

Melville City Hockey Club Inc.

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Melville City Hockey Club Inc. Life Members

V. Dalton	1959
D. Spitteler	1969
P. Noad	1971
R. Halliday	1972
B. Spitteler	1975
M. Currell	1978
W. Meacock	1979
K. Timmel	1980
W. Forward	1982
J. Cole	1984
M. Reynolds	1985
B. Hancock	1987
I. Deveson	1988
J. Pickering	1991
N. Kidd	1992
W. Atkinson	1993
G. Napier	1994
C. Willis	1994
K. Jackaman	1997
K. McGuire	2000
R. Walker	2001



Melville City Hockey Club Inc. Club Administration 2002

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Wally Meacock (Life member)
Colin West
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President's Report

What a year it's been! As a Club we set and achieved some major milestones: Developing a Strategic Plan; investigating the possibility of an Astroturf at Morris Buzzacott Reserve; Improving Clubhouse facilities; Developing Junior Hockey; Improving the Women's hockey and re-establishing ourselves in the Men's first Division competition, the Goundrey Cup; and creating a support base outside of the committee for the longevity of our Club. Next to all of these I would have to place a tick of achievement.

That is not to say everything has worked to our advantage. There were some shortcomings this year which need to be rectified next year. However I believe this should be a year of celebration and one where planning for next year has already begun.

On reflection, this season commenced for our committee about a fortnight after last season finished. It was during the off-season the committee developed an in-depth Strategic Plan which formed the basis for our energies this year. The plan contained seven major strategic objectives which I feel the Club is well on the way to achieving.

In strengthening the Club's infrastructure, we were fortunate to have the opportunity to increase our sponsorship substantially. Further support in the future will come from the MOB (Melville Old B's), a group of current and ex-players committed to the continued support of the Club and its programs.

We have sought and achieved success in other areas. As a responsible Club, we have adopted a Code of Conduct for our players, coaches and spectators. Our web site is second to none and our weekly communication vehicle, the 'Gryphon', is far superior to any I have seen from any other Club.

Our Minkey and Graduates programs have doubled in size and already a strategy is in place to increase these numbers in 2003. The evening games at this level and also with our Under 11's and Under 13's proved a huge success. They provided a social atmosphere where the adults could relax and enjoy each other's company away from the weekend hassles.

The social aspect of the Club was further enhanced with the introduction of the 'Back to the Club' nights, the Cocktail Party and Goundrey Wine Tasting, not to mention individual team nights. All added a new dimension to the Club and with further fine-tuning should continue to improve. The highlight for me was the increased involvement of parents of junior players in activities and in utilising the Club's facilities.

2002 saw the Club change its shirt to the easily identifiable maroon top. Next year we hope to further improve the uniform with the introduction of white shorts, complete with Club emblem.

Further developments occurred off field with the construction and development of a new database for players; the upgrades of goalie equipment and of course, the major internal alterations to our Clubhouse. We finally have Clubrooms we can be proud to take visitors into, and one that resembles a sports club.

Players have had mixed fortunes, with our 1B Men's side remaining undefeated in all fixtured games and gaining promotion to the elite Goundrey Cup. Our top women's side also continued to improve and shows tremendous promise for the future. Several junior sides displayed obvious improvement and played off in the finals, as did our veterans sides.



President's Report

Numerous players took on coaching roles and performed admirably.

After five years of hard work, the Club finally has a position set aside for an Astroturf surface. Actually getting the turf will prove an enormous challenge for the Club but one I feel we can certainly meet in the long term.

After the finals and wind-ups, the Club will host one final hurrah with a reunion of past and present players of Melville and Applecross Hockey Clubs to be held at Tompkins Park, the Club's original home.

When I reflect on the many issues within a Club of our size I can see room for continued improvement. It is only when I step back and review the 'big picture' that I gain comfort in the Club's achievements and comprehend the forward steps it has taken. These forward steps form the basis of Melville re-establishing itself as a major force in Western Australian Hockey and complement the hard work carried out by former committees over the long history of the Club. The concept of 'Club' ... a sense of belonging has continued to develop. Next year the committee and all involved with the Club will face new challenges. I firmly

believe the Club has much to celebrate but also many challenges to face.

As a Club I know we have the strength of character, fortitude and where-with-all to continue to move forward. 2002 is now behind us. Enjoy the celebrations of this year before we move on in a positive frame of mind for 2003.

As President I get to see the work put in by the many people involved in some capacity in and around the Club. It becomes difficult to thank specific people for I would surely miss numerous people out. I therefore thank all whom in some way contributed to make our Club a better place and to achieve its vision. I also thank the many new members who chose to join our Club. We hope your involvement with the Club remains long and enjoyable.

I look forward in anticipation to 2003 and the membership's continued support of the great Club Melville City Hockey Club is. Be well and come back.

Hans Geers, President 2002



Finance & Development Report

Well what a great year we have had with our sponsors. The numbers have grown significantly and the input and support from our sponsors has been fantastic. With four new sponsors added to our ever supportive core sponsor group, we managed to increase the level of revenue from last year by about 25%.

I would also like to congratulate club members this year on using your sponsors and letting them know that you are from Melville. They really do appreciate it and the feedback is fantastic and lets them know that their sponsorship dollars are well spent.

This year I feel Steve McEntee from Duracraft Car Craft Panel and Paint deserves a special mention as being the longest running Major Sponsor the club has had. Steve and his company have taken care of MCHC members for many years. Thank you, Steve, from the club. Ask Steve how many years next time you see him.

Let's not forget our other very loyal sponsors and newcomers to the fraternity. It's great to see members of the club with their own business giving the club a helping hand. That is people like Bruce Porter, Dave and Ian Halliday, John Cooke, Bruce Cadd, Alene Ivey, Guy Hickey and Stuart Meredith. Without your help and services, we could not be as good a club as we are. Just look at the refurbished Club Rooms and healthy feeling about the club. This was in part brought about by your generous donations.

To our corporate sponsors, Kardinya Park Shopping Centre, Home Building Society, Garvan Financial Planning, Kardinya Tavern, Gateway Printing and Hockey International: thank you for your magnificent support.

I feel this year the club has reciprocated and used these services where possible. Now that we have set the trend, let's keep it up. These businesses not only help the club but they are fair, high standard and community conscious businesses and really do take care of MCHC members.

With our entry into the Goundrey Cup League the club and their sponsors not only have more exposure but higher costs. So as a club we are looking for team sponsors to raise even more revenue to help with the overall costs. If there are any companies that would like to look at this or any other form of sponsorship, please contact me as soon as possible.

Sponsor Honour Roll

Duracraft Car Craft Panel and Paint
Kardinya Park Shopping Centre
Home Building Society
Garvan Financial Planning
Kardinya Tavern
VIP Services (Carpet Cleaning)
Twin Disc (Pacific) Pty Ltd
Hockey International
Wink Web Page Design
Network Packaging
Porter Matthews
Gateway Printing
Night and Day Pharmacy Canning Vale
Fremantle Physiotherapy
Custom Mouth Guards
National Liquor (Goundrey Wines)

There were many other revenue raising efforts throughout the year which helped immensely to raise funds. Thank you to all those people involved - too many to mention - for your hard work, long hours and total dedication to making our club a place we all like to be a part of. You have a healthy financial club due to your efforts.

Gary Bowater
Vice President Finance and Development

Senior Administration Report - Men

On the field we have had a mixed season, with the success of our State 1B team winning promotion to next years Goundrey Cup league being dampened by the unfortunate relegation of both our State and Metro 2A teams. I predict that with the calibre of players in the club, including the juniors moving into senior ranks, Melville City will quickly regain these 2A grades.

Congratulations to all the top squad members who have played a vital role in the club's success in returning to the Goundrey Cup. The club is appreciative that you committed yourselves at the end of 2001, and have performed at a professional level. On behalf of the club I would like to especially thank Colin Brandis, Johnson Orr and Stefan Willett for their time and guidance. Their professional approach has once again provided the club with success.

I would like to thank Andrew Starling as coach of the Men's Metro teams and the managers for their relentless efforts in organising and getting the teams on the field. My thanks go to everyone who has participated during the season. Special thanks to Clint Dymond, Scott Willis, John Cooke and Hans Geers for the help and advice they have provided to me personally.

It has been pleasing to see several younger members of the club moving into mentoring and assistant roles. This will assist the club in moving forward and encourage the further development of the club in all aspects.

If you have ideas for improving the onfield performance of Melville City in 2003 or have any concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.

I wish you all the best for the summer and look forward to seeing you back at the club for an enjoyable and successful 2003.

Todd Barrett



Senior Administration Report - Women

This year we had the usual pre season semi-organised chaos, some success in recruitment of fresh blood (Murdoch Uni to the rescue), players enticed out of early retirement and even had girls who discovered summer mixed hockey who came to learn more. Unfortunately we were unable to retain any graduating juniors, yet had the return of several players who played as juniors with the club. You can't leave the game forever or our great club!

We secured the services of a coach for the SL3 before the start of the season (hope to have one for the whole of pre season in 2003). A new approach and new vigour produced a great start to the season, although we should have seen the writing on the wall when we didn't even survive the first twenty minutes of the season without an injury. This start was to reflect our whole season: player injury and illness left our ranks rather thin, lapses of concentration forced slender leads into losses.

The second senior side SL6 was ably lead by two club stalwarts, Maris and Gaye. Gaye used her incredible charm and secured the services of another club's coach to train the girls and as the season progressed, you could see the result that a regular training session and a stable eleven can do. There were times when players were poached for the top side and when the usual student holiday left the side short but the Metro girls and young Lauren filled in handsomely. The girls worked hard on improving their form from last year and were successful in that they just missed the finals compared to last year's wooden spoon.



During the season Maris past the milestone 501 games with the club and we were actually able help her celebrate as the game was played at Morris Buzacott. Well done, Maris!

The Metro Girls again had a successful season, even winning the Challenge Cup without Jan! Please refer to the team report and your weekly Gryphons, as these girls have continued to show the club how to win just like the 1B men!

The Vet girls continued to enjoy their games and have some success. Last year both teams made the grand final and were beaten on the night. Don't expect an easier run this year but good luck girls.

Next on my agenda is the important part of the club, our future. This year I had the privilege of being involved with the U17 Girls. Gary Bowater has done an excellent job gathering together a group of twelve girls who, despite being a combination of ages (again), have formed a perfect unit. The accolades cannot be high enough for these girls. Their willingness to learn the game, to try all skills and their general conduct are a credit to themselves and their family. I write this today prior to their belated Challenge Cup. Regardless of the result, the fact that a group of girls that looked like missing out on playing due to lack of numbers got this far is a victory in itself. Keep enjoying your game, girls.

There is also an U13 side which unfortunately I was unable to see, but Nicola tells me they are also another bunch of future stars!

In closing, I leave you all with the thought that we still need to work on the age-old problem of junior graduation and player retention generally. The need for young blood in the committee is apparent, not that you can fault us oldies but the fresh ideas and commitment of Todd (VP Men) needs support. So from here, let's enjoy and have more success in 2003.

Carolyn Jones
Vice President, Women

Veterans Report

LADIES

2002 proved to be one of our most successful years yet for both teams of lady veterans. Team I finished minor premiers and Team II finished third. For Team II, who have only been in the competition for 3 years, this is a great result from the first year, where due to inconsistent player numbers they finished last, to this year where they have recruited effectively and this stability has led to their strong position on the Premiership ladder. Both teams will play in the finals over the next 3 weeks and hopefully bring away 2 premierships flags.

Busselton

Last October Melville sent a ladies team to the Busselton Veterans' Carnival where we had an enjoyable time both on and off the field. I think we won 2, drew 2 and lost 2. We will be going again this year as it now seems to be a permanent fixture in our calendar. As is 7's hockey, played on half a field with only 7 players during the off season for those veterans who find a full field a little daunting 12 months of the year.

There have been some individual successes as well, with 6 players being selected for the state veterans' championship to be played in Sydney in October 2002. The players are Kimberley Wilson, Maris Margetts, Janese McDougall, Vicki Silich, Sheri Stokell and Gail Anderson.

Maris Margetts



MEN

The first people I would like to thank are the managers in all the vets teams. They do most of the work in keeping the oldies informed, and keeping them under control. Vets really sort of run themselves, with a bit of directing, so thanks all you managers.

Men's teams

Over 50 div 2, Vets Midweek, Div 3 and Div 4

Men's State reps

On behalf of the club, I would like to congratulate the men who are going to represent the State in the upcoming National Championships in Bunbury in October: Terry Parker, Shane Knapp, Rob Knyn.

500 games

Maris Margetts has reached over 500 games, which is an incredible achievement, and I'm sure she will play many more games. Along with Geoff Ranford and Ian Halliday (500 games), Kingsley McGuire, (over 600 games), it is a wonderful goal for our young players to strive for, and also shows you can play hockey for many years.

Busselton

Last year we struggled to get a team for Busselton, but we went anyway. This year we will have more players, won't we? (To make life easier for all!) So if you fancy a fun two days, let me know. Last year we had a couple of the women fill in for us as well as playing their own games.

Sevens

Summer sevens at the stadium was a great success for our club. We had 3 vets B teams and a vets 1 team in the men's, and a ladies team as well, which augers well for when we get our own turf. The future is looking good for Vets!

Johnno Orr
Vice President, Vets

Junior Administration Report

As you read this, the season is over and we are either learning to adjust to sleeping in on Saturday morning, or preparing ourselves for more weekends of summer sport. Although it's nice to have a break, it is sad to see the season end.

Writing this article for the Year Book gives me the opportunity to reflect on this past season. Initially, it looked as though we would start with 7 teams, but 3 more were formed. The U17C girls team came to fruition due to the determination and hard work of Gary Bowater.

With the Under 15 boys, a decision had to be made as to whether 1 or 2 teams would be fielded. It was decided to have two teams - who wanted to tell some of the boys there would not be a position for them? Although at times, fill-in players had to be 'found' for the 'C' team, they made it to the finals.

It seems the third team, that of a second U11 boys group, just emerged from the woodwork.

From the 10 teams, 6 reached the finals. Four of our juniors have made the regional team. More importantly, from the feedback that has been received, it would appear all our teams have shown improvement, and to quote a parent, 'My child has improved a lot throughout the season.' To see improvement in the player's ability is the ultimate goal as far as I am concerned.

This year we had a U11 and U13 Friday night sausage sizzle. This enabled the parents to relax and socialise and the players to show off their prowess in other sports - watch out Ronaldo! From both parents and players feedback, these evenings were viewed as a success. Thus, it is intended they will be repeated next year as well as catering for the U15 and U17 teams. Thanks to the parents who helped to cook and to Josh for assisting me in setting things up.

A particular thanks goes to Hamish Evans, for helping the club by coaching the U15C when he had originally intended to coach the U17C girls. For Carolyn Jones, and some of the other senior ladies hockey players, for assisting in the coaching and training of the U17 girls. To Alisia Harmon, for all her time and effort, in representing this club, through her participation in the WAHA junior hockey program. Positive feedback was received from both WAHA, as well as the various schools in which she undertook coaching sessions and the fostering of hockey, in general.

A most sincere thanks for all the coaches, who have tirelessly given their time and energy throughout the season, in assisting their respective teams. All your efforts are greatly appreciated.

A special thanks to all the managers of the various teams, for the support and assistance they have given to the coaches and players.

To the parents who not only supported the club, players and the coaches throughout the season, but also took the time to take their child, and in some cases, other children, to training and their games - a big thank you.

Most of all, to the players, in representing our club, all your efforts are greatly appreciated.

There are people whom I have not specifically named but I wish to thank for the support they have given me as VP-Juniors throughout the season.

An important ingredient in developing strong junior teams, is to have a thriving Minkey programme. Being a coach in Minkey this year, has enabled me to see the enthusiasm shown by all year level players and the development of their skills. This augers well for the future of the Juniors programme. Particular thanks goes to Graham Coleman for the organisation and promotion of the new Minkey format, to Keith Harper for running the Graduate programme and to all the coaches, managers and parents who assisted throughout the season.

Until next hockey season, enjoy the summer.

Tom Harmon
Vice President, Juniors



Minkey & Graduates Reports

MINKEY

The format of Minkey and Grads was changed this year due to the influx of many eager young players to our club. We established two sessions, the year 1's and year 2's training from 8.30 to 9am followed by a half hour game and the year 3's and Grads training from 9.40 to 10.20 followed by a forty minute game. During the mornings activities many parents made use of the clubroom facilities and the new outdoor tables and umbrellas. Allison was kept busy providing a great service in the kitchen, while Joe cooked a variety of treats on the barbecue.

The introduction of Friday evening games was popular with both parents and players, with the opportunity for the kids to experience playing under lights. After the games the barbecues were put to good use cooking kebabs and sausages for the hungry players and supporters. The kids were later entertained by a movie or two while parents were enjoying a drink while soaking up the club atmosphere.

An event such as this would not be possible without the help of many willing parents who kindly donated their time to assist as coaches, team managers and umpires. In particular I wish to thank (Year one coaches) Greg Riley, Kurt Gebauer, (Year two coaches) David Watson, Quentin Clark, Nicolai Aitken, Maryanne Harper, (Year three coaches) David Leaney, John Smith and Tom Harmon. Special thanks to Greg Riley for the early morning starts setting up the grounds, assisting in organising the programme and providing the videos for our Friday evenings. The Graduates programme would not have run so successfully without the expertise of Keith Harper who is a valuable member of our club.



GRADUATES

The Melville City Hockey Club has a vision of providing our minkey players with an intermediate stage in their progress to full field hockey. This year saw us develop a more formal structure and we played our 36 year four and five children in four set teams: the **Lions** (coached by **Roger Nottage**), the **Thunderstrikers** (coached by **Audrey Emmett**), the **Sharks** (coached by **Graeme Roberts**) and the **Melville Lightning** (coached by **Brett Spark**).

Every Saturday morning we commenced at 9.40 with forty minutes of skills and concluded with games of two 20 minute halves. Initially our games were on half fields and stepped up to three-quarter fields after the mid season break. Three-quarter fields was an innovation and seen as so successful that we will most likely begin the 2003 season this way. We want our players to improve their hitting skills and the three-quarter field forced them to test their abilities.

Their other test came when we hosted two games against Willetton. Their teams of year 5's were a little too big and strong for us, but the games again made our players realise the value of being able to hit hard, flat and accurately and they've promised to practice over the off season. These games were appreciated greatly by both clubs and will continue in 2003.

Another innovation this year was the playing of penalty corners during games. As well as familiarising the players with the rules, the happy spin off was a much more open forward line and a better standard of hockey.

Of course, improving is no fluke and our thanks go to the coaches mentioned above, the parents who helped with managing, umpiring and encouragement. To **Allison, Joe and family**, a huge thankyou for the food and drinks that you made available to everyone.

The season was a significant improvement on the last and the Club is indebted to the Coleman Clan (Graeme in particular) for the planning, co-ordination and industry that they've injected into the minkey and graduate programs in 2002. 2003 is being targeted already.

