

Applecross on top

Applecross YMCA Hockey Club, one of the largest hockey clubs in the State, has changed its name to Melville City YMCA Hockey Club.

This change of name is another step in the evolution of the club: in 1979 it moved from Tompkins park to its present home ground on the Morris Buzzacott Reserve, and changed its colours to maroon and white. Now the change in name accurately

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identifies the club as the major hockey club in Melville City.

Melville City YMCA Hockey Club has seven senior men and 11 junior boy teams, and is one of only two clubs south and west of the Canning River to have fielded a first division team in recent years.

The club has several State representatives from junior

up to under 23 teams, and has produced senior State and Australian players. The club coach is the present Australian Hockey Team Coach Mr Richard Aggiss, who recently returned from Melbourne where he guided Australia to victory in the Esanda International Hockey Tournament.

Melville City YMCA Hockey Club welcomes players of all ages and

competence. Training for junior boys commences at noon on February 20 and 27 at Morris Buzzacott Reserve when trial games will be played.

Senior training will commence at 5.30pm on February 22, also on the home ground. Any persons interested in joining the club should contact Mr Wood (339 1763) if a junior, and Mrs Spencer (364 7939) if a senior.



Juniors learn skills

Junior grade hockey coach for the Melville City YMCA Hockey Club, Mr John Cole, gives Shani Barr (9), of Attadale, a few pointers on how to trap a hockey ball while her male counterparts take note. The training session on Sunday was part of a recruiting and introduction session held by the club on the Morris Buzzacott Oval, Kardinya, in preparation for this winter's season.

Melville City goal spree

Senior teams of the Melville City YMCA Hockey Club had a goal scoring spree on Saturday April 23. The seven teams scored 34 goals, with the 1B team leading the way with a powerful 9-1 victory over Christ Church.

Top goal scorers of the day were Darryl Dedman (4) and Ron Chesny (3) in the 1B's, Ian Halliday (3) in the 3B's, Bruce Cameron (3) in the 5A's and Albert Mackertich (4) in the 6A's.

In the Juniors four teams continued their undefeated run. They were under 17 Green, under 17 Black, under 13 red and Under 13 Blue. Under 17 Green had the best result with a 7-1 victory over Armadale in which S Nalder and B Reeby each scored 3 goals. At the other end of the scale the Club's smallest team, the under 11 Whites, had a 1-10 loss to YMCA Perth.

Scores: 1B defeated Christ Church 9-1, 2A drew with YMCA Perth 1-1, 3B defeated Trinity 6-0, 4A defeated Vic Park 6-1, 5A defeated Suburban 4-0, 6A lost to Scarborough 4-5, Reserve White drew with Old Wesley 4-4, under 17 Green defeated Armadale 7-1, under 17 Black defeated Modernians 2-0, under 15 A lost to Old Aquarians 1-3, under 15 Red lost to Old Wesley 4-6, under 13 Red drew with Willetton 1-1, under 13 Black defeated Old Wesley 2-1, under 13 Blue defeated Kalamunda 5-2, under 11 Red drew with Willetton 2-2, under 11 White lost to YMCA Perth 1-10.

MELVILLE JUNIORS PLAY WELL

Melville City Hockey Club's junior teams won five and drew one of the nine games played on the weekend.

The Under 17 A and Under 17 Green teams had hard, close games, winning 1 to nil in each case.

The single goal scorers from each team, Craig Shields and Andrew Buyars, were also the best players for each team.

In the Under 17 Green team the goalie, John Mitchell, made some very fine saves.

The Club's Under 13 Red team completed the qualifying round undefeated, winning the final game 6-1. The Under 13 Blue team also had a good 6-0 win and one of the few girls in the club,

Karen Jones, was one of the goal scorers.

Both these teams have qualified to compete in the Challenge Cup games.

Perhaps the most exciting result for the week was achieved by the club's IB team. During the week this team played the First Division team Victoria Park and defeated them 5-2. With the IB team in a position to be promoted back into the First Division next year, this result shows that the team should be able to hold its own in the top league.

Results:

IB defeated Trinity 3-2;

2A drew with Old Aquinians 3-3; 3B lost to University 1-4; 4A drew with Old Wesley 1-1; 5A lost to University 1-3; 6A lost to Suburban 2-3; Res White lost to Murdoch 2-3; under 17A defeated Modernians 1-0; Under 17 Green defeated Rockingham 1-0; Under 15A defeated Old Scotch 3-2; Under 15 Red lost to Willetton 3-5; Under 13 Red defeated Willetton 6-1; Under 13 Blue defeated Kalamunda 6-0; Under 13 Black drew with Old Wesley 1-1; Under 11 Red lost to Willetton 0-2; Under 11 White lost to YMCA Perth 0-16.

TIMELY WIN FOR MELVILLE

After a run of six consecutive draws the Melville City Hockey Club's 2A team had its second win for the year when it defeated Univeristy three goals to two.

This team has matched most of the top teams in the grade, but has been unable to score winning goals. Prominent player in the win was team captain, Graeme Meacock, who played in the forward line for the first time this year.

His dash and enterprise gave extra bite to the forward line, scoring one goal and earned a penalty stroke.

He was well supported by Steve Cole at centrehalf and Pat Matthews on the left wing.

The club 1B team continued its winning form with a good six-nil win over Armadale. The team scored only a single goal in the first half but in the second half, the team scored five more times.

