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MELVILLE CITY HOCKEY CLUB (INC)

LIFE MEMBERS

V. DALTON	(1959)
D. SPITTELER	(1969)
P. NOAD	(1971)
R. HALLIDAY	(1972)
B. SPITTELER	(1975)
M. CURRELL	(1978)
W. MEACOCK	(1979)
K. TIMMEL	(1980)
W. FORWARD	(1982)
J. COLE	(1984)
M. REYNOLDS	(1985)
B. HANCOCK	(1987)
I. DEVESON	(1988)
J. PICKERING	(1991)
N. KIDD	(1992)
W. ATKINSON	(1993)
G. NAPIER	(1994)
C. WILLIS	(1994)
D. JACKAMAN	(1997)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, November 25th

7.30pm

AT THE CLUBROOMS

MELVILLE CITY HOCKEY CLUB (INC)**CLUB ADMINISTRATION 1998**

Patron:	MS. K. MAIR (MAYOR, CITY OF MELVILLE)
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PRESIDENT' S REPORT

Well last year as I wrote my report I finished with the statement that as I step down from this position..... etc etc, but due to the lack of support when it came to filling some of the major committee positions I am, much to the disappointment of my lovely wife, still here writing another year's President's report.

This year I have presided over some major changes and decisions that have affected, or have the potential to affect, the Club in a big way. The first change was that of the amalgamation of the Melville City Men's and Women's Hockey Clubs. Whereas I would be wrong to say that it went smoothly I think the problems that arose were sorted out very quickly and as a result we are now a unified and stronger Club for the exercise. The major decision that was made, after a suggestion was put by myself to the management committee, was to set up a working party made up of David Porter, Scott Martyn, Gavin Scally and two life members of the Club Max Reynolds and Keith Jackaman, with some further external support, to look at the feasibility of whether this Club, on its own or if not in partnership with another club or clubs, can install a synthetic surface at the Club or somewhere within our region. As I write this report the committee is actively pursuing that theme with the goal of reporting back to the AGM on the feasibility and for possible consideration of taking the matter to a conclusion by the Club as a whole.

This job is made easier by the talented group of individuals that undertake the many varied jobs associated with running a successful sporting club. As the group numbers many and I will surely miss someone if I try to list them all, I will not endeavour to do it here. To those people may I express my gratitude for all their work, expertise, and advice etc they have given to the Club as it is very much appreciated and I know will continue well into the future.

This season started with our 3rd and 4th teams and second veterans team being relegated to Metro 2A's, Metro 2B's and Over 40 division 4 respectively. I am happy to report that at this stage it would appear that the Metro 2A's and Veterans O/40 Div 4 will be returning to the higher grades they just left. Finals wise 4 of our top 5 senior sides, the Veterans O/40 Div 4, the 2 Under 17 mens sides, and the Girls 15B side will have played in the final rounds. I think this result shows what depth we have in the club with a fair few of the Under 17's also playing in senior grade sides.

I have said in my previous reports that our Club sponsors play a very important role in this club's finances. Their support helps keep down our fees and provides funds to the Club's other activities can be undertaken. I would encourage all members to direct any potential business towards our sponsors, even though it may be the "off season" for without them the club would not run as successfully as it does and we would see fees rise dramatically.

As I leave this position one of the disappointments of the job has been that our grounds are still not up to scratch. All I can say is we have spent many, many hours trying to get them improved but to date this has not happened. I know the new committee will keep trying and next season drastic actions will need to be undertaken to achieve this goal.

At last year's AGM we had difficulty filling some of the major committee positions, one of those being the Presidents position. This year will see a few people resign as committee members and they will need to be replaced. If people do not step forward to fill these positions it will see this very successful club go backwards with the duties resting on a few people. Also

a new committee spends a great deal of its time early in the season trying to fill the vacancies instead of getting ready for the new season. So I encourage all club members to attend the AGM and think deeply about putting their name forward for the various vacant positions.

Thanks again to all for their support to myself during my tenure as President, but it is definitely my last year in this role and under no circumstance will I seek re-election, and will stand down at the AGM content with the knowledge that Melville City Hockey Club is respected by its peers, remains financially sound and provides an avenue for sporting activity to its members.

To my family Leslie, Christy and Dean go my thanks for the support, assistance and patience they've provided once again.

Robert Walker
President

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CLUBMAN OF THE YEAR

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1982	PAUL MEACOCK
1983	GEOFF MORRIS
1984	ALAN MEACOCK
1985	KEITH JACKAMAN
1986	ROSS REID
1987	WAYNE ATKINSON
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
1997	JOHNSON ORR

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION REPORT (MEN)

It's moth balls for the hockey gear once again, the end of another season has arrived. First of all I must thank the people that made my job as VP a lot easier, especially Rob Walker, Pat Von Mollendorf and the Committee. Thanks for all your support guys. Fielding the same amount of Senior teams as last year (1B, 2B, Metro 2A, 2B, 3A, 4A and 5A) there wasn't too many times we played short of players and with the Juniors coming through the numbers look good for next year.

To the "Top Squad" (1B and 2B) teams, who just missed out on promotion by one game each with the 2B's scoring more than 100 goals. Outstanding effort from all who were involved this year. Coach Colin Brandis, managers, players and supporters banded together to form a most successful squad. Good luck for the finals and once again, great effort guys.

Losing the 3A's from last year the Metro 2A's didn't have a very good start to the season, but came home with a bang and finished second and with a chance to be promoted to Metro 1A. A great effort by all of the guys and thanks to everyone who came to training.

The Metro 2B's had a bit of fun, concentrating on fines rather than hockey, but managed to win some games to keep their team off the bottom of the ladder.

The Metro 3A's had another outstanding season managing to score a second century of goals. Good luck for the finals guys. The Metro 4A's finished the season mid range on the ladder and I hope you all enjoyed the season.

The Metro 5A (The Scrubbers) also finished their season in the middle of the ladder and I know these guys will have enjoyed their season.

I would especially like to thank, on behalf of the Club, all the Captains, Team Managers and all the Players that came to training for their help and attendance during the season. I hope to see you all again next season.

In finishing, I would like send a special thanks to Keith (Skinta) Jackaman for managing our bar on Thursdays and Saturdays (also Ian Fire Hale). He did a fantastic job, and with the help of plenty of other alcohol consumers we all had a great time. PS, thanks to all the people involved with "Culture Nights".

Mal Farmer - Vice President, Senior Administration (Men)

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION REPORT (WOMEN)

This year heralded the amalgamation of the mens and womens clubs; a move that seems to have had all round benefits. The men have gained a selection of amazingly talented field players who also excel socially and the ladies.... well, let's just say we had a really good time.

We still had to endure the pre-season struggle for coaches and can be thankful that a word in the right place by "Mum" Pat Von Mollendorf snagged us Norm Morrison for the Ladies 1B team. The rather dubious promise of lots of single women never quite manifested itself despite Norm's proficiency in massage techniques, but I think he managed to make (have?) his presence felt. On the field, his catch cry was "fitness" and the efforts he pushed the ladies to certainly paid off. His fresh style of coaching and different techniques revitalised the team.

Ray Von Mollendorf stepped into the gap for the Ladies 2B team and built on the bonds forged last year to better their skills and created a strong defensive team. Unfortunately it wasn't a high scoring season (the goals just didn't happen), but the ladies certainly increased their abilities and made a definite improvement in all aspects of their game.

A shaky start to the season saw the Metro 2 ladies struggle for enough players to actually nominate a team, but by the first playing date a core of players had formed. Thanks to the organisational skills of Jo Mitsopoulos, the ladies finished the season in the top 5.

The Ladies Veterans team also had a successful season - finishing the first round in second position. A few injuries during the season saw the Vets scrape into the final four, but at the time of printing, they had won both semi finals and had great hopes for the grand finals.

As always, there are a number of people to thank for their efforts behind the scenes. I'd like to make special mention of the families who came out in support of the players - husbands babysitting, children acting as ball collectors, the cheer squads and skylarking on the sidelines and the odd spectator volunteering for umpiring (thanks Johnno!).

On a personal note, I have enjoyed the opportunity to be more actively involved in the club by joining the committee. It has been really interesting to hear of the many and varied aspects of the club, the developments planned and the achievements made. I would encourage all of you to support the club by attending the AGM on November 25th and seriously consider nominating for the committee.

Nicola Ogden

JUNIOR ADMINISTRATION REPORT

This year has been a watershed year in the Club's history. The men's and women's clubs amalgamated into the Melville City Hockey Club. This move brought a lot of benefits and challenges. As far as the juniors were concerned, we had to make some tough decisions. The committee unanimously agreed to enter a team in the girls under 15 competition and deemed that as a general rule, girls in that age group would play in the girls competition. That decision was not made lightly and it caused some pain but at the end of the season, I firmly believe that it was the correct decision and has been in the best interests of the club and the players. We must now move on and build on the foundations we have laid and in future years I would like to see our girls playing in girls grades from Under 11's right through to Under 17's.

This year we fielded a total of 11 junior teams. Whilst we did not enjoy the on field success we would have liked, many of the teams were in a building phase. The experience we have gained will be invaluable next year and in the future. Our Under 17C team contested the Challenge Cup. Many of the Under 17 players played seniors this year. The Under 17B team finished the season undefeated on the top of the ladder and both these teams will contest the finals.

Many people within the hockey fraternity regard the junior coaches as the most important resource in a club and I totally agree. This year we welcomed back a number of coaches from last year and also had 4 new people come on board. The Club and I cannot thank you enough for your time and effort throughout the season and I hope to see you all back again next year.

Other achievements of note are:

- Conducted a successful goalie clinic again this year.
- Held coaching information nights with the Club senior coach.
- Had 2 coaches gain level 1 accreditation.
- A number of players were selected in regional teams. Jack Steel (U15 boys), Kathryn Atkinson (U14 girls), Ben Meacock, Evan Kelly, Anthony Ricciardone, Andrew Galbraith and James Welton (U13 boys).
- Another successful year hosting junior umpire program at our home ground with 4 new umpires from our under 15 teams taking part.

This is my final year in this job and I would like to thank everyone who has helped me over the past two years. Thanks to all the volunteers, coaches, managers and umpires and who make it possible for the children to enjoy their sport. Thanks also to our President, Rob Walker and the rest of the committee for their support during the season.

Neil Ashley

FINANCE & DEVELOPMENT REPORT

What a great year it has been for Melville City Hockey Club. Once again I have been proud to be a member of a sporting club with real values. From our juniors to our top seniors I see an attitude and conduct which has been above reproach.

Sometimes we look ahead and say we still have a lot to achieve and how will we do it. At times like now, however, we get a brief chance to look back and see what we have actually achieved. To the clubs credit just a few of the things achieved over the last year are:

- We have had the Women's Club amalgamate with the Men's Club. This has had its ups and downs but now appears to be operating well. With not only seniors participating but a focus on Ladies Hockey that has a junior program to support it. Well done to all concerned.
- There is a top squad effort led by Colin Brandis that sees us in the finals once again. Colin's commitment to Club Hockey and the Committee's commitment to top squad hockey and Colin is justified by the results. Well done all concerned in the top squad.
- The Minkey program is on track once again. Thanks to people like Dave Timmel and his tireless helpers. The numbers are back up the kids are coming in with their families. We will soon see them with our junior squads. Well done Minkey Program.

I know I have left some of the wonderful things that are happening around the club out. Please accept my apology to those members if I have left you or your function out. But the point is that the feeling coming through is Melville Hockey is coming back to the numbers and participation levels of past. We have a strong club with a sound committee making informed decisions for the club.

Here we go, this all takes funds. Your sponsors willingly give donations to the club in return for support to them. We had in excess of \$12,000.00 donated to this club over the last 12 months. This is approximately one fifth of our annual budget. Without the generous donations of our sponsors the fact is we would not have a financial club. I am happy to report that in return our club members when using one of our sponsor services are saying they are from Melville City Hockey Club. In this day and age this is important. Sponsors now require value for money. We as a club should continue to bring home the point to our sponsors that we buy from you because you are a sponsor. Stay with us and we will stay with you.

Some sponsors who are club members and very active in their business do not have the time to donate their time to club positions or activities. By their donations they show us they care and sponsor us the only way they can. This is all part of the club scene at Melville.

I would like to thank all of our sponsors from the MCHC for their support and to you MCHC members who have used our sponsors and let them know where you are from.

This is my last term as Vice President – Finance and Development. To our loyal sponsors I would like to say thank you for your support of the club and willingness during my term to help us. I am sure you will support the new Vice President with the same enthusiasm as I have been shown. As a team of club and sponsors we will grow and achieve further goals like turf grounds and more club members with further sponsor involvement. Please support your sponsors and lets go all the way with Melville City Hockey Club.

Gary Bowater
Vice President – Finance and Development

SOCIAL REPORT

As another hockey season draws to a close at the annual Melville City Hockey Club Windup, I would like to thank the man responsible for the event, Colin Willis, for a job well done. Thanks mate.

As for the rest of the Social Events, I would like to attend all who attended and showed great support for these Social Functions. We didn't organise many functions this year, but the ones we did have were very enjoyable. The first one was the Fremantle Prison night, from what I've heard all who appeared thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The second event was the Melville Mardi Gras, which we put most of our effort into. It ended up being a great night, although more support would have made it into a better one.

I would personally like to thank all the guys on the social committee for their efforts during the season, Sumo, Leanne, Watto, Nat, Matt, Rachel & Colin. Thanks guys. PS, I hope the pot plant is still alive Rach.

A special thanks to Alison Backhouse and the team for their continuing support for the Bailey's Fundraiser. Well done.

The year would not be complete without the Players Teas / Culture Nights and the people who organise them, Gary Thomas (Mud Guard), Graham Coleman, Gavin Scally and Special Guests. These events are a good work out for the optics. Thanks for all your efforts.

I would like to say a special thank you to Skinta and Fire for running the bar again this year, an outstanding effort once again.

I would like to apologise for the lack of events this year, but the numbers at these special occasions were very discouraging. A change of angle might be needed next year.

On behalf of the Social Committee and myself, I would look forward to your continuing support for the future and thank all those who attended this year's social events.

Thanks once again

Mal Farmer - Social Convenor

VETERAN'S REPORT

This year we decided to run with 3 teams rather than having the problems of last year when 4 teams caused too many headaches filling the teams. So 3 teams set out with different goals for the season.

A name change this year to the Veterans titles saw our Over 40 Div 1 team struggle in the early part of the season as the goalkeeper who is the WA Country Goalkeeper missed several games due to commitments on tour in South Africa. He was also injured on tour and it was several games before he actually played for us. Early games also caused problems as he travelled from Bunbury each week to play. We did keep our place in the Over 40 Div. 1 and look forward to a better year in 1999.

In the Over 40 Div 4 side we saw an abundance of players well organised and a strong side who after being relegated in 1997 will go right back up to Div 3 in 1999. They never lost a game until the second round, then after a couple of hiccups they finished on top and headed for the finals and guaranteed promotion.

The Div 5 team had on a good day 3 subs, we started well, had some bad games and good games and just missed out on the four. Our last game of the season was our best, no pressure, we had survived the drop, so we went out and enjoyed ourselves in the rain and won 7-2.

I would like to thank the 3 managers Shane Knapp, John Smith and Rod Wake for their work during the season, they have made my job easier this year, we got there in the end with less hassles than last year. Next year could be our first with an over 50 side as well as 3 other Over 40 teams.

Thanks again to all the Vets who put in an enormous amount of work into the Club, and to my wife and family who take all the messages and put up with me through the season.

Last of all, I would like to say that a club of our size needs YOU to make the club function, the club needs YOU to help, so put something back into the club and step forward and get involved.

Thanks
Johnno Orr.