Melville is on the Move

Major Club Awards - Seniors

There are several major awards in the senior ranks of the club which deserve a few words of description here.

The President's Award is presented to the club member who has done the most outstanding job of promoting the ideals of the club during the current season. This encompasses not only players, but coaches, managers, parents and friends of the club who have given outstanding service to the club and hockey.

The Maple Leaf Cup was first presented in 1982 by Kip Hladky - a Canadian on secondment in WA for employment, playing in the Club's top teams. The award is presented by the club committee to the person who has given outstanding service to the club for the current season. Consideration is given to the recipient's service to the club both on and off the field, their service to hockey in general and can be awarded to anyone associated with the club.

The Founder's Shield - surprisingly donated by the founders of the club - is presented to the fairest and best player from the club's top men's side. Awarded by the coach and members of the management committee.

The Catherine Bayens Trophy was presented by women's club life member, committee member, coach and former player Catherine Bayens. Catherine wanted to encourage female club members in the administration of the club, attendance at preseason training events and the social life of the club. Catherine was herself a fantastic example to the women with her commitment to the club and our sport, and the award is presented in her memory by the women's Vice President and with assistance from the women members of the committee and senior women's coaches.

The Wiffen Trophy was inaugurated in 1986 by Terry and Alastair Wiffen, former player and women's top side coach respectively. It is presented to the most improved younger (not necessarily junior) player who shows great promise and has shown willingness and enthusiasm to compete at the highest level.

Major Club Awards - Juniors

The junior side of the club also presents several major awards which deserve further description. It is important to recognise the efforts and commitment of our younger players as they develop in their skills and abilities and preserve the future of the club.

The Mount Waverley Hockey Club Trophy was inaugurated by the Mount Waverley Hockey Club in Victoria when that club's juniors visited WA, were hosted by our club and played against our junior teams. It is presented to the most promising junior progressing to senior ranks in the following season, and is awarded by the junior coaches.


The Life Members' Trophy - presented by the life members to the junior player chosen by the junior coaches as the most deserving recipient from all those players receiving coaches awards. Coaches awards are generally given for the player displaying the most commitment to the team, great personal achievement or having shown an outstanding quality deemed by the coach to be deserving of reward.

The David Porter Trophy is awarded to the junior goalie considered to have had an outstanding season and is presented by long time clubman, Dave Porter.

The Ian Halliday Trophy is presented by Ian Halliday, another longstanding clubman, to the junior player scoring the most goals in the current season.

The Maple Leaf Cup

Presented by Kip Hladky - Inaugurated 1982



Paul Meacock	1982
Geoff Morris	1983
Alan Meacock	1984
Keith Jackaman	1985
Ross Read	1986
Wayne Atkinson	1987
Harold Farmer	1988
Keith Harper	1989
Graham Napier	1990
Wayne Atkinson	1991
Colin Willis	1992
Bruce Read	1993
Rob Walker	1994
Les & Rob Walker	1995
Colin Willis	1996
Johnson Orr	1997
Pat von Mollendorf	1998
Mal Farmer	1999
Nicola Ogden	2000
Keith Harper	2001

Melville City Hockey Club

Games Played Awards 2002

500 Games

Maris Margetts

300 Games

Michael Deveson

200 Games

Ryan Backhouse
Andrew Criddle
Michael Jensen
Carolyn Jones
Terry Parker
Peter Dawkins

100 Games

Tara Bowater
Kieran Drew
Audrey Emmett
Jeff Gangell
Adam Halliday
Ryan Mahney
Ben Meacock
Joanne Mitsopoulos
Cameron Robinson
Rory Read
Anthony Ricciardone

50 Games

Callum Bint
Ashleigh Brickhill
Carolyn Caydamar
Clinton Chase
Damien De Silva
Kate Fennessy
Matt Geers
Jaime Greenacre
Tim Heavens
Maree Hinkley
Rhys Hyatt
Alene Ivey
Chris James
Leanne Jarvis
James Kenny
Stuart Kenny
Chris Lees
Chris Loveridge
Lee Maxfield
Brenan McClure
Janese McDougall
Chris Morrison
Tony Patton
Kieran Sanders
Rhys Spedding
Sheri Stokell
Caitlyn Surman
Karl Tulloch
Leo Welten
Hamish West

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Seniors Awards 2002

Founder's Shield:

Fairest and best - men's top side

Wiffen Trophy:

Most improved younger player - women

Catherine Bayens Trophy:

Player displaying most commitment to club - women

State 2A:

State 3 Women:

State 6 Women:

Metro 1 Women:

Metro 1A Men:

Metro 2A Men:

Metro 3D Men:

Metro 4A Men:

Veterans 1 Men:

Veterans 1 Women:

Veterans 2 Women:

Veterans 3 Men:

Veterans 4 Men:

Over 50 Division 2 Men:

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Junior Awards 2002

Division	Fairest & Best	Coaches' Award
Under 17A Boys:	Rory Read	Daniel Scott
Under 17C Girls:	Tara Bowater	Taryn Jackson
Under 17C Boys:	Kendrick Pool	Eric Cheung
Under 15B Boys:	Samuel Kenny	Kieran Drew
Under 15C South Boys:	Matthew Wake	James Kenny
Under 13B Girls:	Jaime Greenacre	Ellen Oosterbaan
Under 13B Boys:	Chris Morrison	Matthew Bell
Under 13 South West Boys:	Scott Geoghegan	Michael Ball
Mount Waverley Hockey Club Trophy: Most promising junior progressing to seniors		Lauren Ferguson
Life Members' Trophy: Most deserving recipient of coaches awards		Daniel Scott
David Porter Trophy: Most improved goalkeeper		Rhys Spedding
Ian Halliday Trophy: Highest junior goal scorer		Samual Geers

Top Squad - Men

1B Team

Having been relegated from Classic League, it was pleasing that all the players from the Classic League team committed to stay with the club to play 1B's. The club is very grateful to all of you for this commitment to the future of hockey at Melville.

The expectation was that we would do well, with a focus of going through the season undefeated to regain Classic League status.

The team did go through the season undefeated winning 19 games and drawing one, with over 90 goals for and only 14 goals against.

Our senior players are prepared for the next level, with a number of young players being blooded for future roles in the senior team.

Congratulations to the team for their focus, dedication and professionalism to what was a tough and challenging season where the expectations were high and the rewards were great.

As the coach I asked a lot, expected a lot and was given everything by all the players on every occasion we played. I thank you sincerely for your support and application to a memorable season.

On behalf of all the players in the 1's and 2's, I take this opportunity to thank Johnno for his tireless work in managing the teams, washing the gear each week and patching up all the wounds on game day. You sound like a superman, Johnno. Thanks also to Johnno's wife, Janet for letting us have him each week.

Thank you to the management group, Brett, Stef, Josh, Graham, Hamo, George, Wayne and Ben for your support and participation in our leadership program this year.

Congratulations to the 1B team and the club on achieving Classic League/Goundry Cup status – for the long term this time.

On behalf of the 2A team I would like to thank Stef for his professional approach and commitment to the success and development of the 2's team.

Finally thanks on behalf of all the players in the top squad to Duracraft Car Craft Panel and Paint whose sponsorship and support made our teams the success they were.

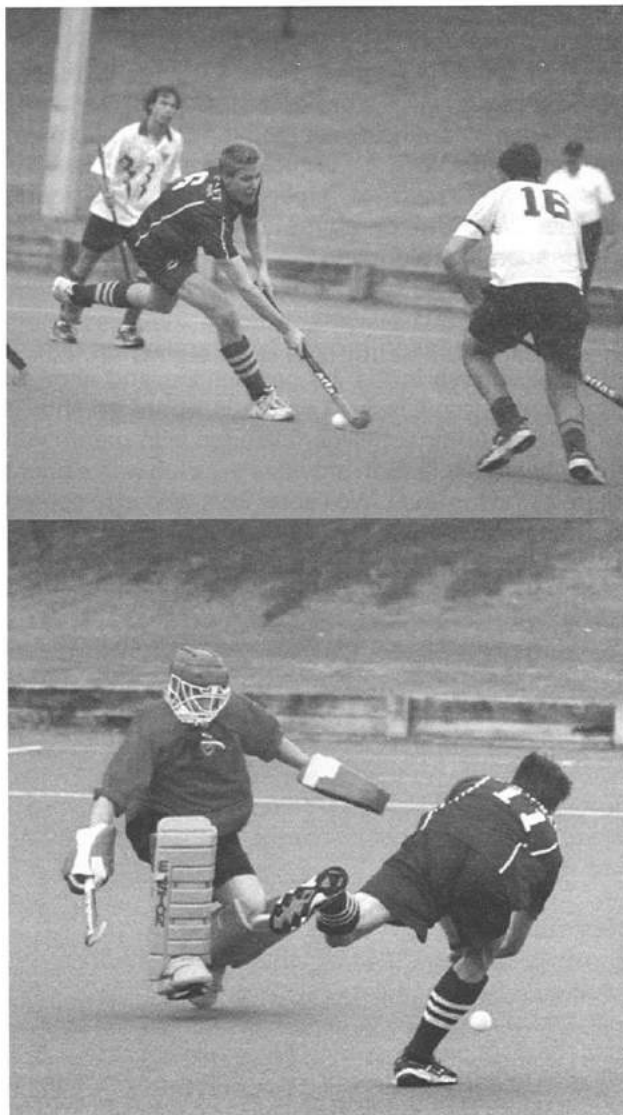
Colin Brandis, Coach

2A Team

A long and trying season for the 2A team that was made up of the classic "youth and experience."

A number of young and upcoming stars of the club were provided with an opportunity to play 2A's, and all acquitted themselves well. Craig Orr, Dan McEntee, Ryan Backhouse and Lloyd King just out of juniors and Ben Meacock, Dan Scott and Anthony Ricciardone, all currently playing U17A's, were all provided with opportunity to play 2A's.

Well done by all the players to fight each week to ensure the club held the grade to support the return to Classic League. Particularly to Stef, Hank, Todd, Ryan, Watto, Watto, Brendan and Cam who all provided the experience that kept the 2A's together well done and thanks for your dedication to the team's success.



Top Squad - Men



Hamish West (1B Captain)

Hamo lead by example, on and off the field. Hamo's commitment and tenacity often resulted in some bumps and scrapes which made Tuesday's training interesting to see Hamo's new bruises and look. Thanks Hamo for your support and leadership on behalf of the 1B team.

Wayne Anderson (1B V-Capt)

Another quality season from Wayne. Wayne's experience and skills were at the fore in many games this season where he dominated the CH position. We are grateful that Wayne has chosen to stay with Melville to share his wealth of experience with the young players. Well done on a great season, particularly in your leadership role.

Ben Rushton (1B V-Capt)

Ben has this season proved his standing as one of the best strikers in the 1B competition and showed consistently that Classic League is where he should be playing. A very intelligent season with maturity in his leadership role, Ben provides this club with a bright future at the top level. Well done Ben, who also scored more than 15 goals.

Dom Reay (1B)

Dom moved from defence to midfield where he dominated many games and opponents. Very much a Classic League level player, Dom was outstanding in the 1B grade. Dom's skills and speed have now co-ordinated to make him a dynamic midfielder, who will provide Melville with great leadership next year. Dom's penalty corner skills will develop further over summer to ensure more goals next year. A great season and well done Dom.

Matt Read (1B)

Great to have Matt back after 2 years holidaying overseas. It didn't take Matt long to find his hockey legs and skills. A very good season with the occasional goal, but lots of speed and high level stick skills. Well done Matt and we are all looking forward to seeing you develop further into the Classic League.

Graham Watts (1B)

Graham had another great year of hockey, moving from defender to midfield. With exceptional ball skills and tackling skills, Graham proved to be one of the best midfielders in the 1B competition.

Graham capped off an excellent year by being the only Western Australian selected in the Australian Indoor Hockey Team to play in the inaugural World Cup in Germany in 2002. Graham also toured South Africa in early 2002 with the Australian Indoor team.

Congratulations Graham and we all wish you well in Germany and look forward to seeing you back in Classic League.



Steven Beatty (1B)

The born and bred centre striker who kept his promise to score better than a goal a game (in excess of 20 goals). Well done Beats on a great season where you perfected the number 2 and scored when it counted. We all look forward to seeing you in early 2003 for a good start to the new season. A good pre-season and you can repeat the effort in Classic League, where you will enjoy the freedom to run.

Michael Deveson (1B)

Junior had a great season controlling the defence and dominating the opposition forwards. With great close in skills and a smashing hit, Junior now has the experience to outsmart most opposition forwards. Well done Junior, it was great to have you back in the top side and playing so well. It will be great to see you carry this on next year.

Richie Williams (1B)

Along with Junior, Richie dominated the defensive end of the field in all games. Richie's tackling and hitting have improved enormously to ensure that his move into Classic League will be complete next year. Well done on a great season Richie, where you and your co-defenders dominated all opposition. Penalty corners may be beckoning!!

Top Squad - Men

Josh Brown (1B)

Although limited training due to nagging injury and occasional work/holiday adventures, Josh was always able to provide 100% in games. Josh's experience and exceptional close in skills, and sometimes speed, provided the opposition with no answers, often bewildered by how he did it. Thanks and well done on a great season Josh. Along with your great leadership, I am sure you still have some hockey left to play at Classic League level. We all hope so.



George Watts (1B)

George had a great season in goals. Even so, there were days where he did not have much play. The whole team and in particular the defence were always well organised by George, which contributed greatly to making life easy for him. Less than 15 goals against for the season is a great effort, a repeat next year will be just what the doctor ordered.

Congratulations to George who toured South Africa in early 2002 with the Australian Indoor Team. George is also the reserve goal keeper for the Indoor World Cup team.

Brett Martyn (1B/2A)

Brett played the best part of the season with the 1's where he had to play in many positions. Once again Brett did this without fuss and provided the team with a great deal of skill and speed. Brett will provide the club with depth with his proven ability to play at Classic League level. Congratulations also to Brett's successful year coaching our U/17A team.

Jon Rutgers (1B/2A)

Young Jon has come to us from South Australia and over the season has developed to the extent that he played the end of the season in the 1's team where he proved he has the ability to play at the next level. Well done Jon and we look forward to further development next year with the opportunity to play Classic League.

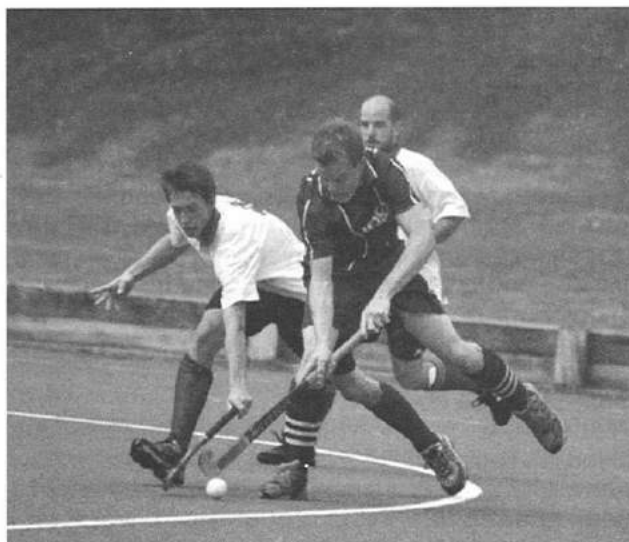


Dan McEntee (1B/2A)

Young Dan came straight out of juniors into the 1B squad and played off the bench in the 1's for the whole season. Dan's season has seen him become a goal scorer at both the 1's and the 2A's. As Dan's skills develop to match his speed, he will continue to improve and will provide the club with a very good striker over the coming years.

Stefan Willet (1B/2A Capt)

The everlasting Stef, who seemed this year to be always taking the knock for the team. Your leadership was first class both on and off the field and the mentoring provided to the youngsters in the top squad has been very much appreciated. Still some good hockey left in those old legs yet, so we are all looking forward to you leading the 2's again in 2003. Well done and thank you from all the players in the top squad and special thanks from Colin and Johnno.



Top Squad - Men

Bruce Hancock (2A)

Steady as a rock and as competitive as ever, Hank gave his all each week in his new role as fullback. With his international interests, it was great that Hank could commit to the development of the youngsters in the 2's. Don't hang up those boots yet, there's still some good hockey in that body. See you in 2003.

Todd Barrett (2A)

A busy year on and off the field this year and Todd just keeps on going. Great leadership in the 2's by Todd saw his never say die playing style save the day on many occasions. Well done Todd and thanks for the social organising you fitted into your season. We all look forward to a trim and fit Todd in the early 2003 year.



Cam Robinson (2A)

Great to have Cam back in goals where he spends most of the game organising Todd and Hank and keeping the youngsters in line. Adding to the experience in the 2's, Cam's effervescent nature and enthusiasm in the net ensured that his team was always in with a chance. Well done Cam and we look forward to another season of your organisational skills in 2003.

Ryan Rushton (2A)

The best centre forward to ever play left half back. If everyone could enjoy playing as much as Ryan does, sport would be the winner. The coaches would all be grey haired but what the heck. Thanks for another great season Ryan, who has now moved into the "experienced" end of the player list. A quiet summer with the odd glass of Mountain Spring mineral water and you will be back in 2003 as a fit as a fiddle and burning off all those youngsters again.

Brendan Joss (2A)

Well done for a very good season where Brendan found the back of the net more than occasionally. Now with all that experience behind you we expect to see a goal scoring ability in 2003. Hard work and perseverance does have its rewards Brendan.

Mark Watton (2A)

Talking about hard work, they don't work harder than Watto, on the hockey field of course. Another of the senior players who gave his all each week to ensure the 2's maintained 2A status. Well done Watto and thanks for your dedication and commitment to the team and club. Next year we'll get some good youngsters to do the running for you so you can just score the goals. Sounds good hey?

Craig Orr

Craig played many a cameo role off the bench for the 2's. His attitude to learning and having patience in taking opportunities when they come will see the opportunities increase. I look forward to seeing continued improvement next year and consolidating your position in the 2's in your second year of seniors.

Grant Watton

In between work commitments, young Watto played some great hockey. Hopefully 2003 gives you more time to train and play so we can see the true potential develop.

Lloyd King

Lloyd's introduction into the seniors saw him get opportunities in the 2's. With further development of his stick skills, Lloyd will have an impact at this level. All is not lost, so I am sure we have not yet seen the best of Lloyd.

Ryan Backhouse (2A)

Voted the best junior moving into seniors in 1999 Ryan is starting to fulfil this potential. I am sure that 2003 will see Ryan become a part of the top squad and meet all expectations. Hard work in the right areas will get you there Ryan.

Nathan Elliott (2A)

Nathan turned up on our doorstep mid-season and took little time to get back into the swing. His cameo performances at centre striker saw him score in almost each game he played. I wonder what he can do when fit in 2003?? Welcome back Nathan.

Ben Meacock

Ben played off the bench for many of the 2's games and has served his apprenticeship well. 2003 will see Ben move into seniors where he will be expected to continue his development to become one of the club's bright prospects. I look forward to working with you Ben.

