl never lets up on her game. She has played as Right Half and, like Kate, needed to work on her hitting. To her credit this skill is improving each week. She shows all, be they spectators or opposition, that when it comes to tackling she has good and sound skills at hand.

JENNIFER (JEN OR JENNY) WATKINS

Jen has played at Left Wing and has been improving each week with her skills. She combines well with other forwards in attacking build-ups and has a goal or two marked against her name.

MICHAEL (MICK) HADLEY

Mick has played the position of Manager with great skill and I suggest he go onto bigger and better challenges.

LEE BEST

She has skill at co-ordinating "Black Derby Sizzles" for players and parents to enjoy - well done. So, I suggest we promote Lee to a higher grade next season.

UNDER 13 SW #2

SARAH ARMSTRONG

The tallest team member whose attitude and skills improved as the season progressed. Sarah's flexibility was shown by the many positions in which she played. When totally focused, Sarah showed a level of skill and ability to enable this team to beat any other this season.

NADIA BACKHOUSE

A reliable and flexible team member that played in almost every position in the team. Nadia's tackling and ball disposal skills improved considerably as the season progressed. Her skills, determination and speed will be great assets in the future.

DAVID CHRISTENSEN

A dependable and tough player who showed a range of skills that saw him occasionally move into positions other than Fullback. Combined very well with Michael to provide a formidable back line for the team. The strong approach to the game, combined with his skills and enthusiasm, makes terrific assets for any team to have.

MICHAEL CHRISTENSEN

With solid Tackling and good disposal of the ball Michael combined well with David to provide a solid line of defence for the team. Occasionally seen in other, more forward positions, his skills were used to provide the stability the team required. An enjoyment of playing hockey was reflected in the way that made Michael a valuable team member.

PHILIP DOPSON

A very skilful player who appeared at times to be everywhere on the field. Playing at centre half back Philip generally controlled most of the game. Philip's determination to continually improve his skills and his enthusiasm for the game will see a bright future for him.

MEGAN HEARSH

Playing on the wing suited Megan's speed and determination to score goals. Megan's skills improved considerably over the season. Her ability to pass the ball that created many scoring opportunities, and her audacity in front of goals, will see a bright future in the forward line of any team.

RHYS HOLLAND

A fast, dynamic and determined player usually playing Centre Forward. Rhys provided a spearhead in attack by scoring many of the team's goals. The enthusiasm for hockey and the tenacity displayed this season makes Rhys a valuable forward in any team.

RYAN NEEDHAM

A solid player with good tackling skills and an accurate hit. Ryan's reliability saw him move between the half back line and the forward line where he scored quite a few times. The tenacity and persistence will see Ryan mature into a strong player who is capable of playing in most positions on the hockey field.

OWEN SCANLON

Owen enjoyed playing at left half where his good positional and tackling skills were put to good use. With a little more aggression and a desire to get to the ball first, Owen could develop into a solid player.

TIFFANY SCANLON

One of the most flexible and definitely the youngest member of the team. Tiffany's determination, excellent tackling skills and flexibility saw her play in many positions in the team against much bigger and older opposition players. Another two years will see her develop into a formidable player at this level of competition.

CHRIS STEWART

Generally playing at Inner, Chris showed good positional and ball disposal skills. Scoring the occasional goal, he showed an enthusiasm for the game that even saw him play a fine game as Goalie. Developing a greater determination to get the ball off the opposition should see Chris develop into a fine forward in the future.

MATTHEW SMITH

Matthew joined the team in the later half of the year. His determination and enthusiasm helped him overcome his lack of experience in this team. Matthew requires more experience and skills in hockey but the future is bright for someone who enjoys the game so much.

CARL ARMSTRONG

The team's standby goalie and Sarah's younger brother. Carl assisted the team wonderfully by filling in as goalie when ever there was a shortage. When wearing pads and a mask Carl was a determined and fearless player who stopped many goals. Who knows what he could have achieved if he had played hockey before or had been trained!

RYAN BACKHOUSE

Special thanks comes from everyone involved with this team to RYAN BACKHOUSE. The team was extremely lucky to have him generously dedicate his time and skills in taking training and assisting in coaching. At times this was a challenging task and Ryan responded with a maturity beyond his years.

UNDER 11B

Before I start the player resume for 1997 may I acknowledge the tremendous support from the Club Management team in 1997 to all Junior players. The Melville Club is held in high esteem for its Junior Hockey Programme. My thanks in particular to Neil Ashley the Junior Co-ordinator and Rob Walker the Club President.

As a Junior coach I believe it is my task to instil in the junior players a good understanding of the rules of the game of hockey, together with a sense of fair play and good sportsmanship. Winning at all costs has not been a priority for the team but we have enjoyed a most successful year. This is because the players have enjoyed their hockey in a friendly team atmosphere, and with terrific support from their parents each week at the games.

A special thanks to David Halliday who has assisted me with the team each Saturday calling the changes and assisting where necessary. **Peter Galbraith** - Coach

MEGHAN WILLIAMS (Goalkeeper)

Meghan has been goalkeeper in a team rarely troubled in deep defence in round one of the season. However round two was quite different with all opposition teams showing noticeable improvement. She is always keen to do well and should be more positive in her "D". A good season!

KIERAN DREW (Full back)

Kieran is a very steady defender who has improved his position play and disposal during the season. That small stick did not help his disposal but the big one now does the job well. Needs to be more confident moving the ball out of defence but always dependable in a time of crisis. Well done Kieran!