SENIOR AWARDS 1998

FAIREST & BEST

1B (Founder's Shield)	Cameron Robinson John Cooke
1B Ladies	Astrid Von Mollendorf Sue Clark
2B	Dale Reeves
2B Ladies	Ellen Bloxsome
Metro 2A	Matthew Rummer
Metro 2B	Adam Steel Scott Sparkes
Metro 3A	Evan Floyd
Metro 4A	Dale Tribbick
Metro 5A	Mark Myers
O/40 Div 1	Dave Porter
O/40 Div4	Terry Parker
O/40 Div5	Hans Geers
Wiffen Trophy	Natalie Adams
Catherine Bayens Trophy	Kylie Beechen
Ladies Coaches Award	1B Rachael Butler 2B Natalie Gibson

MELVILLE CITY HOCKEY CLUB

JUNIOR AWARDS 1998

<u>Team</u>	<u>Fairest & Best</u>	<u>Most Improved</u>
17B	James Hackett	Corey Atkinson
17B Girls	Alana Wake	Lisa Inglis
17C	Chris Inglis	Michael Gooding
15B	Jack Steel	Michael Puglise
15B Girls	Nadia Lehmann	Shiyanka Wickramaratne
15C South	Justin Wake	Wayne Jones
13A	Evan Kelly	Mark Hackett
13 South East	Alex Wallis	Geoffrey Hansen
13 South West	Cameron Power	Matthew Smith

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

Life Members Trophy Michael Gooding
(Most Improved Junior)

David Porter Trophy Astrid Von Mollendorf
(Most Improved Goalkeeper)

Ian Halliday Trophy Scott Jackson
(Highest Junior Goal Scorer)

MELVILLE CITY HOCKEY CLUB (INC)

GAMES PLAYED AWARDS - 1998**400 GAMES**

Alan Meacock

200 GAMESBarry Dedman
Graham Coleman**100 GAMES**Domenic Reay
Richard Williams
Scott Pitter
Steven Walsh
Grant Watton
Adam Sparkes
Scott Sparkes
Joshua Smales
Dale Tribbick
Simon Bignell
Bruce Johnsen
Russel Scanlon
John Maher
Steve McEntee
John Smith
Michael Ashley
David Pozzari
Jane Finlay**50 GAMES**Cameron Robinson
Dale Reeves
Andrew Starling
Rob Thorn
Dieter Von Mollendorf
Geoffrey Trainer
Barry Wake
Bryn Dodson
Peter Heavens
David Ryan
Daniel Chapman
Andrew Galbraith
Adam Halliday
Rory Read
Anthony Ricciardone
James Welten
Tristan Dravnieks
Kieran Drew
David Orr
Lauren Jackson
Alana Wake
Martha Reay
Renae Stirling
Ryan Rushton

THE TOP SQUAD

1B & 2B

The normal collection of misfits, topped off by a couple of new blokes, conspired to reach our normal level of not quite good enough. Just goes to show that the team is greater than the sum of its parts - as individuals we are conspicuously ordinary. Here we are, in all our glory and no particular order.

GAVIN SCALLY

Another ordinary year for another ordinary player. Gav's game is much like his body - both are prone to falling apart at any minute. Unlike Clarrie and Dale who are very old yet maintain a youthful appearance, Gav is quite young, he just looks old. He has had an unusual year - no cards, no injuries, no sledging, which means one thing - no passion. He's turned into a big pillow with legs - like the Statue, he's soft. They're just a pair of pink and white marshmallows.

DALE REEVES

Dale has struggled to fit into the 2's as he is not quite ordinary enough. On the other hand, he finds it quite easy to fit into a fully studded leather body suit and slip off to an S&M club where he is often seen handing over money for a bit of slap and tickle - if his performance at the cultural evening is anything to go by. Apparently the cost doubles when the Silver Bullet is involved. Damn old for a guy who looks 19.

BRUCE HANCOCK

Moved from working for Coke to working for Arnotts to satisfy the munchies. Was very disappointed when he found out that a certain type of cookie was not available. As a result he decided to leave Arnotts, go on the dole, study hydroponics and get a health care card for cheap eye drops and other pharmaceuticals. The main reason that we reveal these facts about Hank every year is because he hates it; can't help but bad luck can you.

TODD BARRETT

Todd was the only person who didn't have to dress up for the Mardi Gras, because he already owns several tight muscle shirts and a few pairs of tight cut-off denim shorts (and you think we're joking!). Not that there's anything wrong with that. He is also the neatest person in the squad. He is a great back man who likes nothing more than a tight situation, and like the Silver Bullet looks stunning in a tight skirt. I must admit that this is a disturbing trend.

MICHAEL DEVESON

Juniors hockey career is much like his love life - he's past his peak, the future looks bleak and he hasn't scored in at least two years. The similarity between his love life and his hockey is further mirrored in his hitting ability - he hits it hard but generally struggles to hit the target. Maybe it's the well used souvenir of a past cultural evening that is putting the girls off.

RAY 'THE COLONEL' RODRIGUEZ

Ray's KFC buying power has led to the infamous KFC special - the Bucket o' Thighs. Ray's high MSG intake has led to a serious case of white line fever often resulting in grievous bodily harm and more pressure on our public health system, with numerous victims left in Casualty Departments all over the city. Unable to play in the same forward line as Coops as we wouldn't be able to see the goals for the thighs.

TOP SQUAD (CONT)

MICHAEL 'METHUSELAH' JENSEN

The oldest man in the world, Mr Bobbles has had a great year. Jenno is the Highlander of the 2's - it appears he will live forever, and just Christopher Lambert's acting skills, Jenno's hockey skills are drawn from a very shallow pool. It's a bit of a worry when your young soccer playing (don't get me started) son can hit the ball harder than you AND he can keep it on the ground. His ability is much like the Titanic - only going one way.

JOHN 'SPICE BOY' COOKE

Still the best fullback to ever play inside forward, his devotion to hockey has unfortunately been overtaken by his love of the Spice Girls. He's got the CDs, the videos, the books, the posters, the big tall shoes, not to mention his life size Posh Spice doll. Cookie's hockey ability mirrors that of his favourite Spice Girl (Posh) - like Posh he dazzles with glitz and glamour but very little talent. Just like Posh, Cookie spends most of his time lying down, especially when trying to score.

ANDREW 'JODIE FOSTER' SCANLON

Due to the Statue's total physical breakdown he was even slower than normal this year, which is very hard if you are a Statue. His very sorry physical condition meant that, although he is soon to be a father, the only way he could conceive was through a small plastic cup and a big fridge. Like a broken down old nag he is one step closer to the white curtain and the glue factory. The one word that is often used to describe the Statue (like his favourite band Matchbox 20) is SOFT!

MARK LYONS

Clarrie doesn't know if he's coming or going - forward, halfback, 1's, 2's, skiing, hockey, basically he has no idea what's going on from one moment to the next - and he's worse once he gets on the field.

Notable absent from cultural evenings (obviously his survival instinct grows stronger with age) he nonetheless manages to maintain a reasonable attendance record at the old bastards drinks after Thursday training. Damn old for someone who looks 20 (just that little bit older than Dale).

REGAN MCCLURE

Hi - you may remember Troy from such pen pictures as "See you guys later I'm off to have non-urgent elective surgery halfway through the season and abandoning you to your fate". That may be a bit harsh - its not his fault he has a head like a cabbage. He did seem upset when the entire top squad offered to break his jaw for the surgery - obviously he has trouble accepting his team mates support (we were only thinking of him). Writes a fine match report though.

MARK WATTON

The Silver Bullet stuck around long enough to lose us the game against Harlies (in cahoots with the world travellers) and cost us promotion and then bugged off overseas (he isn't here to read this so its boots and all I'm afraid!). He is too skinny to be an old bloke and too old to keep up with the young guys, and as such he has become the middle child of the top squad - craving attention, getting none. Remember Jan Brady? That's Watto - and his young brother (Cindy?) shows signs of going the same way. Looks strangely alluring in a tight skirt.

THE TOP SQUAD (CONT)

CAMERON ROBINSON

Ah Timber, so many insults, so little time. Do we go with the Michael Bolton reference? Has Celine Dion taken pride of place, or is the new all black 'stealth' gear a tribute to Whitney Houston? At least we know its not Matchbox 20 - even Timber isn't that soft. He's loud, his gear smells, he's already worn one of Katrina's knees out and he is still driving that red rice bubble with all the radio stations tuned to 94.5 - this is our leader.

ROHIMAL WEDDIKARA

Durks fell out of favour with Gerard Neesham (will he get a call from Damian Drum?) and we picked him up in the June draft. Would have fitted in well in Freo, he is very ordinary. Runs fast, has good positional sense, traps well, good evasive skills, and for all the power he gets behind a hit he might as well throw his stick away and use a five day old stick of celery. He needs to be even closer to goal to score than the wonder twins. Wishes that there were behind posts in hockey as well as footy - at least then he'd score something. Looks very attractive dressed as a gay man.

NATHAN ELLIOTT

Evil pharmaceutical genius - if only he'd use his power for good - runs very fast about three times a game and then spends the rest of the time hunched over and blowing like a bellows. Played all over the place, generally knocked the crap out of his opponents and made everybody else look good, which has to be a good thing. His stomach is now getting to the contest 5 seconds before he is - an imposing presence!

GEOFF/JEFF (WHO KNOWS/CARES) COOPER

Favourite food: anything
Favourite drink: anything

Favourite colour: red, yellow and green

The doctor is in - and the umpires keep on sending him out. Funnily enough, the entertainment at the cultural evening game him a yellow card as well. We saw another side to Coops that night, thankfully it disappeared rather quickly, and hopefully we won't be seeing it again. And what about those thighs.

ANDREW STARLING

Is definitely aging - there is now a three way race between he, the Statue and the Colonel (which Andy would still win, but its getting closer all the time). Funnily enough, his wife seems to be running faster, even though she is aging at the same rate - no prizes for guessing who the strong one is in that household. Andy's main contributions this year have been in providing direction to the young guys and being older than me.

STEFAN WILLETT

I thought I would have a real problem here - after all, I have been sledging Stef both verbally and in writing for almost fifteen years, and with any normal person I'd be running short of material. Luckily, the Gobbledok is a goose of the first order, and is a heck of a long way from normal. To wit: who, after spending three years babbling on and on about how great it would be for the club and the players to make 2A's, who left on the eve of the biggest game of the year, which we subsequently lost? Who broke his own world record for the petulant stick toss, almost clearing the grandstand at the Stadium and scaring the hell out of the poor mongrel who was watching and almost wore a high speed Grays twig through the head? Only remotely smart thing he did this year was to start living with a nurse - the way his body is going, round the clock nursing care can't be too far off.

THE TOP SQUAD (CONT)

BRETT MARTYN

Precocious youngster who has started to feel very comfortable with the older blokes, which means he sledges more than just about everybody else put together (he's damn lucky none of us can catch him). Interesting ploy from a wet behind the ears pup, but we'll let him revel in his naivety for a while longer, then get him drunk and beat him up. Conspicuously absent from cultural evenings (obviously has a pretty well developed survival instinct even at this early age), he'll turn up eventually - and as I have said before, revenge is a dish best served cold.

DOM (PRIMMA) REAY

Once known only for his uncanny ability to bemuse opponents with his famous stumble, the peroxide bandit added a new string to his bow this year. While the majority of the team concentrated on gorging themselves on the fruits of the goal mouth, Bomber began to excel in the surprisingly rewarding art of custard consumption. Having mastered this, at times, slippery skill the young tyro began to experiment with a special brand of football. Similar to Aussie Rules, except players were less coordinated and experienced blurred vision, Domma's experiment ended in disaster as he seriously injured his knee. However one must admire the man's courage as it wasn't until the morning after that he realised the damage done and even then he was more concerned with a splitting headache. All in all, a fine season of goal scoring magic, some custard genius and one memorable knee reconstruction.

RICHEL WILLIAMS

Aerosmith's Steve Tyler wrote the classic "Dream On" after having one of those utterly stupid conversations with Richie over the Docker's chances during the year. However Rich still manages to head all of the tipping comps at the seven bottle-o's he

works for and he is beginning to see the subtle flaws in the Freo line-up (ie most of the team they put on the park each week). In contrast, Richie had a season of note destroying wings faster than a Beirut terrorist. Rich also apparently cracked a mention on "Talking Hockey" where someone on the couch was heard commenting (in reference to Rich), "Gee, that's just special isn't it."

BRENDAN JOSS

Arthur Guinness once said to me that the wait is just as good as the harp. I didn't understand what the hell he was talking about but presumed it had something to do with hockey and Brendan Joss' fine abilities. Brendan brought a new presence to the wing, a harder more aggressive one where nasty lads were allowed no leeway. Fans would often flock up to the South Geraldton stadium to hear Brendan taunt the more eastern Pangea residents and listen to Rowds' utterly distasteful comments on Australia's ethnic culture. These unacceptable slurs aside, Brendan provided all with a magnificent outlet in terms of his hockey brilliance and quick witted sarcasm.

BEN RUSHTON

Affectionately known as the Titanic, presumably because of his "huge" goalscoring abilities, the slightly balder of the Rushtons provided all with afternoons of enjoyment watching him bolt down the perimeter of the pitch. Dave Gilmour once said that this man inspired the piece "On the Run" with the infectious synthesizer beat reminiscent of Ben's many forays to the Metropolis sanction. Maybe the album was titled Dark Side of the Moon because Ben was never far off a tastefully shadowed cheek.

THE TOP SQUAD (CONT)

RYAN RUSHTON

The second Rushton in a trio of two, Ryno may have felt he was vilified by the tribunal early in the season to the extent that both he and Chris Grant of the Bulldogs appealed the sentences handed down to them but to no avail. How can questioning an umpire's eyesight and then reminding the individual, as Austin Powers would say, how shagged a decision was, constitute a sending off and a suspension by the club. Personally I think the system needs a complete overhaul. Otherwise Ryno had a fantastic season and just as I watch another perfect head form on a pint of Guinness I'm reminded of Ryno's head and tell myself not to be so sentimental.

MATT READ

This man may be one of the greatest talents ever to grace a hockey field. Shabaz himself described this player as having silky skills, an amazing drag and a phenomenal shot. Why then did this present champion and future legend only play one game of 2's for the whole season. The selection committee really should have a long hard look at itself. Apart from this injustice Matt managed to keep his enthusiasm up for the less prestigious 1's games, and I even heard the visiting North Melbourne coach Denis Pagan remark that, Melville has an extreme confidence in Matt, he could be out putting the kettle on and they'd still pass it to him.

NATHAN ROWDEN

Rowds once said to me that success is to laugh often and at others, to have the respect of intelligent children and the affection of small dogs, and to have seriously maimed or done permanent psychological damage to goalies from all walks of life. This year Nathan has frequently burst into laughter at others expense, he socialises with many intelligent children (although there's not as many as there used to be) and his rapport with all

animals (especially small dogs) is unparalleled. However the final requirement of Rowds' successful existence as a human has been sadly lacking. This reformed man has taken to passing the ball and setting others up for goal instead of roofing shots from the baseline via the keepers most unprotected body parts. This may be the reason Rowds has spent so much time languishing in the 1's and not realising his full potential. No one wants a caring, sharing Rowden but instead a crazy maniac who is a danger to all on the pitch.

GRAHAM WATTS

Gazza, as he is known by his mother, easily outshines his former Rangers and now 'Borough counterpart. With a reach that would put Dirk Digler to shame, the slimmer of the Watts boys has made a living disgracing opposition forwards and mid-fielders alike. Accompanying his amazing reach is a phenomenal shot (I've seen the 7ft giant hit a madam's cleavage from 15ft, that's 3 points even in the NBA). These unbelievable talents aside, Graham has made a home for himself amongst the highly competitive ranks of the Melville City Hockey Club and should continue to develop his unique brand of drinking style in the future.

GEORGE WATTS

The "Big Man" (weighing in at just over a ton) saved many a goal during the season. Unfortunately he never saved the two that would have got us into 2A's. Matt replied after every goal in that game which cost us "there were 11 players out there, only one let us down." I disagree as Matt's ability to have sensible thoughts is comparable to most vegetables (except for those high in vitamin E as they have recently been proved to be more articulate than Ready). The goals that George let in aside, this great offensive player - hang on - he didn't score once - "Bloody selection committee". OK, apart from the fact that George never scored he had a fabulous season, being a tremendous presence in the "D" and at least took up half of the goals.

METRO 2A

MAL FARMER

Grandad. Started the season on a good note then the injuries set in, the list of injuries is too long to go into. So it's the summer in cotton wool. If it wasn't for his short corner hitting we may never have made it into the finals.