Anthony Ricciardone

Dan Scott

Both these youngsters had opportunities to play in the top squad during the year and showed a high level of potential to become important contributors in the top squad next year and beyond.

Top Squad - Women

Our aim was 4th place but we faltered a little as we only managed to get the full strength side on the field for about four games due to injuries, etc. The team's major challenge which we did overcome was the blending of a number of new players with positional changes along the way, establishing a 'style' of play that built a competitive team. The girls always trained with enthusiasm and demonstrated improvement in the tactical understanding of the game – they began to believe in their abilities. When the concentration, commitment and belief came together, the team played some great hockey. In all games bar one, the team was competitive. My thanks to all players in the team and those that filled in for what was, for me, an enjoyable season.

Philip Todkill, Coach

The 2002 team

Natalie Adams (Captain) – Centre half

Nat led the team by example both during the game and at training on top of the added pressure of playing in a new position. Nat backed the leading with great improvement in ball carrying and distribution and has filled the role as centre half above my expectations. One of Nat's favourite statements is – come on guys! This sums up the determination that Nat always had and rarely 'hung her head' when the going was tough. Well respected by all members of the team.

Fiona Diprose – Goalkeeper

What a bonus! Melville has a SL3 goalkeeper up with the best of them. Fiona during the season discovered slide tackling and demonstrated many desperation saves that were made to seem easy. Not to understate the effort, Fiona volunteered for goalkeeper after playing last season on the right wing for SL6. A great effort, Fiona, and a real surprise package. The future for Fiona (I hope in goal) is very bright as every game there was always something extra evident, with the training commitment coming through into the games.

Liz Davis – Left Fullback

Liz was also a new addition to the team and member of the fullbacks union with Carolyn. If there was a player in the team that gave me heart failure it was Liz with her sweeping tackling habit and rise in blood pressure when the chips were down. Liz is a very determined player that showed improvement in the consistency of her game with stronger tackling and ball distribution. Liz is a player who improved by addressing some bad tackling habits and a new understanding of the position has emerged.

Carolyn Jones – Right Fullback

One of our experienced campaigners who, along with Liz, also exhibited some heart failure tactics (for me). Some of the weaker areas of Carolyn's game have been ironed out, with Carolyn always asking about the technical aspects of 'what and how to do'. A good solid performance by Carolyn – Carolyn should put this season down as a good personal season.

Sarah Lee – Left Half

Sarah was a late starter to the season and helped out at IL and then moved to LH. Always prepared to ask the umpire for a decision Sarah added robustness to the left side defence and later flair to the left side attack. With Sarah's experience she will lead by example in the coming seasons.

Nadia Lehmann – Right Half

A new member of the team moving up from SL6 to SL3 was a good challenge for Nadia that proved she is capable of SL3. Nadia's natural ability to cover defend saw her save a lot of would be goals from the goal line. The hockey future for Nadia is bright by combining her natural speed and fine tuning the positional role with added concentration. Nadia was the quiet achiever of the team and often surprised herself and her team mates with extra good play.

Tara Bowater – Left Wing

The youngster of the team starting at Left wing and finishing the season at right wing when Rachel was away. Tara in the later games began to exhibit more determination to get the ball. This determination, coupled with continued coaching, should see Tara develop into a consistent performer in the team.

Top Squad - Women

Karen Rossel – Left Inner

A more experienced player in a new positional role. It was a shame that we did not see more of Karen with her tenacity and high work rate. Karen trapped for our attacking corners and we lost a little when Karen was away. Coming from left wing in 2001 to IL required Karen to modify her ball distribution and defensive understanding. In the new positional role Karen exceeded expectations and in the new season and with a full bill of health, Melville will have a good IL.

Kate Fennesy – Centre Forward

A pure bred centre forward with reflexes of a cat. Katie was left to 'go it alone' often in the forwards when some of the more experienced forwards were away during the second round. Katie undertook the role also of corner hitter and scored some cracker goals and finished the season as our leading goal scorer. A stable forward line built around Katie will give Melville the capstone to a serious finals side.

Kobi Williams – Right Inner

Moving from right half to IR required some settling in games for Kobi to read the game and move with her good stick skills to drive through the mid field. When Kobi moved into attack the whole team went forward. This is an area where Kobi has been growing in confidence. It will be good to see Kobi return next season to pick up from the highs of the last few games.

Rachel Coomber – Right Wing (LW and CF early on)

A senior player in the team with great speed and determination, filled a number of positions due to injuries to other forwards. Rachel dodges at pace with the ball and can evade the best defenders in SL3 regularly breaking through the defence. Always a good example to the younger players in the team and well respected. Faced with some challenges outside of hockey, Rachel excelled with her consistent training attendance and friendly personality. Next season should see Rachel fine tune her goal shooting as she becomes a formidable attacker.

Demelza Dravnieks – Forward (RW, IL, LW)

Yet another youngster in the team starting at right wing from her usual right half in SL6. Demelza had the most stamina in the team and was always at training and interested to improve in all areas. Sometimes the positional role would initially challenge Demelza, but when she got it right there was no way through for her opponents. A general improvement in all areas of Demelza's skill level was evident. Melville SL3 has a valuable player in development.

Reserves

Jodie Trimper – Left Half

Jodie, a new player in the club, started with SL3's early in the season and always trained well and improved her fundamental skills.

Kate Simcock – Forward

Kate was always enthusiastic to take on the challenge of SL3's and was tried in a number of forward positions from wing to inside forward. With every game Kate was reading the game and could match the increased pace of SL3.

Sarah Bleach – Forward or Defence

Sarah was originally selected to play as a defender but in the second round was used to fill-in for the forwards. Sarah, a swashbuckling player, never gave a yard in defence and combined well with Katie in the forwards.



State League 6 - Women

The 2002 season for the 6's has shown marked improvements in all players on the team. With an even amount of wins and losses, the final result doesn't do justice to the performance, achievements and spirit of the team throughout the season. Special thanks to Joel Brown and Chris Ahrens who graciously gave up their time for Tuesday night coaching sessions and game attendance which was marvellous. Thank you both - we look forward to seeing more of you in 2003. And lastly - thanks to all those players who have filled for us this year and to all our wonderful supporters during 2002.

GAYE GLASKIN (aka: Ghandi)

Gaysey exudes a calm that people often confuse with being sleepy, but under that cool exterior is a powerhouse of passion and drive. "Together Everyone Achieves More" has been our TEAM motto thanks to Gaysey and her management of the team and fantastic efforts to create interesting and challenging training sessions have benefited us all to no end. A fantastic mentor and coach, her enthusiasm for the game and our team spirit has created a warm happy atmosphere and we hope that we will always have Gaye on our team.

JANE HILLER

If the ball actually managed to get past the half-backs, it was stopped by Jane. Solid defence on the left side, paired with a killer hit (many of us have the scars to prove it), even after a hard night's partying. A great season back after four years in retirement!

MARIS MARGETTS

With more than 500 games under her belt, Maris has brought a wealth of experience to our team. Less experienced players on the team have gained valuable insight, not only from her skills, determination and commitment to the game, but also in expressing one's conflicting views with the umpires! Her skills on the field are matched, if not surpassed, by her culinary talents – cheers for the nachos, Maris!



ALICE MUTTON

A new recruit from South Aussie studying Vets Science. Played a great game as a half or fullback. The old saying you have to watch the quiet ones – just ask Conrad (Alice's dog)!

JEN PIDGEON

Playing in goals for the maroon and white, when the ball comes near her it gets a fright. Jen is a legend and everyone knows why, even when we're down she never says die!

MANDY PIKE

It was so good to have our world traveller back to play the last half of the season with the team. You always know where you're meant to be when Mandy's on the field - even when she's off the field you can hear her bellow encouragement! Even though she's been beaten up and bruised by other players, she is always ready to have a fun game and a beer (or two!) afterwards. Mandy is a great social person and makes everyone feel loved and wanted. Without her - oh how boring hockey games would be!

State League 6 - Women



HELEN SCOTT

Always counted on to be at training, Helen is our long-legged goal scorer on the left wing! When she's not being pampered with massages and manicures (love the nails Hel!), Helen is best known for her yummy muffins. With her witty sense of humour, and bright smile, Helen has proved to be a valuable member of the team this season.

CATH THOMAS

Cath's first season with the Melville club, after only ever having played social hockey. Adopting a "never give up" attitude to the game, as both a wing and an inner, Cath has gone from strength to strength as the season progressed. Sadly the threat of a full knee reconstruction has hampered her talents. Hope everything goes well Cath!

KELLY RYAN

Bubble and squeak, who would have made a good rugby player, Kelly's well placed elbows and occasional nudges made her a highly effective and very determined half-back. With great defence skills and fighting spirit, armed bandits and opposition players alike are no match for our Kel! Go get 'em girl!

KIRRILY RYAN

What would we have done without her. Came to our rescue when our team was experiencing a shortfall in numbers. I have heard she is a bit of a gigglepot who is in love with Timbo, her husband to be in Feb 2003. She is soon to be Doctor Kirra – hope she doesn't become too grand for us!

JODIE TRIMPER

Another newcomer this season from interstate, Jodie has been our quiet achiever with her youth providing numerous opportunities for the forward line. Sporting Adelaide Crows socks at training and karaoke talents, our future veterinarian has not let late night partying hamper her great positioning on the field. Well done!

KIM WADSWORTH

When Kim was actually in the city and playing in the team, she was an important part of it! This was partly due to her strong defensive skills and also because of her sense of humour and personality! Never phased when we were being beaten, she would still have a joke and never gave up! Great season Kim!

TAMSYN ILLMAN

Well known for her colourful excuses and pierced fan club, Tamsyn provided strong support to the forward line and numerous goals to the teams cache of wins. The good news is that she's finally got tyres on the car and should be able to make the games on time next year!

KATIE SIMCOCK

An active participant whether it be on the field or in conversation at training, our Bio-med student from Manjimup has been sorely missed during the last half of the season after being stolen by the 3's. Another goal scorer on the forward line, Katie continuously demonstrated her ability for forward thinking in game strategy and great follow through with her determination. A definite asset to the side.

SAM LEE SCANLIN

Standing on the far end of the field, Sam has always looked perfectly in control. With a goal scored early in the season, Sam's finesse only begins to seem that more amazing upon discovering that she's operating on 3½ hours sleep! Sam - the consummate party girl - successfully made it to all but one game, having arrived home at 5.30am. Well done Sam – now you can get some sleep!



Metro 1 - Women

The **Metro Maniacs** are back with a vengeance, to the distress of other Clubs who had suggested we either try another grade or retire permanently. Playing with a proven formula (*Get More Goals than the Opposition*) which will see us through to the finals again this year and has already won us the Challenge Cup and the May Campbell trophy for Minor Premiers, the most photogenic team of the club (Oops! I mean photographed) has yet another fantastic year. New players to the team were Alana, Debbie, Alison and Nic, who only joined for the cachet of being in the glamour team and getting their photos in the Bulletin and on the internet.

Carolyn Caydamar

Back this year after twelve months off recovering from a split finger and a fourth baby (*don't know which hurt more*), Carolyn slotted straight back into her usual position of right inner and can be counted on to get through the opposition defence and into the D. Her casual approach catches the opposition by surprise and her persistent backtackling results in her winning the ball more often than not. With four young sons, Carolyn is well on her way to an entire Minkey team.

Helen Constable

Cool under pressure, even when umpiring with a biased opposition's umpire, and unselfishly forfeiting her game for the benefit of the team. Playing smart hockey, she always wins the tackle or forces the penalty. Like a good wine, she gets better with age. These days Helen warms up on the golf course and keeps chipping away most effectively.

Debbie Constable

Our baby, who came to help out and stayed on to add young legs to our left wing. She makes a mean combination on the left hand side of the field with her mum, Helen. Debbie can be forgiven for feeling tired some days as she is up with the sparrows down on the Swan rowing for her school. Obviously multi-talented (and it shows) we hope Debbie will be around to help us for a long time. Didn't need the day off to have her hair done for the School Ball, Alana .. oh yeah, because it was on Friday night!



Jan Davis

Best known for missing the Challenge Cup and hopping off to Sydney for a wicked week-end. (Not happy, Jan!) Constantly threatening to retire, but playing better every year, what would we do without Jan?? This year, she made a strong effort to improve her fitness levels and was often seen carrying the ball up the wing ... and trying desperately to pass it off ... to anybody. Late contender for **Hairdo of the Year** but Jo came up with a last minute blinder to take the trophy.

Audrey Emmett

The ever reliable Aud. A very aggressive left half who covers more ground than most. Does lots of hard, fast runs down the field and is known for her reliability behind the forwards. Aud has been known to take on five at a time and only has a word for the umpire after she has won the ball. If there was an award given for Most Reliable Player, it would always be Aud.

Alison Hall

Since coming west, Alison has learned to talk slower but fortunately she has not stopped running quickly. Another player who will give a good show in any position and is stronger when hassled on and off the ball by the opposition. Started off the season by getting injured at every game but luckily is tougher than she looks. Hubby **Pat** helped a great deal with coaching when available, and son **Ross** was a great ball boy. Only got the ground address wrong once - which isn't bad for a Victorian!!

Maree Hinkley

Although not as forceful as Jo, Maree is a mean halfback and a even meaner forward. Maree can always be relied upon to keep the girls in good humour and is sadly missed when family priorities get in the way. Husband Malcolm swore it was his off-field input that gained her Best Player on the sole occasion he blessed us with his presence on the sidelines, but it's certainly not so. Carefully coiffed (especially when there's a photo shoot) and runner-up to Mitsi as **Top Hairdo 2002**.

Metro 1 - Women

Alene Ivey

Alene got her overseas tripping in early this season (before hockey) and no shoulder injuries make her one very aggressive goalkeeper. Ask the Mods girl who kept getting poked in the head with the handle of Alene's stick! Her penalty flick skills have had a couple of showings this year. Hope that's them out of the way before the finals! Don't want to spoil her 100% success rate.

Lee Jarvis

It's a big ask but Lee actually sometimes forfeited her Dockers tickets to play for us and score the winning goal. A gutsy contest between Lee and Kimberley for the honour of top goal scorer this year. Lee roams the field directing the forward play and her positive approach leads to creative moves. Lee is our Refreshments Coordinator for the big events. We have used her services in the Challenge Cup and she will be needed again for the finals. She does enjoy a celebration!!

Jo Mitsopolous

Jo knocks the opposition flat and then disarms them with a "Sorry, dar!" after taking the ball off them and passing it out to our wing. Uses her hockey to maintain her ballgown size figure - needed for Enjo Events abroad. Jo has been known to take on the entire opposition after the game over a minor dispute during the game. "Sorry, dar!!" Winner of our one card for the year. Also wins the award of **Top Hairdo 2002**.

Son **Kane** is still our No.1 ticket holder and, for the privilege, he has the pleasure of doing the fetch and carry for the team. Thanks Kane.

Nicola Ogden

It's good to see that the Club has recognised our position of importance by asking the Club Secretary to play for our team. Nic is heard wherever she goes, which is as it should be for a good full back. Always positive, you'd swear she had Bluetak in the back tackles. We feel safe and confident with her in the back line. Even when the rest of us are rattled, Nic is still calm and cheery. Nic has assisted with team management this year and has done an excellent job.



Alana Wake

Apart from having to take 3 weeks off to celebrate her 21st, Alana has been a great asset to the team. (Take notes from Jo, Alana ... with enough hairspray you can still get in a game before the party.) Alana will play any position she is asked to undertake with enthusiasm - and smile! With five minutes notice, she can change from a gritty, determined defender to a feisty forward ready to score at a moment's notice. And still she smiles! Famed for sacrificing herself to get us the winning stroke in the Challenge Cup, even a bad attack of asthma can't slow this girl down ... but a 21st Needs a few more years experience before running for **Hairdo of the Year**.

Kymerley Wilson

Our only contribution to WA State 45s hockey but at least this year they are not taking her away until after the Grand Final!! Kym is our main goal scorer but has had competition from Lee this year. She has shown that she has the ability to play both left and right wing and we can always count on her to outrun the opposition, although she has been known to mow down a couple of girls on her way to the D. Even when calls do not go her way, she never argues with the umpire but gets on with the game.

and a word of thanks to

Guy Hickey

(Team photographer and club sponsor) who has been riding his bike to the grounds these days in an effort to keep up with us. It's a bit of a shame that he has to put photos of other teams in the Bulletin too but we share his talents graciously!

Chris Wardell-Johnson and **Linda Forbes** for helping out in times of need.

Metro 1A - Men

Some would say a fairly disappointing year, others would say maybe a rebuilding year, I will say probably a bit of both.

The guys certainly showed plenty of heart this year and seemed to consistently put in 110%. However, as usual, we were found extremely wanting in front of goals. No matter how well you play defensively, unless you can score goals, you are always going to have trouble winning. And that was certainly the story of our year.

However on a more positive note, there were some good signs for next year if the young blokes can continue to develop in the manner they have shown this year (and maybe if we can find a goal scorer??).

Andrew Starling (Coach) – Due to an Achilles operation, Andy was unable to pull on the boots this season. However, as usual Andy showed his commitment to the club and was there each week to coach the side. I think I speak for all of us when I say thanks Andy.

Scott Willis (Captain) – Due to Andy's absence, I was given the opportunity to captain the side this season. After missing the first third of the season with an ankle injury (and the rest of the season trying to get it back to normal), I had a thoroughly enjoyable time at fullback with Jimmy. My most memorable moments will still be playing with George in goals and have him hurling constant abuse at me. (Just the way I love my goalkeepers to play!!)

James Pickering (Vice-Captain) – Our rock in defence. I couldn't think of anyone I would rather partner at fullback. Jimmy is the ultimate defender. He manages to strip the ball from just about every attacker that comes near him. Although not quite up there with his superb 2001, Jimmy has once again been amongst the best and most consistent in our team.



John Cooke – There's not much that can be said about Cookie that hasn't already been said a hundred times before. Cookie is always there to offer his support and advice to players both young and old, and was also there as a backup to run training when Andy was unavailable. Another great season from the former club captain, and having his experience in the side week after week was priceless.

Mark Lyons – Another of our much loved club stalwarts, Clarrie has the ultimate never say die attitude. This year, he was given the responsibility of being our main strike forward, and as per normal went at it with all guns blazing. Unfortunately due to the lack of high quality strike forwards, the pressure on Clarrie was enormous. However, even with this lack of support up forward, he still managed to provide a target and perform well each week.

John Dewing – In what could be his last full season for a while due to his internship next year, Dr J once again stood out as our speed demon. John's ability to run with and mark an opposing player out of the game, was an enormous asset to the ability of our defence to stand strong. His pace and work ethic are going to be very hard to replace if commitments force him out next season.

Andrew Criddle – Cridds is the ultimate centre half. His ability to play the position as it should be played, and his ability to keep going even when his body is saying stop, makes him a very dangerous player in the middle. Andrew has great skills, very rarely mistraps, and positions himself perfectly to receive the ball. Hopefully Cridds is keen to keep it going next season.

