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MELVILLE CITY HOCKEY CLUB (INC)

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

CLUB ADMINISTRATION 2000

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Another season has come and gone and we can now remove the hockey gear from the boot of the car and parents no longer have to act as a taxi service taking children to and from training and games; that is, until the summer sport starts.

Melville City has had a good year both on and off the field. On the playing side our juniors, women's and men's teams have all performed well, with several of them playing in the finals.

We have had a few dramas with the fire in the men's toilet and the break-in to the bar, but I am glad to say neither of these incidents has proved to be too costly for the club.

I take this opportunity to thank all those who, during the year, have given their time to carry out various tasks for the club. Your efforts are greatly appreciated by all members.

By now the new committee has been selected and are starting to find the way in their new roles and to those I wish you well. Without you the club would not run.

To this year's committee I say thank you again for all your hard work and assistance throughout the year. The success that Melville has enjoyed this year is largely due to your efforts.

Finally to you the members, I hope you enjoyed the season as much as I have and I look forward to seeing you again next year.

Until then remember, think not what does the club do for me but what can I do for the club. This is your club and it will only continue if you contribute.

"Hit a straight ball!"

The Prez.

Michael Jensen

MELVILLE CITY HOCKEY CLUB (INC)

MAPLE LEAF CUP

CLUBMAN OF THE YEAR

Presented by Kip Hladky 1982

1982	PAUL MEACOCK
1983	GEOFF MORRIS
1984	ALAN MEACOCK
1985	KEITH JACKAMAN
1986	ROSS READ
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
1998	PAT von MOLLENDORF
1999	MAL FARMER

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION REPORT - WOMEN

The season started with a massive number of players again and we regretted our decision to only field two senior divisional teams (for about 2 weeks - then they all disappeared!) It has been interesting feeling our way through the new grading system established by the WA Women's Hockey Association. It is somewhat clearer now without the A's, B's and C's to see how a team can advance through the grades, although rather tricky with the new percentage method of promotion and relegation. Still, these things have a way of working themselves out (or the system cycles through to the next good idea) and we learn to live with it.

Our State 3's and 5's trained together this year, under the guidance of **Norm Morrison** and **Ray von Mollendorf**, with **Mike "Sumo" Shannon** as Manager of the 3's and Assistant Coach. While not as successful in the competition as the teams would have hoped, we have called this our development year, where we've looked more to build ourselves from the inside to present a stronger, concentrated effort for next season. We're sorry to lose **Norm** as a coach but he'll be off tripping the light fantastic - that's what these dancing types do, isn't it? Thanks for your efforts over the past couple of years and we wish you all the best with your new interests. **Ray** has been a stalwart for us - always there to see us through (usually standing there quietly at the end of a run saying something like "Did I say two laps? I meant four.") **Sumo** has graduated from carrying things to giving us some pretty complicated training exercises, so we look forward to seeing what's up his sleeve for next season.

I am glad to report that the success story of the year is our women's Metro 1 team. Metro 2's last year, they were offered the chance to play "up" (something the girls do very well!) and accepted with some misgivings. After winning the Challenge Cup, taking out the Minor Premiers title and making it to the finals, I think their fears were somewhat unfounded! Thanks to **Jan Davis** - Captain, Coach, Manager, Chief-Cook-and-Bottle-Washer, and the girls, we should be proud of their efforts as a team and the example they set to us all - that hockey is for fun, and winning is a bonus!

Our first year fielding a second veterans side was quite interesting, with people who had been clamoring for places suddenly having to leave the state or country or otherwise no longer available. Thanks to the efforts of **Kymerley Wilson**, we managed to pull in enough bodies to fill a team each week after the first couple of forfeits and look like being able to do it again next season. The first veterans side made it to the finals again and are heading for the grand final with our best wishes.

It's been good to see the junior girls developing their hockey, with several of the under 17's filling in for the senior grades when numbers were tight. My special favourites have been the girls in the minkey graduates programme, whom I have had the honour and privilege of coaching this year. To see their development in skills, the camaraderie and good sportsmanship that these young players have shown has certainly been one of the high points of the year for me. Well done girls!

As I vacate the vice president's chair (it's been three years - surely you've had enough of me!) I can see the growth in the club and can honestly say that the strength of our club is in our younger players. We need to encourage and develop the interest of our juniors and young adults, encourage their commitments to training and playing in the Melville family - after all, we are a family club! Thank you for all your support and encouragement and as I slink off to play veterans next year I would thank you not to remind me that I can no longer spoil committee meetings with my infamous cry of "I wouldn't know, I'm too young to play vets!"

Nicola Ogden

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION REPORT- MEN

It is likely that this year will be most memorable for the club managing to hold both Classic League and State 2A grades after promotion in the previous season. Solid coaching of these players by **Colin Brandis**, assisted by **Michael Jensen**, was clearly apparent throughout the season. New faces appeared at the club and the talent that they shared was much appreciated. The top squad was well managed by **Johnson Orr**, assisted by **Judy Watts**, with the club adjusting to the rules and regulations of the Classic League. As a result of these factors, the State 2A team reached the finals.

The club fielded 5 teams in the Metropolitan League this year. A dedicated group of players attended Thursday night training, led by the enthusiasm of **Andrew Starling** and his coaching. **Mal Farmer's** contribution to coordinating team selections was much appreciated throughout the season. The Metro 2A team reached the finals, however the performances of the other Metro teams were hampered by a decline in regular player numbers during the season. The team managers and captains were very patient in view of these circumstances.

The club recognises the need to contribute to youth development in retaining players moving into senior teams from juniors. An increased emphasis on both talent identification and the development of leadership skills amongst younger players will be addressed in a new youth development policy. It is hoped that new initiatives may be established that improve performances throughout the grades.

Sufficient coaches for junior teams meant that top squad players were not required for coaching teams this year. However, they contributed to the coaching of junior players in several other ways. For example, **George Watts** regularly shared his experience as a goalkeeper with younger players on Monday nights. Top squad players also welcomed selected junior players to synthetic turf training.

The club also began a review of standard operating procedures. It is hoped that by compiling a comprehensive description of required tasks, members of future committees will be better placed in performing their duties. This means that the committee should be better positioned to work on developing the club due to improved efficiency in administration.

It is hoped that in future seasons the club can increase its profile both within and outside the hockey community. This can be achieved through the talent fostered by top squad players, through the development of the club's youth and by establishing sound administration guidelines.

Scott Martyn

JUNIOR ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Minkey is about as far removed from Classic League as you can get within hockey circles but both had one thing in common this year – they were successful. The new lifeblood of the Club has been nurtured by **David Timmel** for the last four years and along with his wife, **Kath**, and his band of wonderful helpers he has earned himself and our Club the highest praise from all who have had a chance to see his program in action. Our best wishes go with Dave and Kath as they leave us for the bigger career challenges to be found in Sydney. **Shane Knapp** and **Nicola Ogden** established a Graduates program whose aim it was to provide an interim step up to under 11's. Again, success has been achieved particularly with the girls and we would be delighted if we could field an under 11's girls' team next year.

Our under 11's enjoyed their year much more this season as happens when you experience some success. Thanks to **Greg Hunt**, **Denis Bawden** and **Ross Hannagen** for the improvement that they got out of their charges. The U11 B South team will get their very first taste of finals and they've really earned the chance.

John Sanders had to come to the rescue of the U13 B South team when they lost their coach midway through the season and the change seemed to be the tonic needed to ensure a much-improved second half of the season. **Kelvin Woodward** ensured that the 13 S.W. team progressed in their skills and congratulations are due to **Joel Newman** who gained entry to the Como Senior High School Hockey program.

The under 15's can claim most of the limelight this year as both teams played off in the Challenge Cup and provided the Club with its best chance at a premiership: **Paul Meacock** and **Corey Fuller** take a bow. The 15 B South team provided six players in our Regional Team whilst **James Welton** represented W.A. up in Darwin at the Australian Championships. At the State Championships the 15 B South team finished an extremely close second to a Regional East team. It is with keen anticipation that we look forward to these boys having a crack at under 17 A's next year.

David Porter had to deal with a team of under 17's in constant state of flux. Player numbers varied wildly throughout the season and it's a credit to the team that they coped with the number of games that they played in seniors (special credit to the goalies). **Nigel Atkinson** looked after the under 17 girls who, like the under 11 boys of 1999, copped a hammering last year but this year had a lot more fun and success. The senior ladies are really looking forward to this influx of youth next year.

The old saying goes that "When the going gets tough, the tough get going." **Gary Bowater** epitomised this and more as he saw through a period when it looked as though our under 15 girl's team was all set to fall into a hole and never be seen again. Congratulations to all concerned for showing the fighting spirit required to get through such a tough situation.

Finally, I wish to thank the Club Committee for guiding me through my first year in this position. Thanks, too, to each and every parent in our Club. Our reputation is held in high esteem due to your support and your children get a buzz out of their hockey because you allow it to be fun.

See you next season!

Keith Harper

VETERAN'S REPORT

This year we managed to field 6 teams (2 women's and 4 men's). Unfortunately, we struggled for numbers in a few of these teams – the women's second team, the men's Division 1 and Division 5. We made it through the season through additional recruiting and judicious use of available players. We will review men's team nominations and player numbers at the start of next season. The women may be in a slightly more healthy position with a few members now attaining or nearing the entry age to the Vets competition.

Three out of our six teams (women's Division 1, men's Division 5 and Over 50s) finished in the top four in their grades and will be taking part in the finals. The women's team have won their way through to the grand final. Good luck to these three teams. We have only entered an Over 50s team in the last two years and in both years they will have played in the finals – a tough tradition to live up to.

Our Club was well represented in state teams this year, with the following players gaining selection:

Gail Anderson
Lindy Coss
Gaye Glaskin
Janese McDougall
Maris Margetts
Vicki Silich
Sheri Stokell all in the women's Veterans 1s team.

Tracey Altria
Kymerley Wilson both in the women's Veterans 2s team.

Terry Parker in the men's Over 50s team.

Congratulations to all on their selection. Mention should also be given to Club member **Neil Ashley** who travelled to Darwin to umpire at the men's National Veterans Championships.

Thanks to the team managers who took responsibility for organizing the players and ensuring we had sufficient numbers to field teams each week. Thanks also to the players who filled in or played more than one game each weekend in order to make up the numbers.

With the early finish to the season there is time now for a short break for some. But, don't forget there are two important competitions coming up - the summer sevens competition is starting in mid-September and running through until the start of next winter season and the Busselton Vets Carnival is on 7th and 8th October. I hope to see you all out there taking part and keeping fit for 2001.

Johnson Orr
Veterans Co-ordinator

MELVILLE CITY HOCKEY CLUB (INC)

GAMES PLAYED AWARDS – 2000

600 GAMES

Kingsley McGuire

400 GAMES

Bruce Porter

300 GAMES

Terry Brooks

Bruce Hancock

200 GAMES

Chris Avent

Brendan Joss

Ian Knight

Brett Martyn

Daniel Pickering

George Watts

Graham Watts

100 GAMES

Kathryn Atkinson

Wayne Hudson

Tony Illman

Adam Ivey

Evan Kelly

Joel LeBreton

Nadia Lehmann

Regan McClure

Ted Neesham

Graham Rayner

Ramon Rodrigues

Ryan Rushton

Brad Wake

Justin Wake

Rod Wake

Brooke Willis

Matthew Willis

50 GAMES

Lindsay Borthwick

Bradley Channer

Ben Davis

Jonathan Greenacre

Joshua Harmon

Lloyd King

Ben Meacock

Phillip Minchin

Kaishu Nair

Kieran Nettleton

Alexander Obiri-Boetang

Nicola Ogden

Timothy Priest

David Wake

Matthew Wake

Shiyanka Wickramaratne

CLASSIC LEAGUE

Melville City's first year back in Classic League for some time was a very successful one. Finishing in 8th position with 27 points was an excellent start to what is to be a long stay in this grade. With the majority of the team being under 25 years and the nucleus being local players augers well for the future. Our defensive record was fourth best in the league, although the goals scored were a bit light on. However, building on a sound defence is a positive way forward. With Melville's junior ranks providing the club with such quality players the club can now provide an attractive career path for the talent it produces. Thanks must go to Michael and Russell for their leadership of the team and to Johnno for his professional approach and dedication as the team manager.