PAUL LAMBERT

Legend - he's back. Paul has not lost any of his pace down the left wing, just a little off the top. Paul is still lethal on the wing, with his toss and run with lethal penetration off the circle. Welcome back legend.

AKI ETELAHO (Captain)

The man who liked to play without shoes. Started in the backline then moved to the forward line so he could have a few windies at goals.

MATTHEW RUMMER (Curly)

The man who does all the ground work with the ladies, gets their phone number but forgets their name. Then gets picked up for DD the morning after the night before. Serious stuff now he is one of the fullbacks, and is a big asset.

DANIEL PICKERING

Next time you wear your drag gear dont forget to WAX!! Dan is the right half, a role which he plays with total confidence.

GRANT WATTON (StickMan)

Babyface needs to be ID'd before going onto the field. He has a good season except that that radar is not set.

SCOTT PITTEP (DR Pitter)

Between wrong diagnoses of Kingy's jaw, Scott started in 2's then was promoted to the Premier side, where we allowed him to play in the forward line and score a couple of goals. By the way, watch out for the malpractice suit.

ANDREW KING

It wasn't a game without getting hit. How's the malpractice suit against DR Pitter going, for wrong diagnosis on the jaw. Andy is the left half, where the opposition does not have a right wing as he is totally shut down by one of the best taggers I have seen in a while.

MIKE SHANNON (Sumo)

Well, I get to do my own so I'll take it easy and say I had an average season between injuries and work. As Army says, "I'LL BE BACK".

ROHENAL WEDDEKKARA

Looks sweet in drag, unlike Dan doesnt need to wax. Rohe is the right wing, with his pace and precise passing he was able to set up some good goals and also score some as well.

STEVE WALSH

Started the season in the backline, then was moved to the forward line where he scored a couple of goals, but missed a few.

TONY O'REILLY

Tony has had a good season since being promoted to the Premier side. The only problem is that the boss keeps sending him away.

METRO 2A (CONT)**ANDY STARLING**

Played a few games with us and was a good asset to have up front.

JAMES PICKERING (17'S)

James has played a good portion of the season with us and is a strong fullback with a good future with the club.

GRAEME WALSH (17'S)

Graeme filled in while Sumo was away. He will be a big asset to the club in the future.

Many thanks to the following players who also played in the side: Nick Bowater, Andrew Criddle, Nathan Elliotte, Ben Stubbs, Charles Ottway, John Dewing, Ryan Rushton, Geoff Cooper

METRO 2B

CLINT DYMOND

The king of base with the deepest voice in the league and earned the nickname of “Depththroat” for his throaty calls for the ball. Played on the wing for most of the season and proved to be WASP’s bogeying man—scoring most of his goals against them.

ADAM STEEL

The “Father to be” wins the longest hair in the team competition after John cut his hair. Made up for an average season by trying out his rock n roll wrestling skills in one of the last games, we still didn’t win!

DAN PICKERING

Dumped by the team after a few games for being too good he soon found a pack of snivelers to play with for the rest of the season.

ADAM SPARKES

Known as the “Phantom” was he going to be playing, or in Bunbury with his girlfriend? His highlight of the season was the dogbolter award. This was awarded for an outstandingly bad free hit that resulted in a dog being hit twenty meters away with an undercut ball.

SCOTT SPARKES

Unfairly blamed for the team’s bad form this season for letting in too many goals. Took out the Colin Kop Bourbon award for no goals scored on one occasion. Turned on the aggression in the latter part of the season with some team inspiring, “take out the opposition” slides.

JOHN DALTON

“Pyhsico” lived up to his reputation this year until he was sent off on a dubious decision and told the umpire, “No you get off the f—king field umpire”. Played left half for most of the season that he wasn’t off the field for.

COLIN KOP

A true fullback, thinks he can do a better job than the forwards and show them how to play, big hits up the field and runs the ball with complete tunnel vision straight up the field. This earned Colin many “Forest Gump” fines.

BEN STUBBS

“I’ve never seen a guy with a bigger turning circle” quote Starling (The guy with the funny accent). Played full back with Colin for most of the year and managed to move up to the forward line in the later part of the year.

JOHN DEWING

His second year in seniors saw John a lot stronger on the ball, even taking on some bigger blokes after they knocked him around in some tackles. His back tackles provided some turn away moments for the rest of the team as they waited for the tackler to wipe him out with their backswing.

CHARLES OTWAY

Worked hard all year as an inner. Fined for not having enough fines, being too quiet and was the cause of the forward line not scoring enough goals.

NIGEL ELLIS

“Knuckles” Absolute champ looked like having a ball tearer but was sidelined with a knee injury halfway through the season.

TED NEESHAM

The little guy that just won’t stop talking. A few beers and no one can get a word in. Ran around the field following Knuckles for some reason and took a lot of “forest Gump” fines as well.

Special thanks to all the other players that filled in for the team this season (especially the Juniors) and for Andrew Criddles great Pep Talks at half time. Thanks to Mal Farmer for organising the team this year.

METRO 3A

The Stats.....

Played 18	Won 16	Lost 1	Drew 1
Goals For	108		
Goals Against	15		

The dust had well settled and cobwebs had set upon the motley crew that had been the almighty "legends" team after a successful 1997.

Not to be outdone by last year's efforts, the call of "golf" drew the lads together and a roll call was taken. All present and accounted for as Chez sliced another ball into the lake, Whip played true and straight and Spike (Andrew Ford), well he sprayed them, just like a champagne celebration.

The 'seriousness' of the occasion found the boys daydreaming "I'm fit, fast, I'm going to score lots of goals, my skills are excellent and we're going to win, win, win".

The season has now come to an end and we can reflect upon our big dream. We've won, won, won, scored lots of goals, won the Challenge Cup, one Minor Premiership and are Grand Finalists. The dream has come true, but our fitness, well that didn't improve and we can only thank those Under 17's for their legs.

Some memorable highlights:

Brian (Bazooka) - shirt fronted for a broken nose - thanks Charlie Gardners.

Rob - cleaned up for a multiple fracture of the cheek bone. Thanks Charlie Gardners

Hayden - cleaned up for a broken arm

Chez - 'One leg Chez' Did me hamstring playing softball

Darryl - Sconed by a flyer

Evan - Too wet to play

Paul and David - Let's take a holiday and leave the first final to the boys

Understandably our squad ballooned to 17 or so players and we needed every one of them. Some young bloods James Pickering and James Hackett were our regular 17's and certainly made their mark.

Others to play - Dean Walker, Corey Atkinson, Greg Roos, Russel Scanlon and Norm Morrison. Thanks all.

Special thanks to Rob Walker for his weekly efforts on the recruitment front.

Will it be golf that once again determines our destiny for 1999? Let's hope so.

METRO 3A (CONT)

ALAN MEACOCK - Forward

He's just so predictable now as we all know his skills, ability to surge and eliminate players and create those goal scoring opportunities. Gives his all to the game and hates being beaten one on one. Always seeks to turn the tables with some psychological warfare and tough tackling. Occasionally seen to discuss the finer points with unpires, problem is they cant understand where he's coming from. Another good season.

PAUL MEACOCK - Fullback

Lightening speed? (not!!). Turning circle of a unicycle? (not!!). But a rallying defender to the end. The team never looked the same without the 'whip' controlling the defence and abusing forwards for calling leads to soon. A club / team stalwart who is much revered. Needs to bone up on a few more jokes to inspire the team before the game. Old? (yes!!) Going grey? (yes!!). Better a slip to the Vets than a slip to the hospice. Well done, old fella!

PATRICK MATTEWS - Forward

Reckons he's still 20 but needs to improve his mathematics by a multiple of 2. Poor b....stard having to keep the mob together. Wouldnt wish his job on anybody. Played a good season, scored a few goals, missed plenty. Sprays them a bit because he's hungry and has a knack of creating and even scoring that special goal.

ROB KNYN - Forward

Used the "scruffy beard layed back in the warm up environmentalist" disguise to perfection in fooling both teammates and opposition on what was to follow. Tenacious attacker who lived up to his name to 'rob' many a ball and create that

goal scoring opportunity when least expected. Decided to change his disguise by letting his head go right into the path of a rising ball for that ultimate "dont mess with me" black eye and crack on the cheek bone look. Didnt fool his teammates this time but his family are still waiting for the real Rob to come home. Rebounded well to be a crucial member of the team.

BRIAN MATTEWS - Fullback

Always reliable in defence. Known to commit his body to the protection of goals from attack - sometimes to the detriment of his facial features, suffering a horrific ad hoc nose job during the season. Never really recovered psychologically as was seen wearing a goalie's helmet on numerous occasions. Despite his impediment Bazooka was the only kicking goalie to spend less time behind the 25 yard line than in front of it. Hard, tenacious and aggressive, Bazooka replused many opposition thrusts and turn them into offence with a well hit pass. However, just like the rest of us was never quite able to get the ball to Chez through 6 opponents - but we will continue to try.

HAYDEN HARDWICK -Goalie

Hayden joined the team part way into the first round and immediately made a major difference to our defence. Only 17 years of age, Hayden impressed as an athlete and fearless goalkeeper with top reflexes. Unfortunately injury prevented him playing in the latter part of the second round. A great addition to our side and a goalkeeper who has a bright future with the Club. Made the most important save of the season in the first semi final which assured us a grand final berth.

METRO 3A (CONT)

DARYL DEDMAN-Forward/Half Back

After last seasons many absences Al Meacock devised a cunning plan to get our Mandurah Boy to turn up each week. Al would tell the first half of a joke one week and finish it the next. These jokes are hilarious, if you've only got half a brain, so, as the season progressed, Did worked on a frontal lobotomy by continually allowing the ball to strike him on the noggin. It goes without saying that the rest of us didnt have to take such drastic action.

JAMES PICKERING - Fullback / Half Back

A real win-win situation where Jim picked up valuable tips from Whip, Bazooka and Co. and we picked up a fit, speedy, half-some-fullback. His greatest asset has to be his tackle. When word got out that Jim was playing females would flood to the ground just to confirm for themselves whether it did measure up to the stories they'd heard. It brought tears of nostalgia to us oldies as we remebered Picko's old man's words "To play well boys, you've got to be hard".

RON CHESNEY - Forward

Another consistent season from Chez back on the field and at the phsio. He again managed to injure just about every muscle but still battled on and fronted up for most games. Our pivotal forward with the defeaning howl "GIVE IT TO ME" has a knack for scoring the decisive goal while missing several others. Gets really frustrated sometimes and takes great pride in his performance. Will huff and puff for a while but he's really just a nice kind of guy.

KEITH HARPER - Forward

Scored the team's 100th goal and wasn't he excited. He regularly gets excited and sometimes frustrated but Harps is a most valuable player who has a work rate and pace that never seems to wain (except on hot days). Scored a number of goals during the season including a couple of classic deflections. Eligible for Vets next season (like most of the team) and should he take up the challenge will be a handful for defenders.

GEOFF (RAM) RANFORD - Centre Half / Fullback

Again displayed his versatility and steadiness when given the responsibility of centre half and occasionally full back. Played some of his best hockey this year (obviously trying to impress his young sons) with his distribution skills highly rated. A real club man who would make a real effort to call back to the club for a beer or two or three.

EVAN FLOYD - Half Back

Tentacles Evan, our saviour at left half, often left to mind winger, inner and anyone else travelling past. We are now accustomed to his extraordinary reach, excellent tackling and his ability to repel and turn defence into attack with speed and agility. One of our best performed players this year.

ANDREW (SPIKE) FORD - Forward

Likes it on the right because he can drill it with the coming player on the left. Showed significant composure this year and played some great hockey as a result. Always hungry for the goal and fully commits when the opportunity presented itself no matter what the outcome. Scored some timely goals with flair.

METRO 3A (CONT)**JAMES HACKETT - Half Back**

The other half of the James duo. James was scouted early in the year and was offered a traineeship with the mighty legends team. We actually wanted him more than he wanted us but dont tell him that. A most capable half back / forward, even fullback who reads the game very well, has a dash of pace and is very steady. Can look forward to 'higher' grades in the future. But hang on, we thought this grade was it.

DAVID TIMMEL - Half Back

Still as steady as ever, Dave gave another great performance at right half. A real wall in the path of any forward with the policy of "let nothing through". A tough customer who enjoys the occasional "how do you do" with the opposition. Provided good drive down the right, always lending himself for the pass off.

METRO 4A

A season of indifference, beating the top teams and losing to the bottom teams. Having 14 players one week to 8 the next. Finally gained some consistent play towards the end of the season. A little bit of training next year should mean the finals. 1998 was an enjoyable and fun, looking forward to 1999.

ROB THORN

“Top Gun”, Right half back , Captain.

SCOTT LEHMAN

“Twister”. Right wing. In, out, around, twisting and weaving. Scott enjoys carrying the ball towards goal having good success.

MARK CARSON

“Braveheart”. Full back. Mark likes to charge through the opposition creating attacking moves out of defence. Terrific year.

ANDREW WAUGH

“Star Wars”. Left half. Futuristic game plans enables many attacking moves from the back lines often scoring. Contributed all season.

GRAHAM JONES

“The Godfather”. Centre Half Back. Ever reliable player who often threatened the mob at half time. Wounded in the final round.

STEVE CRIDDLE

“Easy Rider”. Cruises into the goals and normally stays there. The team’s leading scorer who scored some amazing goals.

KANE WOOLAMS

“Lethal Weapon”. Full back. Dangerous player who uses his weapon to good use??? A very busy year for Kane who had to fight off many attacks.

BEN DUNSTAN

Right Inner

“Blues Brother”

PHIL DUNSTAN

Left Inner

Cool in attack often running amuck, Ben and Phil both added important attacks which gave the team scoring opportunities.

DALE TRIBBICK

“The terminator”. Left, right inner, half back. Loves to destroy the opposition. Hard working player who plays all positions with ease. Excellent year.

CAMERON WIABCE

“The Lion King”. Goalie. Defended his den with grace. A very busy year saving many many goals. An important hard working team member.

JOSH SMALES

“Crocodile Dundee”. Left wing. This outback explorer looks after his land, often swamps. A good season for Josh initiating many forward moves.

MICHAEL DIBB

“Phantom of the Opera” disappeared after some great performances.

METRO 5A SCRUBBERS

After dispensing with a lot of old wood last year, we decided to recruit young talent to boost our on field pace and skill level. It appears that good theories don't always go to plan. We struggled to put a team together each week relying on under 17's to fill in whenever possible. As these players are easily led, it didn't take long for them to adopt our low skill and fitness level. Eventually we managed to put together a run of wins although it was far too late to make an impact on the finals.

The indoor activities are where the team seems to dominate. This year was no exception with much of our attention devoted to the senior players tea. As you would expect the main course was followed by desert but I have yet to read on any package the serving suggestions for custard displayed to the privileged audience. We would like to thank all attendees for their support of the two nights.

ROB ARTS

Rob has taken a career move this year by joining Telstra, however we suspect this is only a temporary position. Speculation has grown that he may be in training for a position as a crash test dummy due to the purchasing of the official car for such testing. Another theory regarding the Volvo acquisition is that he may have bought it as protection from the young and foolish drivers on the road today.

CHRIS AVENT

This man is a living example of the theory that you cannot teach old dogs new tricks. After finally giving into pressure to part with the official stick of the first olympiad, Chris purchased one of those new fang dangled ones with one end slightly bigger than the other. He persisted with it for at least two games before the relic was resurrected with the addition of araldite and resin in appropriate places. Rumour has surfaced that it could be used to light the torch at Sydney 2000.

NOEL BACKHOUSE

Noel's depth of experience was sorely missed this year as we had to put someone else on the door and elect a new jockey. Without his usual guidance many of the team members were seen resorting to coke. As usual he had plenty of free advice to offer to opposition players who were unaware that advice was required.

SIMON BIGNELL

Simon has been seen with his hand on more backs than Jim Henson this year and puts fear into opposition teams merely by turning up to games. As his car stops in the car park and the doors spring open no one is sure about the strength of Cyclone Bigels on any day. It varies from force 1 to force 4 with force 4 being the most devastating for unwary personnel. Simon's on field performance is usually far less active than the off field scramble.