Metro 1A - Men



Ryan Backhouse – An excellent year for Ryan. Provided an excellent backup to Crids at centre half as well as giving us plenty of options through inside forward or as a flank half. Pushed his way into the State 2A's in the second half of the year. Well done!!

Adam Sparkes – As far as I'm concerned, Ribs played one of his best seasons this year. He managed to cement a place at right half with his strong tackling and work ethic, and very late in the season was pushed up to right wing to add some drive in attack. I would place Ribs in our top players this year.

Brenan McClure – The craziest person playing hockey in the world!! Brenan shows that fear is not a word that exists in his vocabulary. He has also managed to show that a hockey stick can and will be used like a chain saw. Under the definition of effort, there is definitely a picture of Brenan.

Chris Geers – The best thing Chris did was to cut off that onion-head hair and the sideburns. Once these were out the way, he was able to knuckle down for what I would classify as a very successful season. After playing Metro 2A's last season, Chris's effort and development this season was extremely important in him cementing his place in the side.

Michael Ashley – This man has the wingspan of a Boeing 747, and hence a reach to match. Opposition players often relax after thinking that they have beaten him, only to find the ball suddenly disappear before their very eyes. Although not having his most consistent of seasons, Michael, as always, provided us with a great option as a defensive forward, and on his day is unstoppable.

Ryan Mahney – This year was Ryan's first year in the seniors, and he showed some very positive signs for the future. Ryan is gifted with good pace, and with continual guidance and support, could well turn into a dangerous forward.

Dave Beatty – Dave was promoted to the Metro 1A's in the second half of the season, and his strength and fight were an important addition to the team. Initially Dave was introduced as an option up forward, however he also gave us an option in the half line towards the end of the season.

Lloyd King – Our State 2A's recruit. Lloyd took the opportunity to take a step back and develop his skills and obtain more game time, in the Metro 1A's. In the weeks Lloyd spent with us, he showed his great ability to run and hassle all game, and his improvements over those few weeks were impressive.

Goalkeeper – Without a permanent goalkeeper throughout the season, I would like to thank Brad Wake, George Watts, Cameron Robinson and James Welten for ensuring that we always had somebody in goals every week.

Also, special thanks must go to all other players who played during the season – Gavin Scally, Andrew Scanlan, Asmin, Chris Criddle, David Orr, Craig Orr, Matthew Rummer & Michael Jensen. If there are any others who I have missed, I am sincerely sorry. I am only human after all.



Metro 2A - Men

The 2A's played competitively against most sides, but were unable to get the results on the board. The main reason for this was the lack of regular players. We had a core of 6 players with other ring-ins being called on weekly. Three games this year we played without a full side. This situation will need to be reviewed by the club, for better success of teams above and below. I would like to thank a great bunch of guys for another enjoyable year.

THE CORE

Bradley (Don't push me around) Cox:

Bradley's first year. Very willing to work hard for the team, scored a few goals. He never backs down to the opposition regardless of their size. Will possibly have a chance for a game in the 1A's next year.

Christopher (Crackers) Criddle:

Loves to smash the ball as he gallops around the hockey field. This year managed to play up the field on more occasions this year to the benefit of the team. With extra offensive strike force, we scored some great goals.



Clint (One Cut) Dymond:

Played most games, greatly assisting our plight of a lack of players. Scored some memorable goals and provided some good input at half time huddles.

Aki (Old Man Full Back) Etelaaho:

Going through the motions each week for the team, tried to keep everyone positively motivated. Had a better year with less injuries. Scored the first goal for the year.

Michael (Grey) Girdlestone:

First year for Melville, took charge of the offensive short corners. Good old Mister Reliable.



Dennis (Balls) Loffel:

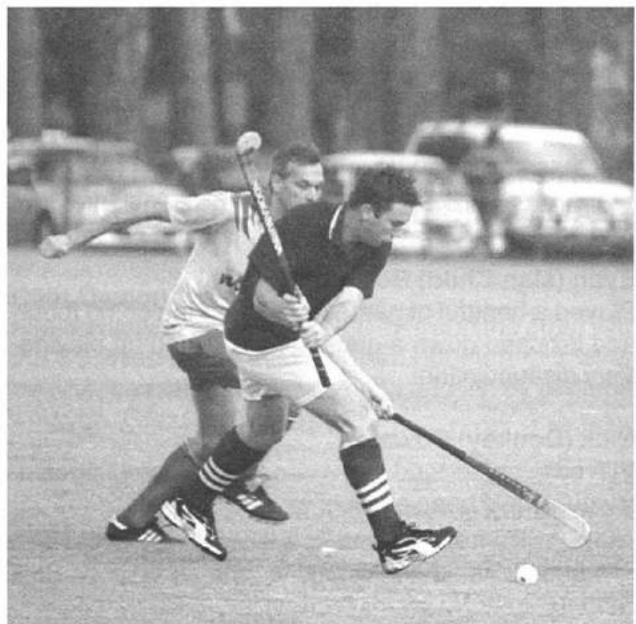
Puts in a 110% every game. Had a few self inflicted injuries playing mid-week hockey for the Vets. The opposition teams caused Dennis a few concerns about his nether regions in some close tackling situations this year.

Ted (Rocket) Neesham:

Ted has had a great year this year scoring the most goals for the side, with a hat-trick in one game. Ask Ted about some of his goals if you would like to hear a good yarn.

Mark (The Wall #1) Thorpe:

Goalie: Not too much got past Mark. He missed the second half of the season when he took time off for a holiday. Thanks, Mark.



Metro 2A - Men



Bradley (The Wall #2) Wake:

Goalie: Took over the goalie position from Mark Thorpe. A future performer, this year was a development year for Bradley, improving with every game.

PLAYERS WHO MOVED BETWEEN 1A's & 2A's

David Beattie:

Started the season with the 2A's, showing too much ability was promoted to the 1A's. His loss changed the team's mix greatly. Missed the team's two wins and was very disappointed.

Andrew (Cridds) Criddle:

Started the season with the 2A's and assisted though the year with playing two games in a weekend.

Michael (Megs the Stick) Ashley:

Played up and down, more so for the 1A's. Needs to put the effort in, regardless of which team he is playing in.

PLAYERS WHO HELP MAKE-UP THE TEAM NUMBERS IN TIMES OF NEED

Evan (Man Child) Bowater:

Played a handful of games. He found the going tough and dropped down a grade, finally giving up playing. Very disappointing.

Nick (Donkey) Bowater:

Played every second game due to work commitments. It would have been a help if we had his services every week. Played with his usual gusto and tenacity. Less hair colour changes this year.



Luke Jackson:

Played the first few games then disappeared.

Kiren (Netts) Nettleton:

Played full back alongside Aki, was very useful and able to hold the position well for a junior player. Hope to have his services again next year, thanks.

Dan (Spankee) Pickering:

Played when not away working or playing for other sides.

G. (Rammer) Ranford:

Played a hand full of games when our team was desperate, taking over Dale's role in the team. Thanks for the help.

Dale Reeves:

Was the team's pivot player. This pushed his fitness most weeks. Played most of the first round of games.

L. Bint, Chris Geers, Matthew Geers, Brad Hiller, Demby Jackson, Chris James, S. Kenny, Scott Maloney, Brenan McClure, David Orr, Anthony Ricciardone, Adam Sparkes, George Watts, Grant Watton, Mark Watton, James Welten, Lloyd King and others that I have forgotten: Played one, two or three games each. Thanks.



Metro 3D - Men

The Metro 3D's had another year that "could have been", with the usual struggle to get a permanent side on the paddock every week but we still had fun. I hope?

Scott Sparkes:

Our trusty goalkeeper who again had a solid year in goals and surprised us all by buying a house out in the sticks, following in his brother's footsteps.

Chris James:

Still the angriest man in the world. Had an up and down season but still managed to snare a couple of goals. Can you believe this man is a father? Congrats!

Damien DeSilva: Ah, trusty, ever vocal Damo, spent another excellent season on the ground or doing the patented Damo drag. I actually saw him pick a fight this season. Great season, mate.

Nigel DeSilva:

The fittest man in the world (not) had another great year in the midfield. Has the ability to destroy and spear tackle most opponents. Good work, Nig!

Scott Forbes:

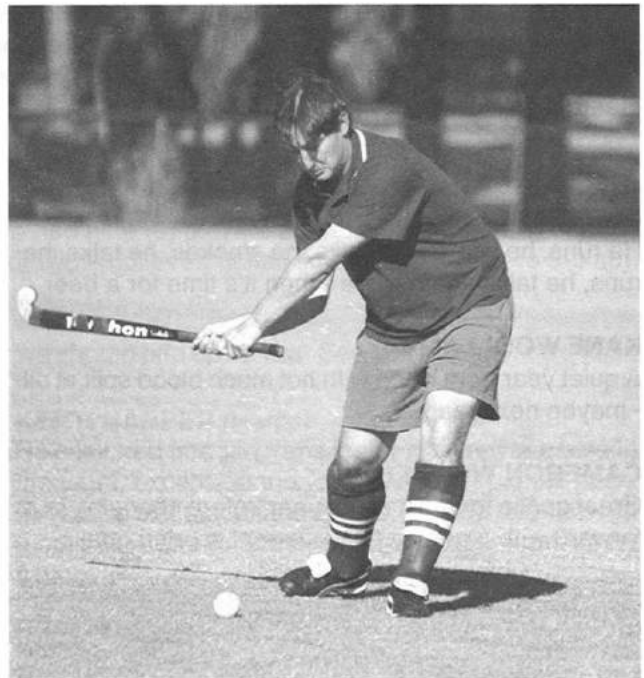
The old man of the team who took apart many a defender this season and he got back some of his fitness that he talks about having a few years ago. Well done, Forbesy!

Mark Davies:

Good old Marcus who still manages to out body and out tackle anyone on the field. On his day he is still unstoppable, if only he would stop going down south.

Nick Stubbs:

Still the quiet achiever who goes about his game well, that is when he's not sick or gone to some exotic location. Great season Stubbsy!



Justin Wake:

Another quiet achiever who breaks down many a forward advance with great ease but will sometimes decide he can take on players with just one hand. Good work, J!

Matt Willis:

A first year player to the seniors and he ended up with us lot, poor fella. Did some excellent work out on the field with ball and body. Matt's confidence will grow and he will get better and better.

Ty Johnson:

Has come on in leaps and bounds this season and become an important player. If only he could get some fitness and some decent shorts to wear.

Matt Geers:

Recruited from the Under 17's to fill in and fitted in perfectly. For a little bloke, he is not scared to mix it with the big boys. Well done Geersy!

Clint Dymond:

Played half the season with the 2A's and the other with the 3's. Was sorely missed when not there but when he was, he marshalled the troops and led by example - maybe. Great season, Uncle.

Thanks to all those who filled in over the year. There are just too many to name. And thank you to the support every week from the Wake family and the DeSilva parents and, of course, Damo's pug dog.

Metro 4A - Men

This season was played in four quarters, losing the first three by big margins, thinking the season is finished. Then winning 7 in a row to put us into the four, then losing three more before winning the last three to put us back into the finals. A great team effort with everyone understanding positions, weaknesses and strengths to create a solid team.

JEFF GANGELL

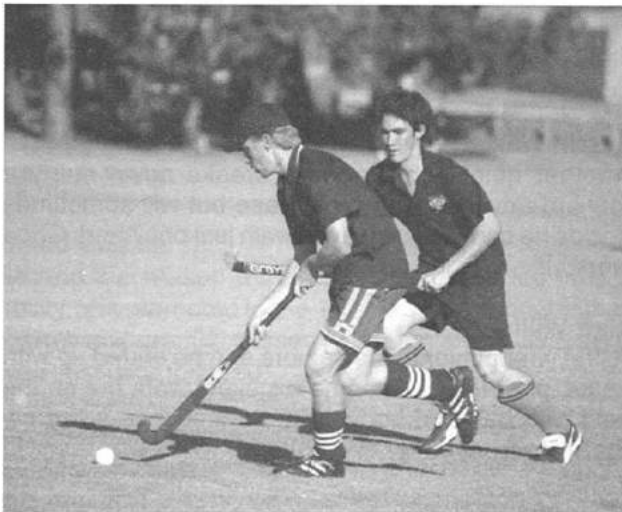
He runs, he scores, he talks, he smokes, he talks, he runs, he talks some more - then it's time for a beer.

KANE WOOLLAMS

A quiet year from Kano with not much blood spilt at all - maybe next year.

CAMERON WITTBER

Great goalie for most of the year before changing to a forward with 3 games to go. A goal scoring goalie.



JOSH SMALES

A great goal scoring winger, has had another good year. We call him the postman.

CAMERON PORTER

Loves a good fight, won most of the on field brawls and even managed to play some great hockey at centre half.

CLINT CHASE

Captain Clint kept control of the wild mob on and off the field. Right inner/half Clint had a good season.

MATT KING

Matt enjoys his hockey and fitness. He often would ride to a game on his Malvern Star to obtain peak performance. One of the super star halfbacks.

MARK MYERS

Played some speedy through the line attacks from fullback. Good to see Mark on time for a couple of games this year.

ROB THORN

A part of the superstar halfback line up.

MARIO COELHO

Played with zest when put into the forward line, but his true value is down back where he stops the ball with all parts of his body.

TIM McENTEE

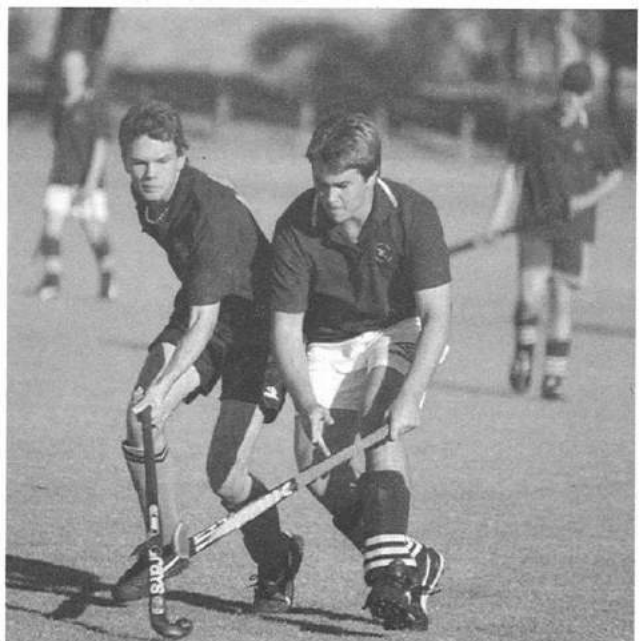
The specialist up forward, with many attacking moves. Also, more importantly, runs a pub.

PAUL MORSE

Speedy Gonzales out on the wing, promoting many attacking moves. He also plays a very good goalie.

DALE TRIBBICK

When he isn't working, riding a motorbike or cruising in his Datsun 120B, he is playing a game of hockey and he plays it well.



Veterans 1 (Midweek) - Men

Having narrowly missed the wooden spoon last season (second last with 7 points), with some strategic recruiting over the summer months we have astounded ourselves by more than tripling our points this year (24 points) and 'strategically' finishing out of the four (phewww, no finals!)

Highlight was beating the top team (Shenton) 6-3. (It was great beating a team full of recognisable and credentialled players).

Lowlight was getting 'thumped' by Fremantle 15-0. (We had nine (9) players and they had thirteen (13) and the miserable bastards would not even give us a player or two – not even at half time when they were 9-0 up). We will remember!!

Well done guys! If we improve this much again next year we should end up on top. See you all again next year.

PATRICK MATTHEWS

Age certainly hasn't affected Pat's stick skills and he still has the uncanny ability to toy with opposing players. Not satisfied with beating a player once, Pat will frequently turn, come back around and beat the player again just to really rub it in. After all that skill, he was then able to either score a goal himself or make the killer pass to set a team mate up. Unfortunately Pat was often tied up with work and other commitments so he was missing for several games. At least he was able to give the match committee plenty of notice, usually ringing at 7:00pm to advise of his unavailability for a 9:00pm game. Thanks Pat. Truly one of the clubs stalwarts who just keeps on going, well maybe at a slower pace these days. Look forward to seeing you again next season Pat.

MARK TATE – (First Year Veteran)

Started his first year in Vets in fine form but had a serious shoulder injury in Game 4. Spent many weeks recuperating and watching his 3 sons play in Juniors before returning for the last 2 games of the year. Mark believes his shoulder injury was meant to be, as it helped him stop contributing to the Police Department's Multi-Nova programme!!

DENNIS LOFELL

Another first year Vet. Dennis is an excellent right half whose perseverance and endeavour ensures the left wing/inner opposition have their work cut out. He puts his head down and moves fast and nothing stops him. The only guy who stopped him so far was Con. Mr Con Crete to be exact! A tireless worker and a handy player to have in any team.

MICHAEL JENSEN

Able to smash the incredible skip pass that only Harps can trap (Harps can't trap anything straight and flat), able to take on five Fremantle attackers single handedly and able to remain unflustered despite playing alongside Stuart Kenny. Well, maybe it was only three Fremantle attackers and maybe it was Knappy or Ramma or Anyway, every team needs its Superman and Jenno knows who ours was. Just ask him.

KEITH HARPER (Harps)

He's tall, red headed, runs faster than anyone else in the team, except Dennis, and cannot trap a flat pass. But that is all right, because no one in the team can hit a flat pass. One other thing, although he turns up he cannot play on Tuesdays, no matter how hard he tries.

SHANE KNAPP

His choice of blue and yellow socks to complement the Melville colours is a fashion statement worthy of praise.

But true ability as Team Manager/Captain is not measured by aesthetics. Having seen him show brilliance in front of goal against star-studded opposition, it is clear that he unselfishly plays defence to allow others to have their moment of glory. Keeping the best for the penultimate game, Shane showed his skills as a strategist. Using an Access database, he drew up a roster that dictated rotations of at least 3 players every 10 minutes. The facts speak for themselves - we managed to score 3 goals in the last 5 minutes to draw the game.

GEOFF RANFORD

Now well established in the 500 game club, Geoff is a true club legend, progressing over the years from a very talented junior to a very talented junior vet. Time has been good to Geoff. He looks little different to 10 years ago and his game is still as good as it was then. Has the pivotal role of centre half and is a key playmaker. Geoff has never ever been known to have had an injury but just to prove he is really just like us, Geoff presented us with his first hammy this year which really excited him.

LINDSEY RYNVIS (GOALIE)

New to the team this year, recommended by 'El Presidente'. Mind you, El Presidente did say the last time he saw Lindsey playing was when he was a 'crack forward'. But like all of us, time takes its toll and like all good forwards, they semi-retire to the goals??? Lindsey has proved that he is a reliable member of the team, joins in the 'friendly dugout banter' and hopefully will continue to be our goalie for many years to come.

Veterans 1 (Midweek) - Men

EVAN FLOYD

Evan was brought into the side to provide youth and pace to complement the more skilful, slower members of the team. This worked well until his body refused to do the pace any more and decided to get injured every week. Soon found his niche at centre forward where he could use his Inspector Gadget reach to constantly steal the ball off fullbacks more than twice his age. Scored lots of spectacular goals and missed lots of easy ones and never let anyone else play centre forward while he was around. Keep trying Evan and with more age and experience, you should develop into a key player for the team.