The club passes on its gratitude to the three AIS draftees for their on field dedication to Melville and their off field contributions to the development of our young players.

We wish all the top squad a well deserved break before embarking on what will be our hardest challenge; consolidation and further improving to be a finals contender in Classic League.

Colin Brandis - Coach

Michael Deveson (Captain, defender)
One of the Melville junior system's successes. "Junior" has progressed into Classic League as a tough, hard hitting full back who captained the team with maturity. A learning year that will see Junior grow into a very good player.

Russell Lee (Vice Captain, defender)
Russell came to Melville from Aquinians and immediately fitted into the club. A brilliant centre half, Russell captained the WA Under 21 team and was selected in the Thundersticks squad. A good season from a player who is going places in hockey. A great acquisition to the club, although we won't be holding our breath for that first goal.

Hamish West (Defender)
Hamo crossed to Melville from WASPS and brought with him a standard of competitiveness and toughness the club needed to compete with in Classic League. Hamo had an excellent season and played to the potential he had promised as a junior. We look forward to training with you again next year Hamo! (looking forward to the summer hairdo...)

Wayne Anderson (Defender)
Another great season from Wayne since joining Melville last year. Wayne's skills improved greatly at right half this year and showed that he had much to offer at Classic League level. Sometimes the skills were faster than the legs but the experience and guile showed through to make Wayne a sound defender and on one occasion even a goal scorer. We look forward to the results of the summer sprint training in pre-season.

Murray Richards (Defender)
Murray was drafted to Melville through the AIS. Murray hails from Queensland and played with the Brisbane Blacks in the NHL and was selected in the Sydney 2000 Olympic Squad. Between injuries and national/international commitments, Murray played a handful of excellent games for Melville. Murray showed the defensive and attacking skills which made him such an exciting young international talent. Thanks Murray for your on field talent and off field support. We look forward to seeing you again next year.

CLASSIC LEAGUE

Dom Reay (Mid field)

Dom is another of Melville's juniors who has established himself as a classic league player. Dom started the season with flamboyance and finished it as one of the most improved and promising mid fielders in the Classic League. Dom is not just a very good defensive midfielder but showed his athleticism to be the team's leading goal scorer. If Dom continues where he left off this season the club is in an excellent position of arguably the best mid fielder in the league.

Josh Brown (Mid field)

Josh is a very talented mid fielder who very capably filled in wherever he was needed. Josh has trouble finding the goals but this is more than made up for by his midfield ball handling skills and defensive work. Two good knees next year will see Josh once again provide pressure to the young guns for positions in the team.

Steve Beatty (Striker)

Beats had a late start to the season due to international cricket commitments (on t.v. of course). Beats came through the 3's to be an integral part of the Classic League team as the centre striker. Beats has all the right skills to be successful at Classic League and with a good pre season and further knowledge of that level will be a prolific scorer in 2001.

Ben Rushton (Striker)

Ben's debut season in Classic League will not be remembered for goals scored but rather the relentless hard work that he produced each week to help the team. Well done Ben on a great season that will be the foundation for many more. The goals will come, we hope, and Ben will be a key player in Melville's long stay in Classic League.

Ben Taylor (Midfield)

Ben was drafted to Melville through the AIS, originally from Canberra where he played with the Canberra Strikers in the NHL. He was also selected in the Sydney 2000 Olympic Squad. We were lucky enough to have him for a number of games and his exceptional skills, speed and goal sense provided the team with inspiration to win some close encounters. We all hope your season in Belgium is successful and look forward to having you back at this club in 2001.

Lachlan Vivian-Taylor (Striker)

Lachie is a Melbourne boy, where he played in the NHL for the Melbourne Redbacks and was also drafted to Melville through the AIS. Another one chosen for the Sydney 2000 Olympic Squad. One of the youngest in our team (still eligible for the Junior World Cup) but showed skills and prowess beyond his years. Lachie will be back in Perth next year and Melville will be trying to draft him again.

Graham Watts (Defender)

Graham is a home grown youngster who developed throughout the season to become a key defender for the club. Graham's long reach, excellent tackling and good close skill have now been complemented with a strong and accurate hit. Graham is also a youngster with the potential to be selected for the WA Under 21's next year. He has excelled in indoor hockey, having already toured with the Australian Under 21 Indoor Team in New Zealand. Graham has the world at his feet and is lucky that Melville is able to provide him with the opportunity to play Classic League.

CLASSIC LEAGUE

Mal Cowan (Goalkeeper)

Our custodian, Mal lead a defence which had the fourth lowest number of goals against in the league. Mal came to us from Modernians and did not put a foot wrong all year with a number of game winning performances against the league's best teams. Mal's dedication to his role is infectious with all those around him in his circle knowing exactly what is required and expected. Well done on a great season of goal keeping Mal.

Rob McKenzie (Midfield)

Rob played half his season in Classic League and showed he has the skills and talent to succeed at this level. However it is a tough level of hockey and Rob's consistency and fitness meant he was played off the bench perhaps more often than not. The club will benefit greatly when Rob develops into the potential he shows.

Brett Martyn (Mid field/striker)

Another of the Melville juniors who has worked his way up. Brett's skills, tenacity and fitness helped earn a place in the Classic League team towards the end of the season following consistently good performances in the 2's. With continued improvement Brett will maintain his role in the Classic League over a long period.

Andrew Hunt (Defender)

Spud is an exceptionally talented defender who came to Melville from Willetton juniors. Having playing in the WA Under 21 Indoor Team has helped develop well through the 2A's with prospects in the Classic League in the very near future. Spud is short listed as a future key defender in elite teams and will provide Melville with added defensive prowess over the coming seasons.

The others...

A number of players had game time in the Classic League team and acquitted themselves well, which shows not only the depth of talent within our club, but also the opportunities available to all players. These players included **Regan McLure, Mark Watton, John Cooke, Andrew Scanlon, George Watts, Nathan Rowden, Richie Williams, Ryan Rushton** and **Stefan Willett**.

STATE DIVISION 2A MEN

The 2A's had a fantastic year, making the finals in their first year in this grade.

John Cooke "Cookie" (Inner)

It is rumored that Cookie is actually older than Scanners. This aside he has played extremely well this season, even finding time for his favorite pastime, hitting people!

Bruce Hancock "Hank" (Halfback)

Hank is a Kung-fu master, having perfected the art of taking pebbles from people's hands. The best player at the club never to turn up to training. Has the ability to turn a game of hockey into a grudge match with a wave of his stick and a few magic words.

Andrew Hunt "Spud" (Fullback)

Only marginally faster than Scanners has the advantage of being young enough to be his son. If hockey could be reduced to flicking only he would be in his element. Tries very hard not to break into a sweat during a game.

Brendan Joss (Forward)

Bear played the first half of the season, half and half with us and the Metro 1A's. The second round found Brendan mainly playing 2's. This is probably due to him making Andy Starling and co. look bad. Has a devastating tackle!

Brett Martyn (Inner)

Brett made the near fatal mistake of getting too close to Hamish early in the season, result – depressed cheek fracture. After overcoming this tough break, Brett managed to play some pretty decent hockey, even finding time to leave us and go skiing for a few weeks. Has a well liked sister.

Regan McClure (Forward)

Regan is quicker on to a free ball in the circle than a seagull onto an unguarded chip. His shooting range has decreased from last season to about 3 feet from the goal line. If this trend continues, pretty soon he'll only score if the ball is in the goal and people are jogging back to the centre line.

Rob McKenzie (Inner/Forward)

Rob played the first half of the season with the 1's before being promoted to the 2's. Retired from training mid season but still found amazing form come game-day. Found incapable of scoring in high scoring wins. Has an affection for sisters.

Nathan Rowden (Right Wing)

"Rowds" rarely turns up to training and arrives at games 5 minutes beforehand. Scores amazing goals and makes scathing verbal attacks on even the best prepared defenses. Arrives even later to games if the Eagles are playing.

Ryan Rushton (Halfback/Runabout)

If Essendon wins the flag we'll never hear the end of it, not that we never stop hearing Ryan anyway. Took the "Tomma" shot to a whole new level at training, often going weeks without shooting any other way. Admits to wetting his bed, but can be excused as he puts on a fantastic Grand Final party.

Andrew Scanlon "Scanners" (Fullback)

With the retirement of Jenno, Scanners took over the role of Grandfather of the side. Scanners combined his silky-smooth slow moving with his uncanny knack of disappearing during finals to great effect this season. When wearing blue looks a lot like a smurf.

STATE DIVISION 2A MEN

Mark Watton "Watto" (Forward)

The Silver Fox spent much of the season disputing his age, mainly due to the silver rinse he puts through his hair. Did little to aid his cause by joining "the old boys" in expecting a child. His frail frame aside, he actually plays some good hockey, even if he does look like a walking skeleton. Soon to join the blue rinse set.

George Watts (Goalkeeper)

As usual I was the brunt of a lot of jokes this year. The most part were my due to my stupidity, the rest due to my position on the field. As I wrote these pen pictures I'm not about to write myself off, but I'm sure the rest of the team will do that for me in person.

Stefan Willet (Centre-Half)

The "Hot Shoe Shuffle" remained open for yet another season. Bad reviews often ended with the abuse of his critics (umpires), so much so that his season had an enforced break mid-season. Loves the date-ball.

Richie Williams (Fullback/Halfback)

Cleanest tackler in the side, Richie is Mr Nice Guy. Closest thing the team has to a lightning rod, Richie is vying for the tallest player in the squad. Serves a very nice ice cold beer.

Extras

When looking back on the season that was, we mustn't forget those that helped to grease the workings of the team. We had a line of fill ins this year with **Evan** "Man-child" **Bowater** and **Ben** "Mini-whip" **Meacock** having a run. **Jenno** did briefly come out of paralysis for one game but as usual played too well for someone that old, and was put back into cotton wool. Also a big thank you has to go to Mum (**Judy Watts**) for worrying about and managing us all season.

STATE DIVISION 3 LADIES

An interesting year as we tried to understand the new grading system of the Women's Association and work out where we were in the real scheme of things. With **Norm Morrison** at the helm (when he wasn't off dancing!), **Mike "Sumo" Shannon** being introduced as manager and assistant coach and **Ray von Mollendorf** taking many of our training sessions, we had plenty of guidance to get us through. Thanks to everyone for the efforts that were put in - and here's hoping for a more successful season next year!

Natalie Adams

A great year for Nat who continues to display her comprehensive skills both on the field and with her leadership qualities. Look forward to seeing her in a leading role next season.

Ellen Bloxsome

The hockey ball had a strange attraction to Ellen (usually to her head!) and during games it often appeared to be glued to her stick. Excellent effort put in all season and she increased her versatility on the field by playing in other positions.

Rachel Butler

Our dynamic full forward who slides, lunges and swoops on the ball in the circle trying to tommie, slap, push, flick or drill the ball into the back of the net. There have been some specky goals and unfortunately some even more outstanding saves, ensuring plenty of response from her vocal supporter on the sideline. A good season, where we learnt a few more rules, like you have to be onside for the pass back and the game is over when the short corner is completely finished, regardless of the number of rebounds! Look forward to more goals next year (and pearls of wisdom from Colin!).

Tracy Collins

When we think of Trace, our minds do race; a tiny blonde girl that hits the field like a whirl. Quite happily she one handedly hacks, though at times this season a hairbrush she seemed to lack. But Trace is tough, though the position on the field is quite rough. One minute she's a forward, the next a back; but she's handled the orders this year with considerable tact. Well done Tracy!