GRAEME (Leo) COLEMAN

Being outscored by Al Marshall or the goalie (in that order) are Graeme's two only fears in life and they both came embarrassingly close to realisation this year. Fortunately Graeme's luck changed when he managed to steal Al's ball on the goal line in round ten and after showing what can only be described as a completely out of character patch of form that lasted nearly all afternoon. Other than minor variations of his usual lacklustre form on field, Graeme managed his usual high standards in organising the pizza flavoured chewies and for the special order of POW toast to be sent up from Bunbury for the two cultural evenings of this season.

METRO 5A (CONT)

CLINT CHASE

We have filed a missing persons report for Chevy as he has not been sighted since early July. There are unconfirmed reports that he was last seen loading suitcases onto the roof racks of his wood panelled station wagon destined for Wally World. There are also unconfirmed reports that he has been abducted by aliens.

JEFF GANGELL

What can you say about this man that he hasn't said himself? Jeff gravitated (graduated?) to the scrubbers at the beginning of the season and wasted no time in adding to our proud traditions by leading on the entire team of 11 who were convicted of impersonating hockey players, in our first game against Riverside Lions, by a fair and impartial Melville crowd. Not only this, Jeff has demonstrated his commitment to the team by joining our elitist group who refuse to lower their standards and score from a flick. Several villages have contacted us and are interested in his services next year.

MIKE JOLLIFFE

It has been suggested that Mike should pay double fees next year, as he plays twice as many games as anyone else. I'm not sure if he enjoys his hockey or the time away from his abode and the other occupant. The long hours studying moves of world championship wrestlers paid off at a home game when he successfully completed a half nelson followed by a slam dunk on an unsuspecting forward.

ADAM MARGETTS

At the start of the season, Adam knew the rules, had been training, was fit, had skills and ability. Sadly he didn't quite seem to have what it takes to make the grade "The Wrong Stuff". Fortunately, Adam was quick to learn from the wealth of experience around him and by the end of the season he had given up his nasty training habits and learned how to employ the shirtfront tackle to strategic advantage on the field.

ALAN MARSHALL

The man who put the "T" back into Toyota! An off season being a dad seems to have quietened Al down this year and he has handed over the shirtfronting duties to Adam. Al has been nominated as our official scout as he often goes to the trouble of checking out parking facilities for away games a week in advance.

PHIL MINCHIN

Phil has been amongst the younger of our recruits this year and towards the end of the season he has shown the desire to be involved in the important aspects of the off field activities. Shortly after turning up to the second senior players tea he had been fleeced of all unwanted cash, but he seemed to be enjoying the activities of the night. As a new member of the team Phil sometimes has trouble coming to grip with discussions such as when he was told to show more commitment to the ball, he went out and bought a new suit.

METRO 5A (CONT)

MARK MYERS

A great effort and a big year from Mark this season! He toppled two of the team's old timers from their positions by not only arriving consistently later than Grandpa (and also without socks on) but also demonstrating that he knew less about the fixtures than Mike Jolliffe by turning up early (his once and only time) for a bye. Not only these achievements but Mark seems to have finally proved after years of research that loud car stereos cannot kick start a slumbering brain, often known as fish when he opens his mouth up to five minutes after getting out of his car you can still here the last note resonating.

COLIN SLATTERY

A painful and embarrassing bathroom accident brought a premature end to this stalwart scrubbers season and unfortunately the Slatter was reduced to watching from the sidelines for the one game he bothered to turn up to, he must have caught the rest on TV. Prior to his nasty accident in the early parts of the season Colin was showing dangerous signs that the astonishing lack of skill fitness and ability that have been the hallmarks of a great scrubbers career. We can only hope that the 12 months off doesn't interrupt Slatters strict training regime and hope that the plastic surgeon does the right thing while he's under and looks after the areas needing the attention more urgently.

OVER 40 DIV 1

It was not one of our better seasons with a lot of changes throughout the year, a new goalkeeper who missed a lot of the games through work or injury and a lot of the diehards missing as well.

GARY GLENDELL

Gary only played a few games this year, but played well when he was there.

DARYL KNAPP

Daryl had some great games this year played steady in defence.

SHANE KNAPP

Shane looked a lot fitter this year, was solid in defence and a state vet for the second year running.

DAVE PORTER

Dave is one of the best players in this division - knows his hockey and plays it hard.
The best fill in goalie you could ever have.

BRUCE PORTER

Bruce plays a very physical game which gets him into a lot of awkward positions.

PETER DAWKINS

Peter was another player who only played a few games with us this year, but played quite well when he did play. Also another state vet this year.

ROBERT LISTER

Rob made his presence felt on the field with his long reach and hard tackles.

BRUCE JONHSEN

This was Bruce's first year with the team. He played solid hockey all year and has a dead eye for traps.

NEIL McKENZIE

Although he is an import Neil played some great games for us this year scoring some good goals when we could not. Thanks Neil.

STEVE NEEDHAM

Steve played only when we needed him and helped us out especially towards the end of the season

NORM MORRISON

Norm took on coaching the ladies team this year. His fitness was better for it (or maybe it was chasing the girls around that helped!)

PETER KAZAKOFF

Peter is still one of the most talented players around. His legs may be slower, but his mind is way ahead. Did his usual trick of tripping off around the world mid way through the season.

IAN BRUCE

Ian came back to playing hockey this year after a few years coaching. I hear he played as well as he coached.

RUSSELL SCANLON

What can I say about Russ - only knows one position but plays it better than any one. His warm ups have to be seen to be believed - the most enthusiastic five minutes I've ever seen.

O/40 DIV 4

WAYNE HUDSON

How many times have we assisted Wayne to dress himself for the game ? Wonder what his Mum ever taught him if she could not even teach him that . I think it is to do with those big shoulders that he has developed . He can no longer pull his shirt over them without assistance . Of course , this has great benefits for the rest of us when we fail to stop the opposition attack from penetrating our other defenses, because, "then there is Wayne". Wayne with his broad shoulders and wide pads bars access to the longed for goal or he sprints out to confront the trepid attacker . Notice how few goals were scored against us this season. Good season Wayne . Thanks for being there .

CHRIS HACKETT

Chris is resolute in defence and a terrific play maker in attack . He looks like he has the ball on a string and really hams it up (pun) . He makes the forward line look good with his nice hard flat passes . It's a pleasure to play with him .

IAN HALLIDAY

A middle aged member of the team gained promotion to the over 40's/4 this year. Like all of us age is starting to show ,the aches and pains to the knees and back are becoming more evident but like all "silly old likeable bastards" he still keeps coming back for more, going home after a game to be greeted by Jill who says "how did you go?"..."good, good, great" and when he's out of sight of T.L.O.B. he limps off to the shower only to repeat the same antics all again next week . Congratulations on a fine year - it's a pleasure to see the skills have not eluded you, only the pace . See you back in 1999.

KINGLEY MCGUIRE

Left fullback and one of our valued senior players. Kings is a great defender with a keen eye for clearing the ball out of the circle, even when it goes across goals it works for him. King's is a terrific team member and we look forward to playing with you next year and beyond 2000. Well done Kings.

STEVE MCENTEE

Steve had a very good season and scored some memorable hat tricks . Steve is always dangerous in the circle with his powerful and instinctive shots at goal . Well done Steve .

JOHN SMITH

Team manager and all rounder. John is the teams all rounder . John is always prepared to fill any position including Captain /Coach in Syds absence . Wherever John played he controlled the opposition with great tenacity and without fuss . Thanks John for a top effort in helping to guide the team to a very successful year .

RON (GREY BEARD) RICHARDS

As the "senior" member of the team ,Ron leads by example –he puts his heart and soul into the game and is the effervescent type . Quite often he lunges at the ball horizontally (would have been good at say rugby) and as he spends a fair bit of the time on the ground, "Autumn" is an appropriate nickname . Ron looks forward to playing each week, when available –it was suggested on a cold, wet and miserable day that we toss for the result and then adjourn to the clubhouse for a drink or 6 or so . Ron would not have a BAR of it and was solely focussed on playing in the adverse conditions(of course we were serious Ron !!). Played for division 1 on one occasion but found the pace a bit slow (sat on the bench for most of the game) Thanks Ron, see you later on in 1999.

O/40 DIV 4 (CONT)

GARY THOMAS

One of the "Scrubbers" who finally earned promotion to Vets. He is another one of the "Cap Brigade" who has slotted in well at right half (what is it with these half backs?). Gary is a great team man and is always ready to interchange to give the full squad a run. I don't think it is because he needs a rest. Gary is also a great organiser of senior players teas and has many contacts. A good year Gary, see you in 1999.

SYD WILSON

He with the booming voice also Captain of this motley outfit and reliable defender. When riled or seeing Ross Hannigan try to trap on the backstick the voice can be heard across many a hockey field saying "GET AROUND IT !!!!!". Syd played across the half and full back lines and showed that there is plenty of fight in the old dog yet.

KEN WOOLAMS

Ken is another one of the team's great clubmen. When he is not off loading ships Ken is always focussed on the teams position on the Premiership table and its impact on the Club. Solid and reliable at half back "Barney Rubble" also played on the wing with distinction this Season. Well done Ken.

ROSS HANNIGAN

Ross moved up from Vets F in 1997 to Vets D in 1998 and has turned the left wing into his own position. Despite the occasional roasting from Captain Syd he has stuck at it and is one of the few players in the team for every game in achieving the Minor Premiership. Ross is not blessed with speed but cannot be underestimated as he has scored a number of great goals in 1998.

JOHN MAHER

John was the second member of the Scrubbers to be promoted to Vets in 1998. John played at right inner all year and impressed with his ability to run hard for the majority of the game playing both up front scoring goals or helping out in defence if Gary or Skinta slackened off. It is nice to have a young Vet to do the running.

TERRY PARKER

Terry has been a major influence on the teams success this year. Terry started the season as fit as fiddle and has been a constant problem for teams at his normal position at Left Inner. He is able to provide a link between the half line and the forward line and this has been a great help to the defenders. I am not sure how many goals he has scored but a recent one against WASPS by the team was a memorable one set up by Terry. A great season from a great guy.

KEITH JACKAMAN

Skinta has had another good season despite the fact that he never has time to warm up or hit up before the game. Also at home games particularly if it is a wet day his bar duties always seem to have priority as he hopes we don't need him with our larger squad in '98. Keith has a great eye for the ball and is very difficult for opposition forwards to get past him. Another great season, well played Skints.

JOE STOCCO

Joe is another Vets F player from last year and Vets B player from 1995. Joe has played mainly at right wing and has scored a few nice goals which usually results in a scene of wild jubilation. "Big Joe" is a goer who puts in his all for the team and is one of the only members of the team who turn up for that horrible word "training".

O/40 DIV 4 (CONT)**NORM HOSKINS**

Another Vet A player who dropped up to Vets D for a rest . Surprise, Surprise there is no rest in a team led by Syd which is sitting on top of the premiership

ladder . If you played at fullback for most of your career and played Vets A you should be able to handle Centre half or Left Inner in Vets D , right Norm ? . But truly Norm has added further depth and versatility to the team and we are grateful you joined us.

We had a team of 16 players this year but would like to thank the following who played a few games to help us out and contributed to the Minor Premiership. Mike Joliffe ,Kelvin Woodward, Neil Mckenzie, Kym Wilson ,Colin Willis ,Peter Dawkins and Johnson Orr . This means we used 23 players in 1998

OVER 40 DIV 5

NEIL ASHLEY

Neil was only going to fill in this year, but was lured back. That was until he was caught out by a bad bounce and had his thumb shattered. The accident forced him into semi-retirement, but the team was still able to benefit from his coaching expertise and half-time words of wisdom. We hope that you're back with us next year.

DENIS BAWDEN

Our specialist left wing and also inner. Denis runs his heart out every week and always gives 110%. He can score some amazing goals and is a valued team member. One of the gentlemen in this team. It is always a pleasure to play with you Denis. See you again next year.

BRUCE CADD

Hardly sent off at all this year, despite his physical approach to the game. Bruce stationed himself around the D and caused problems for all opposing teams. A good team player who set up many goals and scored a few for himself.

STEVE DURIE

Steve started off the season with a rush, scoring at almost a goal a match. Unfortunately, he disappeared for about 8 weeks in the middle of the year. He tells us that it was to work on his new house, but the word is that he just lost track of time during one of his weekly business lunches. He hasn't quite regained the same form since his return, but I'm sure he'll be working on it over the summer.

HANS GEERS

Hans became our star recruit, when we snatched him from the sidelines of his son's game. He immediately added something we'd been missing - skill ! Despite his arthritic knees he cuts a swathe through the opposition, although we're not really sure whether it's because of his stick skills or those dazzlingly white satin shorts.

TONY ILLMAN

Well man !! Our Rhodesian (or is that Zimbabwean ?) import - sometime part soccer player by the way his feet keep getting in the way. Seriously though, a hard chasing team player and always good for a social beer after the match. Unfortunately, Tony had an early end to the season, but saved his best goal for his last game.

IAN KNIGHT

As always, Ian was solid as a rock in defence. Either playing in his customary fullback role or giving Johnno a break in goals, he repelled numerous opposition attacking moves. Consistency is the key to Ian's game; year in, year out he can be relied on to play the same reliable game. Yet another good year.

NEIL McPHAIL

We all knew Neil was getting serious when he showed up at the first game with a new stick. Cash Converters really do sell everything ! When he wasn't injured, Neil provided us with plenty of drive as an inner or on the wing. He scored a few goals and set up others. Lets hope we see you back injury-free next year.

KARTHIGAESU NAIR

Kaeshu was another to suffer more than his fair share of injuries this year. When fit, he was used at centre forward or centre half. He used his considerable stick skills to outplay many opposition backs and either score himself or pass off to another forward in a better position. A good year despite the injuries.

O/40 DIV 5 (CONT)

JOHNSON ORR

Our hard-working Vets Co-ordinator. After we failed to recruit enough goalies, Johnno took on the task for the majority of the year. He did such an outstanding job that no-one was willing to volunteer to give him a break. The umpires appreciated him playing there too - the helmet muffled most of the abuse and what they could hear, they couldn't understand. Another excellent effort on behalf of the Club - thanks from all the guys.

GEOFF RILEY

Unfortunately, Geoff sustained an injury during a pre-season match and never fully recovered. He was only able to take the field for about five minutes during the regular season. Maybe next year....

GEOFF TRAINER

Geoff had a disrupted season with both illness and injury causing him to miss games. He was just running into form in last few games of the year. As always, Geoff was a hard working team man wherever he played. His encouragement of fellow team members is great. Let's hope you have full season next year.

BARRY WAKE

Barry played most of this season at either wing or half back and used his pace and extra reach to trick many of the opposition. A good team member who contributed well to the overall mobility of the forward and half lines. Made many speedy dashes down the wing. A quiet achiever and overall solid performer on the days when it was hard going with the opposition. Well done Bazz.

ROD WAKE

A man for all seasons. A player who has worked equally as hard both on and off the field. As team manager Rod worked tirelessly to provide an outstanding level of organisation for the team. On the field he was one of our more reliable and consistent players. A great season, thanks Rod.

COLIN WILLIS

Colin found himself playing in variety of positions during the year - he did well wherever he played. He suffered broken ribs early in the season which restricted him for a few weeks, but it did not restrict his goal sense - he scored some vital goals for us during that time. Whether in attack or defence Colin always showed touches of class and was regularly among the best players.

KYM WILSON

Kym, the forward who never stops running. Well, not until he pulls a hamstring, which he did a couple times this year. He was our most prolific goal scorer this year and, when he couldn't score himself, looked for another forward who could. Let's hope that next year you have fewer injuries and have fewer trips away.

KELVIN WOODWARD

Kelvin has had another outstanding season at fullback. His consistency has seen him amongst the best players each week and, like a good red wine, he gets better with age. An altercation with a stray ball in mid-season left him with a bruised and battered face, and sent fear throughout the team when rumour had it that early retirement was being forced upon him. Fortunately, his recovery was quick and we all feel that the knock has improved the accuracy of those hard hits out of defence. Thanks also to Norm Hoskins, Wayne Hudson, Mike Jolliffe and Joe Stocco who played with us at times throughout the season. Your contributions were greatly appreciated.

