

# **Hockey Club's Quick Rise**

**A**PPLECROSS Men's Hockey Club has its sights trained on even greater success in the coming season.

It had an outstanding season last year, with three of the six teams winning premierships.

The club has expanded and will now field seven teams ranging from Reserve 1 grade to the newly formed under 13 grade.

The ambition in the future is to win the Reserve grade premiership—which would advance the club to A-grade ranking after only seven years in the association.

Intending members are invited to attend training at Tompkins Park on Thursday nights or Sunday mornings. Further particulars can be obtained from secretary David Spitteler (Telephone 64 3535).

# Five In Four

**A**FTER three fixtures, five of the Applecross Hockey Club's seven sides are holding positions in their respective top fours.

The Reserve-1 Grade (promoted from Reserve-3 last season) has scored convincing wins in two games.

Rock Robinson, one of the mainstays of the under-15 side last season, has vindicated the selectors' faith in promoting him to Reserve-1. He scored well for Applecross against Guildford on Saturday.

John Cole, who has returned to Applecross after four years with Perth, had already notched six goals this season.

Peter Biggins starred last Saturday with three goals.

Defenders Max Currell and Rod Dalton have been doing well, too.

This progress in the senior grade has been well supported by good form in the Under-18 and Under-13 Grades.

# Two Applecross Hockey Teams Winners

THE Applecross Hockey Club won two Challenge Cup matches when their R1 team defeated Old Modernians 1-0 and their Under-13 team defeated Fremantle 3-2.

The R1 team went into the game as favourites as they had defeated Old Modernians earlier in the season.

Peter Biggins scored the only goal of the match. Best players for Applecross were Ian Mathieson, Brian Spittle and Rick Robinson.

The Under-13 team went into the game as underdogs. They had been beaten by Fremantle earlier in the season and it seemed that their position as such was justified when Fremantle scored two quick goals.

However, they fought back and evened the score at two all. In an extra time period Applecross scored the winning goal and clinched victory.

Peter Walsh scored the three goals in the Under-13 match.

Their best players were P. Walsh, P. Shugg and J. Nelson.

# Applecross Hockey Club

25 Norton St,  
South Perth  
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Dear Sir,

In the June 29th issue of the Bulletin was a short thank you to the ballboys from the Applecross Hockey Club which was described as "up and coming." This reminded me that the Club had not previously had any publicity in the Bulletin and I enclose some notes on the Club which might be useful in compiling a short article under "Club Notes."

The Club was formed in 1956 by some members of the Kent St High School hockey fraternity who lived in the district and found travelling to training with South Perth or Y.M.C.A. a little tiresome. With three hockey players and 13, till then, non-players the Club was formed with one team in the Under 16s. Of the original 16 members only one, Rodney Dalton, has played with Applecross for the seven seasons the Club has been in existence. Three others, Brian Spitteler, John Cole and David Spitteler, have returned to strengthen this year's R3s with experience gained in the A3s and A2s with North Fremantle and Perth respectively. From fielding only one Junior team in 1956 the Club has grown till in 1963 it fields a Reserve 1, B2, C3, Under 18, 2 Under 15 and an Under 13 team. Six of the seven teams are holding places "in the four" in their respective grades and the R1 and Under 13 have already added Challenge Cups to the Club's growing tally of trophies. The top team, by the way, has been promoted in consecutive years from C3s to B2s to Reserve 3s to Reserve 1s, winning both Challenge Cups and Grand Final as well as leading the Points Table in each case. This year they have justified the grading committee's faith in promoting them two grades from Reserve 3 and are at present 5 points clear on their premiership table. Only a few more matches remain this season to decide whether we will be able to make the A3s for 1964. We are all very keen that this should happen and under the guidance of Don Spitteler the team is confident of "pulling it off."

Yours faithfully,

DAVE SPITTELER,  
Secretary,  
Applecross Hockey Club

# Hockey Club

## Wins 4, Loses 2

ON completion of matches last Saturday, the Applecross Men's Hockey Club's seven teams totalled up four wins, one draw and two losses between them.

For the third time in succession the A3s drew their game. Playing Old Modernians' No. 2 side, both teams scored one goal.

The team is now in fifth place on the Association table. Centre-half-back Greg Arnold won the umpires' vote for best player.

Other votes went to right-wing Kevin Shugg and right-fullback Kingsley McGuire who was playing only his third game for the team.

The side's equalising goal was scored by Gary Dienhoff.

The Under-13 No. 1 team completed the first round undefeated, when they beat the previously unbeaten Suburban No. 1 team by 6 goals to 2.