Ashley Coombs

This is the first year that Ashley has played with the State 3 team and she has proved to be an asset on our forward line. Her skill with the ball was great, especially when she teamed up with mate Meagan. Ashley scored a fantastic goal within minutes of returning to the field - has to be a record! Well done Ash!

Penny Dow

Missed a few games this season but still had a big impact on the games she played. A strong, gutsy, determined player who always put in 100%.

Gaye Glaskin

Always there for us both on the field and behind the scenes. Gayesy is our stabilising force, giving us direction and leading by her examples. A great team member with excellent skills and good suggestions for exercises on training nights. Thanks for your efforts - see you next year!

Laura Hardefelt

One of our imports via the vet school at Murdoch, Laura has proven that she has quite a few talents on the hockey field. Whether it be stick in hand, creating leads and setting up play, or as one of those whistle blowing yellow shirted people running the sidelines, Laura has shown that she loves her hockey and always puts in her best.

STATE DIVISION 3 LADIES

Carolyn Jones

J - jungle juice (preferably after the game); O - oh s**t - when the ball flies past head high; N - never missed training; E - extra large feet (only in the circle); S - sweeper 90% of the time; Y - young - many years ago! Jonesy's favorite saying for the season was "let's keep positive." Thanks for that Jonesy - we all needed to be reminded.

Maris Margetts

Her commitment to the club both on and off the field continues. She shows a consistently high standard of play although she does seem to spend more time stretching than playing these days... (there! Didn't make any reference to age!)

Athlene Marshall

A great committed team member, always in the right spot at the right time to set up and link the play. Always offers positive encouragement to team mates, which is very helpful.

Meagan Parry

Shame she had to go away just as she was coming out of her shell. Meagan has the honours of the first and only tommahawk. Well done and we look forward to her return next season.

Bree Riddell

Bree played for Melville for the first time this season as our Canadian import, and probably won't be able to come back next season. We'll all miss Bree as she played well in the midfield (and wherever else she was told to!), was a great team member and a really nice person. Good luck for the future Bree.

Olivia Wade

Olivia has really been our 'saving grace' this season. Joining the team for her first of 'hopefully' many seasons, she has certainly made her presence felt; saving us from many a slaughterous defeat - a lot more goals could have slipped through but Olivia managed to save them by any means feet, legs, body, arms, stick and if that didn't work she used her head! Keep it up. Well done, Olivia.

STATE DIVISION 5 - LADIES

We started the season having twenty three players for this team, but with injuries, new jobs, leaving the country and other changes in circumstances, managed to just field a team in the last few games of the year. We seemed to have trouble getting everyone to training on a regular basis, which probably was the factor most responsible for our lack of success on the ladder this year. Still, we had some good team moments and managed to have fun times on and off the field. Our first half of the season was a lot better - we actually scored a few goals and even won a few games, but the mid season break spoiled our momentum and we just didn't recover.

My heartfelt thanks to the efforts of our wonder coach **Ray von Mollendorf** - always there for us, optimistic in the face of overwhelming odds, full of ideas for us at training and on the field. We certainly wouldn't have survived without you!

To all the players we've seen through the team this year, thank you for your efforts and input and we'll look forward to seeing you back in 2001.

Ann Armstrong-Boase

Full back with a strange ambition to be a forward, our Ann has a big hit that can be used to advantage anywhere on the field. Another of the big voices we hear from deep in defence. Brings her own cheer squad to the game!

Kate Fennessy

Our major goal scorer, although work and travelling home have meant that we haven't seen Kate as often as we'd like. Quiet as a rule, Kate arced up for the last few games she played and we're looking forward to commandeering more of her time next season.

Jane Finlay

Versatile fullback / half back / forward with a big hit and a good sense of humour. Running back-to-back games with the under 17's meant that Janey was often exhausted by the time she got to our game (or was it the party the night before?), but she put in a valiant effort on the field.

Beth Gouldthorp

Graduated from juniors to play with the big girls this year and what a change we've seen! Quiet and reserved at the start of the season, Beth has grown in confidence and ability and is well able to hold her own as inner or half back.

Helen Holland

Another first round only player, but provided good strength as a half back when she was able to play.

Lee Jarvis

Always enthusiastic with her comments on and off the field and never backs away from the "physical" aspect of the game. Unfortunate to miss the last game due to some nasty tactics from the opposition. Better luck next year!

Fiona Lumsden

Despite shifting north of the river and getting engaged, Fi managed to spare us some of her valuable time and played well on the forward line. Best as an inner, her massive hits towards the goal are a treat to see - we just needed someone to touch them in the "D" and we'd have tripled our goal stats!

Jane Minchin

Small and fast, Jane whips around the field using her considerable skills to the team's advantage. Unfortunately work and study snagged her for a lot of the second round, but she managed to slide between the State 3's and 5's to ensure she got a game most weekends!

STATE DIVISION 5 - LADIES

Kylie Mishra

Our magical goalie who will be sorely missed as she moved to London at the end of the season. Kylie really "hit her straps" as goalie this year, and even the opposition would comment on what a great goalie she is. Good luck in the UK - see you back in 6 years?

Nicola Ogden

Our noisy captain whose advice from the back line cannot be missed (unless you have industrial strength ear plugs!) Again doing lots of behind the scenes stuff (her excuse for being at training without actually doing any!) Another full back with aspirations to play elsewhere - goalie, wasn't it Ray?

Robyn Pease

Robyn is one of the "run forever" breed - never stopping, always hunting the ball and even managing to score! Terrific skills on the forward line and a definite asset to the team.

Kirrily Ryan

Our centre half and major traffic director on the field. Kira found the season frustrating in parts but managed to put that behind her to come out really strong in her last game.

Katie Simcock

A treat to have on the field - flexible approach to the many and varied positions we've put her in. Katie is an asset to the team, playing always to the best of her ability.

Carolyn Sounness

The giggling one on the forward line, usually wing or inner, Carolyn was troubled by her ongoing hamstring problem and a yearning to be with the boyfriend "down south". Unfortunately for us, the boyfriend won and we wish Carolyn all the best as she settles into her new job in Albany.

Alana Wake

Animal, bully, brute, vicious - Alana's had them all (quite a surprise when you actually know her!) A determined half back, solid as a rock in defence who really manages to get up the opposition's collective noses.

Chris Wardell-Johnson

A former full back who made the transition to the forward line very successfully. Despite her professed uncertainty in the position, Chris is a terrific wing - running high and carrying the ball well into attack. Some great positioning on the field - keep it up!

Ray von Mollendorf

Our coach and mentor that has been with us all season, encouraging us and lifting us over the obstacles when the going has been tough. Taking us through exercises and carrying the responsibility not only for us, but for a large portion of the senior ladies training schedules. Ray, we'd never get there without you - thanks for always being there for us.

Pat von Mollendorf

Can't get by without our "Mum" - we were blessed to have her at most of our games and can credit Pat with our half time revitalisation programme (Snakes - lots of soft, juicy, chewy snakes! Our secret weapon!).

Thanks also to our many extra players who stepped in to fill the breach when numbers were low (yes, it did happen!): **Natalie Adams, Leonie Arblaster, Kathryn Atkinson, Nadia Backhouse, Ellen Bloxsome, Tracy Collins, Ashley Coombs, Demelza Dravnieks, Kylie Freeman, Marie Hinkley, Athlene Marshall, Deepa Nair, Meagan Parry, Bree Riddell, Sarah Tilbrook, Brooke Willis and Shiyanka Wikramaratne.**

METRO 1 LADIES

We are a surprise package this year - even to ourselves! Metro 1 started this year with a nice stable squad (unlike last year) with 13 players summoned to the grass each Saturday. We submitted our team as Metro 2 but were given the opportunity to rise to Metro 1 due to a few withdrawals. The girls were a little concerned at this leap in status, as we didn't even make the finals last year. However, I managed to convince them that we were capable and we have well and truly proved that by winning the Challenge Cup in June and by finishing the season as **minor premiers**. Well done girls!

Now an extra effort for the finals to bring home the flag would top the season perfectly!

I would like to say thank you to all the girls for their commitment and mateship on and off the field:

Alene Ivey
Catherine Timmel
Audrey Emmett
Jo Mitsopoulos
Denise Jones
Leslie Wintle
Lee Maxfield
Sarah Groves
Carolyn Caydamar
Kymerley Wilson (our top goal scorer)
Helen Constable
Natalie Gibson

This season has been what it's all about: fun, friendship and winning! Thanks for a great season.

Also many thanks to **Marie Hinkley** and **Claire Groves** who have always been available to fill the gaps in our hours of need and blended with our friendly bunch like full timers.

Three cheers for everyone!

Jan Davis

Captain, Coach & Manager

METRO 1A MEN

The Metro 1A's looked like a formidable team on paper at the start of the season but injuries, job transfers and top squad requirements have taken their toll. Reaching the Challenge Cup was the highlight of our year. Our winning ways departed in the second half of the year and we battled out to finish in the bottom half of the table.

Dan Pickering

Stefan's apprentice stick thrower. Consistently good all season and definitely ready for the top squad when he shows a bit more commitment.

Jim Pickering

The up and coming "Statue" but not as quick. Tackles well and passes the ball regularly to his big brother.

Daniel Ivey

Fast hands just like his coach. Progressed well during the season but needs to find even a hint of meanness from somewhere.

Scott Pitter

Can move 20 tonnes of rock with his bare hands and then wonders why his back still hurts. Sorely missed on the field but his bottle shop pick ups were an inspiration to team elders.

Ray Rodrigues

The Colonel is dead, long live the Brumby Boy. There is so much more of Ray to appreciate this season and we all enjoyed his efforts.

Geoff Ranford

Nearly a pensioner but kept many a young winger in their place. Calm and controlled at all times - an example to all.

Matt Rummer

Mr Party, wears a hangover like a favourite jacket. No endurance but 115% effort in between regular visits to the sideline.

Nick Bowater

The man with blue hair provided hours of laughter for his teammates and regular deposits in the fines account. Played nearly every position and always gives his best.

Steve Taylor

New to the club and a welcome addition. A rare individual who trains like he plays.

Michael Jensen

The mighty President. Leads the club and our defence and needs more help in both areas. Many seasons spent perfecting the bouncing pass, shoulder charge and tree lopping tackle -- he must continue if only to pass on these skills to the juniors.

Gavin Scally

Big, bad and determined. Played every position from kicking back to centre forward - even a winger. Unfortunately has departed for the east coast and will be greatly missed.

Kim Schwarz

One man and his dog. Fido kept Jensen junior amused all season allowing Kim to play his usual D9 style of hockey. Another bound for the east coast leaving only a star picket and dog leash as a memory.

Chris Geers

Youngest, smallest, slimmest but very loud. Regularly fought outside his weight class. When he stops getting knocked down and wearing his school clothes to training the fines should reduce.

Brendan Joss

Young, fast, fit and played many roles when not on duty with the 2A's. Never ever stopped trying and can hit the post more consistently than any other Melville player.

Andy Starling

Tried once again to teach systems hockey to the uninitiated losing more hair as a result. Frustrated by results after a great start to the year but will not be going to the Vets quite yet.

METRO 2A MEN

Another year of hockey over. The 2A's had another slow start to the year as usual, but finish the year off with a goal feast, now we priming ourselves for the finals. I would have to say this team is the Team of all teams, with everyone giving their all for the team during the year.

Michael (Stick Man) Ashley (Half back)

All arms and legs, he plays a casual unflustered game. He outreaches all opponents, making him a gun half.

Ryan (Pat Cash) Backhouse

(Forward & half back) Ryan likes to adorn himself with an array of colourful scarfs, which distract opponents as he turns them inside-out with his ball skills.

Nick (The Head) Bowater (Forward and back). The cocky youngster with the blue-black hair is an easy target when its time for a stir. His solid stance and strength allow him to give and take a bit of the rough stuff.