1B (LADIES)

A New Year, a new shirt, a new coach, a new system.

A late appointment as coach left us with a slow start and it took a few weeks to get on track with our fitness and skills but we started to play better as the season went on. Injuries late in the season didn't help with key players out. I would like to thank the ladies for their support this year - I couldn't have asked for a better group of player to start my coaching career with. Their enthusiasm and keenness to learn has made me very proud to be associated with them. Looking forward to next year with an earlier start, hopefully our fitness will be better. As coach I always found that I was at the front of the pack on our runs - I was not sure if it was my fitness or the girls preferred to see the back of me. A special thanks to PAT for getting the team and myself together.

ASTRID VON MOLLENDORF

(The baby of the team)

Astrid (astro) has great skills in the net, even at this early age Astrid will go a long way given the opportunity. A delight to watch in action a goal saving dynamo.

(And spell checker)

CAROLYN JONES

Carolyn has been a steady defender thought out the year. Under estimates her ability at times and has improved her skills and thinking over the season. Excellent effort for never missing training.

LEANNE JARVIS

Squeak has not had a good year with injuries, too many to name, but when out on the field she's give her all . Is often running late, resulting in more revenue for the police service. (When retirement is imminent Squeak could probably get a job directing traffic somewhere other than on the field) Looking forward to see her fit next year.

NATALIE ADAMS

Nat has had a great year, improving week by week. Was a little unsure at the position she was playing but has played it well. Still a lot more improving left in her. Keep it up. Another valued member of THAT (very) social committee.

LEE MAXFIELD

Spike great in defence. Another one playing out of her normal position steadied the defence and built the attack from the back. Decided on a trip to the U.S.A instead of playing the last few games. We missed her pre-game & half time talks.

ANTOINETTE ZWAANS

Ant has ability to burn. Solid as a rock. Needs to use her passing game more, plays it hard and fast. Total commitment on the field. Unlucky with a number of bad injuries through the season, just lucky she's nearly a doctor.

SUE CLARK

Captain fantastic plays every game to the full. Steady in the middle, a real leader. Leads by example. Has helped me through out the year with her knowledge of the girls. Has made my job a lot easier. Thanks SUE.

GAYE GLASKIN

Gaysie is a very helpful player to have in the team. Can play just about anywhere and has done this year well done. Always puts in the effort, ON_ON G G. (Did she have any thing to do with that VIDEO)? A member of the state vets 1998.

IB LADIES (CONT)

RACHEL BUTLER (Alias ZENA)

Splits has impress me with her keenness to learn new moves & has really tried every trick she can. Will be a great asset next year and will surely score a great goal with one of her horizontal dives one day. Also an asset on the piano at social committee meetings.

NARELLE COULSON

Speedy and has some to burn. Leave defenders in her wake. Has been playing great hockey and is learning new moves every time she tries. Then came that broken finger, followed closely by the ambulance.

WENDY QUINT

Wendy (Quinty) when fit has played well in nearly every position scoring some great goals throughout the season. Another speedy Gonzales!

RUTH HIGHMAN (Alias Miss Show-Girl)

Ruthie has enjoyed her stint in the forwards with some good games at wing Ruth needs to keep off her back stick. Managed to upset the umpires in one game with her stint behind the net. Great goal.

JENNIFER REILLY (The other baby of the team)

Jenni has improved over the season, listens to what is being said and tries to put it into practice. Always looking for guidance. Great effort for first year in 1B's.

MARIS MARGETTS

Maris what can I say. Calm in defence - a thinker who looks for the right pass and is prepared to take on the opposition (and the umpires occasionally). Welcome to play with us any time.

MEGAN LUCK

Megan has showed promise at times, needs to get tougher and will do well in the future with a bit more concentration. Playing well in the 2B's after a number of weeks away.

NORM MORRISON (Coach)

We have been very fortunate to find Norm to coach us this year (better late than never –we were beginning to think no one wanted us any more). However he threw himself into coaching and has done a great job, joining in with the running, fitness and skill training as well as the excellent team spirit that we have this year. The A4 page game report every week added another dimension to training, and that hockey video (!!!) not to be forgotten with some surprising half time entertainment of the blue variety. Norm's knowledge of various forms of massage didn't go astray, and he managed to get some practice in whenever he could. Anyway, thanks to Norm for a great season. We look forward to next year.

2B (LADIES)

Season 1998 saw a new coach, a new system and a whole pile of new faces. A lot of work went into consolidating skills and increasing fitness, but unfortunately the goal scoring just didn't happen. We built our strength as a defending team and are looking forward to 1999 as "Year of the Goal" (and preferably more than one!)

KYLIE BEECHEN

Wonder goalie extraordinaire! A new recruit this season, Kylie has frustrated many an attempt at goal scoring by the opposition. She even managed to defend a barrage of flicks early in the season (after an eight year spell out of the game). Always has a word of advice for her fellow players.." Sandra, drop..... Nic, push up..... Get back here now!"

RACHEL BETTERIDGE

Rachel joined the club just for season '98 as she is going off to tour Australia for a year or so, leaving in September. She delayed her departure to play in our last game (now THAT'S dedication!) Rachel's pulled off some strong moves in the forward line, especially in centre, and will be sorely missed.

ELLEN BLOXSOME

Ellen covers the field like a hyperactive ferret - no-one can out run our Ellen. She's got amazing control of the ball and has been one of the strongest players in our team. Well known last year in the left half position she had made her own, Ellen has been consolidating her strength as left inner.

ROSE CAWLEY

An allergic reaction early in the year left Rose with an unfortunate nickname for a while (just ask!) Rose is equally well known for her illustrious love life and her skills on right wing (well, maybe more for the love life...) Rose has developed greater depth to her game this year, despite the odd geography camp interfering with her play. Made a pretty good sunflower, too

DEMELZA DRAVNIKS

Dee often played back to back games with the 2B's and the Metro 2 ladies. For our youngest player, she certainly displayed skill and maturity in her game beyond her years. A demon as right half, her marking skills are terrific. Keep up the great work!

SHEILA FROST

Sheila's experience on the field has given us a different perspective on the game. Not one to run herself into a frenzy, she has been able to accurately judge a ball and mark out her players with her skills. As centre half, a whopping huge hit from the 25 yard line has also been a great asset. Pretty good at partying too....

NATALIE GIBSON

Another new recruit this season, Nat's game has improved beyond all measure. Barely certain which end to hold the stick at the start of the season, Nat has become a strong player at left wing. Her running along the sidelines and instinct for the post has been brilliant to see. A few near misses in the "D" this season will convert into definite goals next year. Supposedly the quiet one of the team, she managed to improve her "score" at the Mardi Gras.....

MEGAN LUCK

Predominantly a 1B's player, Megan has helped out in the 2B's for portions of the season. Often in the half line and subbing as a forward, she has great fitness and ability. Who said the only thing good out of the NT was the size of their stubbies?

2B LADIES (CONT)

FIONA LUMSDEN

Fi's first season with the club has seen her shunted through a few positions, but her strengths have been in the right and centre half positions. Another of the young 'uns, Fi has some good ball skills and pretty good stamina. Must be all those nights partying at Steve's...

MARIS MARGETTS

The veteran! Maris has a wealth of experience which she brings with her to every game. Known equally for her skills and lack of patience with the umpires, Maris slipped off to the 1B's on occasion, but we're proud to own her as one of ours.

ALICE MCDONALD

Poached from the local indoor comp, Alice brought some close stick skills with her that certainly encouraged the rest of us to expand our repertoire. Versatile in the forward line, most often running as inner. Unfortunately unable to see out the end of the season due to other commitments.

NICOLA OGDEN

Rumour is it that Nic was made captain because she has the loudest voice.... Did her hamstring in the pre-season but refused to let it hold her down. A strong fullback with a favourite sweep shot that has "occasionally" been used out of place, Nic has pushed us around all year. Most of us managed to survive...

SANDRA ORR

Sandra is another new recruit, a strong player in the fullback position with skills in the forward line as well. Also poached from the indoor comp, she can be tenacious in her marking and has a good hit from the 16.

MANDY PIKE

A versatile player in the right wing, inner and half positions, Mandy's stick skills and fitness have improved out of sight this season - advantages of getting married, eh?

Another loud voice on the field and one of the party hard core, Mandy's been around to ensure the success of most of the club functions this year.

JEN REILLY

Dropped in a few times to help out in the forward line, Jen's skills have been appreciated. Makes a pretty good umpire too!

SAM SCANLIN

Sam's second season with the club, playing wing and inner positions. Big improvements in her skills and fitness has seen Sam develop into a consistent player with scoring potential.

CAROLYN SOUNNESS

Our council spy! Carolyn did a hamstring mid season but that didn't stop her putting in great efforts during the remaining games. The forward line wouldn't be the same without her infectious giggle...

RAY VON MOLLENDORF

Wonder coach.. (we wonder what he's going to make us do next!) Ray instigated a new defensive system that saw us develop great strengths in the midfield. He also concentrated on increasing our ball skills, fitness and motivation. Next year he's planning to teach us how to score...

PAT VON MOLLENDORF

Mum! She's always at every game and training session, first aid kit in tow, badgering us to pay fees and for uniforms and checking that our fundraisers are doing just that. Also very useful at fielding balls at turf training sessions... Thanks Mum, for being there!

METRO 2 LADIES

An enjoyable season, thanks to everyone for your enthusiasm and commitment, jokes and good times. Just missing out on the four of course a big highlight. Our success attributed to mature age commitment combined with a few welcome young recruits. Every now and then we discovered a high level of effort and consistency combining to produce great results. Quote of the season, when about to run on the field to play Curtin Uni, "looks like we're playing the team from the Old People's Home"!!!

CONNIE WALKER (Goalkeeper)

What an asset. Thank you for filling this void, very reassuring to have you to fall back on Connie.

JAN DAVIS

Solid and tenacious defender who lacks subtlety. We rely on Jan who revels in a tough encounter and rarely loses.

JENEAN BECU

Versatile veteran of the side, reliable and in control in defence. Handy forward when required, even scored on occasions.

AUDREY EMMETT

Quiet perennial who continues to surprise the opposition with mobility, strength and skills

JOANNE MITSOPOULOS

Consistent centre half back, team co-ordinator for 1998. With frequent use of the hip and shoulder, Jo wins many encounters.

DEMELZA DRAVENKIS

Thanks for joining us - the youngest legs in the side. Demelza has pace, skill, agility and fitness that makes the other team members look slow and 'past it'!!!!

CATHERINE TIMMELL

Has held the team together this season. We really appreciate the effort she has put in, considering her outside commitments, gaining a higher distinction in her degree. Well done Catherine.

CAROLYN CAYDAMAR

Keen left inner, who was sadly missed at the pizza night because of her trip to Turkey.

DENISE JONES

The quiet achiever. Denise showed growing strength and ability as right half as the season unfolded. Expensive dental treatment a reminder to us all of the necessity of mouthguards. Sorry about the pizzas.

LEANNE O'NEILL

Seen in the right position at the right time, Leanne scored some opportune goals. Always enthusiastic and gave her best.

SUSAN WILSON

Hungry for the ball, Susan clearly lets us know when and where she wants it. Very competitive player with impressive skills and determination over the ball.

MICHELLE BAIN

Kiwi's can play hockey. Reliable player filling the left inner position capably. Use of body often effective in winning the ball.

ROSA DAVIS

Versatile antique, who often played on the forward line whilst dreaming of playing back in her full back position.

LAURIE TROTT

Returned to hockey after a long spell. Despite the interruption of hamstring injuries, Laurie showed the wisdom of years gone by.

HELEN CONSTABLE

Reliable relief weather/husband permitting. An excellent all round performer who gives 100% every time. Thanks Helen.

LADIES VETERANS

The Melville Women's Veteran Hockey team (there is only one) has just completed it's third year in the competition. Our team is comprised of Melville players and players from other clubs that do not have Veteran's team of their own. So for obvious reasons this report will only be about Melville players.

LINDY COSS

Probably the best goalie in the competition, Lindy was a member of the State veteran's squad and also a busy social group that seemed to delight in choosing Wednesday night as their night out. She is threatening to hand in her pads next year and putting all her efforts into running. I'm working hard to keep her with us but we may have to let her loose on the field.

ATHLENE MARSHALL

Our newest and I think youngest player, Athlene joined us this year when she moved to Perth from the country. She has been asked to play just about everywhere on the field, and just when I think I have her settled in the backline, she spends 10 minutes on the forward line and scores.

JAN DAVIS

Jan plays left half back or left full back, and when my mind is not on the game, saves my bacon when I have been caught out of position. Always telling me she is getting older (aren't we all) and slower, but I wish I could move as quickly as she does. Jan also plays Metro 2's on Saturdays.

GAYE GLASKIN

Another new comer, Gaye has been playing 1B's as well as veterans this year. Her fitness and skill have been a welcome addition to the team (she's one of the younger ones). Gaye was also a State Veteran's squad member that played in Darwin this year.

JENEANE BECU

Jeneane "Can I play centre forward?" Becu is a fullback's nightmare. Not as fast as she once was, Jeneane still makes great position and rarely misses when she

connects with the ball. I don't know the statistics but she would be one of our top goal scorers. Jeneane is also a regular with our Metro 2 team.

PAULA MITCHELL

Our right halfback specialist, Paula hasn't lost any of her fitness or skill since her days with the 1B's a couple of years ago, although she says she is always "knackered". Never a slouch on the field, Paula has an odd quirk of not being able to get back on after she has been subbed. Most players can't wait to get back into it, but once Paula has rugged up and settled on the bench for her 10 minutes off, she needs some encouragement to start again, especially on those particularly cold and wet Wednesday nights.

HELEN CONSTABLE

Helen "just start without me" Constable plays on the forward line when she finally gets there. With a young family and a busy husband Helen should be congratulated on never missing a game, but she has missed the start to a few. A very versatile player Helen is happy to play where ever she is needed.

DEBBIE GIBSON

Our steady right full-back, Debbie is also more than happy to umpire, which makes her a firm favourite with the rest of the team. Debbie is also a great traveller and it seems we will be losing her next year to a teaching position in Canada. Sounds like a wonderful opportunity and we wish her all the best. I'm sure hockey is played over there. Hope to see her back with us in 2000.

UNDER 17B SOUTH

The team commenced this season in the 17A grade, after a promising start the team performance dropped to a level that saw us regraded the 17B grade. The team has been a dominant team in this grade, finishing on the top of the ladder at the end of the season. Although the talent is evident, consistent performance and commitment has been lacking to enable the team to perform at the level that it is capable of.

COACH – GARRY BOWATER

Garry has committed a lot of time and energy coaching this team and must look forward to the enjoyment of seeing his team achieve the ultimate result in this seasons finals.

COREY ATKINSON (WING)

Corey struggled in the first half of the season along with most of his team mates. In the regrade to 17B Corey has excelled as an attacking winger and has scored goals on a regular basis.

NICK BOWATER (FULL BACK)

Nick has put in a solid effort at full back this season and has combined with James Pickering to form a very solid defence, particularly in the second half of the season.

MICHAEL ASHLEY (HALF BACK)

Michael has worked hard at half back this season and should improve on this experience and excel next year in under 17 grade.

RYAN BACKHOUSE (INNER)

Ryan has played a lot of very good games this season, and will benefit from this season to become a more consistent and dominant player in under 17 grade next season.

ADRIAN DUSSELDORP (CENTRE FORWARD)

Adrian has the physique and skills to dominate in this grade, and when he is in the mood to put in the required effort has on occasions excelled.

JAMES HACKETT (HALF BACK/FORWARD)

James has had his best season this year and has been our most consistent player. If the commitment and concentration displayed by James was followed by the rest of the team our early season results would have been vastly different.

CHIS GEERS (CENTRE FORWARD)

Chris joined the team part way through the year and has been a very committed and valuable member of the team. Chris has excellent skills and will be a dominant player in the U17 grade next year.

