



Vacancies Melville Hockey Club members Jeremy Galloway (9), of Palmyra, and Janene Hancock (9), of Booragoon, tighten up their ball skills at training. The club will field 19 teams this season and is seeking new members. Teams range from under 11s to veterans. Training is at Morris Buzacott Reserve, Kardinya. Juniors interested in joining the club can contact Ian Deveson on 339 1770.

GIANT STEP FOR SPORT

Hockey in this State took another significant step forward with its inclusion in the newly-established Western Australian Institute of Sport.

Chairman of the institute's board of management, Dr Bruce Elliott, views the selection of hockey as logical in view of the location in Perth of the hockey unit of the institute.

"The Board believes that WA can complement what is being done at a national level and we expect the dominance our hockey now enjoys can be maintained," said Dr Elliott.

Institute director Wally Foreman is also enthusiastic about the hockey programme. He will work closely with coaching coordinator Graham Worth in ensuring the objectives of the local institute are met.

Although some talent identification work needs doing, Worth will aim to develop a

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talented group around a panel of top coaches.

These will include national coach Richard Aggiss, State coach Frank Murray and Olympic star Terry Walsh.

The promising young squad will receive assistance with funds for extra coaching, better competitive opportunities and access to sport science programming from the Department of Human Movement at the University of Western Australia.

Women's hockey will also benefit from its inclusion in the institute's programme.

A new national 18 competition is planned for 1985 and the squad to represent WA will be an integral part of the plans of the institute.

Heavy losses of senior players in recent years has seen WA lose its position as top State in the female game. A properly-planned programme of developing excellent young players will see that trend reversed.

Centre Ford first division hockey produced two surprising results last weekend.

Division leaders Suburban fell to lowly rated Melville City 1-3 in the biggest upset.

Although Suburban did miss many easy chances, the Melville team were well led by Olympic forward Nigel Patmore and deserved the points.

University returned to form with a vengeance by easily defeating an injury-hit Old Aquinians.

Sharp midfield work and Aquinians' inability to hold the ball up forward enabled the students to record a morale-boosting victory.

Two goals to Mark Rutter gave Victoria Park a valuable win over Fremantle, who now slip to equal seventh position on the table.

Fremantle coach Craig Davies is still suffering from a tendonitis injury and is missed by the port side.

South Perth recorded an important 2-1 victory over YMCA Perth, which sent the black and golds to the top of the table.

Solid performances by Steve Hayward, Mark Leavesley and Mark Hager guaranteed the two points against a tenacious YMCA team.

The remaining game saw Cricketers register a 5-1 victory over the determined Bayswater-Morley.

Cricketers now move into fifth place at the expense of Old Aquinians and are clearly a strong chance for the final four.

The Centre Ford player-of-the-week is University centre-half Warren Birmingham. After several weeks out of form the talented AIS student showed good touch to establish midfield control for his team.

Competition table:
South Perth, Victoria Park 12; Suburban, YMCA Perth 10; Cricketers, Aquinians 9; Fremantle, University, Melville 6; B-Morley 0.

SURPRISE WIN FOR MELVILLE

Melville City 1A's produced perhaps their best ever hockey to defeat a star studded Suburban team, three goals to one.

Melville City started as the underdogs against a squad that contained at least five internationals.

Melville may have been fired with determination by press reports that suggested the team did not have a chance.

The Suburban squad forward line contained Grant Mitton, Steve Colledge, and David Francis. Michael Nobbs played in the centre half spot.

All these players have played international hockey for Australia.

MIDFIELD STRENGTH

With such midfield strength, the Suburbans dominated much of the play in the first half but they were unable to break through the strong Melville defence made up of Mike Jensen, Frank Fitzgerald, and goalkeeper Martin Logan.

To the surprise of Suburban players and supporters, the first goal was scored by Melville City.

The goal was scored after a timely interception of a long pass by Ron Chesney who passed to Alan Meacock. Meacock beat a defender and the goalkeeper to slam home his first goal for the day.

While the Suburbans were still a little shocked, Melville City moved the ball quickly to get into their circle.

An initial shot from Ron Chesney was padded away to Nigel Patmore who flicked it back to see the goalie save again but made the mistake of clearing to Chesney who then made no

mistake and put Melville's second goal on the board.

About this time the Melville supporters became more excited at their team's success.

SHORT CORNER

Shortly after Melville's second goal the talented and industrious suburban forwards earned their team a short corner which Michael Nobbs hammered home for the Suburban's only goal.