Also undefeated, the under-15 Division 1 team continued its winning run when it beat Graylands by 6 goals to nil.

The B 2's avenged their loss in the first round by defeating Old Aquinians by 2 goals to nil. They have moved into fifth position on the table.

The Under-15 Division 2 team won on a forfeit over Tuart Hill and retained their third position on the table.

Christ Church defeated the B4's by 5 goals to 2 and the Under-13 No. 2 team (nil) lost to Fremantle No. 2 who scored 2 goals.

Tomorrow night the club will hold a film evening at the St. John Ambulance Hall, Canning Bridge.

The women's hockey club has been invited and the programme will include an umpiring film.

# APPLECROSS BOY WINS WAY INTO SIDE

**APPLECROSS RI**  
(right-inner) Rick Robinson has won selection in the State schoolboys' hockey team, which leaves for Tasmania on August 28.

Rick, though only 16, has played hockey for five years.

He plays for Wesley as well as Applecross.

Wesley are leading the Public Schools' competition

## Impressed

In the State trials, Rick played right-half-back, a far cry from right-inner, but impressed selectors to the point that he will play right-half-back in the schoolboys' side.

"I would like to be in the senior State team," he said, "But that will have to wait until later."

The State schoolboys' side looks like being a stepping-stone in Rick's career.

He spends all his spare time in winter playing hockey and keeps fit in summer by playing tennis.



# Three-Way Success For Club

APPLECROSS Hockey Club seems assured of having at least three teams in the final rounds.

With only two weeks of the season left to play, the Reserve 1 side cannot be displaced from top place. They lead the grade by five points.

The Under-15s are holding fourth place and the Under-13s are secure in second place.

The B2s and Under-18s are now in fourth place, but could be ousted in the last two matches.

The C3s are trailing the "four" by only one point.

Max Currell, retaining his good form, scored the Reserve 1's 50th goal for the season when the team beat Old Hale 6-1 last weekend.

## Summer Plans

Club secretary Dave Spitteler said members would be active in the summer.

"Many of us will be playing tennis on Monday nights," he said.

"Three teams will be taking part in the indoor hockey competition in the six weeks before Christmas.

"Our ambition during the summer is to consolidate the club and its present members, while re-

cruiting new members for the 1964 season."

He said it was hoped to field two more teams to bring the total to nine.



# 4 Applecross Sides Still In

APPLECROSS Hockey Club are fielding four teams in the final rounds.

Last weekend, the R1 side suffered its first defeat in 11 games when Suburbans won 2-1.

However, the team are still in the finals with a four-point lead over the remainder of the table.

The under-18 side sealed a berth in the four when they beat Suburbans 12-2.

Percentages clinched their fourth position on the table over Mosman Park.

The under-15 and under-13 teams go into the finals in fourth and second places.

The B2 team, however, has been displaced from fourth place in the final rounds after being beaten 2-0 by Christ Church in a hard-fought game.

With a chance of gaining A-grade status next year the R1s are training hard for the finals under the guidance of coach Don Spitteler.

Their battle, however, has been made tougher by the absence of Rick Robinson (away with the State Schoolboys) and captain Dave Spitteler (broken finger).

Vice-captain Rod Dalton will lead the team through the finals.



# IN DOUBT TO LAST

A GOAL scored five minutes before the end by Applecross left-inside John Cole enabled Applecross to defeat Old Scotch 2-1 in an exciting men's hockey Reserve Grade 1 grand final.

In a scoreless first half goalkeepers Max Evans (Old Scotch) and Richard Smith (Applecross) played strongly.

After the change Applecross scored through centre forward Peter Diggins and Scotch replied with a penalty goal by Geoff Kennedy.

Both teams strove valiantly for the deciding goal. Applecross sealed the issue after a sweeping attack down the right wing.

Young Scotch full-back Richard McWilliam was the outstanding player on the field.

SCORERS—Applecross: Diggins, Cole. Old Scotch: Kennedy.

BEST—Applecross: Smith, D. Stitteler, B. Stitteler. Old Scotch: McWilliam, L. Dry, Hogden.

# Promotion After Brilliant Season

**A P P L E C R O S S**  
Hockey Club's Reserve-1 side achieved a goal for the year by gaining A3 status after defeating Old Scotch last weekend.

Applecross were led by Dave Spitteler, playing his first game since he broke his finger four weeks ago.

The team included Rick Robinson, who played his first game for Applecross since returning from a trip to Tasmania with the State schoolboys' team.

It was a close game all through, with Applecross coming out just ahead at 2-1.