Andrew (Cridds) Criddle (Centre half)

Body count - Cridds 5: Opposition 1. The man with the lethal hockey stick. Words of warning: never tackle this man from the wrong side. Unfortunately no one told the opposition. A strong year at centre half saw Cridds challenging the forwards (mainly Watto) to score the most goals for the 2A's.

Christopher (wannabe a forward)

Criddle (Full back) Every week he asks to be a forward, but you guessed it he starts at full back. Loves to smash the ball as he gallops around the hockey field.

John (Doctor 'J') Dewings (Forward & half back) Mister speed usually outruns the ball as he streams up the wing, easily leaving the opposition in his wake.

Adam Sparkes (Ribsy) Forward

Ribsy is enjoying himself in the forward line, the first time since playing there in the juniors. He possesses a deadly ability to cross the ball from the wing, which has set-up many of the team's goals.

Aki (The Old Man) Etelaaho

Everywhere (mainly full back) A man of many talents. From his effort as kicking full back, with a borrowed motorbike helmet, to centre forward. The old fella leads the team with passion, like a true captain should.

Chris Geers (Miss Aquinas 2000)

(Forward) The mouth will back chat coaches, team mates and umpires. There is nothing that moves that he will not verbally abuse, but to his credit he has not been sent-off. He has asked may a person for a sexual favour.

Brendon (Silent Killer) McClure (Half back)

Quiet, laid back and reserved, but place a hockey stick in Brendon's hand and you unleash a killer defender. Hey Regan! Look over your shoulder, your brother has some moves to show you!

Daniel (The Jet) McIntee (Forward)

His motto is: I will try anything once; this was evident when he showed up to a game with a checker board hair cut. Although not as quick as Watto or Walsh, Dan has filled in when his U17 commitments allowed. He has added to the superior speed of the forward line.

METRO 2A MEN

Mark (The Wall) Thorpe (Goalie)

Not too much got past Mark this season. While juggling work commitments with hockey this year, Mark didn't see too much action, much to his delight. He supported us with his great agility, when any illusive forward got through!

Steve (The Part-timer) Walsh

(Forward and half back) Where in the world is Steve Walsh and is the rumour true, did he get married earlier this year?? No he didn't.

Grant (The Old No 7) Watton (Forward)

Goal SLUT! Took 4 games to get started. He has had many moments of glory this year - a pair of hat tricks (vs Hale & Vic Park), scored the teams first goal with a penalty flick (vs Wolves). He has matured greatly this year; I would expect Watto to step up into the Metro 1A's next year.

METRO 2A EXTRAS

The wannabes/klingons. The team would like to thank you all for your contribution to a great season.

Evan (Man-Child) Bowater

Played a hand full of games. He has an uncanny ability to hold onto the ball.

Mal Farmer

Has been out of hockey this year with a back injury, but chanced it with a game for the 2A's when we were missing 4 out of 5 forwards.

Jeff Gangell

Plucked from the side line while smoking and drinking to play one game and scoring a goal in the process.

Paul (Legend) Lambert

Played once before leaving due to work commitments.

Cory Le Breton

Jet's mate, who helped out at the start, when the side lacked a stable list.

Joel Le Breton

A goalie that rarely showed up.

Scott (Melville City HC) Martyn

All go, but! we will call you.

Ted (Rocket) Neesham

Played when the 3D's had an umpiring bye, scoring a goal. Filling in for a depleted forward.

David (Superstar) Orr

The 13 year old with a bright future, he has the ability to turn the opposition player twice his age inside out.

Scott (The Rock) Pitter

Played a rehabilitation game, when returning from injury to the 1A and scored a goal.

Ray (Quick Sticks) Rodrigues

Played one game against Pirates on the wettest Saturday of the year, scoring one goal.

Steve Taylor

Played two games, when Coach Andy was trying out new faces in his 1A side.

George (2 Goals) Watts

2 years in a row George has filled in for one game and scored two goals, just missing out on a hat trick.

Rohimal Weddikara

Rohi played one game in sandals, slipping and sliding everywhere. He missed the goal of the year.

METRO 3D MEN

Thanks to all the boys this season and our many "fill-ins." After a good year we'll give the finals a shake next season. Thanks boys!

Ted Neesham

What can be said about the man who is never short of a word? Always puts in on the Saturday and in the half time speech.

Chris James

The angriest man on a hockey field. Has the ability to be in the best position but then decide to improve it and lose the ball.

Ben Stubbs

A good on field leader and enforcer who always puts in 100% on the field. I hope we'll have Ben more often next year.

Nick Stubbs

A quiet bloke who found voice during the season and with that he improved on the hockey field (and doesn't mind a brew).

Damien De Silva

The guy who decided going back to fullback would mean less running. How wrong he was. Congratulations on a great year.

Nigel De Silva

Trusty Nig who loves a chat with the opposition while dragging past the defense and scoring another goal. Well done Nigel.

Scott Sparkes

Our brilliant little keeper who enjoys a beer as much as I do. Scotty, buy a bigger exhaust - I can't hear your car...

Mark Davies

The guy who continued on with last year's great form. Although he protests about his lack of fitness, he still runs all day.

Justin De Sousa

The "Libba" of the team. Never gives in and if he tackles you, you usually know all about it.

Brad Hiller

A great addition to the side who, with more confidence, got better and better. Hopefully Brad will turn up at the start of the season.

Adam Margetts

A very quiet guy who goes about his work very well. Ads, go forward tiger, score some goals - I know you can.

Evan Bowater

A great young bloke, gives as good as he gets and is so tough that I'm worried that he will pick more fights than Chris.

Clint Dymond

The bloke who organised this ramble every weekend. He tries his heart out every weekend but usually ends up just running around in circles.

METRO 4B MEN

The 4B's had an unlucky season this year with only two wins, one of those being through a forfeit. We started the season well when we had a full team but we soon lost half of our team, with numbers dwindling down to five. With many more under 17's coming up next year, we stand a better chance of success in season 2001.

Rowan Power (C Forward)

Rowan was invaluable in our forward line this year with his speed and stick skills proving a match for much larger (and older) players.

I have to mention with many thanks, **Andrew Taylor, Justin Wake, Ben Davis** and the other under 17's as well as the vets, who came to our rescue this season by lending their support and team effort.

Tim McEntee (Manager/ L inner)

Often playing a more defensive game, Tim often found himself in the halfback position lending help to our defense, which was always appreciated.

Adam Ivey (L wing)

With Adam's long strides, he often came to the rescue in our forward lines with his strong tackling and great speed.

David Smith (R inner)

Without a right wing, David was put to the test of trying to handle our weaker side, seeming to handle it with ease. Unfortunately due to work and uni commitments David could not finish the entire season.

Cam Porter (R half)

Just like the seasons before, Cam's skills came into play bolstering out the weaker right half in the defense then carrying the ball with ease towards our forwards, leading into the opposition's "D".

Mark Carson (Full back)

With Mark's powerful and accurate hitting, he was a great help in belting the ball down to our waiting forwards, often proving that our last line of defense was our strongest.

Chris Inglis (Captain / full back)

Chris proved to be a great asset within the team, leading a strong backline. Unfortunately we lost Chris due to a foot injury half way through the season. Hope you get better for the next season.

METRO 5A MEN

Mark "Have a shout" Tate

Played most of the season as centre forward and scored most of our goals. Celebrated every goal scored with a whole heap of enthusiasm that sometimes left the opposition in disarray.

Jeff "Somethin' to say" Gangell

As self-appointed captain, courageous Jeff made sure of all the game plans but we must ask, how much of it worked?

Rob "Not a prick" Thorn

Rob played in various positions in the forward and half back lines with a bit of "R and R" mid season.

Craig "Couple of injuries" Tate

Kept the defense in order for most of the season with some injuries over the year, but they didn't keep him out for long.

Kane "In the grass" Woollams

Kano playing full back and managing not to be late for any games all season was a change (apparently) and those huge 16 yards hits were performed well.

Cameron "In the weed" Wittber

Cameron kept in goals all season and managed some excellent saves throughout the season. Was always on time (only because he came with Kano!)

Mat "I'm cruisin' " King

Managed to get to all games (even after some huge Fridays). Mat played in both defence and attack but never worried about having a spot on the sideline.

Phil "Just in time" Minchin

Phil's spot was to keep the pace up and down on the wing and inner - which he did with steady effort all year.

Mark "One hand" Myers

Mark played this season in the forward line with a good performance and some smooth maneuvers that dazzled our opponents.

Clint "Jack Russell" Chase

Like a terrier, Clint was at the opposition, worrying them all season and managing to sneak in a couple of goals.

Ross "Catch a breath" Read

Ross played in the forward line as well as defence, being as fit as a decommissioned army tank.

Josh "I wanna be a scrubber" Smales

The quiet achiever of the side, played in the forward line up and contributed well for the full season.

Dale "Miss a few" Tribbick

Started the season in fine form with those master tackles then took a break up north before returning to chop up the opposition for the finals.

Eric "Late start" Rodgers

Joined us mid season and slotted into the forward line without a problem - has shown some good performances.

LADIES VETERANS

VETERANS 1

We have had another good season. As the time of writing, we are second on the ladder with a good chance of being grand finalists. We just need to stop rolling up to the game nattering and gossiping. A bit of panting and sweating before the game should improve our play.

Our team this year included **Lindy Coss** in goals, **Jan Davis**, **Maris Margetts**, **Anne Pekaar**, **Sheri Stokell** and **Sue Clark** in defence, with **Athlene Marshall**, **Janese McDougall**, **Vicki Silich**, **Gail Anderson**, **Marie Hinkley** and **Helen Constable** on the forward line. Thanks to **Gaye Glaskin**, **Paula Mitchell** and **Carolyn Jones** for filling the breach when some of us found other things to do. Seven of these players were also selected to play in the State Veterans' Championships to be held in Canberra in October.

All up, I think it has been another enjoyable year, and as long as we can continue to find our way to the grounds (we play from Bentley to Joondalup!) I think we'll be there again next year.

VETERANS 2

This was the first year that we fielded a second Veterans side and we struggled for numbers until well into the second round. Only 8 out of 22 actually played more than half of the games and we needed lots of fill-ins. Despite that (or perhaps because of it!) we played some great hockey and had a whale of a time, even managing to totally cream the opposition in our last game. I'd certainly encourage more of you to come and try it out!

Tracey Altria

Tracey joined us after seeing our ad and immediately made a contribution. Played inner and in defence and was regularly one of our best players. She also enticed some of her Servio mates to join us.

Debbie Gibson

Gave a solid performance as a full back. It's a shame that other commitments saw her miss the start and end of the season.

Sarah Groves

One of our younger players, played mostly centre forward and scored a couple of our rare goals.

Alene Ivey

Played in goals all year (and Saturdays too!) despite a shoulder injury. Even with all the goals scored against us, she never gave up and made some spectacular saves. Also supplied our supporter base and emergency umpire in the form of husband **Guy**.

Denise Jones

Denise's work shifts kept her from playing more games but she always did well as half back when she played.

Nicola Ogden

She can't say "I'm too young for Vets" any more! Nic played as full back and always put in a good performance.

LADIES VETERANS

Robyn Pease

Played half or inner – wherever we needed someone to do a lot of running. She never missed a game and deservedly wins the best player award. She even scored a goal once!

Helen Walpole

Another recruit from Servio who played most of her games as inner and was another who scored a few goals.

Kymerley Wilson

Played right wing and centre forward. Our top goal scorer and always looking for a chance to score. As manager she got to hate the sound of the phone ringing on Tuesday nights.

FILL-INS

Marge Laccos

Marge played mainly on the halfback and forward line.

Rosa Wallis

Played in defence or forward as required but had limited games due to injuries.

Sheila Frost

Played fullback for some of the first round.

METRO 1 PLAYERS

Lesley Wintle

Played a few games as halfback and most importantly filled in as goalie in our last match.

Jo Mitsopoulos and Audrey Emmett

Always a welcome addition to the halfback line when they could make it and regularly amongst the best players when they did.

Carolyn Caydamar

Filled in as inner a few times and gave us another much needed running player.