RICHARD THURTLÉ

Turtle by name only. This quietly spoken speedy forward put the opposition defence on the back foot when he took the ball deep into our attacking half. The ease in which Richard wrong-footed the defending team was a pleasure to watch. Richard was a consistent, strong, and hard working member of our forward line creating many opportunities for him and others to capitalise on. It was a pleasure to have Richard in this year's team.

GREG HUNT

Greg Hunt - Master of deception and goal sneak extraordinaire. Greg's silky skills more than compensate for that dicky knee – nonchalant defenders beware !! Add to this a rare talent for half-time jokes, an ability to slot goals that astound his teammates, let alone the poor opposition goalie, and you have ...Egg.

A great season in and out of the goal-mouth, appearing on the penalty spot at just the right time. Who says MCHC teams can't convert goals? (Well, lots actually, at last check...).

STUART KENNY

From the viewpoint of a forward (usually on the wing) it is often easy not to notice the good work of the full backs, deep in the defensive lines. Stuart is always a solid defender. One of the strongest features of his game is his hard, flat (hmmm) and accurate (hmmm) passes. This asset is invaluable to the Team as it gave us a breather as the other team has to travel miles to pick up the ball. No not really, it does enable us to get a "break" on the opposition needed in turf hockey. It has been a pleasure Stuart, and we look forward to more of the same next season.

LEWIS BINT

Lou is a team player. Normally this means that one spends a fair bit of time on the bench. This is not so in Lou's case. He has the team at heart. His work ethic is exceptional, his desire to create opportunities for his team mates is unquestionable and his temperament is unexplainable. While people around him curse and swear at everything, including the umpires, Lou just gets on with the job. Injuries to the face and hand did not hamper his appearance or performance during the season. No team should be without a 'Lou'. Any team that does not have a 'Lou' is poorer indeed. I applaud Lou for his brilliant season and look forward to playing the next season with him.

ROBERT KNYN

Joined the midweek Vets midway through the season and his presence was soon established on the left side as inner or wing or just off the field. An occasional striker who couples the occasional goal with the occasional good pass to help another player get the occasional goal. The ageing lungs ensure that when the attacking run is done, the defensive 25 yard line seems like 2 kilometres away. Reliable to turn up, which in itself is one great virtue.

SPECIAL MENTION TO THE FILL IN PLAYERS

Leo Welten – experienced, skilful winger/centre forward, sets up camp in the forward half.

Mark Thorpe (Goalie) – 'The Gate Keeper'. Available to play every night except Tuesday nights when he plays Army Reserves!

Allan Chellew – 'The Train Driver', most recently named 'The Groin'. Excellent right half. When not playing hockey drives his locomotive(s). Purportedly missed the last six games resulting from a groin complaint, but this is not what his wife said!

David Halliday – started the season in a blaze of glory. The blast from the past, super sub, what other superlatives are there for this man? Played the first four games and then injured himself, and was never to be seen again. Was it a hamstring, ankle, hand, finger, we've all forgotten what it was!!

Andy Criddle, Ted Neesham and Aki Etelaaho – young legs, what are they?? All during the game you could hear, yours Andy, yours Ted, yours Aki.

To those mentioned above, the Team thanks you.

Veterans 1 - Women

Melville Ladies Vets 1 have had the same core group play since the beginning but this year we have had some younger, fresher legs join us, adding speed (lots of) to the forward line and thus making the older players stop shuffling and start running.

We have enjoyed our season with success on the field and in the bar, with the girls trying to outdo each other with the refreshment platters.

Lindy has become a home owner, Narelle is ready to spread her wings and take off to England (after the finals) and Maris, Vicki, Gail, Janese and Sheri are taking a holiday in Sydney to represent the State in the O45's. Good luck, girls.

Sue continues to be confused as to whether she is an inner or halfback, so covers heaps of ground to ensure she is in the right place.

Gaye is still playing well and impressing us with the time spent running the family and finding time to make her Gourmet Dip.

Carolyn is one of the younger sets of legs adding skill and pace to the full back line, as well as leading the girls in some Yoga exercises for their aches and pains after the game.

Helen is walking a tightrope this year since taking over management of Fremantle Golf Club. Us or the Golf Club, Helen?? Your chipping is getting better on both courses.

Last but not least, our indomitable full back, Jan is still with us even though she has threatened retirement for the lastyears. When is a good time to retire??

Thanks to Maree and Athlene for being our backstops, sometimes at a moment's notice and thanks to Maris for keeping us organised throughout the year.

Veterans 2 - Women

This is our third year and after a dramatic improvement last year, we now have a reputation to live up to. We did this with a 3rd place finish, making the finals for the second time. Last year we made it to the grand final but went down 1-2. Can we improve on that this year? We were fortunate to have 12 regular players this year, but still needed to call on our fill-ins due to travel, illness and other commitments.

Regular players

Alene Ivey

Our indispensable goalie, who has not missed a match this year and, with one notable exception, is always one of the first to arrive at a game. Once again, the low number of goals scored against us is due to the strong defence of which she is the key part.

Partner Guy has again been part of the small but growing cheer squad and also team photographer, but not required to umpire this year.

Debbie Gibson

Once again we missed Debbie's services at full back as she trotted the globe, aiding in the running of major sports events. This year it was the Commonwealth Games that benefitted. A solid player who only occasionally upsets the umpires.

Audrey Emmett

Our solid left half, who inevitably puts in a good game every week and is regularly in the best player lists.

Jo Mitsopoulos

Jo played right half this year and like Audrey on the left was a stumbling block for many an opposition attack.

Joanne McKay

A new player this year who has played many positions. She started at full back, a new position for her but one where we had a big hole and did a creditable job. She has also played on the half back and the wing and has done well in both positions.

Veterans 2 - Women

Kelly McCall

Our left inner and one who is not afraid to run all night. She has also been a significant goal scorer with 11 to her name to date. She is regularly in the best players and deservedly wins our best and fairest this year.

Kim Gotch-Martin

Our centre half, who like her sister Kelly seems to be able to run all night. She completes the triumvirate of our top class half back line.

Kymerley Wilson

Once again our top goal scorer with over 22 in the regular season, mostly from the right wing, though occasionally from centre forward. She has even been known to pass off to let others score a goal on occasions. As our manager, she has organised the umpiring commitments, begged, threatened and occasionally politely requested girls to fill in for us, and has not missed a game herself.

Lee Maxfield

Mostly Lee played right inner and always put in a big effort there. She has dropped back to full back a few games to provide a solid defence.

Lynda Forbes

Played on the left wing and is always seen in position on the post waiting for that hard cross or deflected ball to push in. And she has been rewarded for her patience with a goal. Her partner Steve has also been a regular attendee, warming up the goalie and shouting encouragement from the sidelines. Thanks Steve!

Pearl Watene

After being very keen to join our team, Pearl injured her knee before the start of the season. Fortunately she recovered and joined us midway through providing a much needed experienced full back. Hitting the best player list in her first game, she has continued to play well throughout the season.

Sue (Two Chairs) Wilson

Our regular centre forward and 3rd main goal contributor with 9 this year. She really does like coming out in the cold each week, so I don't know why she pretends she doesn't.

Fill-ins

Alison Hall

She could almost be considered a regular, as she is always the one available at short notice, sometimes (thankfully) turning up unexpectedly to give us a much needed extra player. She runs all night and has filled in as full back, half back and inner.

Michelle Bonner

A Servio player who has filled in when we have been in a few tight spots. Again we have been able to have her fill spots in both defence and attack.

Anne Pekaar

Anne joined us at the end of the season playing full back while Debbie was away and once again made the best players list in her first game – why is that? She has the ability not only to stop the opposition but also to direct her outward passes to the best advantage for our rebound attack.

Carolyn Caydamar

Due to her young family and our roster of almost all late games, Carolyn has only been able to fill in a few times but has again provided a running player in the inner position.

Nicola Ogden

Nicola was our one loss from last year's regulars and has been running with a hash group on Wednesdays instead. She filled in a few times at full back, including one night after she'd already been to running. It's always good to be warmed up.

Veterans 3 - Men

The season looked promising early and then the first game started! After making the first semi final last year, this season has been an absolute shocker. Too many early losses by the odd goal after dominating possession cost us any chance at all of September action.

Midway through the season when we played the top three teams in a row without losing a game, we had our hopes high that we would turn it around in July and August. This was not to be, with our performances actually getting worse as the season wore on. Perhaps the low point was a late-season loss to the previous winless, undermanned Mods.

The highlight was definitely the normal camaraderie associated with this team, i.e. the continual abuse of each other prior to, during and after the games with the perhaps our not too esteemed Pres, Dutchy Geers being the smallest and most often hit target.

CHRIS AVENT – Granpaar started the year with a real hiss and a roar, like a bomb going off in a C class hospital. Too bad it ended up as Revenge of the Mummy!!!!. The not so sprightly octogenarian lost enthusiasm in about Round 1.5 and the rest of the season collapsed into same “good team down on their luck” rhetoric as the rest of us had (as is invoked by returning Bunbury teams). In Round thirteen there appeared to be a bit of a spark in the old coals when Gramps rolled up prior to the start of a game but alas, he had just been dropped off by the bingo bus the night before. Hopefully his sponsors, Dencorub and Radox will be able to pool the massive sums necessary to wheel this veteran back on to the field next season.

NOEL BACKHOUSE – Despite being the quiet half of Johnny Maher, Noel surprised the rest of the team by spitting the dummy, ripping off the party frock and throwing his Malvern Star in the bush at the end of Round 15. After his normal absence away, Noel could not comprehend our newly found tactic of dominating play for 60 minutes and then getting thoroughly thrashed. For the first time since Moses was in short pants, the Swan Brewery were able to give Ken Ironmonger Saturday afternoon off and two hours later they had retrenched half his team. Fortunately the cycle has turned around and, although we are still getting thrashed XXXX – Nil, Ken and his team are now back on their usual double time Saturday arvo.



LINDSAY BORTHWICK – Lindsay rolled up to the season looking like the Statue of Liberty in a maroon shirt. Unfortunately however the flame went out in about the first 30 seconds. Even more unfortunately, the season worsened to a point where the Country Party were considering subsidising the big fella. Lindsay’s daughter put in a valiant attempt and turned up to a few games to cheer us on but after she learned the basic principles (he who scores the most goals wins) she too gave up.

GARY BOWATER – What can you say about Gary that would be published. Nothing. Fortunately Gary was able to contribute far more to the club than his playing ability. Otherwise Gary proved an endless source of wisdom on what might have been at half time and the end of each game throughout the year. As the old song says, “Some things are better left unsaid”.

GRAEME COLEMAN – Graeme put in a tremendous effort this year and was a central figure in organising Melville Minkey and, as importantly, refurbishing the club rooms to a standard better than the previous (“BP Clean & Go”). *From now on the Orang-utan enclosure at the zoo will be looking at us for guidance for a change, Yeah.*

Although by no means single-handed in his endeavours, the majority of the physical workload fell on Graeme and he did far more than would be expected. Great effort Graeme. ... Too bad you didn’t have the time to concentrate a bit more at training.

PETER GILL – Pete joined our ranks this year after many years away from the game. It didn’t take him long to display some talent for the game, something that is rare in our team. The human bulldozer was needed on occasions to let the opposition know when they had stepped over the line. A great season for the dependable fullback.

Veterans 3 - Men



HANS GEERS – ‘El Presidente’. The big guy trapped in a little body has improved the social life of the club by 550% but still wouldn’t know what the white ball was for if he tripped over it (which happened a few times during the course of each game). The little man has almost lived up to the size of the shorts (unless the native title claim on them is accepted) and got the club to a point where people almost come down voluntarily. The club spirit has finally re-emerged from a time where it was reserved only in a special area in the club rooms and Skinter’s liver. Great effort Hans. Lucky we aren’t relying on the hockey results to make a living.

DAVE GRAHAM – Dave is the quiet achiever of the team and re-appeared halfway through the season at a point where our luck was down. Coincidentally, it turned from down to appalling: the Jamaican bobsled team had more natural ability. After more than a few seasons in this team, Dave will be lucky if he ever retrieves any of his own natural ability and has compensated for this by wearing incredibly large shorts which inflate at speed and can then be blamed for subsequent problems.

PAT HALL – A new recruit from Victoria fitted in well in a variety of positions in the forward line and scored a couple of handy goals. With his wife and daughter occasionally at the games was also responsible for bringing the vast majority of our “crowds”. Pat could have possibly spent more time on the ground during the season if he was equipped with a much younger body.

MIKE JOLLIFFE – Our goal-keeper who got a bad back from picking the ball out of the back of the net many times each week. As always did the job bloody well but was badly let down by the ten buffoons playing in front of him. We are currently taking up a collection to purchase a GPS for Mike’s car.

JOHN MAHER – The responsibilities of fatherhood at 46 saw John become a part-timer in the team – job sharing with Noel. Played most positions on the forward-line and adjusted well to his part-time status.

AL MARSHALL – No overseas travel this year saw big Al play the entire season, i.e. got real value for his fees! Played all year on the left wing (definitely not his political bent) where he was heard to shout to the umpires “COME ON!” every time he was tackled and do the Toyota leap every time he scored.

GREG NEWMAN – An interrupted season through a broken arm but contributed well when playing, usually in a defensive role despite bleating that he’s really a forward. Solid and aggressive in his second year with the club.

GREG RILEY – We discovered where Greg’s real talents lay this year, with the revival of the regular Saturday barbecue. Throughout the season he cooked a hundred times more sausages than he scored goals - and that’s less than three hundred sausages. Played the year on the right wing where he set up many attacking moves – most of which failed.

GARY THOMAS – Much to Gary’s surprise, we discovered there are more Hairdressers than Bottle Shops on the way home from Parkerville. It is a shame that the former were all closed !!! Mudguard has failed to enlighten us as to the nature of his secondary sport, but it appears to involve late nights and some form of hunting.

LEO WELTEN – The man with a haircut I can identify with. Leo has slotted into the team well despite having some kind of talent for the sport. Speedy, talented and aggressive, Leo gives his all. Has a tendency to let inconsistent umpiring make the hair (that’s singular) on the back of his head stand up.



Veterans 4 - Men

After going through the 2001 season undefeated (except Grand Final) we were promoted to Division 4. Once again it has been a highly successful season finishing second after the qualifying rounds, winning the Challenge Cup with only 2 losses to date.



Johnno Orr

A good solid season. A highlight of Johnno's game has been his tackling when the opposition are on the attack. That ability to hold the game up allows the team to get back and defend. Johnno is always willing to share his knowledge with the referees and point out when they have made a mistake. In spite of this, Johnno has only been sent off once all season. Is this a record?

Tony Patton

Tony has been a mainstay in our defence. His never say die attitude and occasionally unorthodox tackles always has opponents under pressure. His attacking overlaps were a sign of team confidence. A great year Tony.

Kelvin Woodward

Kel is an important team member, a solid defender, who has helped keep the goals against us to amongst the lowest in our grade. This tenacity has helped the team to be amongst the best in our competition. His quality defence has then formed our first line of attack. Well played Kel and thanks for a great season.

Geoff Riley

Geoff made a comeback last year after many years of relaxing in the garden. His poor old legs were not impressed, especially the hamstrings. So he would play one week, break down the next and miss two or more thereafter. This carried on throughout the season, which made winning a regular place in the team difficult. Geoff played 7's over summer and in the warmer conditions was able to strengthen his legs and enable him to have a big impact on the wings this year. He had settled in well at right wing as the most improved player in the team. However, a broken thumb has caused him to miss 4 games so far. We hope he is ready again for the last few weeks and the finals. Good effort this year Geoff on improving your game.

Keith Jackaman

Skinta works on Saturdays and was meant to be a floating emergency for all the Vets teams. However he has settled in to the 4's very well and is providing plenty of support to the halfback line and his fullback line with his long reach and subtle (or not so subtle) use of his large frame to work forwards off the ball. One forward from J23 objected last week and got promptly lifted off the ground by the scruff of the neck. Skints still seems to enjoy the game and the after game socialising at the BBQ. He was even on time for the game last week - shock horror !! Keep up the good work Keith and make sure you are ok for the finals.

Steve McEntee

Steve is the centre forward and is certainly the pivotal forward. The team can trust that if the ball can get to Steve, his quickness and reflex touch, together with a powerful hit usually results in a goal or a bruised opponent. On his day he is unstoppable and makes goal scoring look easy. Steve manages to elude his close marking opponent and gain the open space so an inner forward or half back with a quick pass will find him. His call and demand, "PASS ME THE BALL" is stridently clear and certainly you are quietly informed of missed opportunities. Everyone knows Steve: he is our club's major sponsor, a very important member of our team. He is a one man goal scoring machine who worries the life out of every Goalie he faces. Some push and shove him out of the way even before he touches the ball. Some have nicked named him "the Seagull" for swooping on every loose ball that comes inside the circle.

Thanks to Lynda for being our No1 supporter. A Great Striker!!!

Veterans 4 - Men

Roger (notta another goal) Nottage

Roger has been placed at right wing because of his lightning speed and aggressive pursuit of goals. His quiet unassuming nature transforms into a tenacious driven compulsion to score goals as soon as the first whistle is blown. Roger's ability to convert a loose ball or deflection when in the "D" is legendary. There is a strong rumour that MGM intend to make a movie about his hockey finesse calling it "Nottage Skill".

Wayne Hudson

Wayne has been excellent in goals this year, and thanks also to the team's junior number 1 supporter (Paige) who gives her Dad support every week. Wayne's eye for the ball is fantastic. It is amazing to watch him on Thursday nights having a run in the field as not many get past him there either. Thanks Wayne from the team.

Bruce Porter

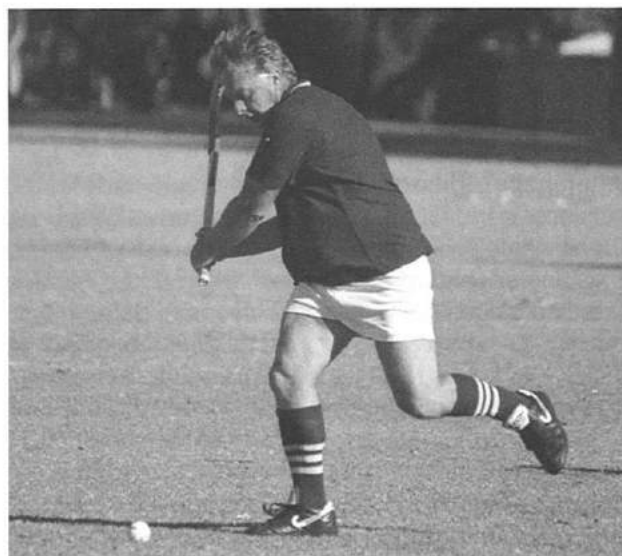
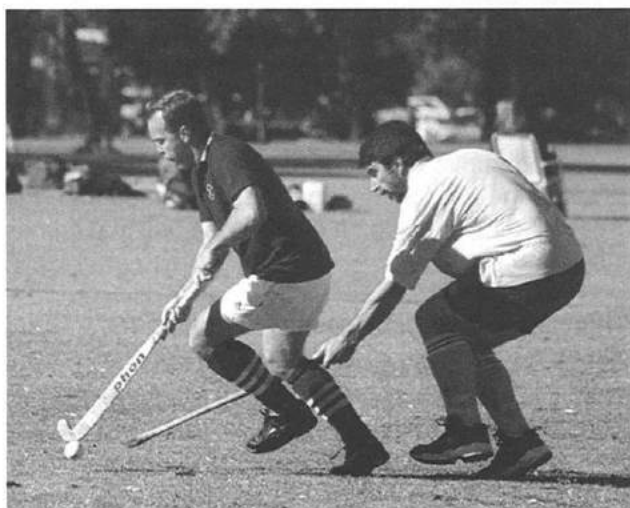
Bruce played in the forward line this year with an occasional stint at half back. At times he was given the task to "mark that man". Bruce always gave his all and never stopped running whether it was carrying the ball or back tackling. When tackled by Bruce, the opposition stayed tackled.