The team's success in this game brought to an end a brilliant season.

They have also won the Challenge Cup and topped the table by four points.

**Best players:** R. Smith (goalie), D. Spitteler (right wing), B. Spitteler (right full back).

**Scorers:** P. Biggins and J. Cale.

Club secretary Dave Spitteler said the club had been in existence only eight years.

"We have played in senior ranks for the past five years," he said.

"The top team has been promoted in each of the past four seasons after having won both Challenge Cup and premier-ship.

"They also topped the table in C3s (1960), B2s

(1961), Reserve-3s (1962) and Reserve-1s this year.

"The grand final pennant we won last Saturday was the eighth consecutive pennant the top team has won. It capped off our most successful season yet."

Applecross' other grand final team, the under-13s, drew one-all with Fremantle last Saturday and both teams have been awarded a split premier-ship pennant.

Four Applecross teams made the final rounds.

The two which were eliminated are the under-18s and under-15s.

# SQUASH SECOND STRING

THE Applecross Hockey Club is finding squash a successful off-season activity.

Twenty members compete in a knock-out competition during half-hour weekly meetings at a South Perth squash centre.

In the last contest Richard Smith, goalie of the Grand Final-winning reserve-grade hockey side, defeated Gary Dienhoff.

Dienhoff won the first knockout competition from Rod Dalton, the reserve I vice-captain.

The hockey club's indoor hockey competition, which they hoped to start in November, has been postponed until January.

# Y.M.C.A. Seeks Site In A Melville Park

The Y.M.C.A. should be allowed to establish a building in Tompkins Park, Mayor R. Carroll suggested at the last meeting of the Melville Town Council.

He told councillors that the park should give ample room for youth activities organised by the Y.M.C.A.

The Mayor said he had been approached by the Y.M.C.A. on the question of the council leasing a section of Tompkins Park.

He suggested to the council that the Y.M.C.A. could be established north of the existing changerooms.

"They have the funds

to go ahead with the project, and it would be something of an advantage for the Melville district," Mr Carroll added.

The council was told that the Melville Athletic Club would still have the use of the oval and its facilities.

If land were leased to the Y.M.C.A. it would not be a foreshore block.

Mayor Carroll claimed that the park was not being used to its capacity, and the Y.M.C.A.

would make good use of it.

Cr G. Lithgo said the council should move in principle to allow the Y.M.C.A. to build in the park.

Cr L. J. Joseph pointed out that the council had approved an overall plan for the park.

The council referred the matter to its works committee.

# WIN, NOW THE GRAND FINAL

THE Applecross Hockey Club's Reserve-1 team defeated Suburbans last weekend to win their way into the grand final.

The Rls atoned for their recent defeat by Suburbans by beating them 3-2.

Peter Biggins scored the three goals for Applecross.

The Rls have a bye next weekend. Their target is the grand final on September 21, upon which hangs the chance of a place in next year's A-grade.

The club's under 13 team has also won a place in the grade's grand final.

They beat Fremantle 3-0 on Sunday, following a 3-all draw on Saturday after two periods of extra time.

The under 15s also had to play on Sunday, after drawing 1-all with South Perth on Saturday.

They had to play a total of 190 minutes to beat South Perth 3-1.

The fourth team to reach the final rounds—the under 18s—beat YMCA 2-1. This team has previously been beaten twice by YMCA during the qualifying rounds.

# Hockey Players Turn To Squash

Applecross Hockey Club members are playing squash as part of their pre-season training programme.

They will continue to play till the indoor summer hockey season starts in January.

Applecross reserve-grade goalkeeper Richard Smith won the last knockout competition when he defeated Gary Dienhoff.

The tournaments are held between club members every week.

Club secretary Dave Spitteler said yesterday that summer training was important because next season Applecross would field an A-grade team.

Hockey players who would like to join the squash group should telephone him on 64 3535 or 23 7433.

# Hockey Makes Ground

MELVILLE Town Council will honour its promise to provide a second hockey ground at Tompkins' Park in time for use next year.

It has turned a deaf ear to a request by the Applecross Hockey Club to establish a big hockey centre on the park with suitable buildings and 10 or 12 grounds.

It was decided at a recent works committee meeting that it had a duty to all sporting interests in the district and could not provide an elaborate hockey centre which might cost anything up to £50,000.

A council spokesman today said that Tompkins' park was fully utilised . . . every inch of ground was used practically every day of the year.



# HOCKEY TEAMS NEAR TOP

**Applecross Hockey Club teams now have good chances of playing in six final matches.**

The Under 13's are still in second position and having won the Challenge Cup are pleased with their performances.