SISTERS

Leonie Arblaster

Robyn's sister filled in more than any other, playing mainly on the wing. Scored a couple of goals and set up several more.

Erica Bellchambers

Also Robyn's sister (twin, would you believe!) who filled in at the end of the season, playing mainly in defence.

Maria Bedden

Sarah's sister played only one game but gave us the numbers after forfeiting the first two games.

SERVIO GIRLS

Kim Gotch-Martin

Recruited by Tracey and played only a few games at the end of the year, but was a great asset at centre half and scored a couple of goals as well.

Lyn Stowe

Also played out the end of the season, filling in as an inner.

OVER 40 DIVISION 1 MEN

Overall a frustrating season with too many games played short handed. When we were all there we were as good as any team in the grade. Next year the grade will play Monday and Tuesday nights on Turf, so hopefully it will attract a higher number of players and also provide opportunity for more Junior coaches on weekends.

Wayne Hudson (Goalkeeper)

Had a tough season and played several blunders. Sometimes he did not see his best saves. The team really appreciated his efforts this year.

Shane Knapp (Full Back/Mid Field)

Always steady but not express. His builder's mantle kept his away from a few games in the latter part of the year.

Norm Hoskins (Full Back/Mid Field)

Same style, same pace but a different year. Norm was ever reliable and his desperation in the last line saved a number of goals.

Peter Dawkins (Mid Field/Forward)

Playing the best of all at the end of the year. He was a tough competitor throughout the season.

Stewart Kenny (Full Back)

Played a fantastic game of hockey all year. Excellent control and strong passing were features of his game.

Chris Hackett (Mid Field)

The main pivot for the team this year and effectively transferred defense to attack. Always very strong and able to hold the ball when necessary.

David Porter (Mid Field)

Another consistent year but had to juggle a few games so that he could coach the under 17's.

Rob Knyn (Mid Field/Forward)

A hard worker each week. He was quite often stuck with the inside forward role. Combined well with Chris to feed the ball into attack.

David Timmel (Mid Field)

Played strong, aggressive hockey all year. Unfortunately the team missed his services for the last few games. Excellent support to Keith Harper on the right side.

Bruce Johnston (Right Wing)

Had a great year and provided plenty of penetration and hard work for the right side attack. Always willing to work back. He was a sure avenue into the circle each week.

Keith Harper (Inside Right)

Had another great year. He is the engine room of our play. Works tirelessly to bring the ball from defense to deep attack. The speed differential between he and the rest of the players was a disadvantage at times.

Ian Halliday (Centre Forward)

Again the main striker in the team. When he played we won more often than not. His uncanny ability to hit at goals from any where frustrated every opposition. Unfortunately Ian could not play all of the games.

Bruce Porter (Forward)

A typical hard running, hard working forward. This year he showed more skill as his pace dropped off. Never gives the opposition an easy game.

The team was also grateful for guest appearances from **Alan Meacock, Johnson Orr, Hans Geers, Ian Bruce, Gary Bowater** and others.

OVER 40 DIVISION 3 MEN

This year saw the revamp of the "old" Scrubbers in the vets. Along with a few other misfits of society we managed to construct a side which eventually became quite competitive in this grade. The new additions to the old group took some time to adjust to inspirational team discussions during the pre-match "warm up". After a few weeks, character assassinations were a regular part of proceedings once again.

The highlight of the season was the trip to Joondalup during the latter part of the season. We were all looking forward to going up north to escape the winter blues, however on arrival at the ground we were shocked to discover it was still raining that far north. At least we managed to acquire some duty free beer and some bananas in Carnarvon on the way home.

Towards the end of the season we managed to trouble some of the top sides and win a few games. If we manage to keep the same structure next season we could become a competitive force in this grade.

PS. Surprisingly to date there has been no notification of team members receiving Olympic selection.

CHRIS AVENT

As usual a very professional performance from the octogenarian this year, in fact quite a few of the umpires shared the same view, on several occasions having remarked "that looked professional". The highlight of Grandpas' season was being given a timely soccer lesson by one of the locals on our last visit to the Gascoyne region, some people just have don't have any respect for their elders. Otherwise a good performance from the old feller who kept the back line as tight as Al Marshall's wallet.

NOEL BACKHOUSE

A quiet year from the best dressed of the Brooks / Backhouse twins. Noel just hasn't been the same since an incident on the sideline at vets last year and this season was marred by the lack of any major incidents.

GARY BOWATER

Any semblance of talent and ability that Gary possessed was quickly quashed in the first couple of games and he settled down to be a good team player, fitting right in with the rest of us. We're sure it's in there Gary so we'd better not see any sign of it next year either.

LINDSAY BORTHWICK

Question: why does the smallest, loudest player in the opposing team inevitably single the Jonah Lomu of hockey out for a shirt front? The answer: gravity of course. Over the past season many players were been disarmed (and dislegged) by the apparent impossibility of Lindsay moving fast enough to tackle them, and as usual they were quickly made aware that he could teach a sick dog a thing or two about reach.

TERRY BROOKS

Quality never goes out of style, unfortunately the baggy shorts, odd socks and the horizontal one arm grass cutting tackles favoured by Brooksie have long since been frowned upon by the fashion police. Otherwise a good season from the man in possession of what is probably the worlds only surviving Roger David carry bag, it's just a pity that you missed the talent scout for the Chicago Bulls Brooksie.

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GRAEME COLEMAN

This year we decided to get Graeme's mates together for a meeting to see if we could work out something nice to say about him. Gary Thomas could have got more hair together for a pony tail. Graeme's performance this year could be described as non stand out as he was denied his usual contribution of putting on the party pies.

HANS GEERS

A truly big man trapped in a little body. Hans managed to avoid the destructive gravitational field accompanying Lindsay for the entire year and was always to be found saying a few inspirational words on the sideline at half time. A great pity the mind was willing but everything else was weak for the rest of us and we were more concerned with keeping our pulses in the range that can be described by using only three digits.

DAVID GRAHAM

A new recruit to the side when he was asked to fill in for one week, but was roped in and managed to stay for the whole season. We were all taken in by the snazzy shorts for a while and thought we had an impact player in Dave. Unfortunately half time tells no lies and found him wheezing on the sidelines with the rest of the team. Maybe next year.

KEITH JACKAMAN

Skinter has been a valuable member of the team as he has the ability to carry large numbers of stubbies from the bar to any vantage point around the ground. He is also a handy member to have when travelling to opposition grounds as he always manages to lead us in the right direction to the bar. This team would be lost without the essential skills of this man.

MIKE JOLLIFFE

Unlike some athletes who have a personal trainer, Mike has a personal chiropractor who is responsible for repairing his sore back caused from picking up yet another ball from the goals. Maybe the medical profession could diversify their talents to assisting Mike with street map reading. On one occasion Mike did not even turn up to the game but later offered some feeble excuse about an important delivery. No one was aware that he had a second job as a milkman.

JOHN MAHER

John is one of the original Scrubbers who rejoined the group this year. During the off season he secretly married, so secret that even Woman's Weekly was unable to obtain any photos. Married life does not seem to have affected his ability to play hockey, however age has affected his speed.

AL MARSHALL

Al managed to obtain an advance copy of the fixtures this year. On discovering we had the majority of our away games in May and June, he booked a holiday to Europe during this period. One omission on Al's part however was the trek to Joondalup during the latter part of the season. At least he could travel on the freeway and ride in the slipstream of any trucks en route.

GREG RILEY

Greg became a new recruit to the side when he was spotted taking his son to school with a hockey stick in hand. He became an immediate target because of his dedication to the sport. Unlike the rest of the team he at least knows where his stick is during the week. When he tried to roll the ball in from the sideline, we discovered he had just bought his stick at a garage sale and was surprised that after twenty years it did not have the long bit on the end any more.

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GARY THOMAS

At the beginning of the season we were surprised to see a much slimmer version of Mudguard. After much speculation about how the new figure was obtained we decided that he secretly went on a fitness and training regime in order to become a stand out star in the team. We later discovered the weight loss was merely due to the fact a change in lifestyle had meant that Mudguard had to eat his own cooking. A change of sporting focus has been an integral part of the lifestyle change and hence hockey training is no longer a huge priority on Thursday nights.

SYD WILSON

Syd's inclusion in this side has not only had a major influence on raising the average age of players, but has also increased the coverage of hair on head. At the beginning of the season Syd tried the daunting task of imparting some of his hockey knowledge on members of the team. He soon realised that this was a waste of time as there was a complete lack of skill and enthusiasm to begin with.

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At the start of the season when we only had 10 players it looked like it going to be a tough season. Fortunately a bit of late recruiting brought us up to a respectable number. In fact, we played in the Challenge Cup, only to lose to a "golden goal" in extra time. We have now earned a place in the finals. All in all a fairly successful season.

Colin Brandis

Colin has had to come to terms that we in the Div 5 Vets are all, how can I put it... slow, and just a touch less skilful than our younger Top Squad players. Thanks Col for your coaching this year (for Vets 5's); we try, and it's hard to teach OLD DOGS new tricks.

Steve McEntee

Steve was a timely addition to our squad this year - he was looking for a new challenge and we were in desperate need of a forward. He scored 3 in his first game with us and many more since. Let's hope you're back with us next year Steve.

Johnson Orr

Johnno again performed the yearly juggling act of managing his various roles - Vets Coordinator, Classic League Manager, Umpire... Due to player changes he moved to centre half and, needless to say, he handled it with ease. Thanks for a great year.

Chris Potter

Chris has the potential to be a living legend at MCHC. In the last game of the season he had a VB in hand before the rest of the team was off the field (at the end of the game fortunately). He hardly raised a sweat but did claim he scored the opposition's only goal. But seriously, despite his injury problems (groin) he has made many great saves this season and has helped the team into the finals.

Tony Patton

Always has a grin, gives his best even when the opposition remove his teeth. Played most of the season as an effective forward, but has adapted well as a half-back late in the season. Good team person.

Graham Rayner

Graham returned to the team after spending a year in the US. His game certainly didn't suffer during the time away. He picked up exactly where he left off and played a strong part in our half-back line. Top year Graham.

John Smith

Our gun left inner who has maintained his fitness and style to score many goals for us this year. Always a pleasure to play along side you John. See you again in 2001 (Space Odyssey).

Joe Stocco

Joe played on the wing or as an inner this year. He was just running into form when he was rubbed out by a work-related injury, forcing him to miss the last few games of the season. Let's hope you have a rapid recovery and are back with us next year.

Barry Wake

Barry again showed his class on the half-back line, defeating many an opponent with his reach and agility. He missed the latter part of the season through injury and health problems. Thanks for your contributions and we're all sorry to lose your skills.

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Rod Wake

Another great year from this reliable and tenacious full back. One of the older members of the team and still going strong. Seldom beaten by his opponent, Rod frequently turned defence into attack as he took the ball forward with another "blistering run". As captain, he lead by example and was even able to modify the behaviour of certain individuals who complained about umpires!

Simon Williams

Simon came out of retirement to play left wing for us. He is a very quiet player lending a voice when needed. Although he didn't play much this season, you could see that his skills were coming back with every game he played. Thanks for your support throughout the season.

Colin Willis

Colin joined the team half way through the year when the team became depleted through injuries. What an asset he has been. Usually playing a wing, and in the best player list, he has scored goals with his cracking hits and cunning honed from his years playing hockey. He put in an excellent effort in the time he has played with us. Well done!

Kelvin Woodward

It's always reassuring to know that after the opposition get past the rest of us they still have to contend with Kelvin at full back. Always solid in defence, and possessing a lethal hit, which we've learned to duck, Kelvin consistently clears the ball with amazing accuracy to set up the forwards. When they don't do the right thing he's even been known to take the ball the length of the field to show them how it's done. Pity about his accuracy at goals though ! Yet another great season Kelvin.

