

APPLECROSS YM TOO STRONG

Applecross YMCA proved too strong for University in the men's A-grade hockey match at Stevens Reserve today to win 2-1.

In the first half both teams played attacking hockey with both sides receiving many short corners. However, the defence of both teams stood firm and a goal did not come until the 25 minute mark.

University started most impressively and looked destined to take this game away from Applecross. It was only the superb play of Brian Matthews and the excellent goal keeping of David Porter which kept the advancing University forwards at bay.

However, after a shakely start Applecross grew in confidence and began to do their share of attacking, but also failed to convert the many short corners they received.

However, Graham Meacock (Applecross) took a corner at the 25 minute mark and Ron Wilson slammed the ball into goal and at half time Applecross had a 1-0 lead.

The second half saw two goals scored 10 minutes before the end. It was University who equalised when Frank Fitzgerald scored from a short corner, but generally they were not playing well and in minutes Applecross had scored their second goal.

Applecross's second goal came from a brilliant cross by Ron Wilson which the University goal keeper tried to kick away but was unsuccessful. This let in Keith Harper who made no mistake and Applecross deservedly went on to win this game 2-1.

University had few consistent players though Frank Murray and Fitzgerald tried hard. It was a disappointing game for University who was one of last year's grand finalists and all credit must go to the fighting qualities of Applecross YMCA.

FINAL SCORE: Applecross YMCA 2 d University 1.

GOALSCORERS: Applecross YMCA: R. Wilson, K. Harper. University: F. Fitzgerald.
BEST PLAYERS: Applecross YMCA: B. Matthews, R. Wilson, D. Porter. University: F. Fitzgerald, F. Murray, C. Jones.

YMCA look as if they could be a major force in the A1-grade competition in the coming season.

They played well as a team to defeat an optimistic Vic. Park 5-2 but lacked the tenacity in the second half to prevent the new and inexperienced A1 side from scoring.

Terry Walsh was again instrumental in YMCA's victory converting a penalty stroke and scoring an impressive field goal in the first half.

Knowles and Audesho combined well together for Victoria Park to provide numerous scoring chances but could only manage to score from two.

GOALSCORERS: YMCA: Walsh 2, Leece 2, Chesney. Vic Park: Ahrens, Audesho.
BEST: YMCA: T. Leece, Brian Robinson, Brian Glencross. Vic Park: Bartnik, Raynev.

Modernians go down 1-0

Fremantle defeated Modernians 1-0 in a men's 1A-grade hockey match at Stevens Reserve yesterday.

Fremantle now clearly hold second position on the premiership table, with Modernians dropping one place to fourth. The top four teams are close together and every-game will be vital to decide teams for the Challenge Cup.

Both sides worked hard to establish superiority, with some sparkling passages involving Modernians' Steve Smith in attack and excellent defence by Owen Worley, of Fremantle.

Congestion

After a period of congested play, 2min. before half-time, Fremantle were awarded a penalty corner, Kevin Martin capitalised on Modernians' poor clearance to give his side the lead.

With 20min. to play, Ian Biddle was struck on the head by the ball and had to leave the field. This left Modernians with only 10 men as no substitute was present.

A brilliant run by Modernians right-winger Don Sanders gave Smith a chance to equalise. But his strong shot struck a post.

Modernians kept the pressure on Fremantle to the final whistle and only bad luck robbed them of a draw.

On Saturday, Old Aquinians lost their first game of the season when Cricketers scored a determined 2-1 win. But Aquinians still remain on top of the table.

From the start of the match, Cricketers, with Dick Osborne in goals, showed their desire to win with two short-corner goals in 6min. from Craig Davies. Peter Crowe converted a penalty stroke to give Aquinians their goal.

University continued to go from strength to strength when a hat-trick of goals to Steve Hayward helped them to defeat YMCA Perth 4-2.

Old Wesley kept alive their hopes of remaining in the top grade when they drew 1-1 with Victoria Park at Fletcher Park.

Wesley trailed their opponents for most of the game. After Chris Pearce scored for Victoria Park, Wesley fought back to equalise when Arthur Cook put his penalty-stroke shot past the 'keeper.

South Perth overwhelmed Applecross YMCA 7-1.

Five goals were scored by Mal Poole.

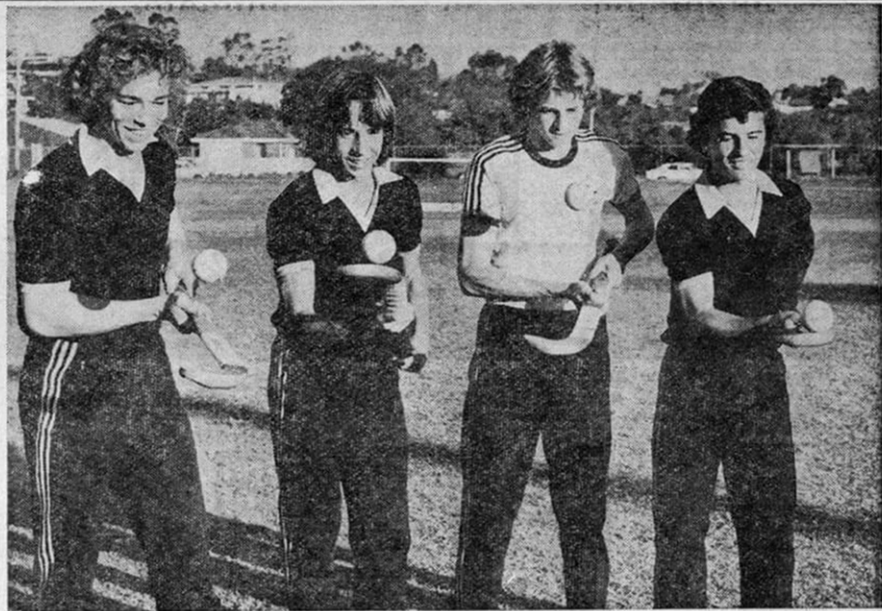
COLTS CHOSEN

The following players have been chosen in the State colts hockey team:

C. Davies (capt.), D. Mallon (v-capt.), J. Nettleton, B. Drysdale, R. Herriman, B. Robinson, G. Haselhurst, P. Haselhurst, D. Viner, T. Lece, P. Crowe, R. Bell, A. Reynolds, M. Crofts, D. Denson. All players are asked to report to the Tregonning ground at 11.30am next Saturday.

Hotspurs 5-2

Hotspurs beat Trinity 5-2 in a hockey match at Trinity College yesterday.



Sydney trip

The State Under-19 Metropolitan Schoolboys team have left Perth for the inaugural Australian championships.

The championships have been conducted as a round-robin series with the top two teams playing the final. All players have been billeted by Sydney schools. The players have raised money in various ways, the hardest being a "lapathon" in which they had to run up to 20 laps of a hockey field for sponsors.

Here are pictured four of the YMCA boys who made the State team at training before they left for Sydney. They are (from left) Andrew See of Alfred Cove, Geoff Reynolds of Ardross, Talwyn Widger of Applecross and Alan Kidd of Melville.