In the first fifteen minutes of the second half the Melville defence soaked up were under great pressure and on occasions the Subur-

bans were unlucky not to score.

Strong and determined tackling and good movement of the ball gave Melville's Pat Matthews a chance for a shot which went wide.

The same style of play allowed Paul Meacock to make a fine pass to brother Alan who then beat two defenders and the goalie to get his second, and Melville's third goal.

Time ran out for the Suburbans but Melville's overlapping position play and tackling showed they can take on and beat the top teams.

Melville win 5-2 in hockey

MELVILLE City showed that they are determined to avoid relegation with a convincing 5-2 win over Fremantle in the Centre Ford first-division men's hockey competition yesterday.

In yesterday's late game at the Commonwealth Stadium, University continued their recovery from the bottom with a solid 5-2 win over Bayswater-Morley.

On Saturday, Suburban, after a slow start, lifted their game to beat YMCA 4-3 and Victoria Park played disciplined hockey to defeat Cricketers 3-0.

Yesterday's win for Melville City was their first in the second round of fixtures and by far their most convincing this season.

Melville City's win was assured by strong performances from defenders Chris Love at full-back and Ian Dick at right-half. In the forward line, Ron Chesny and Alan Meacock were in fine goalscoring form with two goals each.

For Fremantle, full-back Julian Rayney and Owen Warley persevered against Melville City's forwards, and Craig Rice played well on the half-back line.

Realising the importance of the match, both teams played a desperate and fast-moving first half, and in the seventh minute Melville City opened the scoring with a fine goal from Ron Chesny.

Minutes later Russell Dique equalised with a fine field goal, and Julian Rayney followed it up with a penalty corner to give Fremantle the lead.

However, at half-time both teams were level at 2-all and in the second half Fremantle lost their grip on the game and Melville City ran away.

The highlight of the match came with only two minutes to go when Ian Dick lifted a high overhead pass into the circle and centre-forward Chesny intercepted the ball on the half-volley and deflected it past Fremantle goalkeeper Graham MacNaly.

On Saturday, YMCA lost their two-goal advantage in the first half to eventually go down to Suburban 4-3.

Walsh's return sets South Perth alight

The return of crack forward Terry Walsh was enough to spark South Perth to a comfortable 4-2 victory over University in Centre Ford first division hockey last weekend.

Walsh began the match on the interchange bench and watched as his team trailed a confident students combination go to an early 1-0 lead. This changed as Walsh dominated and scored two excellent goals off his own stick.

The loss meant the end of an unbeaten run of five games for University and ended its hopes of qualifying for the finals.

Fremantle showed their best form for some weeks when they drew with Old Aquinians 0-0. The return of captain-coach Craig Davies was enough to inspire Fremantle to dominate the game and they should have won.

However, the point they gained for the draw was enough to give the port side breathing space in the relegation battle they are waging with Melville City.

In another vital match Cricketers moved into fifth place by defeating YMCA Perth 2-1.

Despite losing Ric Charlesworth through injury before the match Cricketers snatched victory late in the game with a goal from promising forward Robbie Pickering.

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The strong YMCA team held control for long periods, but could not convert their opportunities. However, Peter Haselhurst lifted his game considerably in the second half and gave Cricketers the ability to hold the ball in deep attack for long periods.

Leading teams Suburban and Victoria Park played out a torrid 1-1 draw, which left the Park team one point clear at the top of the table.

Suburban were back to full strength with the return of Michael Nobbs from the Olympics, but Vic Park were without key defender Wayne Rideout.

David Francis had the chance to win the match for Suburban with a good opportunity to score late in the game, but missed from close in. Peter Shaw did likewise for Vic Park, but his shot was saved on the line for Suburban by captain Peter Freitag.

For Vic Park defender Dean Evans showed fine versatility by playing soundly at left-half. Evans continues to im-

press as a player of real potential and is now a mature midfielder capable of giving consistent drive to his side.

In the remaining game Melville city comfortably won against Bayswater Morley 4-2. Melville have now scored eleven points during the season and over thirty goals. If they are relegated it would be most unfortunate as they are clearly up to the standard of first division.

The final four now appears to be virtually finalised with Suburban, Vic Park, Aquinians and South Perth to fight out the premiership.

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The Centre Ford player of the week is Fremantle coach Craig Davies.

Fremantle has sorely missed Davies for most of the season as their skipper has been out with injury for a long period before going to Los Angeles with the Australian team.

The value of Davies was never more obvious than against Aquinians when his dominating style in defence virtually assured his team would not be relegated.