Thanks also to **Graham Coleman, Steve Smith, Hans Geers, Neil Ashley, Bruce Johnsen, Stuart Meredith, Rob Knyn, Bruce Porter** and **Brian Pickering** who also played with us at times through the season. Your efforts were greatly appreciated.

OVER 50 DIVISION 2 MEN

Bruce Cadd

Once again Bruce took on the role of team manager, a thankless task, for which we thank him here. The team would have played short on many a Saturday had it not been for Bruce's efforts. On the field it's a similar story, with Bruce taking on all aspects of the game - wing, inner, centre forward, half back, umpire, coach/critic (for which most of them didn't agree - can't understand that), but this year Bruce managed not to get sent off, certain sign of mellowing (must be those long nights in the cab). I also think that this year he learnt to understand Tony's South African accent - "get the #*^@! \$+>, out of my way Caddy!" An enjoyable year and we look forward to playing with Bruce again next year... (that'll be \$50 Caddy!!!!)

Terry Parker (inside forward/centre forward)

A good year by one of our more speedy forwards. His skill and ball control has helped score many goals during the year. A year topped off by representing the state at the vets carnival in Darwin and returning as keen as ever. A pleasure to play with and helps other players around him to lift their game by creating opportunities in the circle. Once again, a top year, Terry.

Neil McPhail (centre half)

How did he play last week? Good. How did he play this week? Good. How will he play next week? Good. Always there, always steady.

John Tegler

What a good year John has had. Ever dependable and reliable goal keeper. Saved many to keep us on the road to the finals. See you back in the fold in 2001.

Tony Illman

Played right inner for most of the season and always gave his best. A fair and energetic forward who relentlessly pursued the opposition on numerous occasions. Tony created another avenue for our attack. A great asset to the team.

Ian Knights

Our dashing right full back who frustrated many oppositions forwards. Always puts in 100% - a good team member, consistent and reliable. Needs a new watch or alarm clock but always turns up and is known to make a very strong and potent home brew of various flavours; just ask some of his team mates. A good season Ian.

Kingsley McGuire

The other part of our full back line. Always solid and reliable, known for his no nonsense approach to the game and the opposition. A very strong hitter of the ball. A little bit one sided but always put a top game in on many occasions.

Ian Deveson

Ian may not be the fastest player in the team, but has the best eye for the ball and the cleanest hit (shame about the missed flick). Ian scored some great goals while lurking on the left wing and also when he played centre forward and right wing. Ian is a great team player and always has a good word for his team mates. a good season Ian.

Ian (Mouse) Lyon

After being forced to stop playing 14 years ago with a knee injury Ian returned to the field still in possession of the control and speed we remember. He has filled a forward role this year, managed to score the odd goal and been an inspiration to the younger members of the team.

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Rob Walker

Weekend warrior. Captain in the 10th light horse (poor horse!) does a wonderful job defending our shores and occasionally is our left half back where his experience repels many speedy wingers. Good striker of the ball and reads the play well. Should develop as the years go by.

Brian (Spits) Spitteler

Our team captain who was holding down the centre half position with consummate aplomb until he sustained a serious ankle injury mid season. Unfortunately the injury appears to have put paid to Spits' hockey career, as his rehabilitation is ongoing.

Ken Woollams

Kenny, the bulldog of our midfield, always harassing the opposition in defence and pushing forward in attack. Ran his legs off in yet another good year. Also the husband of our loyal supporter throughout the year.

Kaishu Nair

The 50's skill coach and half back. Kaishu showed us how it's done. Opposition forwards often thought they had got past him only to find themselves dispossessed of the ball. Also manufacturer of the club shirts for our larger players (eg, Devo) and a much appreciated club sponsor. Many thanks Kaishu!

Missed from 1999 Yearbook:

Terry Parker

Can Parkes really be that old? That baseball cap seems to be all over the field and those legs are a blur of speed that never stop. Terry really gives us bite in attack and the stick skills he displays are magnificent. He has been an integral part of the team and a key component in the success we have enjoyed this year.

The Invitation 11.

Ian Halliday, Bruce Johnston, Johnson Orr, Rod Wake, Denis Bawden, Colin Willis, Keith Jackaman, Jerry Allen, Gary Bowater, Dave Porter, Hans Geer. Special thanks to our lady supports (they know who they are) thanks Jerry Allen for umpiring our last game.

These players and some others that I may have forgotten kept us going during the year when we were short. Our thanks for helping out. At our age, injuries and other commitments sometimes got in the way of hockey.

Our efforts as a team this year have been a mixed bag and at the time of writing this find ourselves in the finals. We stand a reasonable chance of advancing further. Having drawn and defeated teams above us in the four. A good year enjoyed by all but we need more recruits for next year - any takers?

UNDER 17B GIRLS

It has been a very disjointed season for the girls this year. We started by struggling to field a side in both the U17s and U15s. Our team consisted of a bare eleven for the season.

The start of the season was so disrupted that we didn't play two consecutive games until round seven due to byes and forfeits. Coupled with school camps and the likes, it meant the girls did not really gel as a team till mid-season. With some of the U15s filling in, we were able to field a team each week but we didn't "fire" until late in the year. We gave the other teams too much of a head start to make the finals but it was very close.

We ended the season as we started with the side disjointed by injuries and "resignations". All in all though, we had a fun year and it's been real pleasure to coach this gaggle of young ladies. If only they concentrated on hockey as much as their discuss their social life, we would have some real stars.

Nigel Atkinson (Coach)

Jane Finlay (Captain – Full Back) – the best full back in the competition, even if she did just regard the game as a gentle warm-up for her seniors match in the afternoon. Jane loves her hockey, and as I have told her many times over the years, has enormous potential for great things if she decides to take the challenge. A wonderful Club person.

Shiyanka Wickramaratne (Goalie) – when you look at the team's record this year you would have to say Shiyanka was at least the equal best goalie in the competition. In her second year as a goalie she has continued to develop, and her agility and speed in the circle were great to watch when we were under heavy siege. Still a little too nice and needs to let everyone, both her team mates and the opposition, know that she is the boss in the circle.

Rena Stirling (Full Back) – the perfect partner for Jane, she was such a reliable and tenacious tackler, who knew where to position herself to the benefit of the team. Always calm in a tight spot, I can't remember her making a mistake all year. Good hockey mind.

Demelza Dravnieks (Left Half) – it was great to get Demelza back this year. She was given the job requiring most discipline on the field. The left half has one job they can't lose the focus for, and that is sticking with the dangerous right wing and taking them out of the game. Demelza's fast, determined and physical style of hockey was ideal for this position, and I can't recall any right wing getting the better of her. Just needs to develop her hitting under pressure to become a complete player.

Lisa Gangemi (Right Half) – at the start of the season she was below the standard she had achieved by the end of 99, but as the season progressed she again started to gain confidence in herself. All year she was fast and a real terrier getting her stick in at the ball, but in the latter games she became a stronger tackler, and most importantly was finishing off with intelligent distribution of the ball. The improvement Lisa has made since the start of 99 is amazing.

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Nadia Lehmann (Centre Half) – the makings of the complete player with potential for a great career ahead of her. Fit, fast, skilful, good hitter, always willing to use team mates and developing a good hockey mind. Nadia, the only real weakness you have is your reluctance to hit the ball when you have an opposition player close on your left side. This causes you to hold the ball too long on occasions. You must take the hit, or develop a firm push or slap hit.

Kathryn Atkinson (Centre Half) – a girl with heaps of talent, Kathryn was regularly best, or close to best, on the field during the first half, particularly when she played to the coaches instructions. However, her influence over the game often faded in the second half. You had a wonderful season Kathryn, but if you were fitter it would have been a great season.

Sandra Miller (Left Wing) – loves the fun of hockey and was always chatting or having a good laugh. Made good position all year and got plenty of the ball. Has developed her skills (loved the use of the 240° turns) and now has a good hit. Next year will need to work on better distribution of the ball with that now good hit, so that she can put her fellow forwards into good attack positions.

Brooke Willis (Left Attack Forward) – after years of telling Brooke she is better than she thinks she is, it was pleasing to see her taking on backs and running for disputed balls this year. Has the potential to become a great forward if she gets fitter and uses her great hit as soon as she can when in the circle.

Claire Hadley (Right Attack Forward) – a real worker. Chases, tackles and runs for the ball all game, every game. Always listens to the coach and sticks to her assigned tasks. Still has quite a bit to do in developing her skills but was among the best players on a number of occasions purely because of her work rate and the way she performed the basics. Claire, get your hit going and you will be amazed how much your game will improve.

Breony Allen (Right Wing) – extremely limited pre-season, so was a slow starter. Improved each week, and ended the season as the top goal scorer for the second year running (2 goals this year!). Her runs down the right wing and tenacious back tackling were excellent features of her play. If she developed a better hit she would be extremely dangerous on the right, but she uses her signature slap hit very effectively.

Martha Reay, Tara Bowater, Nadia Backhouse

These girls have been a tremendous help to us and never questioned the extra effort asked of them playing a second game and in a higher grade. They acquitted themselves very well. Thanks girls, your efforts were most appreciated by the whole team.

Jeremy Allen (Manager/Umpire)

Jerry carried out the managerial task admirably and was probably consistently the best umpire we've had all season. It lets the girls get on with the game and not have to worry about bad decisions. Thanks for helping out Jerry and I hope to see you around the club next year.

UNDER 17B BOYS

A very interesting and rewarding year for the 17B's. The whole season was played trying to reach the 4. A number of outstanding games were produced on both the turf and grass. With 18 players in the team there was considerable juggling at games and training to ensure everyone had a go. The best hockey was played in the latter half of the season as the team got used to interchanging, playing in a variety of positions and understanding the various systems used.

Brad Wake (Goal Keeper)

Brad provided the back bone of the goalkeeping and played throughout the year in tandem to either Joel or Steve. His commitment and strength on the ball improved as the season progressed.

Steve Barton (Goal Keeper)

Steve was new to the Club. He is big and strong and soon started to assert himself in goals. He pulled off some great reflex saves.

Joel Le Breton (Goal Keeper)

Joel played the first part of the season, but with the multiplicity of keepers could only been given half a game each week Joel decided not to play for the full year.

Justin Wake (Sweeper Back)

Justin played a pivot role in the defensive line taking the majority of the free hits and performing the sweeper function very well.

Rob Porter (Right Back)

Rob was a dominant player all year and showed considerable attacking skill when he committed himself to overlapping and supporting the midfield. Delivered the ball well to the mid-field and forwards.

Craig Orr (Vice Captain, Centre Back)

Craig played an instrumental role in linking defence and mid field. Was very effective in marking the opposition centre forward and controlling the defence.

Michael Pugliese (Left Back or Right Back)

Michael showed great tenacity in his play throughout the year and an ability to mark out opponent forwards.

Lloyd King (Utility Player)

Lloyd showed his great ability in hockey by being able to play anywhere from the back line through to the striker line. He was particularly beneficial to the team in playing in defence where his hard running and tenacity frustrated many forward moves. A great year from Lloyd.

Ben Davis (Utility Player)

Ben used his speed to his advantage whether he was playing in the forward line or mid field area. He was very tenacious in his game and started to improve his skills towards the latter part of the year.

Ryan Mahney (Right Mid Field)

Ryan is a very skilful player and the architect with Evan of much of the mid field play. His positioning and off ball movement in the latter half of the year improved considerably.

Evan Bowater (Captain, Centre Mid Field)

Evan produced strong displays of hockey through out the year. In the first half of the season his positioning wandered but in the second half he matured considerably as Captain and in his role of architect for establishing our forward moves.

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Peter Heavens (Mid Field)

Peter showed he has made a great transition from Goal Keeper to field player. He used his skill to set up many creative forward moves. Peter was a hard runner in every game and had a good year.

Matt Willis (Right or Left Mid Field)

Matt played his best hockey when he was given a specific role. However he showed his versatility when he was able to fill any of the mid field roles or striker positions.

Wayne Jones (Mid Field or Striker)

Wayne's hockey improved considerably through out the year and his running off the ball when he played in the striker position was creative and upset opposition defences.