David Porter

Our Captain for the year who runs hard, plays hard and inspires with his skill and as a leader of the team. Never short on giving advice to team members, umpires, opposition players and even spectators. Made an impact both on and off the field.

Peter Dawkins

Pete the gentle giant in disguise. Highly skilled in the field whether defending or attacking. A total pleasure to have in the team. Thanks for your season and your friendship. See ya next season.



Norm Hoskins

Stormin' Normin' is best known for his strong clearing hits from defence and also for his short corner hits. Ever reliable and never gives up.

John Smith

Manager/forward is part of the machinery that has ensured this team consistently has 12 to 13 players every week. A hard working quiet achiever with absolutely deadly ball skills in the circle. A pleasure to play on the same side as John.

Steve Cooper

Welcome addition to the team and the club. Reliable half back (Silver Fox) who allows opposing forwards very little latitude. Not permitted to play in the forward line as our other Steve (The Seagull McEntee) has territorial control.

Rob Knyn

A determined, skilful inner with a hunger for goals. After a delayed start due to injury, Rob resumed his role as a key part of the side's goal scoring engine room. Expert at close-in, first-touch hockey, Rob continues to confound opposition full backs and show deadly skills close to goal. Vocal in his involvement in the game, he can be relied on to provide warnings of incoming tackles or options to team members under pressure. A valued member of a successful team.

We have used 21 players this year. Thanks to Steve Smith, Neil Ashley, Bruce Cadd, Ken Woollams, Mouse Lyons, Gary Bowater and Graham Coleman for helping us in some games to make up a team.

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Over 50 Division 2 - Men

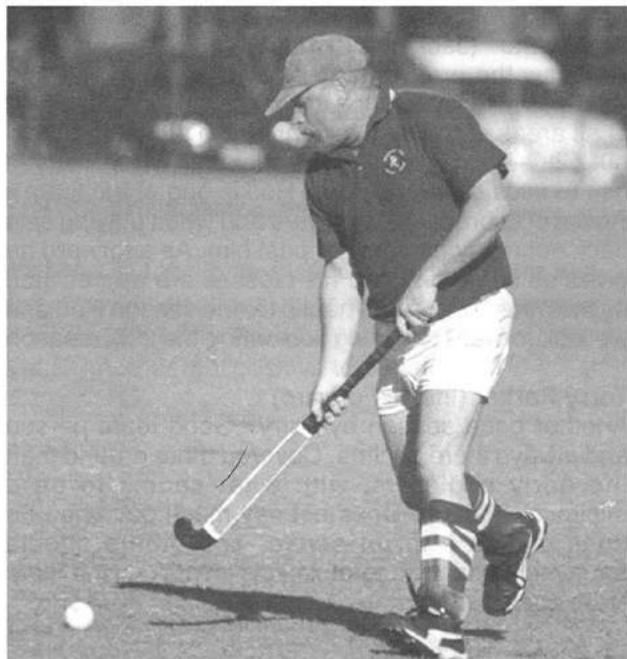
The team had another successful year continuing us completing the season in the four. I think we have been in the four for all the 5 years or more we have played Over 50's. Well done all. But it doesn't happen without help from many including our supporters, regular or visitors, and our fill-in players. This year we would like to thank **Johnno Orr** for the games he played with us including the Challenge Cup, **Steve McEntee** who the team's "seagulls" learnt from, **Stuart Meredith** who is now treating his own strained hammy and last and definitely not least **Neil Ashley**. We look forward to next year when we may see another 50's team enter this part of the Vets competition but hands off these stalwarts as they are already signed up to one team.

Tony Illman (Inside Forward)

Tony was one of our hard working forwards this year. On most occasions he fulfilled the role of right inner and did so extremely well. He was also one of the "few" who actually turned up for training on Thursday nights. For an "older person" he always displayed an enormous amount of energy and was renowned for relentlessly harassing the opposition until he had possession of the ball. Tony has played consistently and his skills have contributed to many of our goals this year. Well done Tony!

Kingsley McGuire (Full Back)

Kingsley is like the Rock of Gibraltar at left full back. He has excellent anticipation and opposition forwards find it difficult to pass his solid frame. Always talking to team members during play to help with positioning when defending free hits. Always gives 100%, and has many constructive comments for the team at half time.



Neil McPhail (Half Back)

Another great year for Neil at centre-half where he plays when his legs allow him to keep running. He is still managing to sneak in the odd surf on the mornings prior to the match but the water seems to get colder and less inviting as years go by. Neil has set up some great plays this season and can always be relied upon to put in a good effort even when he is carrying an injury.

Rob Walker (Full back/Half back)

Rob took on the role of manager and coach this season. He combined this well with his play at either half back or full back. Possessing a keen eye and a strong hit, Rob positions himself well to intercept opposition attacking moves. Always calm under pressure, Rob has never been seen to rush or panic. His deftly delivered half time addresses kept us on track for the second half of each match.

Syd Wilson (Halfback)

Syd is the team captain and a stalwart one at that. We look forward to his views at half time and after the full time whistle. Brings several regular supporters with him in David and the ball chewing Ruby. We rely heavily on his skills and not many forwards get past him. When called upon he took on the role of centre half with devastating effect and when he did not play we missed him greatly. A few players have felt that stinging voice on the field at times but we know when we get back to the rooms for a beer all is forgotten. Thanks for the support and a great season and we look forward to seeing you next season

Ken Woollams (Forward/Halfback)

Ken has played most of the season at Left Wing and sometimes at Right Wing or Half Back. He is always reliable and gives his best each week. He has been very effective at the short corner hit outs and has been responsible for several goals from short corners. He has also scored a few goals from the seagull position, not to mention a few misses!! He has a naturally competitive spirit and loves to have a crack at the opposition. Well played Ken. We look forward to another successful season with the geriatrics.

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Terry Hudson (*Huddo*) (halfback/wing/goalie)

One of our reliable multi-skilled players adapted to most positions. Even had a dash at goalie when our regular piked out and acquitted himself well. Had a spell this year to go on a car bash to Broome and the surrounding countryside. Well done, Terry. Presented himself on many club social events as a good clubman. A good season by Terry and a pleasure to play in the same side. Still likes the occasional sausage sizzle and drop of "anything".

Dennis Bawden (aka *Seagull #1*) Right or Left Wing (Seagulls are quick little scavenger sea bird blighters who, when at the beach, can zoom in on a dropped chip and be gone with it before you can blink an eye.) So too is Dennis a seagull. In collusion with our other couple of team seagulls, they pounce on any loose balls and have it in the net before the opposition realises where the ball is. Dennis has had a good year, he has worked hard and tirelessly to deliver the ball forward, deep into the attacking half and then swoop in on the available "chips". Dennis's pace is also a benefit allowing him to run off the opposition backs in his endeavours. Well played in 2002 Dennis, hope you are there in 2003.

(On good authority and according to the 2002 Ornithologists Almanac, 2003 is predicted as being "The Year Of The Seagull")

Bruce Cadd (aka *Seagull #2*) (Right & Left Winger) See Dennis Bawden for details on seagulls. Also Bruce has been looking for an engineering company to make him a portable bench to hang behind the goals just in case, although Chris reckons he should have some say on the matter. Bruce's year has been a successful one and we are happy to have him scoring goals for the team. A work induced injury caused him to miss a few games and we feel in 2003 he will need to get the priorities right. Thanks Bruce for the hard work and successful season we hope you are back next year because we are told it will be "The Year of the Seagulls".

Chris Potter (Goalie)

Our goalie extraordinaire, another year rock solid in defence as always. Great eye and good positioning. Decides which way we will start the game on highly technical grounds – which end will be closest to the bar at the end of the game. "You're in charge of the circle" Kingsley called, "Yell 'MINE!' when you're coming through." Chris gave it a go and startled the side so much that he was collected by friendly fire and has been out of action for a few games towards the end of the season.

Ian Knight (*Knightsy*) (Full Back)

Solid as a rock, always reliable, definitely a team man. Unfortunately his motorbike (a Harley in disguise) did not get him to the game on time. Another solid year and hopefully will be there for 2003.



Ian Lyon (*Mouse*) (Centre Forward)

"Mouse" is the Club's oldest playing member and our leading goal scorer playing at centre forward. Has scored some absolutely brilliant goals. Usually a calm, gentle person except when opposition sides make the mistake of calling him names. Such bad sportsmanship usually comes back to bite and it did: just ask Wolves. A very dependable "go to" player when the game needs to be one. We look forward to you fronting next year and thanks for a great 2002 season.

Kashu Nair (Halfback)

Kashu was a late starter, ie the last 5 games of the last round but even after the long break showed he had not lost his skills. Many a forward thought they were past him only to find the ball missing from their stick. His presence on and off the field was most appreciated and we look forward to him returning to the team for next season and the summer sevens.

Rod Wake (Jack of All Trades)

Rod saw the error of his ways, returned to WA and joined us midway through the season. Rod has played in all areas of the field except goalie although he did put Chris through some "friendly fire" which caused him to miss several games. Rod is one of the team's Rocks of Gibraltar type players and when playing as a back not many players get past him. As a forward he gives us some bite and his crosses are appreciated by the other forwards. Thanks for the season Rod and we look forward to seeing you during the 2003 season

Terry Parker (Inside Forward)

Another good season by Terry. Good team person and always there on time. Covered more ground than the early explorers, with what seems to be a minimum of effort. Does not say much but when he does makes a lot of sense, and others should listen more often. Congratulations on making the State team again.

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JAMES WELTEN: Another successful year from our talented Goal Keeper. Always talking up the team. James is involved in the game at all times. A great addition to senior ranks!

RORY READ: What a stalwart in defence! Showed himself to be Mr. Reliable again, frequently helping turn defence into attack. A real leader!

DAN SCOTT: The other side of the fullback line. Equally reliable and talented, Dan showed his great skill level again and again. A cool and mature head on his shoulders.

KEIRAN NETTLETON: Keiran was our third fullback throughout the year. I know he learnt plenty with his time on field, to put him in good stead as a mainstay next year.

BEN NOBLE: Joined our ranks this year and was immediately accepted by the team – both on and off the field. A very talented player who will be eagerly sought by senior teams.

DAVID ORR: David's development this year has been very pleasing to everyone. His cool head on the field, combined with natural talent and desire to succeed, has seen him amongst our best players time and time again. Great year Dave!

BEN MEACOCK: Dropped back to right half from forward early in the year and achieved huge success at this position. His ability to drive forward, combined with his defensive skills, made him a key player all year!

ADAM HALLIDAY: Adam used his great turn of pace on the left wing to drive forward time and again into deep attack. His great speed and skill to control the ball at full pace was a real asset.

EVAN KELLY: Evan played at either centre half or left inner. His continual huge work rate, great skill and cool "Hockey Brain" was a real plus for the team all year. Another real positive to our seniors!

RHYS HYATT: Another talented individual who will run all day, and still not be tired! Rhys showed himself to have a very mature approach to his training and game play, and his high skill level has been a reflection of his approach to his sport.

CHRIS LOVERIDGE: Chris has worked successfully at both wing and centre forward at various times in the season. His desire to succeed and his enthusiasm have seen him worry opposition players all season with his penetrating drives forward.

ANTHONY RICCIARDONE: "Richie" has again shown the huge skill level he possesses throughout the season. His enormous work rate has seen him frequently exhausted at the end of a game! Also our resident Mr. Funny Guy and a pleasure to have around. Yet another huge plus for our seniors next year.

MICHAEL BENBOW: Mike's efforts on the right wing have been superb all year. Always willing to listen and run all day, his skills have seen him become a real asset to the forward line. Well done Mike.

MATTHEW GEERS: Matt has always been an integral part of the team from the start of the year. His skill level and understanding have improved out of sight throughout the season, to the point where his contributions at right wing have been inspirational and invaluable! Poised to take seniors by storm!

CAMERON DIXON: Cameron's drive, skills and aggression to seize control of the ball have been a huge plus for the team all year. Good year Cam!

BRETT MARTYN (COACH): Brett has been a hard task master at training, skilful tactician during game play and friend to all in the team. He has earned the respect of all players for his knowledge, skill and approach to team members. A huge thank you from all the team, their parents and the club in general, Brett.

PAUL MEACOCK (ASST. COACH): The quiet achiever, Paul was always there to support Brett in his coaching role and the team in general. His great knowledge of the game was an invaluable resource to all of us. Thanks Whip!

DAVID HALLIDAY: The old guy who tried every week to get the sack as team manager, but never managed to achieve it! I enjoyed the company of all the guys in the team and that of the loyal band of parents/supporters who followed it. Thanks for a great season everyone!

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Jessica Bond has been the stalwart in the back line. An aggressive full back who seems to hold it all together when the wheels are starting to fall off, Jess's leadership qualities really started to come through this year. Jess is also one of the fun members of the team and at times had her team mates in fits of laughter. This is her last year in juniors and we really look forward to seeing her in seniors next year.

Tara Bowater is a tenacious and skilful player who plays both full back and centre half back. She may be small but everybody knows she is out there and she has made her mark as one of the backbone members of the team. Some of her long runs and skilful tackles have kept us in the game many times. Tara loves her team and like the other members enjoys the fun side and camaraderie the girls share. Tara will be playing in the Under 17 girls team again next year, a little older and a little wiser.

Heather Cooper is a natural athlete. She has played several positions, mainly in the forward line. That is inside, wing and centre forward. Her speed, long reach and tenacity allow her to win many contests on game day. Heather will move into a position and, as a true team player, give that task everything she has got; so much so that the team gets a lift from her drive. Heather is also one of our Under 17's who will be going to seniors next year. We wish Heather all the best for next year and give the seniors notice: watch for Heather coming through.

Kumi Ellis had her first year playing hockey this year. What a year it has been for Kumi. She settled into the left half back position very nicely thank you. Her natural athleticism came through and she was soon recognised as one of the fastest runners on the team. Kumi always gives one hundred per cent and she is a real team player. Her tenacious ability has saved the team many times. We look forward to seeing Kumi back in the Under 17s again next year.

Lauren Ferguson has been playing hockey for a while and this year it showed. As one of the senior players she led by example and played both centre half back and full back. Each game Lauren's ability came through as she directed play and set the team rolling forward once again. Lauren is a talented player who will be much appreciated when she moves to seniors next year.

Stephanie Hancock came back to the team just in the nick of time. Steph plays as centre forward and sometimes on the wing. Her "get in there and make it happen" approach is great to watch. Each week Stephanie's skills improve and she seems sometimes to just breeze by the opposition. Stephanie has a good future in this game and we look forward to watching her develop into a top player of the future. She is a team player and like so many on this team always

gives one hundred per cent. We look forward to seeing Stephanie back in the team next year.

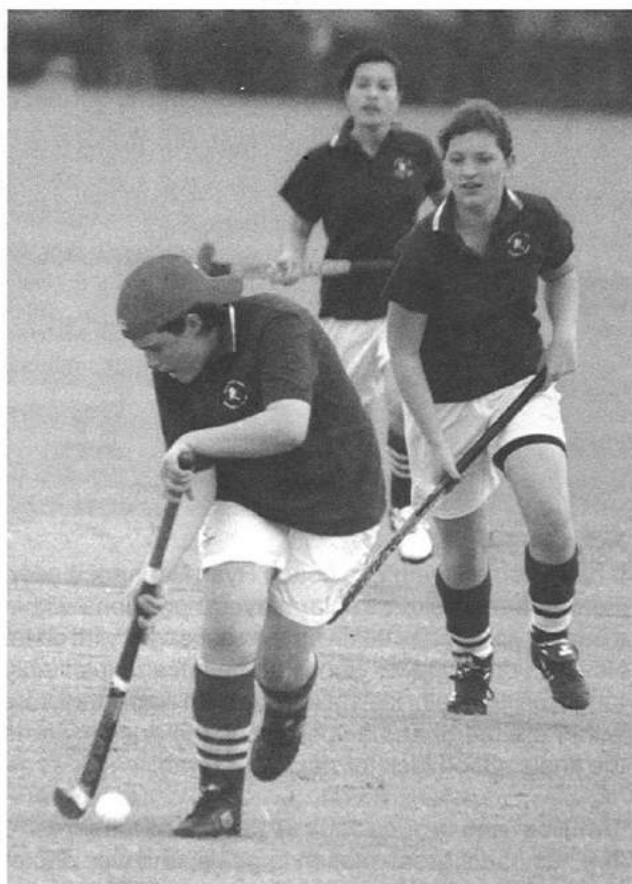
Taryn Jackson is also new to the team and the club. She brings skill and a natural zeal to the game. Taryn is developing into a specialist winger and is always willing to try something new. She has scored some fine goals during the season by not only hard work but by studying the game and working out the best play. We really look forward to Taryn developing her game and watch this spot for the future because Taryn has the ability to make this position her signature. We look forward to Taryn coming back into the Under 17s team next year.



Sarah McIntyre the retired centre forward and new star inside left or right is a dynamo in the forward line. I don't think we have seen somebody who truly wants the ball every time and is prepared to fight to the end to get it. Sarah has scored some wonderful goals during the season and gives a drive in the forward line that literally makes the opposition worry how they will handle this person who is skilful and just won't give in. It has been a pleasure watching Sarah develop her game over the season. We look forward to seeing Sarah again in the Under 17s next year.

Niki Morris is not only a newcomer to the team but also the club. She played on the field to start with and when volunteers were asked for a goalie, stepped up and said she would like to give it a go. Well, were we surprised. She turned out to be a natural. This normally quiet girl off the field is equal to any seasoned goalie in her grade. Niki saved many goal attempts over the

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year and it was a pleasure to watch her develop her game and into the season she was shutting down many a forward move that normally would have been a certain goal. Niki is also moving to seniors next year and we look forward to her developing her game to even higher levels in the future.