Peter Polain has led the Under 15 Div. 1's into fifth place. They are at present out of the "4" on percentages only and have a good chance of being in the finals.

Murray Print has led his Under 18's into 4th place and they are improving with every game.

Geoff Dyson's C3's are holding down 4th place and have shown a remarkable improvement.

Ian Mitchell has also led his B2's into 4th place and they too could go well in the finals.

Dave Spitteler has led the

Reserve 1's into top place on their table where they are at present 5 points clear of the nearest competitor. They also won the Challenge Cup against Old Moderneans making it a double for the Club. Peter Biggins scored the solitary goal while Ian Mathieson, Brian Spitteler and Rick Robinson were mentioned in that order as best players.

This win was undoubtedly the most important in the history of the Club because heading the table at the end of the season, winning the Challenge Cup and winning the Grand Final all have an influence on promotion prospects.

The club's chances of reaching A Grade status in 1964 are becoming less of a dream as each playing date is passed.

# Applecross hockey team challenges the leaders

**Applecross Hockey Club — the only men's hockey club between South Perth and Fremantle — is well on its way to achieving A grade status.**

Its Reserve 3 grade team **JOHN ROOKE**, promoted from swept the field last year and was promoted to Reserve 1. Similar success this season would earn promotion into A3 grade.

The Applecross club was formed in 1956 by 16 players, only three of whom had played regular hockey previously.

It now has nearly 90 players and fields seven teams — seniors in Reserve 1, B2 and C3, and juniors in Under 18 Div. 3; under 15 Div. 1 and 2; and under 13.

Players who left it for experience in senior grades with other clubs have now come back to put Applecross firmly on the hockey map. Among these players are:

Reserve 1 captain **DAVE SPITTELER**, who represented in State schoolboy and inter-varsity matches before playing A2 with Perth. He returned to lead Applecross Reserve 3 in its promotion-winning victorious sweep last year.

**JOHN COLE**, who played four seasons of A2 with Perth, has now returned to play centre-forward with Applecross.

**BRIAN SPITTELER**, another State school boy representative, has returned after a season of A3 with North Fremantle.

These A-graders have plenty of experienced support in the Applecross effort.

**ROD DALTON** helped found the local club and has played with it ever since. He is now the Reserve 1's vice-captain.

**IAN MATHIESON**, **PETER BIGGINS** and **GEOFF COOK** have all played in the last three Applecross grand final teams.

**MAX CARRELL**, a grand finalist last year, has held his place at left half back.

The under 15 team also won its grand final last year and two of its members right inner **RICK ROBINSON** and centre-half **GREG ARNOLD** — have been promoted to the Reserve team.

This team is completed by

last year's victorious C3 team.

After five weeks the Reserve 1 was second on its premiership table, which justifies its premiership and promotion ambitions.

The under 18's and under 13's are also well up on their tables.

Club Secretary David Spitteler can be contacted on 64 3535 (home) or 23 7433 (business).

# Applecross hockey

**The Applecross Hockey club's senior team has done it again!**

By winning the Reserve 1 grand final, the team has qualified for promotion to A3 grade next season.

Elevation to A grade caps a successive string of successes by the Applecross players.

In 1959 the top Applecross team was C3. Since, the club has won the premiership and Challenge Cup each year in its progression through B2, Reserve 3 and Reserve 1 to A grade status.

Applecross now has its sights set on the top target A1.

The Applecross Reserve 1 team won its premiership from Old Scotch on the W.A.C.A. ground. The scores were 1-all when Old Scotch equalled Peter Biggins' opening goal, but John Cole scored another to put the issue beyond doubt. Best Applecross players were Richard Smith (goalie), captain Dave Spitteler (right wing) and Brian Spitteler (left full back.)

**Applecross club's under-13 team also won a premiership pennant after drawing 1-1 with Fremantle after two periods of extra time.**

The Association decided to award a joint pennant after reviewing the record of these two teams against one another — two wins and two draws for each.

The Applecross under 15 and under 18 teams reached the final four before being eliminated. The B2's and C3's each missed the final four by a mere fraction.

Trophies awarded at the annual wind-up last month:

PETER BIGGINS, club treasurer and top R1 scorer with 19 goals — the President's Cup.

MAX CURRELL, fairest and best for the R1's; and BRIAN SPITTELER, most consistent.