Simon Zbyrko (Mid Field or Striker)

Simon was a great supporter of the team both on and off the ground. Showed his versatility by being able to play anywhere in the forward line. Was particularly effective when he had the ball deep in the forward pocket.

Brad Channer (Right Striker)

Brad is a very fast forward who is able to chase down opponents and steal the ball. Very effective when he carried the ball deep into attack. He scored several goals through his tenacity.

Andrew Taylor (Centre Striker)

Andrew's skills have improved considerably over the year and his hard running and bustling play in the centre of the ground provided the team with many scoring opportunities. As his balance between speed and skill improves Andrew will become a very dangerous forward.

Daniel McEntee (Left Striker)

Daniels is very much a specialist left side player although he can play anywhere across the forward line. His great speed and penetration set up many of our goals. His willingness to always have a shot kept opposition full backs and goalkeepers under pressure.

David Porter (Coach, Roustabout and General Factotum)

Tried to introduce some structure and thinking into the game with reasonable success.

We wish Evan, Justin, Joel and Andrew many happy and fulfilling years playing in the senior grades.

UNDER 15 B GIRLS

Nadia Backhouse (Centre Half)

Nadia was a senior player this year. As the stalwart of the team she always played great games, has good skills and demonstrated leadership qualities. That, of course, was when she wasn't jetting off with her parents and friends to Bali! Good luck when you go to U17s next year.

Jessica Bond (Half Back)

Jessica played a tough half back game and gave many a winger something to think about. She also had the other girls in fits of laughter with antics in trying to achieve the training objective with minimum effort. Her friendly nature and banter was a bonus to the team and we wish her all the best next year in the U17s.

Tara Bowater (Inside Forward)

Tara is a junior player with a senior attitude to hockey. She is tough and skilful on the field, many times filling in for the U17s team. Remember when Mr A said take that player out - he didn't mean literally! Keep working on your game and good things will come to you in hockey. Good luck next year.

Heather Cooper (Half Back/ Wing)

Heather joined the team a little later in the season. She proved to be a big bonus to the team. She has speed and tenacity which got her through in the early games. She is now starting to read the game and develop her skills. I can't wait to see her next year when she has even more games under her belt. Watch this player in the future. Good luck next year.

Simone Gray (Inside Forward)

Simone played very hard every week. Her understanding of the game is great. Many games as a tough inner where she refused to give in. Amazingly even after a late night out she gave her all. Simone is one of the teams stalwarts and we wish her all the best when she goes up to the U17s next year.

Lauren Ferguson (Full Back)

Lauren saved many a break through from the opposition forwards. She is a great tenacious full back and the team relied on her time and again to make the dynamic save. She always gave us a treat with more good moves out of the back line and setting up the next play. Lauren had a good year and I hope next year will be even better. Good luck Lauren.

Claire Groves (Half and Full Back)

Claire joined us a little into the season. She was relatively new to the game but had a great advisor in mum. Claire joined right in with the team and soon worked out that if she improved her skills the game is really fun. Claire gets better every week and I look forward to her playing next year and seeing further improvement. She always plays to the full and is a great team member. Good luck Claire.

Stephanie Hancock (Wing)

Stephanie also joined us a little later in the year. She has a natural ability to score goals and is very fast. As her skills develop, combined with her natural ability, she will be a fine forward. Keep practicing on your position and it will come. Good luck Stephanie.

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Sara Hannagan (Full Back)

Sara is a small girl with a big heart. She reads the game well and has excellent skills. It was great this year to see Sara develop her hit. With this she managed to get out of trouble in the back line many times. I look forward to seeing Sara develop her game over the next year. Keep going Sara, you have good talents and I look forward to seeing you improve in the future.

Verity Laccos (C Forward / Full Back)

Verity was really sick prior to our first game. Although she didn't get to play much we know that next year she will be back into it full time. Don't let this set back stop you playing hockey with your friends. You are a good player so we look forward to your full time return next year. Good luck, Verity.

Sarah McIntyre (Inside forward and Centre Forward)

Well this girl has heart, natural ability and absolutely refuses to give in. As she develops her skills I know her game will improve and she will be exciting to watch in the future. She is a good team member and is always a part of the fun which we seemed to have a lot of this year. Good luck, Sarah.

Martha Reay (C Forward and Inner)

Martha played with us most of the year. Martha has great skills and was many times a scorer. The only problem is she has let work get in the way of her hockey! She has good skills and I know there is a permanent position on the U17s side for her next year. Good luck Martha.

Rayleen Robinson

Rayleen only joined us towards the end of the season. She started off slowly with a couple of training sessions before playing. Rayleen has obvious talent and is already working very hard to learn and improve her game. At the rate she is improving now I know that in a couple of years we will be looking at a fine player. Keep up the good work Rayleen and I look forward to seeing you next year.

Erinn Stanfield

Erinn, well you did it kid. She had never played before. Started on the field with a few wing moves and inside moves. The opportunity came up to play goalie and she volunteered. Erinn has been putting extra time into learning this position Monday nights and it shows. She is starting to develop into a fine goalie and with her happy personality fits right in with the team. Thanks for all the great saves this year, Erinn. Good luck next year.

Alison Backhouse (Manager)

Alison kept us organized through the year and made sure we were aware of all the clubs happenings. This was sometimes hard I know because her husband Noel was working away and she had extra home duties. Thank you Alison from the whole team.

Parents (Sideline)

What a great bunch of parents we had on the sideline. It was great to meet the same friendly supporting people every week. We had a building year with a young and fairly inexperienced team. I know their support helped keep us going when we didn't have numbers and will help us develop this team into their full potential next year. Thank you parents from me the coach and the whole team.

UNDER 15B BOYS

This team had an outstanding season. It was undefeated through the home and away games winning the Challenge Cup and Guth Ardagh pennant along the way. It also was runner-up in the State Championships in its division. Congratulations to fourteen boys who were excellent ambassadors for the club with their attitude, dedication, skill, team spirit and style of play.

Rory Read (Captain/Full back)

Rory led all year by example both on and off the field. He was strong & dominant in defence and highly successful at short corner conversions. He turned back many opposition attacks with excellent positioning and strong, well-timed tackles. A member of the Metro South Regional Under 15 representative side. Your leadership was a credit to you, Rory.

Anthony Ricciardone (Co Vice Captain/ Inside Forward)

This was "Richies" most disciplined and successful year. Anthony combined his outstanding skills with a very determined and controlled attitude. He instigated many attacks, converted many short corners and was a top goal scorer. He won selection in the Metro South Regional Under 15 representative side. A great year, Anthony!

Rhys Hyatt (Co Vice Captain/ Forward)

Rhys displayed an outstanding work ethic and work rate all year. He never stopped contributing to the team through his great versatility, wonderful attitude & consistent application. He led by example in a quiet, dedicated and highly effective manner. Congratulations on your significant development and success this year, Rhys.

Adam Halliday (Forward)

"Mullet" showed much improved strength on the ball and used his great pace to turn the opposition and lead behind their defence. During the year we played Adam in a number of roles and he realises now that he is equally effective in other positions as he is at left wing. Adam, congratulations on your attitude and your top contribution to the team.

Ben Meacock (Inside Forward)

"Benno" showed greatly improved strength in trapping and controlling the ball under pressure. He transferred the ball well from left field to right and linked strongly with other midfielders and strikers. He was a key part of the strong short corner battery. Won selection in the Metro South Regional Under 15 representative side. A strong year, Ben.

Mark Hackett (Forward)

Mark made significant improvements this year particularly in his hitting, strength on the ball, goal scoring and carrying the ball on his flat stick side. He teamed effectively with others to form a very potent forward line. Mark again displayed an outstanding attitude this year and his progress has been a delight to watch. Mark, congratulations on your year!

Chris Loveridge (Forward)

An exciting player who displayed great pace, excellent work rate and significant tenacity this season. Chris set up many moves in the forward line from either wing or centre forward and scored many goals himself. Chris's discipline to improve his skills and to carry out our team rules was a credit to him. Chris, you made a huge contribution to the team this year!

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Michael Benbow (Forward)

Michael's skill development was pleasing this year as part of a highly strong and effective forward line. He played well at both right and left wing and will continue to develop this versatility in years to come. Michael contributed greatly to team spirit and harmony with his humour and positive attitude. Michael, congratulations on your efforts this season

Geoff Hansen (Half back)

Geoff was asked to carry out a very key and specific role as left half throughout the season. This he did in such a disciplined and effective way whilst developing his own individual skills to a great degree. He combined very well with Rory and the success of his role was a significant factor in blocking opposition right side attack. A great effort for the team, Geoff.

Russell Davies (Half back)

Russell was a dedicated team member this season who gave his full effort in every training and game situation. He worked hard always, and made pleasing improvements in his close control and positioning skills. This saw him play solidly at half back with some experience gained at full back. Your attitude and application are a credit to you, Russell!

Evan Kelly (Centre Half)

After an interrupted start, "Ev's" season was excellent. His improved positioning at centre half enabled him to dominate the midfield and be the key link between defence and attack. Evan's stamina and work rate was outstanding. He won selection in the Metro South Regional Under 15 representative side. Congratulations on your development this year, Evan.

David Orr (Half/Full back)

Although the youngster, "Turtle" established himself as a key member of this side. His work ethic was a concern early, but he picked this up significantly which enabled him to display his excellent skills. He showed great versatility to move from half to full back with stints in the forward line as well. David, congratulations on your huge progress this year.

Matthew Geers (Half back)

Thanks, Matt, for your contribution to this team during the season.

Kieran Nettleton (Full/Half back)

"Netts" commenced the year as somewhat of a "raw talent" at full back, but progressed to show vastly improved solidarity, consistency and surety in defence. His confidence improved and he was able to eliminate loose errors. Kieran, congratulations on the way you have developed your skills and for the way you combined with others in defence.

James Welten (Goalkeeper)

A skilled and courageous goalkeeper who has a huge future with our club. James had only four goals put past him in the season. Despite long periods when James was not in the play, he had a big influence on our side through his calling and support. James won selection in the Regional Under 15 side, then in the State Under 15's. What an achievement, James!

UNDER 15B BOYS

David Halliday (Manager)

David was a huge support to this team and assisted Paul in many significant ways. He would try at times to loosen his grip on the manager's position by forgetting the bag or arriving late, but all to no avail. He was too valuable to the team. Dave, your time, encouragement and organisation were greatly appreciated by us all. Thanks for a great year!

Paul Meacock (Coach)

I am proud to be associated with this group of fine young men. They not only displayed exceptional skills as a team but also portrayed themselves as having great attitude and character. They carried out the team rules so strongly all year and their development as individuals and as a team have earned them outstanding results. Thanks to you all for your efforts.

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Daniel Chapman

Daniel is solid as a rock at left full back and he has stopped many advances from the other team in the last line of defense.

Eric Cheung

A great contributor to the team, Eric was moved from the forward line back to half back with much success.

Ben Clayton

Ben has shared goal keeping duties, playing every second week in goals, doing very well keeping the oppositions goals to a minimum.

Reece Crake

Reece played right half back, giving his opponents a good run around with his back stick skills.

Ryan Fuller

Ryan is a very keen player, playing at centre forward; he has scored quite a few goals for his team.

Matt Geers

As the team's centre half, Matt had control of the centre in most games, setting up many of the team's forward advances.

Tim Heavens

Tim shared goal keeping every other game with enthusiasm, when not in goals Tim showed his skills in the field.

Tim Priest

Tim played inside left with great confidence. With some very good back stick skills, ideally suited for his side of the field.

Jason Priest

Jason played left half back, a very determined defender and he makes it very difficult for his opponent to get past.

Kendrick Pool

Kendrick played inside right combining well with the other forwards, setting up many of the teams scoring opportunities and scoring himself.

Ben Read

Ben played left wing covering a lot of ground, from forward to defense and has been rewarded with some excellent goals, scoring a hat trick in one game.