Raylene Robinson played the season as right half back. She has specialised in this position to such a point where a winger doesn't have a chance. Many times when things have broken down Raylene has read the play right, made the save and given a ball out of deep defence that would make a Hockeyroo proud. It has been really pleasing to watch Raylene develop into such a fine player and further develop her skills into becoming an attacking half back. Raylene has great team spirit and really enjoys her team. We look forward to seeing Raylene again in the U17s next year.

Shani Sperinck is also new to the team. She started off playing half back. After constantly asking if she could play inside and with her typical tenacious attitude she fought for her position and every week works so hard and has not only her position but also the respect of many an opposition team. Inside is a hard position and Shani plays it well. I look forward to seeing Shani develop her game and watch her tactical approach also develop in the future. We look forward to seeing Shani in the Under 17s next year.

Kimberly Welten is one of the younger members of the team. She has been playing as a specialist left wing. What a position this has been for her. She studies and watches the game to where she now knows the exact correct position to be in to score a goal. Kimberly is our leading goal scorer. She has come on the team as a junior member and developed into a fine player and made her contribution very significant to the team. Kimberly is a fun person who sometimes has the team in fits of laughter which helps add a fun dimension to the team. We look forward to seeing Kimberly in the Under 17s next year.

Gary Bowater Our girls were fortunate to avail the experienced coaching skills of Gary Bowater for the 2002 season. Gary, on reflection, could have wondered just how and whom (U17's had a handful of dedicated players left from last season) he was going to coach. After a great deal of wheeling and dealing by Gary, he had his team of young ladies together. The Girls, (known to the parent support group as the "morning tea/ let's do lunch" girls) started their campaign fairly shakily. However, under Gary's patient and dedicated nurturing, the girls evolved into a very formidable and skilful hockey team. Their all round team work and position play is a delight to watch, and the girls, we know, are very aware that all their success this season is due to the hard work by Gary, who has seen them into the finals, this being the first time for many of these young ladies, as some of his team are still only 15 year olds. Thanks Gary.

Sue Cooper was our team manager all season. We had an uphill battle getting a team in the beginning. After this Sue had to turn her attention to getting us organised and even harder keeping us on track during the year. Without Sue this team would not have been there and with her guidance and organising skills made us a complete and professional unit. We all thank Sue for being the best manager we could have. We also understand she is an email and internet wiz now. Thanks Sue.

We had the **best parents** with us on the side lines all year. Never criticising, always cheering their daughters and team on in a positive fashion. This is an important part of the team and the girls can be proud of their parents being with them during the wins and losses. We had a lot of laughs. Well done everyone.

A **special thanks** to the State 3 Ladies members, Carolyn, Natalie and Nadia for coaching while the regular coach was working away. You gave the girls good tips and presented a great role model for young women in Melville City Hockey Club. Also a special thanks to Leo Welten and Nicola Bond for umpiring during the season. You made a level playing field for us.

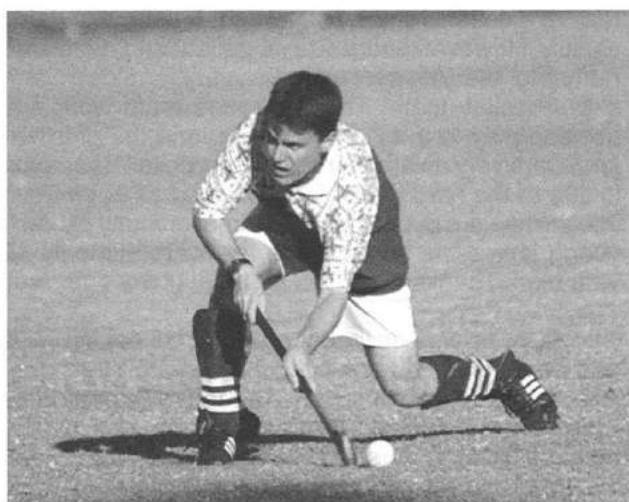
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Eric Cheung

It has been a pleasure to coach and to watch Eric improve through the year. With an enormous desire to learn and to develop new skills he has shown potential to play great hockey in the future. As the year has progressed Eric has grown in confidence and his stick skills have left the biggest of defenders tangled in his wake.

Reece Crake

Reece has played a solid year at Left Halfback and has worked hard to improve his game and to strengthen his skills. He has a good solid hit which has helped through the year to alleviate any defensive pressure, and to pinpoint our forwards up front. He is a good young player that plays the game in good spirit and always gives his all.

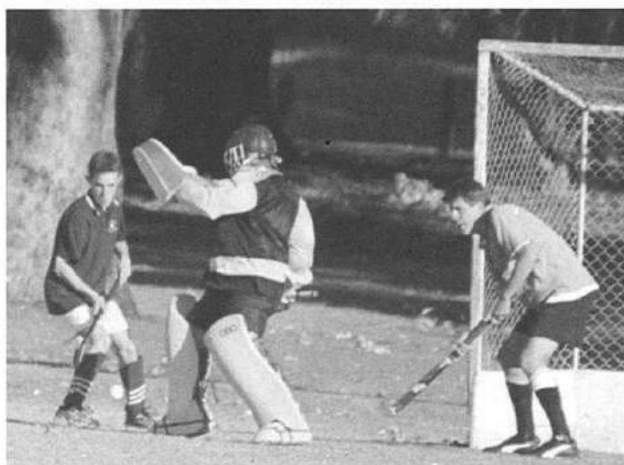


Russell Davies

Russell is a young player with a bright future. He has controlled the right-hand side of the field and allowed minimal opportunities for the opposition. With a great hockey mind and a strong tackle, I predict Russell to be playing top grade hockey for Melville in the years to come. I look forward to watching his development.

Cameron Dixon

We have been extremely fortunate to have Cameron playing for us on the weekends. Clearly a talented player with a lot of skill, Cameron on numerous occasions has destroyed defensive lines and scored hat-tricks with ease. His poise on the field has provided an example to the others.



Ryan Fuller

It has been enjoyable to coach Ryan during the year. He has been asked to play several positions within the team and he has taken up the challenges with ease. He is a young player who is sometimes unjustifiably tough on himself. He has played an important role within the team, and helped focus the guys towards the finals. Good luck for next year Ryan.

Tim Heavens

Tim has had a great season in goals, and was one of the close contenders for the 'Fairest and Best' trophy. His determination to motivate the team has helped lead the players into the finals. With another season in U17's, Tim has a bright future at Melville.

Frank Padovan

Frank's tenacity and will to control the game has played an important role in the team's improvement over the year. He is a young player with a lot of skill, a good mind for hockey and a strong desire to succeed. Frank will move into seniors next year and is another one of the players I see having a successful transition into the senior grade.



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Kendrick Pool

As the cornerstone of the team, Kendrick's strength over the ball and presence on the field, has played a vital role in the team's success. He has been a reliable player during the season, and as he moves into seniors he will be a great asset to any team.

Tim Priest

Playing out on the left, Tim has been a valuable player to the team. Building on this year's experience, Tim has the ability to play a solid and skilful game. I look forward to following his development.

Blake Tindale

A player with tremendous stick skill, Blake has fitted well into the team. Playing as right wing, he has connected well with Eric to control the right side. With a lot of potential and through building on this year, Blake has the natural ability to play exciting hockey.



Brendan Toomey

Brendan has had a good season and has been one of the players that have improved rapidly. A quiet approach and calm nature, Brendan's work ethic and back tackling has been a highlight. All the best for next year.

Trent Van Beem

Trent has been a solid player controlling our defensive line and passing well to the forwards. He is a tall player with a great reach, which will prove a real asset in the future. Good luck Trent.

Coaches: Clint Dymond and Todd Barrett

Under 15 Boys

Under 15B team

The highlight for this team this year was the half a dozen games on artificial turf, often on Friday night. The boys coped well with these new conditions and played some of their best hockey on this surface. Although we struggled in this grade, there were some fine individual efforts and the morale of the team remained high to the end. A number of draws early in the season were the highlights.

Under 15C team

This team was amongst the most successful junior teams in the club. At the time of writing they were in the final four with a good chance in the finals. The team was very flexible in formation with a changed line up nearly every match. With only 21 players to choose from in our Under 15 squad, there were new faces every game. Thanks to Mr. Greenacre for managing the side and to Hamish West for coaching.

Chris Cooper

Chris played on the left side for the 15B team. A reliable halfback, he enjoyed occasional forays into the forward line at left wing. His hits are improving, particularly when he has time to get into a good position.

Kieran Drew

A very reliable full back in the 15B team, Kieran enjoyed a successful season. He made every effort to attend training in spite of the clash with school training. His thoughtful free hits often launched an attack.

Rick Francis

Another fullback, Rick enjoyed a successful year with the 15C side. He formed a good combination with Jonathon in the defence. He is trying hard to develop an effective free hit. Perhaps a short pass is sometimes an option.

Josh Gardner

Josh played on the left wing for the 15C's. His anticipation of the development of a forward move meant that he was in good position close to the goals should the need arise. He scored a fine goal towards the end of the season this way.



Peter Gell

Until he was injured Peter played in the inside left position for the 15B's. His hard running saw him cover a lot of the field and he was able to help the defence on many occasions. The team appreciated his cheerful nature.

Jonathon Greenacre

Jonathon formed part of a good 15C defence with Rick and they repelled many attacks. He is developing the ability to communicate with his teammates to coordinate the defence and to warn of a threat.

Dylan Hadley

Dylan was one of those players to whom the club is indebted. He played for both the teams depending on the need. His vigorous play inspired his teammates to try that bit harder.

Josh Harmon

Josh played in a variety of defensive positions in the 15B team. His vigorous play was a feature. With maturity, he will time his tackles better to minimise the free hits given away.

Jonathon Higgins

Jonathon's season in the 15C's was interrupted by injury. However, he bounced back to play some important games. He always tried hard to put Hamish's suggestions into practice.

James Kenny

James brought a lot of good humour to the 15C side who were left wondering about his real hair colour. His willingness to play in goals was a bonus and brought him a great deal of satisfaction.

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Sam Kenny

Sam was an important member of the 15B side. His powerful runs from fullback set an example in determination to the rest of the team. His strong free hits were very effective, particularly when they were away from the opposition in the centre.

Chris Lees

Chris had a quiet but effective year on the right side of the field for the 15B's. He is growing in confidence to take on a defender and when he strengthens his play when in possession, will be a fine player.

Glen McGrath

Glen played in the centre of the forward line for the 15B team and although a bit disillusioned with the lack of success, worked hard on getting a shot at goal under pressure.

Alex Obiri-Boateng

Alex is a much stronger player this year and when he gets "hungry" and refuses to give up the ball, he will become even more effective. Uses his speed to advantage.

Erica Remedios

In spite of being the only girl in the team, Erica seemed to have an enjoyable season playing for both teams. More recently she has developed into a good player in the important centre half position.

William Remedios

The friendly rivalry with his sister was a source of amusement at practice where he was a regular and enthusiastic participant. He uses his natural speed well and when he plays his position, his teammates are able to bring him into the game.

Kieran Sanders

Kieran captained the 15B team where he played an important role in the pivotal centre half position. His distribution and anticipation were very effective in switching play away from the opposition. As he moves up the grades, he is aware that he needs to be 'stronger on the ball'.

Rhys Spedding

Rhys kept the 15B's in many games with excellent goal keeping. He trained hard during the year, which was a big factor in his success. He communicated effectively with the defenders in the circle and marshalled those players well.

Chris Tate

Chris was one of the leading goal scorers in the 15C's from the centre forward position. As he develops more consistency in his game he will become an important player of the future.

David Wake

David probably demonstrated the greatest improvement through the year. He concentrated on developing a firm pass into the circle from right wing. Although he didn't get many chances, he made the most of them.

Matthew Wake

Matthew made a big contribution to the junior section of the club by being prepared to play in both teams. Generally playing in half back position, his eccentric sense of humour meant that he had a lot of fun through hockey.

Robert Wake

Robert is one of the most experienced players in the squad and he made use of that to offer constructive suggestions to his team when appropriate. He played in the right inner position and developed some good set plays in conjunction with Kieran Sanders.



Under 13B Girls

A good, strong season for the U13B girls. Nicola Ogden took over the reins as coach, ably assisted by Laura Brickhill as Manager. Most of the girls moved up from U11's together, so as a relatively young side, the team showed good skills and teamwork to finish in the top three.

The close relationship between the girls was reflected in their teamwork and their willingness to pass the ball around. They played respectable hockey all season – well done girls! Thanks also to our umpires, Rhys Spedding and Keiran Sanders and to our loyal parents, for their support throughout the year.

Mai Barnes - Right Inner.

Mai is a fast and aggressive attacking player who manages to cover a lot of ground during the game. Her speed and “never-give-up” attitude make her a huge asset to the team, especially considering she's still eligible to play U11's!

Ashleigh Brickhill - Left Inner.

Ashleigh has great strengths in linking with the other forwards and setting up attacks on goal, even scoring a few herself. She has developed her stick skills quite a lot this year and has become a lot stronger over the ball. Ashleigh has had to run a great deal this season and is also very good at getting back to help out the defenders.

Sheridan Gore - Fullback.

A strong defender with a big hit, Sheridan has had a very good year as fullback. Her tackling has become a lot stronger and she has great clearance of the ball from our defensive area – always “wide and to the side.” Well done Sheridan!

Jaime Greenacre - Right Half.

Jaime is a workaholic defender with strong ball skills and a magnificent hit. Jaime always chases the ball, tackles hard and never gives up. She has had a terrific season and worked very hard all year – excellent work!

Jaimee Hadley

Started the season as fullback but has responded to the challenge and played in a number of positions. Strong in defence with a good hit, JJ has also shown potential in the forward line.

Katherine Hall - Right Wing.

Katherine has scored quite a few goals this season, by staying high and wide – excellent traits for a wing player. She makes space for others to get the ball through to her and is very strong in the “D” – always attacking the ball.

Vanessa Martin - Left Wing.

Vanessa has developed her skills quite a lot this year. She has grown in confidence and ability to become a strong player. Always very encouraging to her teammates and a positive influence on us all. Vanessa even came to support our games when she couldn't play due to a broken arm early in the season – now that does show great team spirit!

Lalitha Menon - Full Back.

Lalitha has developed her strengths as fullback this year, tackling well and running the ball out of our defensive area. She has gained confidence in her abilities, which has also helped to increase her skills.

Caitlyn Ogden - Goalkeeper.

Cait “O” has again shown her strength in the goal position. Strong and aggressive in her “D”, with a huge clearing kick, Caitlyn has defeated many attacks on goal and taught the opposition to respect our last line of defence.

Ellen Oosterbaan - Centre/Left Half.

Ellen has proven herself to be a versatile player this year, switching between left and centre half. On the left, she has proven to be a strong defender who tackles hard. In the centre she has shown aptitude for redirecting the play and has been able to switch the ball from side to side. Our most vocal team encourager!

Dayna Osborne - Left Half.

New to the game this year, Dayna has become a strong defender, tackling hard and putting her new skills to good use. As her experience grows, she will become even stronger.

Alexandra Pervan

Alex spent the first half of the season in Europe (lucky girl!) and has had to work hard to catch up. She has tried everything asked of her and done her best on the field. Although only her first year playing hockey, she has shown that she has a lot of potential. Good effort!

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Lauren Sims - Centre Half/Forward.

Lauren has settled in centre half again this year, with a few jaunts in the forward line. She has a long reach to trap the ball and to tackle with, and has been very good at providing a link between the mid-field and the forward line.

Caitlyn Surman - Centre Forward.

A strong centre forward with excellent ball skills and a very good understanding of the game. Caitlyn has worked consistently hard throughout the year, providing many scoring opportunities for the team.

Rhys Spedding/Keiran Sanders

Our two conscripted umpires from the U15 boys' team who have taken it in turns to show up on cold Saturday mornings and race up and down frosty fields directing the play. Both have increased their skills since the start of the season after doing the club's umpiring course, and have displayed confidence in their decision making and a good understanding of how to apply the rules to this age group. We couldn't have done it without you – thanks for your efforts!

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FROM THE BENCH

What a season of hockey! The players have moulded into a strong unit (TEAM) that has moments when you think "Where did they learn that move?" I think they are just enjoying the game so much that the good moves come automatically. We have had our successes and our failures but over all as a team, the boys have proven to those around them that they not only have the individual skills but the team spirit to enjoy themselves win, lose or draw. Good luck boys for your futures in hockey.

Leo Welten – Team Coach

FROM THE MANAGER

As BIG KEV would say "I am excited!" What a tremendous year the boys have had! Leo has developed the boys' skills, knowledge of the game, tactics and reinforced the importance of playing as a team. It is not easy being a coach trying to balance all things. Leo has always encouraged the boys in a positive way and on behalf of the parents, we thank you and wish you well in the future. From a personal point of view I have enjoyed working with Leo and the boys and thank all parents for their support during the year. I look forward to watching the boys develop as they move on to new challenges and wish them well.

George Popovic – Team Manager

MATTHEW BELL (Right Wing / Full Back)

"Bellie" has matured during the course of the season to become a valuable utility player prepared to play anywhere "on" the field. He is also the team Joker who is always at the centre of anything slightly distracting the attention of players being addressed by the "Grouch" - I mean the "Coach". Well done, Bellie.

CALLUM BINT (Centre Half / Inner)

Came into this team as an inner / half back and due to circumstance was placed into centre half as a trial and has now made it his own. He has taken firm control of the centre proceedings and is a very valued player. Great work Callum.

TORYN BURGESS (Inner / Half Back)

One of the younger players in the team, he has good all round ball control skills and a sound knowledge of the role he has to play. As he gets older and stronger he should improve his skills and become a more forceful player. Well done and good luck for the future.

NEIL FERGUSON (Right Half)

"Mr Consistent". Week in and week out, he always plays the game with strength and confidence. He possesses great ball control skills and his knowledge of the game is very high. He is a pleasure to have in our team.

CARL HARPER (Inner / Half Back)

Aside from time out due to injuries, this year Carl has stepped up a pace and proven his worth as a skilled and capable inner / half back. With just a little more self-confidence and determination Carl will stamp his mark as a strong and reliable forward.

CHRIS MORRISON (Fullback / Centre Half)

Chris has gone from strength to strength both on and off the field. He displays good leadership in both hockey skills and in assisting in co-ordination of training drills. A strong team player who has developed into a very mature young man. As fullback, Chris dominates backline defence, repelling many advances through his calm and calculated manoeuvres.

RYAN OLIVER (Right Wing)

Ryan not only reads the play well, he also has very good skills close in to goals, which generally allows him to be in the right place at the right time to score goals. In an effort to gain him more field time, we agreed to move him around the field more and with time, he will further develop skills to enhance his game.

HAYDEN POPOVIC (Right Winger)

"The Goal Sneak". Terrier-like and tenacious in his approach to his game, Hayden has developed steadily through the season and displays good ball control skills that with further coaching and encouragement will see him improve even more. Needs to get hungry for the ball.

TRISTAN RYAN (Goalkeeper)

Our on field successes were greatly dependent upon Tristan's ability on occasions to single handedly repel strong attacking moves. He has matured during the season with assistance of one-on-one coaching to give him the confidence to take control of the circle. Great work, Tristan.