In other grades the fairest and best and most consistent awards respectively were won by:

B2: Rod Popham, Reg Jones.  
C3: Tony Bartlett, Tony Andrews. Under 18: Malcolm Jackaman, Kinsley McGuire.  
Under 15 (div. 1): Peter

## team does it again!

Polain, Graeme Wilson. Under 15 (div. 2): Peter Rocke, Peter McIntosh. Under 13: Peter Walsh, Andrew Bennett.

R1 coach Don Spitteler awarded his trophy to Greg Arnold; and R1 manager awarded his to Richard Smith.

The club will stick together in the off-season by playing squash and night tennis. Anyone interested is invited to ring club secretary, Dave Spitteler on 23 7433 or 64 3535.



• • PETER BIGGINS, Applecross club treasurer and top goal scorer for the Reserve 1s, with the Presidents trophy awarded to him by club president Don Fletcher.

# Hockey men go social

The next two Saturdays will tell how many of the Applecross Hockey Club's seven teams go premiers this season.

At least three of the seven teams have been well-placed in the four most of the season.

Whatever their success in the grand finals on September 21, team members will enjoy themselves that night — the occasion of their annual wind-up.

Then, on Sunday, September 29, fathers will join their sons for the annual picnic at Kelmscott Oval.

Meanwhile Reserve 1 player Rick Robinson has been selected in the State Schoolboys team, thus joining clubmates Max Currell (chosen in 1961-62), Brian Spitteler (1960) and Dave Spitteler (1956).

The club has organised indoor hockey matches, night tennis and squash groups to keep members together during the off-season. New members or members of other groups are invited to join them.



# APPLECROSS HOCKEY ENDS SUCCESSFUL YEAR



U13.—BACK ROW: J. Neson, D. Bickford, B. Woods, S. Pummer, T. Walsh, P. Shugg, P. Lander.  
FRONT ROW: D. Drabble, J. Bell, A. Bennetts, Jones.



C3.—BACK ROW: K. Critch, D. Haines, G. Hall, G. Berl.  
CENTRE ROW: K. Schilling, G. Rumsey, I. Wake, G. Wilson, R. Jones.  
FRONT ROW: B. Nugent (Capt.), M. Jackaman, R. Smith, G. Dyson.

The Applecross hockey season began well with a record-breaking nine teams entered for competition, with the club's top team in A3 Grade for the first time.

At the end of the first round, four of the club teams had qualified for the challenge cup matches (played between the top two teams from each grade).

Of these, three (A3, G3 and Under 13) were successful, while the fourth team, the Under 15's, were beaten 3-2.

With three challenge cup wins, the club led the Association, as only two other clubs had won more than one (Tuart Hill and Christ Church, who won two each) and the club looked set for a record-breaking year.

However, an unfortunate run of injuries in the top team seriously weakened both it and the other senior team and finally ended in the A3, dropping from 1st to 5th place, when they could only manage two wins in the second round. Meanwhile, the B2, C3, Under 15, Div. 1 and Under 13 won their way into the semi-final and then final games when the B2 and Under 15 were eliminated, leaving the Under 13's and C3 to carry the flag. This they did very well and added another two grand finals to the club's growing tally.

The C3 team led by Barry Nugent won their grand final in convincing style with a fine 3-0 win over Suburban.

*When it is considered that they also dropped from 1st to 4th during the season and then fought back from 4th to win the grand final, it goes to show that they really had the will to win.*

Unfortunate injuries to two regular members, Des Haines and Geoff Bergl, in the final, but then on the side-lines for the grand final, and their places were taken by Graeme Wilson (Under 15) and Greg Hall (Under 18).

Graeme Wilson was, in fact, the hero of the match when, after scoring in the first few minutes, he was hit in the mouth from an opponent's stick and went on to add his second and third goals, and so scored all three goals in the winning team's tally.

Former A3 goalkeeper Richard Smith, who donned the pads for the semi-final after only three weeks in which to recover from an

appendix operation, was in good form and cleared well. They were very difficult full-backs for the opposition to pass and contributed greatly to the fact that only one goal was scored in the final round against the team while the forwards netted seven.

*Promotion to the B4 is automatic for this team now that they have won this game and also the challenge cup colour in the season.*

It is to be hoped that their performance will enhance the chances of a re-grading for the present B2 team, who reached the final of the grade before being beaten 3-0 in a fiery game against Old Aquinians, in which four players were sent off.

**Best Players.**—A3: Dave Spitteler; B2, Peter Biggins; C3, Barry Nugent; U.18, Peter Polain; U15, (1) Peter Wlash, (2) Craig Manley, (3) Dick Short; U.13, No. 1 Andrew Bennetts and John Bell, No. 2 Chris. Robinson.