Brendon Toomey

The quiet achiever in the team Brendon, moved from half back into the forward line with success, scoring a couple of fine goals.

Trent Van Beem

One of the teams full backs, who gives his all to every game and has had a good season and should be very pleased with his efforts.

UNDER 13 B

We had a great season and look like finishing fourth in a fairly strong grade. The boys enjoyed the opportunity to play on the international level turf and displayed their best skills on this surface. Thanks to Stuart Kenny for umpiring so well during the season and to Michael Stapf for his initial coaching and Frank Williams for his managerial skills. All parents were very supportive of the players and the administration.

Tym Adam (Vice Captain)

Tym played on both wings and enjoyed his hockey a great deal. His perseverance in his play is a great asset and the opposition rarely get past unscathed. He is developing his short passing game and knows how useful it is to put together a succession of passes.

Chris Cooper

Chris proved to be a dependable right half. He supports his team-mates by running into a position to take a pass. As he develops a quick and accurate disposal more pressure will be applied to the opposition.

Kieran Drew

Kieran was our left full back, a position he played with great poise. His clearing hits gained in effectiveness as the season progressed. His strong tackling interrupted many attacks and his cooperation with Sam was a feature.

Peter Gell

Peter is an enthusiastic all-rounder playing mainly in the half back positions. He is developing a better sense of position and his passes are gaining in accuracy. His athletic play inspired his team-mates on several occasions.

Troy Hyatt

Troy played mainly in the left inside position. His mid-field play is his strongest feature and towards the end of the season he displayed a bit more aggression in the circle.

Sam Kenny

Sam played in the full back position for the majority of the season; however, he expressed an interest in other positions. His strong clearing hits were a feature of our defence. His accuracy impressed the forwards.

Glen McGrath

Glen played in the centre of the forwards and showed great anticipation in attack. A stronger hit under pressure would result in more goals. He supported and encouraged his mates and showed how to warm up and stretch before each game.

Jeremy McLure

Jeremy was one of our top goal scorers from either wing. By leading wide and deep he opened up the opposition on a number of occasions. He applied suggestions and became more direct in the circle as the season unfolded.

Alex Obiri-Boateng

Alex also played on either wing. His developing sense of where his own players were resulted in more accurate passes. He anticipated when the attack was developing and was often in position to score from a pass or a rebound.

Kieran Sanders(Captain)

Kieran played in the important centre half role where he showed a desire to bring others into the game. Perhaps he needs to be a bit more aggressive and direct in his play. A positive team attitude inspired his mates to try hard as he lead by example.

UNDER 13 B

Reece Sloan

Reece joined the team late after a long lay off due to injury. He immediately slotted into the inside forward position where his strong running was became a feature. Perhaps a more direct route to goals using strategic passing would result in more goals.

Jonathon Stewart-Dawkins

Jonathon played the left half position very well and stopped many opposition moves down the right wing. He will become more assertive as he gains confidence.

Megan Williams

Megan was our goal keeper where she saved the game on a number of occasions. Her own brand of professionalism in her chosen specialisation impressed her teammates and made her a valued member of the team.

UNDER 13 SOUTH WEST

The Philosophy of the team this year was to play the game as well as we could, to enjoy playing and to pick up the skills of the game as we went. We managed to do all of this and end up in the top four! We have all improved our hockey, become a competitive unit, not been phased by our opposition and enjoyed a good camaraderie between players.

We would like to thank Rod and Barry Wake for umpiring and many thanks have to go to our coach, Kelvin Woodward for spending such good quality time with us and helping us all to improve our skills. We would also like to thank all the Parents and Grandparents for their consistent support throughout the season.

Coach - Kelvin Woodward

Team Managers - Barry Wake, Margaret Rose.

Brad Churcher

This first year player was on right wing and became tenacious, enthusiastic and always made a lead. He improved enormously over the year and will be a player of the future.

Joshua Gardner

Josh played the year as right inner and had a consistent year with steady improvement, especially in the area of his tackling. He is playing with much more confidence in his own ability and is passing the ball off well to his peers.

Jonathan Greenacre

Jonathan's game took on a marked improvement in the second half of the year where he started to show a real commitment to get the ball. He is now keen to tackle an opponent until he gets that ball off him!

Dylan Hadley

An unlucky season thwarted by injury. However, when Dylan could play he did some great hits out of defence as well as showing some class in the forward line - was *that goal* the start of a new career up forward?

Joshua Harmon

Josh played either half back or full back where he showed himself to be a reliable defender and solid tackler. He played with determination and always did his best to get that ball to safety. A year of *enormous* improvement.

James Kenny

James shared the position of full-back or goalie, the latter he became known as "The Steamroller". Both positions James filled admirably and is now moving much faster since the coach gave him a lesson on avoiding the ball at training! Ouch!

Chris Lees

As a half-back, Chris is a "class act" - always the quiet achiever, steady, reliable and tenacious when he wants to move that ball out of the defensive zone. "Mr. Reliable" plays consistently throughout the game. Well done, Chris.

Joel Newman

A speedy forward who loves to run off his opponents and head into goals. Responsible for some good goals this year. Congratulations on gaining admission to the Como S.H.S. Hockey Programme next year, Joel.

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Paige Rose

A reliable full back who never gives up and loves to get that ball from an opponent "on a roll". This year Paige has improved in her efforts to clear the ball from defence and pass it effectively to a team mate.

Rhys Spedding

A solid defender who has the potential to be an outstanding goalie. Rhys has a good clearing hit and plays with a level head when under pressure. A good year of hockey in either position.

David Wake

A good position player, David has played both inner and wing where his skills at passing the ball off have improved this year. Always a keen participant at training, David will always try new skills.

Matthew Wake

A reliable player, Matthew has shown talent at hitting some great penetrating shots into the forward line from his position at either half-back or inner. He is playing the game with a lot more thought and determination - and dash!

Kristian Woodward

What a goal - what a grin! Kristian played on the left wing and this year scored his first ever goal. His running with the ball is definitely improving as is his passing effectively to team mates.

UNDER 11B SOUTH

What movers! Last year's coach up to Junior Administration, last year's assistant coach becomes the coach and the team moved right up the ladder. In fact, the team has a genuine chance of taking on and beating the top team. Our mums and dads, again, were outstanding. Whether it was rain or shine, there they were, out standing on the sidelines supporting the team.

Apart from winning games, the pleasing aspect was that every player improved in their own skills and knowledge about how to play the game. Several coaches from opposition teams commented on the improvement that we had made between the first and second rounds. Certainly Greg is to be commended for the way our players have developed.

Coach: Greg Hunt

Manager: Keith Harper

Matthew Bell

Half the time you'd swear that he wasn't listening to a word you were saying yet Belly was one of the team's biggest improvers. Defensively, his positioning, tackling and strong push passes lifted the whole team. A top season.

Callum Bint

The quiet achiever in the side, Callum could turn a game. When he aggressively attacked the ball and took on the opposition he had the knack of scoring or setting up crucial goals. An emerging talent.

Matthew Bowater

It's happened. Matty has begun to read the play and get himself into excellent defensive positions and from there, tackle well and set up our attacks with strong, well directed hits. Big improver in the second half of the year.

Neil Ferguson

Primarily a wing (especially right) Neil always seemed to be in the right position to receive a pass. His right wing runs and centre passes were a delight to see. When he played well you'd find that the whole team was on its game.

Cameron Hancock

A forward who obviously listened to team tactics as he scored his goals by being in the right position at the right time. Worked very well with Stuart in attack.

Carl Harper

Very heartening to see Carl's confidence grow this year and this was demonstrated in his ability to take on and eliminate opponents. Worked tirelessly up and down the right side and was invaluable to the team's attack and defence.

Jordan Hunt

You didn't have to hunt far to find this boy - he was everywhere. Jordan often played a ruck rover come centre half where he managed to make all the tackles, take all the free hits, receive all the passes, score all the goals and ... well, he played ok!

Elliot Kenny

Kenny's wicked hitting style refused to yield to Harp's coaching, but then Kenny didn't need to hit as he scored his goals from one metre. Towards the end of the season he played some stellar games as our stand-in goalie. Watch out when this guy clicks as a hockey player.

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Chris Morrison

Carrying on from his terrific season last year, Chris played in the half back line and continued to read the play, make intercepts and tackles and then make telling passes to his forwards. Chris was a huge asset to the team.

Tristan Ryan

The best keeper in the entire grade - the second best wasn't even close. A fantastic year. Tristan even had success when he ventured out to play in the midfield. Managed to stay injury free.

Caitlyn Surman

The most tenacious player in the team, Caitlyn set the standard for 1st, 2nd and 3rd efforts in tackling. She was never beaten in defence and she was one of our most aggressive forwards in attack. A wonderful year.

Stuart Taylor

Mr. Cool, Mr. Smooth, well almost. Stuart certainly has the self belief needed by any worthwhile striker and with a few tricks and years of experience up his sleeves he's going to be a class act. Our most successful breakaway goal scorer.

Mitchell Welton

Mitch was our Mr. Fixit Man as he was capable of playing in any position. He had the speed needed by a forward and the tackling and positioning skills required of defenders. With a stronger hit next year he is going to become a high quality player.

Liam Woodward

With one of the best reverse stick drags in the team, Liam proved elusive to many a defender. Add this to his runs down the wing and strong hitting and he really helped our forward play all year.

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KATE BAWDEN

Kate has alternated between wing and inner on both sides of the field. She has steadily improved her skills and confidence over the season and shown determination in getting the ball away from the opposition. It was great to see her make those quick dashes down the sides and send the ball into the circle.

ASHLEIGH BRICKHILL

Our dashing left wing had a solid season and never played a bad game. She managed on many occasions to get all the parents and spectators out of their seats and on their feet roaring with excitement with her shots for goals.

CHRISTOPHER DALLIMORE

Chris has played most of the year as left full back and has been a real stalwart in the position. His skills of gaining possession and clearing the ball with his long accurate hits to the forwards have led to some great attacks. Chris had a couple of games as goalie and played extremely well by attacking the ball without fear.

GRAYDN DOAK

Graydn settled into right full back and made this position his own this year. He has no fear in tackling the opposition, gaining possession and clearing the ball well out of defence. He never gave up in his efforts to win the ball and used his speed to get back and lend support.

LEIGH BROWN

Leigh volunteered to be goalie at the beginning of the season. He learnt quickly and played extremely well in this position and saved many goals. In the second half of the season he played on the field as half back, doing plenty of running and clearing the ball out to the running forwards.

JAIME GREENACRE

Jaime played half back for most of the season and not many balls got past her. She had no fear of laying a tackle on the opposition and nearly always came away with the ball. She played consistently well all season.

JAMEE HADLEY

Playing left half most of the season, Jamee was our quiet achiever. She constantly frustrated and baffled the opposition by laying her stick down in a tackle and taking the ball away from them.

KATHERINE HALL

Katherine held down the position of centre half and performed extremely well directing the play. She is a strong player who never gives up. It was great to see when she connected with the ball correctly and sent it to the top of the circle for the forwards to convert.

STEPHEN HALL

Stephen settled into the left inner position for most of the season. He has tremendous stamina and can run all day. He covered plenty of area each game and gave his best throughout the season.

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LACHLAN KING

Lachlan started the season wanting to do things his own way but has developed as a real team player and his game has improved along with this. He loves attacking the ball and shooting for goals.

JAMES OLSON

James has played well all season. His confidence, ability, stamina and skills have increased with each game. He played most of the season as either half back or full back and came out best with the tackles he made.

LAURENCE RUSHTON

Laurence performs his best when he is in full flight running with the ball and sending it in towards the goals and following his hit into the circle. He alternated between wing and inner and has steadily improved his game over the season.

KARL TULLOCH

Karl has great determination and bundles of energy with natural ability. He attacked the ball hard and never stopped running all the time he was on the field. As centre forward he led most of attacks into the goals and created opportunities all over the field in every game.