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MARCUS TOLEMAN (Centre Forward)

Marcus has demonstrated his strength and force play at times during the season. As he further develops his skills and confidence, he will develop into a hard hitting forward with the potential to score lots of goals.

CARL TULLOCH (Left Inner / Half Back)

'A little dynamo'. As the name implies, there is not much of him but what there is just never gives up chasing, tackling, supporting and scoring some very fine field goals. The smallest and youngest player on the team but with the biggest heart. With the right direction in the future, he should go a long way in hockey circles.

STUART TAYLOR (Centre Forward / Inner)

Like a shark at a feeding frenzy, Stewie is always looking for opportunities to score goals, sometimes running himself ragged and to the point of exhaustion. Coaching will direct his energy and enthusiasm to make him a real force in his goal scoring endeavours. He also draws other players into the game which helps to build a better team effort. Well done Stewie.

MITCHELL WELTEN (Left Half)

"The Tagger" displays fine ball control skills and an ability to run the ball wide out of defence and thus into attack. When asked to cover a particular player, he remains focused on his responsibilities and is a valued team member.

ADAM YEATES (Full Back)

Very dependable quiet achiever always there when needed. He has improved steadily over the season and promises to be a good reliable defender for years to come.

GEORGE POPOVIC (The Manager)

His enthusiastic and tireless efforts have made the whole experience for the U13B a memorable one for players, parents and the coach. Thanks for your organisational efforts for the Narrogin Carnival.

UMPIRES

Thanks go to Neil Taylor and Lou Bint for volunteering on the odd occasions. Great work done for a very thankless task.

PARENTS

Firstly, there would be no junior hockey if it were not for the parents commitment to get them there and once there to also support and encourage the team, the manager, the coach and last but not least "The Club". Special thanks goes to Roger Bell for taking on the roll of one-on-one goalie coach with Tristan Ryan.

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The start of the season almost mirror-imaged the Dockers and Eagles – losing one week, winning the next. But as the weeks went by and the players gained game experience and started to play more as a team and less as individuals, the whole team improved incredibly – making our team the most improved in the whole division. This improvement was particularly evident in the second half of the season, where we only lost one game and missed out on the finals by one point. Throughout the season, the team worked hard and enjoyed their game. What made it a particularly enjoyable experience for me as their coach, was that their teamwork was impeccable, they continued to improve each week – skill-wise, attitude-wise and hockey-knowledge wise, the sportsmanship they showed and the way they tried their best in every game. Well done, team, on a great season.

Alisia Harmon

Michael Ball (Goalie/Halfback)

Michael can play both of his positions very well. As a goalie, Michael wasn't scared to come out of the goals to take on an opposing attacker. As a defender, he knows when to lay on a hard tackle and to use his strong fast hitting ability to bring us back into attack. Michael was a very valuable member of our team and has a bright future in hockey ahead of him.

Cameron Barnes (Halfback/Forward)

Cameron has worked tirelessly all season. He has good stick work, can read the play well, knows what is required of him in any position that he plays and continuously encourages his teammates. Cameron has improved through the season and can be counted upon to carry out a role successfully under any circumstance. Well done on a great season Cameron.

Emma Biss (Left Inner/ Left halfback)

Emma played very hard every game. She is a tenacious player who can play both of her positions well. Emma has got a strong, accurate hit and will take on any player that comes her way and will generally win. Her will to attack the ball has also been a contributing factor in an overall successful season. Emma is a friendly girl and a team player. A fantastic effort this season, Emma. One can only hope to see you playing hockey in the future.

Jacinta Brooker (Left wing)

As Jacinta gained confidence in her skills, she was able to execute many tackles to win the ball, pass off to another player and then re-lead to receive the ball back. She was able to read the play well and knew when and where to lead. This in turn resulted in her scoring a few goals in the season. Her friendly and also at times cheeky nature, also added a little extra spice and quality in our team. Jacinta, feel proud of yourself, as you've had a great season in your first year of hockey.

Graydn Doak (Fullback/Inner)

Graydn came into our team part way through the season and quickly became one of the team. His quick but effective tackling ability and strong, long clearing hits often brought us out of defence and into attack. In attack, his quick pace, close stick skills and the ability to find gaps, makes him a valuable player to have up forward. Graydn has a great attitude towards hockey, which should be beneficial for him in the future.

Scott Geoghegan (Right Wing/Fullback)

Scott is both a key defender and forward and is able to play both roles brilliantly. He has an excellent tackle and good close stick skills which are complemented by his long accurate hitting, his ability to read the play and know what to do in any situation. He attacks the ball well and will re-tackle if he has lost possession. Scott is a talented young player who has the potential to go places in hockey. Congratulations on a great season Scott.

Lachlan King (Centre halfback)

Lachlan produced strong displays of hockey throughout the year. He is a good defensive midfielder, but can also get the ball into our attacking 25 quickly and effectively. Lachlan has matured greatly over the season, particularly in his attitude towards hockey and this resulted in him being able to read the play, make strong effective tackles and know where to put the ball after such an execution. He is a team player and will successfully carry out any role that is required. Great work this season Lachlan.

Alex MacPhail (Left Inner)

Alex has great pace which, combined with his ability to control the ball and pass it to a free teammate, has made him a valuable player. His ability to hit the ball fast and hard has enabled him to have a few goals to his name. His keen attitude to get the ball into our attacking circle has also set up many key plays and he knows where to position himself in the D to receive the ball or to get a deflection from the goalie. Alex also has good defensive skills that he uses to regain possession. A great effort this season Alex.

Tim Meiri (Wing/ Inner/ Halfback)

Tim plays hard every game and showed a great keenness to get in amongst the play. When under attack, Tim invariably won the 50/50 tackles and pushed forward into attack. He always has a positive outlook towards hockey and is eager to improve his skills. Tim is a persistent player and can execute his role in the team successfully. He gets along well with others and is a good team player. Well done Tim.

Emmett Pugh (Right Inner/ Centre forward)

Emmett's debut in hockey will be remembered for the relentless hard work that he produced each week to help the team. He was a vital player in the forward line and set up a number of goals through his hard hitting ability. His passion for running saw him go from

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one end of the field to the other effortlessly and often to the annoyance of the opposition. A tenacious player who fights for the ball, Emmett has got the ability to be a highly skilled player.

Murray Quakernaat (Fullback/ Halfback)

Murray always seems to be cool, calm and collected in any situation of a hockey game. He has a fatal tackle and can apply pressure on the opponents, frequently thwarting their efforts with clearing hits into our forward line. Murray is a reliable player and has a great sense of when to tackle a player. His ability to apply concepts and skills taught at training into the games makes Murray a pleasure to coach. A great season Murray.

Laurence Rushton (Fullback/ Half back)

Laurence's determination to win the ball accompanied by a strong tackle and his aggressive attitude towards any opposing player coming towards him has made Laurence a lethal and resilient fullback. He has a strong clearing hit and can successfully take on the opposition with his stick skills. If Laurence works on his running, it will open up the play for him and thus, will lead him to play to his full potential. Good work this year Laurence.

Jason Tate (Centre Forward)

Jason applies himself whole-heartedly in every game and when he has the opportunity to 'run' by himself, he capitalises on the chance. By the same token, Jason also knows when to distribute the ball to players in better positions to finish off the play. Jason works hard and has an enthusiastic approach to hockey. His friendly nature allows him to get along well with everyone. Jason was a very valuable player in our team and with his skills and hockey knowledge, he will be a flashing forward in future years. A great season J-man.

Sophie Williams (Right Halfback)

This year was also Sophie's first year of hockey and she continued to improve, both skill-wise and confidence-wise each week. She quickly learnt what her position entailed and carried out the task beautifully. Sophie has an infectious giggle and has a friendly, enthusiastic disposition. She is able to execute quick, hard tackles on the opposition and is a hard working, strong defender for the team. If Sophie continues with hockey, she should thrive in competition for Melville teams in the future years.

Chris Ball (Manager)

Chris was always willing to lend a helping hand in any way he possibly could, which, although not always 'taken up' on by the coach, was always appreciated. He offered his support to the team, coach and umpire and has great enthusiasm in relation to the development of the players and always offers his advice and point of view when asked. Thanks Chris, we have enjoyed having you as a manager immensely.

Mark Tate (Umpire)

Mark offered his talent of umpiring at the beginning of the season and he executed his role perfectly and with great authority. He often gave his worldly knowledge about hockey and other facts of life to both the coach and players, which was also appreciated. His charismatic and friendly personality was an added bonus to the package. Mark is a great asset to have in the Club and it has been great to have him as part of the team this season.

Simon Williams

Simon often helped out on Thursday night training which allowed the team to move through the drills quickly. At the games, Simon would position himself on the opposite side of the field to give encouragement and advice to the players who weren't on the side that the coach was and also gave valuable advice to both players and coach. Thank you for giving up your time and lending a hand at training. Both the players and coach are grateful to you.

Parents

The parents were a tremendous help to the team and coach as they offered their support to them. It was great to hear the parents shout encouraging words and I am sure that the players appreciated it as well. The parents also shared the job of bringing the oranges each week. Thank you very much for your efforts this season.

Ben and Ryan Rushton

Filled in as umpires when Mark was unavailable. Thank you for your time and effort, especially on the early morning games and the game where, unfortunately for Ben, it hailed and rained. Carrying out this role when needed was appreciated greatly by all.



Under 11B #1

Coach/Manager : Trevor Welsh
Assistant : Pat Hall
Umpires : Hans Geers, Eric Butler, et al
Parents : Patient, supportive, enthusiastic and persistent enough to be present for every game.

The TEAM:

Congratulations to the players. Collectively, it has been a learning experience with each and every game. Each of us has learnt what it means to be part of a unit. From defence to offence, I have been impressed with your ability to adapt and learn each facet of being part of the team. You having willingly accepted the shared time-off for the players, which may have meant we were undermanned but I stick with this policy of sharing 'on-field' playing time. Hopefully playing in the finals and upsetting the big name teams has been achieved. Thanks to the parents week in and out who have supported their child, the coaching staff and the club during 2002. This club is a family club and your child will learn good player /sportsmanship values by staying and developing within the Junior player network established as part of Melville City Hockey Club.

THE PLAYERS:

Brendan BUTLER:

The 'Terrier' as I named him. Brendan developed significantly as a graduate player. The majority of games he played as a winger. It is always difficult to play against boys who are much larger and ruthless at the ball but despite this Brendan managed to score against all odds in a big game situation. Well done and best wishes as you continue with the club.

Cameron FRANKLYN:

As a new player to the club and the game of hockey, Cameron has played the most of his games as a defender either as a half back or full-back. Teams have found it hard to get past 'Cam' as he attacks the ball and passes with strong pushes to players in better positions. Hope you can stay with us for a promising future Cam.



Nick GEERS:

As always Nick has been a stalwart in defence particularly as a half back. Shows strong initiative to attack the ball, stripping opposition players and distributing to players in a better position. A good team player. A very good season in 2002 .

Sam GEERS:

As an attacking forward and our most prolific goal scorer, Sam is not often troubled by opposition players or defences. Has the uncanny knack of being able to frequently find a way into the opposition 'D' and set up scoring options to his team-mates.

Tim GUPANIS:

As one of the younger players Tim always listens to advice and willingly attempts to do the team things. Good to see Tim score on some occasions. His pace and good stick control have helped the team.

Erin HALL:

As one of the senior players and most adaptable, Erin has been the most consistent and dependable player during the season. She is sure to be a welcome addition to the Women's teams within this club. Thanks for a great season amongst all these boys Erin. Well done.

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James HALL:

Welcome to the game of hockey James. As another of the newer players James has settled in to any role required. Has been at his tigerish best when running forward to take on opposition forwards. Hope you can come back and play again James.

Ross HALL:

As part of our smaller brigade, Ross has shown a liking for scoring goals. His ability to get in behind opposition defences and get his stick on the ball has been very good for the team. Ross is assured of a good future playing hockey.

David OGDEN:

A valuable member to this team and in any position. David has shown a strong liking to play forward scoring goals when needed and particularly as a half back or fullback where he does not like forwards even touching the ball. A strong team player who supports his teammates. An excellent season David, thanks.

Daniel SIMS:

Daniel has played a significant role throughout the season playing in a number of roles either as a forward or defender. His most memorable moment would be scoring the goal in that win against Old Aquinians late in the season. A good season Daniel. Well done



Nick TATE:

Nick came up from the Graduates programme and played a number of games at the end of the season to see what real game pressure was all about. A future star for this club who will need to be nurtured and encouraged, not snapped up by some poachers!

Damon WILKES:

A livewire athlete who shows outstanding ability to read the play and turn defence into attack. Has played his best games as a defender repelling opposition attacks. I hope you continue playing hockey, Damon, you are a valuable player.



Patrick WELSH:

Patrick has continued with the form required to be a valuable future player with this hockey club. Is dependable and reliable playing preferably as a forward where his power hitting converted scoring opportunities into goals. His sharing of the ball brings others into the game. Thanks for your efforts each week.

THE FINAL WORD:

I appreciate all the assistance and support offered by the parents who have willingly accepted me to develop their child's interest in hockey. Especially to the parents on Orange Duty, Hans, Pat and Alison, Eric who have done the extra duties to support the team. I wish to thank Geoff Ranford (Melville #2) who has ably mentored our work with all these boys and girls who have played in the U11's during 2002.



Under 11B #2

As a first time coach, I had great pleasure in watching all of the players in the team develop and improve their skills throughout the season. Although some of the team were playing hockey for the first time, some were following on from Minkey and some were seasoned Under 11 veterans, they all combined well together and achieved some excellent results. In the mid season Challenge Cup we pushed Old Aquinians all the way and were very unlucky to concede a goal in extra time and miss sharing the pennant by 60 seconds. As the finals approach the team looks like finishing in third place which is also a fantastic effort. I would like to say a special thanks to Ian Crosby for assisting with coaching on Thursdays and Saturdays and to Trevor Welsh for taking up the coaching of the other Under 11 team. Also thanks to my wife Tracey for assisting with Managing and to all the mums and dads who helped with umpiring and oranges. The season was a great team effort by all concerned.

Geoff Ranford

Stephen Hall

Stephen was our most consistent player for the season. Played most of the time at centre half where he was able to dominate most games through his excellent ground coverage and reading of the play. The hardest thing with Stephen was getting him to stay in position on the field as he was constantly saving us in deep defence and then a moment later, having a shot for goal at the other end. The future in hockey looks very bright for Stephen and he again should be a dominant player in Under 13's.



Chelle Williams

Chelle was our great improver for the season and was a pleasure to coach. She came up from minkey this year and at first found it difficult to get into the game. As the season went on, Chelle's confidence grew and she was soon setting an example for the team in hitting and tackling. Whether playing at half back or full back, she was able to make many saving tackles and stop opposing forwards in their tracks. Her hitting became a great asset and she was constantly able to get the ball up the field to our forwards. With experience, Chelle will be able to run the ball more and score goals herself. Well done Chelle.

Chris Crosby

What Chris may lack in size at the moment, he more than makes up for in skill and determination. He was often confronted throughout the season with much larger players who were often dazzled by the way Chris manoeuvred around them. Played equally well in defence and attack and scored some great goals for the team. Chris has a terrific attitude to his hockey and with increased wrist strength and size will develop into a very useful player.

Chane Van Der Merwe

One of the most tenacious players in the team and was rarely beaten in a one on one tackling situation. Chane's confidence grew as the season went on and she was always happy to play in any position asked of her. As with most players who step up from minkey, Chane had most difficulty positioning herself on the field. However, she was always willing to listen and by season end this had greatly improved. With more experience, Chane will be a great asset to any team. Well done Chane.

Sean Ranford

Last year Sean played mainly in the forward line and scored many good goals for the team. This year, as a senior member of the team, he was asked to become more of a playmaker in the midfield and this he did very well. Sean's ball skills are improving rapidly and he also has the ability to read the play and make an intelligent pass to his team mates. As he matures and becomes stronger in the wrists, Sean should develop into a key player for the club.



Under 11B #2

Blake Simms

Blake came to our team late in the season but proved to be a valuable acquisition. Probably played his best hockey at half back where he was able to thwart many opposition forwards and launch the ball into our forward line at the same time. Blake's application to his game is excellent and there is no reason why he cannot go a long way in hockey.

Kieren Brooker

The smiling assassin of our team. Kieren was new to the game this year but picked up the basics well throughout the season. Whether the team was up or down, Kieren always had a smile on his face and enjoyed his game. His tackling and positioning improved greatly in the second round and he became an effective half back and winger. Has the potential to be a very hard hitter and just needs to work on shortening the backswing and watching the ball. Keep at it Kieren.

Stephen Ranford

Stephen was eligible to play minkey again this year but made the big move and joined his brother in Under 11's. He has the size and strength to become a very tough reliable player and this will come with further experience. Always willing to share the ball and pass to his team mates, Stephen was often able to set up attacking moves for other players. There were glimpses of good stickwork throughout the season and this should further develop next season. Keep up the good work Stephen.

Alexander Wragg

AJ is a very versatile player and can play equally well at centre forward or full back. He played a classic game at full back in the Challenge Cup where he constantly beat the bigger Aquinas forwards. The opposition always had trouble reading AJ's hits as sometimes they were very hard and sometimes the ball didn't move at all. Scored some great goals during the season and his skills continue to improve. Remember to keep your hands apart when running with the ball AJ and you should have an excellent season in Under 13's next year.

Matthew Bowater

A real veteran of Under 11's, having played several seasons already, Mat was always able to produce the unexpected and he scored some memorable goals for the team, especially a gem in the Challenge Cup. When asked to play in defence Mat was rarely beaten and was able to use his solid hit to get the ball through to our forward line. Keep up your work rate in all positions on the field Mat and I would expect good things from you next year in Under 13's.

Joshua Kent

Josh continued to improve this year and he was a most reliable player. When asked to play half back, Josh stayed close to his opponent and made many tackles throughout the season. He was also extremely keen to push forward at any opportunity and there were several memorable runs down the field into attack. Work on your close in ball skills Josh and this will allow you to play more games in key forward positions in the future. Good luck in Under 13's.



Niall Sinnott

This was Niall's first year of hockey and I was impressed with his attitude and willingness to learn. Like most players, he has a burning desire to play in the forward line and he played many good games on the wing. He has the look of a left wing and at times was able to run the ball down the sideline and use his stick skill to get round players. When his hitting gets stronger Niall will be able to score more goals and also more effectively pass the ball across the field to his forwards. Keep up your keenness and efforts Niall and good luck next year.

Anna Crosby

Anna was our super sub for the season and played a handful of games when the team was short. Unfortunately Anna was not able to play full time due to other commitments but when she was available she was a very handy acquisition to the side. Anna shows a great tenacity for the ball and often beat larger more experienced players. I hope you can find a bit more time for hockey in the future. Thanks for your help Anna.

Scott Reeves

Scott only played the first few games of the season and then had to move interstate. Scott showed a real talent for the game and was able to create play with good passing. I am sure Scott is playing good hockey in his new home over east.