BRETT MARTYN (CENTRE HALF)

Brett has been a very consistent and skilful player this season, who has anchored our defence and attacking moves. Injury has denied Brett of many games this season, but his is ensured of a promising future in his graduation to seniors next season.

RICHARD PARKER (INNER)

Richard has not played with the same consistency that he played in this grade last season, but with the talent that Richard possesses we can expect a big improvement in the finals.

JAMES PICKERING (FULL BACK)

James has combined very well with Nick Bowater at full Back this season as they have for the past five seasons or so. James harbours the desire to be an attacking forward, but his pleas fall on the coaches deaf ears.

UNDER 17B (CONT)**DAVID POZZARI (WING/HALF BACK)**

David has had a very consistent season in this return to hockey this year. David has missed the last few games of the season with a shoulder injury and hopefully will be fit to perform at his best in the finals.

GREG ROOS (WINGER)

Greg has been a very consistent attacking winger this season scoring many fine goals. Apologies from the manager for under crediting you with a goal from the Kalamunda game, Brett in not complaining.

GRAHAM WALSH (GOALKEEPER)

Due to Graham's studies he has not put much time into hockey training this season, but his displayed excellent form in games this year and has a solid future in the game at the highest level.

UNDER 17C

The season saw us lose the first game of the season to Swanleigh. After that we did not lose a game, with the end result, nine wins, two draws, one loss, and an appearance in the Challenge Cup. A little disappointing, was the fact that we had three forfeits during the season, which meant we only actually played nine games. It is disappointing that lower teams, all of whom we played once and beat substantially, did not want to play us a second time. It makes it hard for the team to keep up continuity from one week to the next.

It has been a pleasure coaching, what I think is a fine body of young men. From the teams point of view, I would like to thank the parents for their support during the season and I know it was much appreciated. The team got together on a few occasions for social activities that were well supported. Thank you for what has been a good season, and to all progressing to seniors next season may I say all the best. I know that if you keep up the work you put in this year, you will have successful senior careers.

Rob Walker - Coach

TOM GARDNER

Tom stepped out of the goals and into a field position this year. He proved to be our vocal winger who had many a dash down the wing and scored some good goals. He stays in the 17's next year and should do well.

HUGH GARDNER

Our ever reliable centre half, Hugh has had a good year and showed that he is able to fill most positions. He roamed the field and provided many a headache for opposing forwards. Hugh moves to seniors next year and has proved, by filling in for senior teams this season, that he will step up ably.

MICHAEL GOODING

Mr Reliable, Michael's easy going nature lulls his opponents into a false sense of security. As a half back, mainly on the left side, he has stopped many an enterprising attacking move by the wingers or inners. Michael has also been a good foil to the fullbacks. He moves to seniors next year and will do well for the club in these ranks.

RYAN KELLY

Ryan is another "jack of all trades". With his skills, the coach was able to use him as either a back or a forward. In either role he gave the team some solidity and put in some excellent games. Ryan stays in the 17's next year and should have no trouble stepping up into the next level in this grade.

TIM MCENTEE

Those that have seen Tim's dad, Steve, play will recognise that Tim is a "chip off the old block". He takes every opportunity to score when they present themselves. As an inner/wing he has proven he has the ability to fall back and defend when needed. Tim can be proud of some of the goals he has scored this year. He stays in the 17's and this year's run will hold him in good stead for what will be a good season next year.

STEVE KING

Steve is one of the team's backs that has a "want" to play as a forward. He has stepped into a winger's position on several occasions and given the opposing backs a hard time. However, in his primary role as our right half he has been part of a very successful half back line. Steve has also stopped many a promising move down the right side. He steps up to seniors next year and has proved that he will do well in these ranks.

GRANT LEHMANN

Grant is one of the team's main spearheads, playing either in the inner or centre forward positions. He has been the team's main goalscorer and has shown some fine stick and ball skills. Grant will always give the opposition a headache when they try and stop him and has proven that he has the skills by filling in for both 17B's and seniors this year. He scored four goals in one of his senior games so he will have no problems making the transition to the upper levels of senior hockey next year.

UNDER 17C (CONT)

CHRIS INGLIS

Chris is the stalwart of the fullback line and not much gets past him. He can mix it with the best of them. Chris is another senior player who has some fine skills and harbours some thoughts of being a forward. This was put to the test in the last two games he played, one for the 17B's where he scored two goals, and in the 17C's where he scored one of our two goals. Chris has played in the seniors this season and has shown that he has the ability to step up to the upper levels of this competition.

NICHOLAS HOLLETT

Nick is the second half of the fullback dynamic duo. He has improved his skills all season in what I think was a new position for him. Nick constantly worries opposing forwards and has also been responsible for stopping many of the opposition scoring attempts. He moves up to seniors next year and if he keeps up his improvement will be a valuable acquisition to these ranks.

ANDREW HOLLETT

Andrew was used in a few different roles this season but mainly played as our left wing and scored some great goals by sitting by the goalposts. He also shows tenacity and doesn't let backs or forwards take the ball away easily. Andrew stays with the 17's next year which will see him benefit from this season.

DEAN WALKER

Dean's size strikes fear into the hearts of some of our opposing forwards. He uses this size well and has again been improving all season. Some of his saves this season were sights to behold. Dean has again filled in for numerous senior games, sometimes playing a second game straight after finishing a first, and in doing so has proven he will have no trouble stepping up to seniors next year.

CAMERON PORTER

Cameron missed a fair bit of the first round due to a broken thumb. When he joined the team as centre-forward/inner, he showed just how much we missed him early in the season. He has good ball skills and at times dazzled the most proficient backs. Like a few of our forwards, he missed some easy goals to give coaches grey hairs. Cameron stays with the 17's next year and has shown he has the goods to step up one level of competition.

ADAM IVEY

Again, Adam is one of the team's senior players who is able to play in most positions which he did with good results. He doesn't like giving the opposing forwards or backs a fair chance and he scored several fine goals. Adam doesn't say much, but doesn't need to. His actions do the talking for him. Adam is another player who moves up to seniors next year and has proven he has the skills by playing senior games throughout this season.

ALENE IVEY

Team Manager extraordinaire! Alene has always been there for players and coaches. She has been heard to give the opposition coaches, and umpires, a hard time if it was felt they warranted it. On behalf of all the players and coaches, we say a heartfelt thank you, Alene.

CRAIG INGLIS

Craig was the team's assistant coach who also doubled as the team's medical expert. He has always had a good word for the players and has proved an able assistant to the coach. Maybe we can get him playing vet's hockey next season. Watch this space.....

UNDER 15B

A big learning year in a very tight competition. The first part of the year was learning to be strong on the ball and the second half was learning to maintain discipline in our game and work as a team. Every member could be counted on for 100% physical endeavour but we suffered when our attitude and thinking were not in line with that endeavour. As coach I thank every player for being themselves and making the effort to come to training on a regular basis and trying hard each week.

JOEL LE BRETON (Vice Captain) Goalkeeper

Joel was the ever enthusiastic goalkeeper and social co-ordinator for team activities. He played some brilliant games during the year and worked hard on the aggressive side of his game. He started to come to grips near the end of the season with the physical toughness required to play goalkeeper at higher levels. Good luck for 17's Joel.

PAUL ASHLEY Full Back/Half Back

Paul made the transition from a forward to defender this year and proved his versatility by being able to play anywhere on the field. Paul's tackling and endeavour were his strong points and will put him in good stead for next season.

ROBERT PORTER Full Back/Half Back

A hard hitting versatile defender who toughened up during the year. His disposal to forwards was the feature of his game and he will be a stronger player next season.

VAUGHAN TAYLOR Full Back

Vaughan had an interrupted season but played very strongly in the latter games to show he will be a force to be reckoned with next year. A feature of his play was his ability to remain cool under attack and hold possession of the ball.

BRYN DODSON Half Back

Bryn's hockey improved considerably over the year as he mastered turf skills. He played with purpose and endeavour and provided good defense as well as support in attack. Good luck for 17's Bryn.

MICHAEL PUGLIESI Half Back/Forward

Michael was a great improver all year who tried hard at training and in every game. His skills have improved considerably and his whole game will develop as he masters the positioning and tactics of hockey.

RYAN MAHNEY Half Back/Forward

Ryan has great skills in hockey. As his peripheral vision develops and he understands that the game quickens up as the level goes up his distribution and impact as a mid field player will improve.

EVAN BOWATER Half Back/Forward

Evan was the strong person of the team who by the end of the season was starting to learn that position and passing are more effective than hitting and running. When he thinks about the game as he plays it his hockey will improve dramatically. Good luck for 17's Evan.

LLOYD KING Half Back/Forward

Lloyd's tenacity and spirit all year allowed us to save games at one end and win games at the other. As Lloyd's awareness of what is happening on the field around him develops his distribution will improve.

JAMIE DREW Centre Forward/Right Wing

Jamie's goal scoring talents were not used to the full this year however his ability to hold position showed the team how important it is. In tandem with Daniel he was a regular avenue to attack. In the mid field, Jamie can still be more forceful by taking on defenders and using his skills.

UNDER 15B (CONT)**JACK STEELE (Captain) Inside Right/Centre Half**

Jack lead from the front all year and played patches of very classy hockey. Jack's skills were acknowledged by being selected in the regional south team in the U15 competition. As he becomes more aware of the space available in the mid field his effect as a play making forward will improve. Great year Jack - good luck in U 17's.

DANIEL MCENTEE Left Wing

Daniel was part of the team's ever reliable avenue of attack. He provided plenty of excitement with his skills on the left wing and shots on goal. The hard tackling of the opposition in the first half of the season slowed him down a bit, but he played the second half with confidence and skill.

JAY USHER Inside Right/Forward

Jay had a slow build up to the year after breaking his arm. A lack of initial strength was made up by some good position play and passing. A very competitive player but

as his strength improved so did his tendency to push the play individually. Once he becomes aware of the space available mid field, he will become a very creative forward.

ANDREW TAYLOR Centre Forward/Right Wing

Andrew always plays every game with 100% enthusiasm, and a desire to have the ball. He is very strong mid field and played some excellent games on right wing. His position holding and passing improved throughout the year. If he keeps thinking about the game and mixes his pace with skill he will have a good year in U17's. Good luck Andrew.

DAVID PORTER (Coach)

Has no voice left but thoroughly enjoyed coaching the team for the year. Next year every one will have to sit down during the talks.

PETER DREW (Manager)

Great support. Everything on time, in the right place and kids carted around. Thanks a lot Peter.

UNDER 15C SOUTH

Coach: Mike Smith

Manager: Maree Wake

Good sportsmanship and team spirit have been the outstanding features of this team throughout the season. We started the year in the enviable position of having three talented goalies; an almost unheard of problem at Melville! Brad Wake and Daniel Ivey have worked together sharing the position on alternate weeks and Peter Heavens willingly accepted the challenge of playing right wing to great effect. Others in the team tried out in various positions during the season finding their niche within the team (for some it was their first season of hockey!) They gradually came together and always supported one another both on and off the field. Parent support was also great at all the games. A unique feature (bought at great expense for our team) was our personal medico, Dr Christenson - he dealt with injuries received (and inflicted) by Melville.

All the boys would like to extend a special thank you to Mike Smith who did such a great job as coach throughout the season - it was "beautiful".

BRAD CHANNER (Captain, Centre Half, Full Back)

Also known as Captain Courageous or Wild Man Channer, Brad has the ability to run forever and charge at the opposition. He came into his own when he changed from Centre Half to the back line. He could always be relied upon to offer support and encouragement to the team (even when he was too sick to play he came to the game and acted as assistant coach!)

PETER HEAVENS (Right Wing)

A player with great pace, Peter changed from goalie to right wing to goal scorer during the season. He can be relied upon to open up the game.

RYAN NEEDHAM (Right Inner)

Ryan has a great sense of direction (where is Armadale??). He is a good team player who never gives in, holds his position, and is now a goal scorer.

LUKE SMITH (Centre Forward - It's Official Luke - you're a forward!)

Luke made the change this season from fullback to forward and is developing a good eye for goals. Always provides positive support for team members both on and off the field.

JUSTIN WAKE (Fullback / Centre Half)

A key player who holds the team together and directs the play. Has been known to have two hands on his stick even when his coach hasn't told him to!

DAVID RYAN (Fullback)

David has found his place as fullback and can always be relied upon to go forward when needed. David is cheerful team member and consistent player.

SIMON ZBYRKO (Left wing / Left side)

Simon has been one of the main players instrumental in our goal scoring. Also known for his ability to punch holes in the ground when he doesn't score.

UNDER 15C (CONT)**MICHAEL CHRISTENSON (R/L Inner, to be distinguished from his brother by his stick)**

Developing into a good forward, he plays well as an inner and is a valuable link between the back line and the forwards.

CRAIG ORR (Halfback / Inner)

Craig anticipates play well and has great stick work. A quiet team member who is always reliable and good at feeding the ball through to the forwards.

BRAD WAKE (Goalie / Inner)

This season has seen Brad find legs he didn't know he had, and he's also a great goalie. A good team member, even had his goalie gear handy when our other goalie, Daniel, was injured.

MATTHEW WILLIS (Left Half)

Always keen to play and hold his position. He traps the ball well and is developing into a useful halfback.

DANIEL IVEY (Goalie / Fulback)

A skilful goalie, Daniel is also a very reliable fullback. He even has his own furry supporter who continually barks instructions to him.

DAVID CHRISTENSON (Inner / Fullback, the brother who doesn't have the "stick")

One of the key forwards, David has been hungry for the ball and willing to take a dive to achieve control. Hockey skills continued to improve throughout the season.

WAYNE JONES (Right Half Back)

Wayne has successfully transferred his soccer skills to hockey and achieved a consistently high standard of play throughout the season. Wayne will go a long way in this sport.

UNDER 13A

The 1998 season was a tough assignment for this group of players. The players who made up this team had a very successful year in 1997 representing the U/13SE and U11B teams. IN 1998 they played against some quality opposition from the larger Club's i.e. University, Wolves and WASPS. The first round was a struggle as we were playing on artificial surfaces at Curtin and UWA, a surface unfamiliar to most of the team. The game is different and players needed to adapt to new skills. The second round showed better results, in particular the match against University which we won 1-0 after an excellent contest. I hope that all players have enjoyed their Season and will return to the Club in 1999. Again may I thank the Club Administration, in particular Neil Ashley and Rob Walker. Their continued assistance makes a Coach's task very easy.

James Welten, Ben Meacock, Andrew Galbraith, Evan Kelly and Anthony Ricciardone were selected in the South-Metropolitan Team which contested the State Championships in July. The U/13A team was also represented in the same Championships and played well again against the quality opposition from Metropolitan and Country teams. Andrew Galbraith has been selected to attend Como Secondary College in 1999 at the hockey unit.

My thanks also to John Nettleton, Leo Welten and Maureen Welten who have assisted with training this season.

JAMES WELTEN

James has all the attributes to make a very good goalkeeper. He continually talks to his defenders and encourages his team mates. He reads the play well and is solid in goals. Although the score card does not indictate it, he has played an important part in this team's limited success in 1998.

Well done James.

LUKE PICKERSGILL

I take my hat off to this young man. He was a raw recruit to the team and has endeavoured to learn the hard way. He was asked to play off the bench in many games and did so very graciously without complaint. He was always first at training and at matches. I have my doubts about the extra laps at training!! Luke was a good foil for Andrew and Daniel and accepted instructions well. Thank you Luke.

DANIEL CHAPMAN

Daniel played at full-back for most of the games. He always tried hard but has to improve his position play to be more effective. A stronger hit would be a great asset too. Another season will see a more intelligent player I'm sure. Thanks Dan.

ANDREW GALBRAITH

Andrew continued to show improvement in 1998. His strong hit from defence often got the team out of tight situations. He shows intelligence in his outlook to the game and is ever willing to learn from his peers. His position play needs fine tuning and he is a good team player. As one of the younger members of the side he can look forward to another year of U13's in 1999. Well done Andrew.

EVAN KELLY

Evan had the reputation of being a good right side forward. He has now developed the skills to be a very good centre half. He has the ability to run all day and has improved his tackling skills on both the left and right hand side. A good team player, Evan has the ability to turn defence into attack very quickly. A little more bulk will see this player evolve as a stronger and more adaptable member of any future team.. Congratulations on an excellent season.