ANDREW GALBRAITH (Fullback)

Andrew moved from attack in 1996 to defence in 1997 and did the job well. He is a reliable defender with good stick work and ball skills. He can trap soundly and move the ball quickly to the forwards. On occasions he tries to do too much and gets caught out of position. A good season this year!

KIERAN NETTLETON (Centre half back)

Kieran has had an excellent season as the team pivot with his very enthusiastic attitude to the game and his high work rate. He often is responsible for bringing the other players into the game. As a centre half I have encouraged him to push the ball rather than waste a hit under pressure. His disposal skill will improve next season.

TRISTAN DRAVNIKS (Half back)

Tristan is another enthusiastic player and has been a key member of the team this season. He always tries hard but needs to be more attentive to his position play and disposal. Spends too much time on his "reverse" side making his job harder at disposal. Tristan also played occasionally in the forward line with good results.

RUSSELL DAVIES (Half back)

Russell has played consistently all season often to the point of exhaustion. He learns easily and will always be a team contributor. I feel he is better suited to the right half position where he can pass the ball in both directions to the forward line. Russell could be more forceful when contesting the ball and winning the hit. He enjoyed his season as a defender. Well done Russell!

GEOFFREY HANSON (Half back)

Geoffrey has also had an enjoyable season in 1997 playing as a defender mainly with an occasional run in the forward line. A taller player with a good reach, Geoffrey needs to concentrate on position play, as the game of hockey is changing drastically more so for defenders. Geoffrey has been a key contributor in a defence that has conceded few goals. Well done Geoffrey!

CHLOE PATERSON (Half back)

I hope that Chloe has enjoyed her hockey season and learnt more about the game. Chloe has played as a half back on both sides and done the job asked of her. She tends to be too gentle with her opponents but has tried hard to learn this difficult position. She has formed a close unit with the other two girls in the team. Thank you Chloe!

ADAM HALLIDAY (Left wing)

Adam is a very good left wing who can easily turn defence into attack with his aggressive play. He possesses good ball skills and reads the play extremely well. His disposal is usually good and as a forward he likes nothing better than getting the ball into the circle and having a shot at goal himself, or forcing a penalty corner.

UNDER 11B (Cont.)

DAVID ORR (Left inner)

David has developed good ball skills but must do more with the ball when in possession. He has scored some fine goals at left inner but due to his size is somewhat daunted by larger opponents. Nonetheless the desire to score the goals is there and when he's six foot two there will be no stopping him. A sound season in 1997.

ALEX WALLIS (Centre forward)

Alex is a feisty forward who is keen to do well all the time. He must learn to hold his position so the team can pick him out in attack. He has scored some very tidy goals this season. Ideally suited as a forward, Alex loves to run all day. Thank you for a solid performance.

REECE SLOAN (Right inner)

Reece also has good ball skills as required of an inside forward. He needs to help in defence more while maintaining position to move into attack again. He tends to roam at times to get the ball rather than holding his position. Reece has good goal sense and has scored some opportune goals. Well done Reece!

TARA BOWATER (Right wing)

Tara has played some excellent hockey at right wing this season. Tiny but tenacious, she has no fear of opposing defenders. One goal she scored in round two drew generous applause from all those watching the match. No angle at all on the backline, and in it went to everyone's delight. Tara fitted into this team very well and has had an enjoyable season. Well done Tara!

UNDER 11 SOUTH WEST

This team has developed extremely well and I'm sure we can look forward to bigger and better things next season . All the kids have gained a lot of knowledge and experience throughout the season thanks to the efforts of Ross our coach.

Raye Hadley - Manager

MICHAEL BENBOW

Michael has developed into a talented and skilful player. Definitely a star for the future. He will be an asset to any team.

SIMON BINT

Simon has had a great season as goalie. We've even had comment from our opposition about what a great goalie we have. He has been kept very busy at times and has handled the pressure exceedingly well.

REECE CRAKE

Reece has been our scoring weapon. He attacks the goals aggressively and strikes fear into any goalie's heart. He runs and follows up intensely.

JONATHAN GREENACRE:

We have seen Jonathan grow in experience and confidence throughout the season and he is really mixing it in there now.

DYLAN HADLEY

Dylan has been a strong solid rock, particularly at Full Back. He has been consistent and very hard for attackers to get round.

SARA HANNAGAN

Sara has a lot of potential as she has a good turn of speed. All we need is for her to realise that fact, then she will really mix it with the boys.

JOSHUA HARMON

Josh is beginning to concentrate more on the game now and we have recently seen some flashes of what he will become.

NAOMI HOLLAND

Despite her diminutive stature, Naomi is never daunted by the opposition. She can be a tenacious terrier and does not give up.

ALEX OBIRI-BOATENG

Alex has natural talent and as he gains more experience, and learns how to use his natural abilities, he will blossom into a talented all round player.

JASON PRIEST

Jason has a lot of talent and skill and once Jason begins to think about the tactics of the game he will become an awesome player.

PAIGE ROSE

Paige is a quiet achiever. She is often seen thwarting the opposing attackers and she goes about her job effectively.

BRENDON SPARK

When Brendon has settled to a task he can be very dogged and determined.

DAVID WAKE

With each game David has improved and gained confidence. He is becoming a thinking and talented player.

MATTHEW WAKE

Matthew has really blossomed as a hockey player. He would be the most improved player in this team and has applied himself extremely well this season.

RYAN McENTEE

One of our younger team members, Ryan left us mid season. I'm sure Ryan learnt a lot while he was with us and hopefully we'll see him back again to build on what he has learnt.

ROSS HANNAGAN

We have to thank Ross wholeheartedly for his efforts this season. I'm certain that the kids have benefited from his wisdom and experience. Well done Ross!