Captain Paul Meacock struck excellent form, and Matthew Spencer just back from Europe, had a great return game scoring two goals.

The Under 15 Reds also scored a great win by defeating Armadale eight-nil when they played some of their best hockey for the year.

Roger Potts, Gavin Lee and Mike Titherodge were best players, while Nick Law and Rob Mitchell were main goal scorers.

Results:—

1B defeated Armadale 6-0; 2A defeated University 3-2; 3B defeated Wanneroo 3-1; 4A defeated University 2-1; 5A lost to Old Aquiniands 2-5; 6A defeated Perth 8-1; Reserve White defeated St Norbets 2-1; Under 17A drew with Suburbans 3-3; Under 17 Green drew with Kalamunda 0-0; Under 17 Black lost to Old Wesley 1-4; Under 15A drew with South Perth 2-2; Under 15 Red defeated Armadale 8-0; Under 15 Black lost to Wanneroo 0-1; Under 13A lost to YMCA Perth 3-4; Under 13B lost to Suburban 1-5; Under 13C lost to Willetton 0-10; Under 11C defeated Fremantle 3-0; Under 11E lost to Old Wesley 0-5.

TEAM QUALIFIES

Melville Junior hockey teams successfully played through their qualifying games in the final run up for the premiership flags last weekend with three of the Melville City Hockey Club's eleven junior teams qualifying.

The successful teams were the Under 17 Greens, the Under 13A's and the Under 11C's.

Three junior teams which did not make the finals still finished their seasons on a bright and promising note.

The Under 17 Blacks and the Under 15 Reds had good wins, while the Under 13B's lost their game but turned in one of the best performances they have displayed

all year when they lost to the competition's second top side YMCA Perth by one goal to three.

The Under 17 Blacks had a close game only beating Willetton three goals to two.

Scott Elston, Simon Andrew and G Gill each scored individual goals and best players were Mark Beissel, Bret Mias and Gavin Corbett.

The Under 15 Red recorded an excellent win by beating Kwinana five goals to one.

Nick Law scored three goals for Melville while Tim Reid and Rob Mitchell each scored a goal. Best players were Roger Potts, Nick Law and Warren Fyire.

In the Senior Division, the Reserve White team continued their late run for the finals with a strong win.

Following a closely fought first half they displayed powerful hockey during the second half of the match to outclass the RAAF team five goals to one.

Top goal scorer Stuart Merridith shot three goals and, along with Noel McRoberts and Phil Read, was named as one of the best players.

Results:

1B lost to Harlequin-Dianella 1-3; 2A defeated Fremantle 4-1; 3B defeated Perth 2-1; 4A lost to Fremantle 0-5; 5A defeated Newman 2-1; Res White defeated RAAF 5-1; Under 17 Black defeated Willetton 3-2; Under 15A lost to YMCA Perth 1-6; Under 15 Red defeated Kwinana 5-1; Under 13A lost to Old Wesley 0-3; Under 13B lost to YMCA Perth 1-3; Under 13C lost to Modernians 0-7; Under 11C lost to Willetton 0-2; Under 11E lost to Gosnells City 0-2.

Melville advance through semis to grand finals

Following their win in the Preliminary final, the Melville City Hockey Club's Six A team join two other club sides playing in Grand Finals. The One B and 17 Green teams qualified previously when they won their second Semi Final matches.

All three teams finished on top of their respective league ladders at the end of the qualifying round games.

SPECTATOR GAME

The Six A game was a delight for spectators and required two period of extra time play before a result was achieved, the winning goals were scored at the 09-minute mark.

The game showed that Melville's age, skill and ex-

perience was fully tested by the youth and speed of the University side. Both teams shared an equal amount of the midfield play but Melville managed to penetrate into their opponents goal circle more often.

University's goalkeeper had an exceptionally good game thwarting many promising Melville attacking moves.

Melville's two goals came from set plays following penalty corners and were scored by Terry Brooks and Jeremy Allen.

All players turned in good performances for Melville.

PRE-LIM FINALS

The other two teams competing in the

Preliminary finals lost their games with the Three B side losing to Perth, again in extra time and the Under 11C team losing to Willetton.

The Three B team had already beaten Perth twice during the year and players appeared to believe it would be an easy win and approached the game with that attitude. This proved to be the team's undoing because Perth came out full of determination causing an upset win. Melville's goal scorers were Max Reynolds and Ian Halliday.

UNDERDOGS

The Under 11C Melville team certainly went into their game as underdogs but fought valiantly. Simon Brien, one of the team's most prolific goal scorers and the junior hockey competitions top goal scorer, scored both of the team's goals.

The fairest and best players in all Junior Melville teams were announced:

Bradley Franken was named the Most Improved Player, Nick Tweedie the most improved Junior, Bradley Franken the best Under 17 and the most improved Junior goal keeper Judson.

Results of the preliminary finals were: Perth defeated 3B, 3-2; 6A defeated University 2-1; Willetton defeated Under 11C, 4-2.

The Junior fairest and best players were won by Kevin Lambert-Under 17A, Cameron Tweedie-Under 17 green; Brett Mias-Under 17 Blacks, Andre Parker-Under 15A, Gavin Lee-

Under 15 red, Keith Yeoman-Under 15 black, Mark Mallabone-Under 13A, Paul Dennett-Under 13B, Warwick Fry-Under 13C, Nathan Kenny-Under 11C, Jarrad Pozzi-Under 11E.