UNDER 13A (CONT)

RORY READ

Rory was also in his second season of U/13 hockey. A reliable left half Rory has the ability to repel most attacks and transfer play to our advantage. His position play needs to be improved, and not be drawn into the middle of the ground to cover for the centre half. He is a good team player who could adapt to most positions if required. Thank you Rory for your efforts in 1998.

ANTHONY RICCIARDONE

This young man has an exceptional talent, but his work rate must improve. As the most skilful player in the team, I may have expected too much from him. He must want to do well and not be lazy in the crucial position of centre half or left inner. He has the capacity to excel at this game but must put in the "hard yards". Thanks Ritchie for a good season.

KIERAN NETTLETON

Kieran played at right half for the team, and did a fine job in defence. Next season he will be a little stronger, and this will assist his disposal work to the forwards. He reads the play well but occasionally is left out of position and has to tackle from an awkward position. Sometimes caught up in decisions with umpires, but generally a sound performer and team contributor. Always keen to encourage team-mates. Thanks Kieran for a good season.

CORY LE-BRETON

This young man has got hockey talent, but is too often a disruptive element in the team. He is doing himself a disservice, and to the team who are working hard to achieve their goals. Cory has good forward skills, but until he decides that he really wants to contribute he will not reap the rewards on offer. Thanks Cory.

BEN MEACOCK

Ben's hockey skills have been an asset to this team in 1998. His enthusiasm has been good with a desire to do well at practice and at games. He has combined well with the other forwards, but goals were hard to score in 1998 against quality opposition. Ben has the attitude and desire to become a future Senior player with the Club.

ADAM HALLIDAY

Size means nothing in this game. Application and endeavour count for much more, and Adam certainly has these qualities. He is prepared to run all day and do the hard things. His position play is excellent and he often cuts out the opposition counter attacks. With Uncle and Father on the side-lines, he can only benefit from their experiences. Well done Adam.

MARK HACKETT

Another one of the new boys this year. A hard worker on the forward line, Mark did all that was asked of him. He too was asked to play off the bench and did so graciously. Another year in a good team and Mark's game will no doubt improve. A little more strength over the ball would give him more control in an attacking situation. Thank you Mark for your contribution in 1998.

UNDER 13 SOUTH EAST

Melville's Under 13 SE team of 1998 was composed of a real mixture. A mixture of ages (some just eleven years old, through to others who just qualified as 13 year olds), a mixture of attitudes (some aggressive, some passive), a mixture of abilities, a mixture of coaches (Kim Crake and I shared this role) and a mixture of both girls and boys. During the season this mixture resulted in some extremes of performance where some games were convincingly won, whilst others were disappointing losses. But if there is one point I will take away from this year it is the way the team have stuck to their task throughout a difficult season.

No doubt this has been achieved with the help of a keen group of parents who regularly turned up on Saturday mornings to cheer their players, provide their services (whether it be oranges, umpiring or helping with the team report) as well as offering advice and encouragement.

What do I mean by a difficult season? For a start they had me for a coach (well, for most of the season) - a person boasting all of one game of high school hockey, but let's not forget my two years of experience watching a son play! And then we never could settle on a regular goalie - always a handicap. On a good Saturday we would be happy to have just the minimum eleven players, which resulted in an exhausted group of under 13s on Saturday afternoon. Despite this lack of numbers, I believe this led to our most courageous game that ended in a win on a day when we had just nine players.

As the weeks passed by I quickly learnt how keen this group was to play their Saturday game of hockey. I hope that you learnt as much about hockey as I did in the season guys, and that you continue to enjoy your sport.

JESSAMY PERRIAM (left wing)

The quiet achiever, Jess bobbed up with several goals when least expected. I will always remember her happy and smiling face. Persevere, and practise hard Jess. Tenacity is a key to success in everything you do.

CHRIS STEWART (inner, half back)

Another of this happy group who always listened to advice. Given a task to do, Chris puts his mind to it well and can be a very effective hockey player in a variety of positions. No doubt his main attribute is his stamina. Keep those legs pumping Chris.

REECE CRAKE (centre)

With very good skills and great determination, Reece is a hockey player of great potential. His abilities were capped off by being our most consistent goal scorer and a player who could be relied on to put in a full 70 minutes of hockey. Whenever Reece put in his best effort there were very few defenders that were able to keep him out. Don't forget you have a forehand Reece.

UNDER 13SE (CONT)

TIM PRIEST (inner)

Our long striding right inner who always appeared to be operating at about half pace - an unfortunate illusion of those with long legs Tim. Although we shared the team captain's role, it was Tim who applied good leadership skills to our relatively young side. This he combined with a good balance of hockey skills and controlled aggression. Tim is another who shows great potential, although in Tim's case this never seemed to completely hit the hockey field. I would like to see the time when Tim develops this talent and rams home several goals in a game.

RUSSELL DAVIES (right wing, half back, goalie)

Our spare parts player, Russell is developing great ball control skills accompanied with good pace that should see him be an attribute to Melville's senior teams in years to come. At times suffering from a lack of stamina, Russell will soon learn how to set himself to run out a whole game. On a personal level I know he was overjoyed to score his first hockey goal this year, which was soon followed by an outstanding effort when he scored 4 in just half a game. His major shortcoming? Having a dad as a coach!

JESSICA BOND (inner, half back)

Jess joined us part way into the season. Despite this she quickly adapted to our style of play and it was not long before she showed just how determined she can be on a hockey field. With a vocal mum on the side lines and two 'Jesses' in the team, I'm sure that she often wondered which way to turn as her name echoed over Fletcher Park. Keep on improving, keep on practising Jess.

ALEX WALLIS (centre half)

The human dynamo, running machine, big heart, great hockey skills, powerful hitting.....the adjectives keep on flowing to describe our main play maker. In fact I suspect that Alex was given a hockey stick

and ball for his first birthday. On top of that, Alex often used his experience to offer suggestions on our play - a factor that is often ignored in a player's abilities. If there is the one part of his game that needs developing, it is that Alex must learn to use up his team mates to complement his tremendous natural ability. Watch out for the name Alex Wallis in the West Australian newspaper articles on hockey in years to come!

KENNY ANG (wing, inner, half back)

An extremely consistent performer, Kenny was always amongst our best player list. He was another of the team with good stamina and often played two games on the same day. On or off the hockey field, Kenny would have to be one of the happiest people I have met - nothing seemed to upset himand he never stopped talking! The story I heard that describes his happy-go-lucky approach to hockey (and I suspect life in general) occurred during the State Championships. When the players went onto the field for the start of play, his opening line to his opponent went something like "Are you a crap hockey player like me?" I'm sure this was all part of the psychology of beating them Kenny! Take advantage of your natural talents Kenny - and don't stick check!

AMY BROCK (full back)

At first appearances Amy strikes you as a nice, quiet, petite young lady. However, as the season unfolded Amy revealed an exceptionally determined inner self that matched her red hair. Although full back would seem an unusual position for a girl, I'd recommend her in this position to any coach. No matter who was coming at her, Amy was always there to extract the ball and turn it back our way. Keep baffling those opponents Amy.

UNDER 13SE (CONT)

JASON PRIEST (full back, half back)

A cog of our excellent defensive machine, Jason could always be depended on to halt the aggressive attacker. Jason really represented a Jeckel and Hyde character. On training nights it was always Jason who could be relied on to act the fool (and he often paid the penalty for that by sitting out some sessions). Yet, come game day, he was completely focused on the game, showing great tenacity and anticipation of the play.

BRENDON SPARK (goalie, full back, half back)

Brendon. Now, how can I describe Brendon? Well, Brendon is, just Brendon, a unique character. Another of the defensive line who could almost frustrate the ball away from opponents! Like Jason, Brendon was often the last in line when an attacker broke through our half backs. It was this situation where Brendon thrived, gritting his teeth and taking them all on. It is that same character that will help you succeed in life Brendon.

GEOFF HANSEN (inner, half back)

Geoff usually played the role of half back and showed himself as a strong and aggressive defender. This role was complemented by being a good striker of the ball and it was this that resulted in him being our short corner striker. A strong player, Geoff needs to gain confidence in himself and take the initiative to enhance the creative part of his game. With experience Geoff can fulfil his great potential and will undoubtedly become a very good sportsman in what ever field he chooses. In addition, Geoff's sporting ability is matched by his willingness to listen to instructions and perform the role that he is given to the best of his ability.

EUGENE OLMAN (full back, goalie)

We didn't see much of Eugene in the second half of the season, which was a pity as he would have more than adequately filled one

our most difficult and critical positions, the goal keeper. Big and strong, Eugene quickly showed the necessary attributes required on the last line of defence. Where were you when we needed you most Eugene?

GREG STEWART

Many thanks to our regular umpire for 1998. Greg has the ability to calmly control a game of hockey. I vividly remember the trauma Kim and I faced on the odd days when Greg was unavailable and we had to find a replacement umpire. You were an essential asset of our team Greg.

KIM CRAKE (Technical Coach)

I can't express how relieved I was to here Reece's mum, Kim, speak up and offer to help with the coaching role at that critical early part of the season when we were floundering. I mean, I could only just tell the front of the hockey stick from the back! Kim was my sounding board whenever the team needed technical assistance. Kim's easy going attitude to life made our split roles relatively easy to execute. Whenever I was at a loss as to what to do or say, Kim was able to jump in and take over. I hope you take as much away from this year as I have Kim.

FRANK DAVIES (Coach, cum Manager)

An obvious novice in the hockey game, Frank attempted many tricks during the season to steer the team to greater heights. Unfortunately, many hours studying the AFL and Westar footy in order to obtain game day tactics somehow didn't translate into producing the anticipated all star hockey performances. Nevertheless, he can now recall the odd rule of hockey and is able to point to a position on a hockey field that matches its name.

UNDER 13 SOUTH WEST

Coach: Alan Tulloch
Manager: Lorraine Benbow

Our team has had an excellent season. We started out fielding an incomplete side for several games, this was a factor that led to us missing out on the finals by a very narrow margin. Towards the end of the season we were playing very well. Our players came together as a team and were exciting to watch. Throughout the season our sportsmanship was excellent and the encouragement for our fellow team members was fantastic. This was my first season of coaching hockey, the team was lots of fun to work with and the parental support and encouragement was much appreciated.

KENDRICK POOL

Mr Reliable - Kendrick had an excellent season as fullback. He was always there ready to repel an attack and able to clear the ball from defence. A powerful hitter who showed some great passing skills during the season.

LISA RAYNOR

This was Lisa's first year of hockey. She has made steady improvement throughout the year and provided good support in the half back line.

RYAN WASLEY

Ryan has been a very sound defender this season. He and Kendrick worked together to provide a very solid fullback. Ryan has been a hard worker all season.

MATTHEW SMITH

Matthew, in his first season of hockey, has shown enormous improvement. His skills dramatically improved towards the end of the season when he was regularly on our best player list.

ANNELEIS BECU

Anneleis is one of our most skillful players. A very attacking player who regularly beats several opponents in her forward moves. An excellent season, she was involved in many of the plays that resulted in goals this season.

MICHAEL BENBOW

Michael likes to call the right inner position his own. He is a very attacking player and scored several goals. Showed some excellent passing skills in the second half of the season.

SIMON BINT

Simon started the season as goalie and moved to wing half way through. He had some excellent runs down the wing and some great passes into the D. Simon's skills improved greatly as the season progressed.

LAUREN FERGUSON

Lauren had an excellent season as right half back. She prevented many attacks from progressing into the danger zone and saved several goals that looked certain. Good skills and always involved in the play.

TRISTAN DRAVNIK

Our roaming fullback. Tristan loved being involved in the play. He is very fast with a powerful hit. Tristan had a fantastic game as goalie in our last match - definitely shows promise for his position next year - hey Tristan!

RHYS HYATT

Rhys ran and ran and ran. He has excellent skills and loves the position of Centre Forward. Rhys is a very fast player who never seems to tire. Scored some great goals this year.

UNDER 13SW (CONT)**DAVID TULLOCH**

David's skills have greatly improved this year. He likes to be amongst the action and has been involved in some excellent passing that has resulted in goals. He teamed up very well with the other forwards. David has a bit of trouble hearing the coach's suggestions.

CAMERON POWER

Cameron started the season a bit slowly but struck some excellent form when moved to centre half back. He was always there when needed and turned many defensive saves into attack. He has a huge hit and all round great skills.

NIKKI BRUSE

This was Nikki's first season of hockey. She joined the team mid way through the season and has shown a steady improvement. She enjoys the game and had some great patches of play in our last few matches.

UNDER 11A

This team was created out of five members of the '97 11B team, which was unbeaten last year, and nine other players from various sources. To play this mix at the highest level was always going to be difficult, for the players and for the coach. Kelvin Woodward was able to meld this group into a good Hockey team that played hard and with courage. On behalf of the players and parents thank you, Kelvin, for your great work and your great effort with this team.

It does take more than a single light to illuminate the field, so I would like also to thank Tom Harmon for his support of the team at training and for performing the 'subbing' duties during the games and also to Mike Greenacre for his help at training. I would also like to thank Jamie Drew and Craig Orr for umpiring most of our games this season, it was a pleasure to have the consistency and the control that qualified umpies give to games at this level. I also give thanks on behalf of 'the parents who umpire' (TPWU) who actually got to watch some games this season.

Mention must also be made of the parents who, through the season, provided umpiring, coaching, oranges, coffee, sympathy, first aid and great support for our team over the season, it was a joy to watch the games with you and once again on behalf of the players, thank you.

Mick Hadley, Team Manager

DAVID ORR

Plays in the centre half position and is the pivot of the team. A dynamo who plays all over the ground. David was our main goal scorer this year, someone has to finish all that team effort. His good stick work and courage on the ball will take him a long way. Great season of Hockey.

REECE SLOAN

Plays a wing position but likes to wander and score goals, which he does frequently. Very fast with the ball although he often likes to lift the ball when shooting. Good stick skills and determination will continue to make him a success, but its Reece's ability to 'read the play' that shows he is a talented Hockey player.

PAIGE ROSE

Plays the other wing position. Paige is one of the few players that can play position well. Her determination has lifted this year and she can tackle hard when she wants to. A good improving season Paige, let the real Hockey player come out.

ALEXANDER OBIRI-BOATENG

Plays on the wing. Always chases the ball wherever it may be. Has a lot to say and loves to play centre. A natural Hockey player and an aggressive player of the ball. It is great to see a 'talking player' in this grade.

JOSHUA HARMON

Plays in the full back position. Stands like a rock when tackling and usually stops the attack. Isn't often seen running at full pace but has been in some strong defensive work during the season. Continued practice on stick skill will complete a good defender.

JOEL NEWMAN

Plays Full back and centre forward. Throws himself wholeheartedly into the game and gives his all at every game, whether playing forward or back. The injuries will continue to reduce as stick skills and experience increase. Remember Joel it only hurts when you get home. Great player, great season.

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KIERAN DREW

Plays full back where he has stopped many opposition attacks and produced turnovers on a regular basis. Dependable and courageous in defence, Kieran is now strongly moving the ball out towards the forwards providing that connection between defence and attack. Good work has produced good Hockey.

MEGAN WILLIAMS

Plays goalie. Megan has had a lot to do this year. It has been hard to count the number of goals she has stopped. Likes to give the attackers a hard time by kicking the ball as far as possible so they have to chase. A great aggressive, in-your-face goalie. Thanks Megan.

JONATHAN GREENACRE

Plays wing, where he is a watchful player. Regularly plays hard but his stick skills often let him down. A continued concentration on stick skills would allow him to develop a greater proportion of his obvious potential as a Hockey player. Keep up the good work.

DAVID WAKE

Plays half back. Doesn't show emotion, even when he scores a goal. Not a problem, keep scoring goals. A thoughtful player who shows a growing confidence in his ability to command the ball. Continued experience and a developing passing game will produce a strong Hockey player of the future.

DYLAN HADLEY

Plays half back. Not always fast, but a tenacious player. He has a clean, strong hit, when he connects with the ball, and plays a solid game. His skills have improved over the season and these are allowing him to provide a growing contribution to the team effort. Good season Dylan.

MATTHEW WAKE

Plays half back where he works tirelessly all the game. He is a thinking and talented player. Always there, a blossoming potential starting to appear. He has developed over the season a passing game that with continued experience will strengthen Matthew into a good team player. Well done Matthew.

TARA BOWATER

Plays inner like a tiger. She takes her game seriously and will tackle anything. The hallmark of the good Inner, Tara is regularly seen winning the ball in defence and driving it into attack. She shows strong stick skills and a healthy team attitude. Tara impresses, a good player, playing well.

STUART TAYLOR

Plays centre where he is a real terrier. He has good stick work, is always running and always trying hard. His resourceful and determined approach combined with tough application makes Stuart a valued Hockey player. Stuart had a good season and with continued experience will be a player to watch.

UNDER 11 SOUTH WEST

Coach: Keith Harper

Manager: John Gardner

For the majority of us this was our first year in U11's and it was pleasing to note that

- we always heard encouragement (not a disparaging remark all year)
- we never heard an umpires decision being argued
- there was always a keenness and willingness to learn

And because the parents set such high standards all players followed suit. The consequences of all these positives were that everyone developed as the season progressed, we fully enjoyed ourselves and look forward to next year knowing that although there is a lot to learn, a lot more success is due to come our way too.

A special thank you to John Gardner who picked up the managing duties, Gary Bowater and Kelvin Woodward who umpired so well and to everyone for being such positive supporters throughout the year.

MATTHEW BOWATER

Played his best hockey in the fullback line when the play came to him. A terrier like tackler with a surprisingly strong hit. Mat got plenty of advice on field but gave back plenty at half time and full time - obviously a future coach.

NEIL FERGUSON

Generally an attacking winger, he began to play and stay as wide as possible to open up the play. He also played some top games as a fullback where he was an expert at stopping break away goals. His best performance came as goalie against the top team. If it hadn't been for his scintillating saves we wouldn't have won the game.

JOSHUA GARDNER

Played in all the forward positions and was close to our best position player - that is - he played where he was supposed to be without having to be told. A good work ethic, it will be pleasing to see him get his just rewards with a bag full of goals next season.

PETER GELL

Started the season like a whirling dervish spinning on the spot. Now he's an aggressive running and tackling player who's speed was a great asset to our attack and defence. He's got the right attitude to improve and is possibly a bit too self critical. A fine player of the future.

CARL HARPER

Played mostly as a forward but because of his strong running ability was often seen helping out our defenders. His biggest improvement was in his hitting and it was great to see him score. Thinks well before taking free hits and has a good tenacious tackle.

SCOTT JACKSON (Co-Captain)

From early in the season it was clear to everyone that Scott was one of our top players. HE has a powerful hit, good speed, reads the play well and of crucial importance - he's a goal scorer. He played through the middle of the field at Centre Forward, Centre Half and Fullback - sometimes all at once. A tremendous first season, he's got a lot to look forward to next year.

LARA JONES

If Lara's legs were as quick and strong as her tongue she'd take out the Olympic 100m sprint and the marathon. She did show the ability to listen, for by the end of the season she was playing left and right half back very well.

JAMES KENNY

Dogged by illness towards the end of the season, James, at his best, showed great tenacity over the ball and had a strong hard tackle. Played mostly as a forward but was often able to get back and defend as well.

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CAITLIN OOSTERBAAN

Played left wing and inner in the second half of the season. She made great use of her speed and she pushed herself with her hard running. With a little more strength in her arms she is destined to score a bundle of goals. Can almost match Lara in the "talking" department.

SALLY READ

Mostly a half back and full back where her strong tackling broke up many opposition moves. In the latter part of the season Sally knew where to go without being told. Pushed herself hard in the last few games. One of the big improvers.

TRISTAN RYAN

Predominantly a full back, Tristan held the team together in the early part of the season with his tremendous tackling and vigorous running. He was the standard setter for his

fellow defenders - the Guy McKenna of the team.

RHYS SPEDDING (Co-Captain)

At centre half and full back he was our on field general. His great ability to read the play, time his tackles and feed our forwards with intelligent, strong passes made him an invaluable player. Rhys has the makings of a fine player.

ALEXANDER THORPE

Enjoyed the luxury of not having to run too much as our Goalie. Saved some scorching shots and kicked with strength when needed. Has asked for a bigger helmet next year.

KRISTIAN WOODWARD

At left half he terrified all opposition players with his unique tackling and hitting style. An aggressive, never give up player. By the end of the season he was thinking more about hitting to team mates. Our quiet achiever.

UNDER 17B GIRLS

From the start of the season we have faced a challenge. With a team of three 16 year olds, two 15 year olds and eight 14 year olds we knew it would be tough playing teams of 16 year olds who had played together in previous years. We didnt win a game, but had two draws, and in all others but one were very competitive. During the season the girls have got better, and most importantly they have enjoyed their hockey. All will be better for the experience they have gained this year and must return next year with more confidence in their own ability. Remember girls that next year you will be playing more girls your own age, and many will be a year behind you in adjusting to the speed and strength required in Under 17 hockey. Start next year as you finished this year and you will be in the Finals.

As coach, I have recognised that social development has also been a very important aspect of the girls hockey. This is why I have tolerated at least two extra discussions going on whenever I have addressed the team. These discussions were rarely about hockey!! Although I have shouted a lot I have had fun working with the girls.

ALANA WAKE (Co-Captain)

Referred to as “the brute” by one team. Alana has had an outstanding year. An excellent hockey mind that allows her to anticipate play and make spectacular bursts from defence. Ferocious in deep defence where she doesnt stop fighting to protect the goal. A coach’s delight (except when she smashes the ball into his shin!!) because she plays for the team and plays exactly to instruction. Will be an asset to the Seniors next year.

DEEPA NAIR (Co-Captain)

Has only been playing hockey for a couple of years, but with natural athletic ability, good speed and a desire to win, she has been an excellent work horse for the team. A very strong tackler, she broke up many opposition attacking moves. Still needs to understand the tactics in hockey a little more, and to use her forestick more. She too will be gratefully accepted by the Seniors next year. A sweet smile covers a fierce belief in a fair go, showed considerable courage in recording unbecoming behaviour by an umpire on the game card. Good on ya Deepa.

ASTRID VON MOLLENDORF

The third 16 year old, the team “bonder”, and an outstanding goalie who made a substantial contribution towards the team’s competitiveness. Played 2 or 3 absolute “top rate” games as though she was a first

division goalie. Most goals scored against her were from melees in front of goal which suggests she needs to be more assertive in such situations (ie take the ball out with anyone who is nearby!!). Already playing Seniors and has a promising career ahead of her. Astrid, thanks for organising the social functions during the year.

BREONY ALLEN

Has developed well this year as a forward, drawing on her previous experience as a back to tackle opposition defenders strongly. This frequently resulted in unexpected turnovers of the ball to our favour. Equal top goal scorer for the team, she also stood out as a forward in the Under 15 State Championships where she scored two goals. Made some impressive runs through opposition defenders, and our forwards always seemed more co-ordinated when she was in the centre. Should improve considerably over the next two years as her arms get stronger.

KENDALL CRAKE

The little terrier who loves to have a chat. Kendall showed her determination right at the start of the season when she demanded to be in this team and demonstrated she deserved to be. Not blessed with speed at this stage of her physical development she has learnt that with good positional play and fierce determination she could make life difficult for much faster and more

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skilful opposition players. She would love to be a forward, but has been excellent as a flank half where on several occasions she has floated onto the goal line to save a goal.

JANE FINLAY

The "Bull Creek Blaster" was able to turn defence into attack with her strong hitting, and she did many times. We based a lot of our play around her hitting ability. However, hitting is not the only skill in hockey. This year Jane showed she also has speed, is able to read the play and is an excellent tackler, and with all these skills we appreciated her greatly in the backline. To continue her successful development Jane must learn to apply herself consistently and remember to position her feet at all times. Don't think about socials while on the hockey field!!

BETH GOULDTHORP

The team was very lucky to have two players who had good skills and who could run all day. Such players are natural inners. Beth was one of the two, but she has also exceptional speed. It was not uncommon for Beth to be in the attacking circle one moment then back defending on our 25 yard line the next. It is rare to find forward who will work back so hard and fast. Beth, this consistent effort was greatly appreciated. My one frustration with the young lady was that she refused to hit the ball on the run (did it once - in the last game of the year). I know she can do it because she did it at training. Beth, include this in your game next year and you will rip the opposition apart.

SOPHIE HANCOCK

The "lady with the painted nails". A smiling assassin, Sophie surprised many opposition players with her speed. They thought they were past her, then wham, she hit them from behind. Another player who came to the team thinking she was a forward but ended up playing most of the

year in the very important left half position. I kept putting her back there because she did the job so well. Towards the end of the year she was learning to run fast while holding her stick ready to use. This has led to a great improvement.

LISA INGLIS

It took me quite a while to distinguish between the Inglis twins, but that was not surprising because they were both equally cheeky and both required me to explain training drills at least twice. Lisa was a big improver during the year and played much of it as a forward (equal top goal scorer for the team). She showed great determination and potential in the second half of the season when I played her in the half back line. Her ability impressed me to the extent that I ran her at Centre Half a couple of times.

SANDRA INGLIS

Had her best performances in the forward line. She made good position and was able to drive the ball further into attack very effectively. In the latter part of the season when we were playing with a high forward this ability to deliver the ball into space was very beneficial. She just needs to go to the free ball in attack with more confidence and she will start winning one on one competitions more often as she is far more skilful than she thinks. With the additional confidence in her ability she will improve rapidly and greatly.

LAUREN JACKSON

The "screamer" (at training at least). Lauren loves to run and so found herself in the forward line a lot, and often in the centre. At the start of the year she had the habit of over running the ball with her stick off the ground. She soon learnt that with her stick on the ground she could easily collect the ball (sounds more simple than it really is). This discovery resulted in a dramatic improvement. In the latter part of the season she became very effective at

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gaining possession of the ball in the mid field and moving it forward. Another girl who can hit the ball at training but wont do it in a game!

ALIN JENSEN

The "evil one". I think not. Always immaculately presented at training and at the game, Alin was occasionally heard to say "I hope I dont damage my nails today. I have them prepared beautifully for a ball". Another one who loves to chat, Alin has good speed and a good hitting ability that she only occasionally showed in matches. But she was totally for the team and always played hard. I was so pleased to see her use the full circle turn to get

away from an opponent (something we practised at training) that she won the first Caramello Koala Incentive Award (actually it was me who introduced this system of bribery). Great last game for the year.

TEGAN MARTYN

Amazingly fit and able to run hard all day, Tegan played the best hockey of her career this year. No longer playing with the boys she stepped up and accepted more responsibility in the game. She teamed with Beth to be a major ball winner in the mid field and displayed excellent skills and clever hockey. Understands the game (having spent many hours watching her brothers) and knows how to get free from her opponent. This freedom gave her a little longer to think about her distribution, which was usually intelligent and to the team's advantage.

Coach - Jeremy Allen Manager - Peter Gouldthorp Umpire - Ray Von Mollendorf

UNDER 15B GIRLS

We had a difficult start to the season with the girls not knowing in what teams they were playing. It was decided to field an all girls team in U15's. Unfortunately, to help make up numbers in the U17's team, the 'senior' girls were asked to fill in thus leaving us with nine 'junior' girls and without a Goalie. Before this happened we were nominated to play U15A's on the turf. We managed to recruit three U13's to step up to help us out. The team struggled in the A's in the first half of the season but the experience of playing on turf and against top players helped the girls in their development. They have now bonded well together and this will hold them in good stead next year and into the U17's. Its been a pleasure (??) coaching this bunch of reprobates and I am proud to see the improvement shown by them. I wish them well for next season and hope to see them back and raring to go.

Thanks must go to the parents who supported the girls through the good and the bad times. It was a transitional year for all of us but I believe the girls have a bright future in girl's hockey. A big thank you also to Col and Chris Willis for carrying out the Manager's duties and writing the match report each week.

FRANK WILLIAMS (Assistant Coach/Umpire)

Frank helped out at training as fitness and skills coach. Also did a sterling job umpiring, explaining decisions to help the girls' understanding of the game. Took training when coach was away. Thanks for the help Frank.

SHIYANKA WICKRAMARATNE (Goalie/ex Left Wing)

What a transition! Shiyanka took over the duties of goalie half way through the season and what a revelation. Who could have guessed there was all this talent hidden in such a petite person. With pads as high as her chin Shiyanka's quick reflexes had her stopping and kicking everything that came her way. She even saved a penalty stroke at the State carnival. Thanks Shiyanka, it took a lot of courage to don the pads and you did it for the team. I hope you continue as goalie next year. You have the ability to become quite good.

KATHRYN ATKINSON (Full back)

Kat was a solid defender all year who loved going on her jinking runs forward every now and then. Kat's hard tackling and big hitting put the wind up the opposition players (and ours!!). Kathryn was fortunate enough to be selected to represent South Metro in the 14 years state carnival. They finished equal 2nd. Congratulations Kat.

RENAE STIRLING (Full back)

Renaë filled the gap we had at the back this year and her steadiness provided a good back up for Kathryn. Renaë quietly (and I do mean quietly!!) went about her business and was rarely beaten. Hidden beneath that Placid facade lies a tenacious fighter. Thanks for a great season Renaë.

BRONWYN WILLIAMS (Half back)

Another one of our "quiet" achievers. Bronwyn combined well with Renaë down the left and generally shut down the opposition's dangerous right side attack. Once Bronwyn comes out of her shell She will improve even more than she has this year. Thanks Bronwyn, see you next year.

NADIA LEHMAN (Centre half)

Small in stature but big on talent and guts. Nadia controlled our mid field and her strong hits initiated many an attacking move. She also was back deep in defence helping out the fullbacks. Nadia had the distinction of scoring our first and only goal on turf. Nadia, whilst a bit "social" on training nights always gives 100% on game days and is great to have on the team. Well done.

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NADIA BACKHOUSE (Half back)

One of our U13's we recruited. "Backie", like the other U13's more than held her own in this grade and has a bright future. She is hard at the ball and doesn't give her opponent much of a go. "Backie" will become an even better player if she tried harder at training and gets the hit working. Thanks for a good season Nadia.

MEGAN HERCH (Left wing/Inner)

Another of our babies, Megan has shown a huge improvement over the year turning from a timid person into a tenacious player attacking the ball with a frightening growl. Again, once Megan gets her hitting worked out, she will become a good player next year. Keep Practising Megan and we'll see you next year.

CLAIRE HADLEY (Inner/utility)

Claire is a pleasure to coach. She does everything asked of her and has improved a great deal this season. Claire is learning to play both forward and back and plugs the gaps for me when asked. Work on your hitting Claire and you will be an asset to the club next year. Thanks Claire.

PAIGE TUCKER (Everywhere)

Paige has had a few injury problems early in the season but came back strongly to boost our forward line with some excellent crosses and hard tackling. Paige now has confidence in using her reverse stick and this has made her a more complete player than last season. If only she trained like she played, it would make a coach's life easier. Thanks Paige, I hope you stay with us next year.

BROOKE WILLIS (Centre forward)

Brooke moved from right wing this season and became our 'senior' player in the forward line helping out the younger players. Brooke tried hard all season and showed her commitment to the team by playing on after breaking her thumb mid season. Thanks Brooke, hope to see you next season.

MARTHA RAEY (Inner)

"Martha's Here!" Martha is the third of our U13's who moved up this season. Martha's fitness and ability to run all day was a bonus to our forward line. Making runs down the right one minute and back defending the top of our circle the next. Martha more than holds her own in this grade and has a bright future with the club. Thanks Martha.

SANDRA MILLAR (Right wing)

Sandra has shown a huge improvement this year and seems to like playing right wing. It has taken a while for Sandra's attitude for the better and with a bit more skill development will become a good player. Sandra made some nice runs down the wing and got in some good crosses with her lovely hard hits. Sandra, you can do it. See you next year.

Thanks to Jane Finlay, Helen Taylor and Suzanne Stirling for helping out.

Nigel Atkinson (Coach)