



Saturday 30th June 2012

President's Pen

Hi all, we have a fair few entertainment books left so if you want great value you can purchase them from the bar, also the raffle of the high quality hockey stick, shin pads, shirt, ball & bag donated by Jinder (we thank him very much) is still available at the bar - we are only selling 200 tickets so there is a high chance of winning. I would like to draw this raffle as soon as we can so I encourage you to participate, it all helps the club.

Once again the club is still being left in an untidy state especially the dugouts, so can we be a more conscious of how our club looks as other clubs have commented. I do know our members are pretty good but if you can help it would be appreciated. TDs - I would like you to tell the visiting club to vacate the dugouts & leave them in a tidy state for the next team coming in. Also those who enjoy a wine, could you please return the glasses back to the bar and not leave them outside. Most of our members are very good at returning them but if you see any glasses please just hand them in at the bar on the way out, or remind people to do the same. Pride of how we present our club to the outside clubs is very important. Teams using the change rooms could also do the same, there are bins in each room but the rubbish seems to end up on the floor, a little effort will save myself and other members more time to concentrate on more important things.

Now that I have vented, let's get back to the real work. I believe we have had a very successful this weekend although I could not get to a few important games as I was getting a lesson on how to play hockey by Southern River. We came home licking our wounds but still enjoying the fact that we can still run around at our age and still enjoy a beating. You wouldn't want to be dead for quids.

Lynda in the kitchen is looking for someone to take a little pressure off for next year so we can have a little break although she will still be involved and may do the Thursday nights - she would like a few weekends off so she can enjoy her hockey a little more. If anyone is interested in helping out, with the guidance of Lynda, it would be a great help. Sharon is doing Friday nights (and a fantastic job at that) which leaves only Saturday and Sunday to fill at the moment. Next year we hope Sharon will continue. I think I have taken up enough space for this week so in signing off could you please remember this is a large club, the volunteers are doing their best. As I have said before we cannot please all, so have a little tolerance for the amount of work they have to do - or come on board and help, you would be very welcome.

Just to let the members know our fees to WA hockey which we are about to pay are \$65,000 with game fees of \$28,000 to follow for the season not including the players fee to play each week. The \$65,000 is just to nominate all our teams, the \$28,000 is for turf teams. Wonder where our money goes?

Till next week...

Steve McEntee
President

PREMIER LEAGUE

Mens Melville Toyota League vs WASPS (Lost 1 - 2)

Another one goal lost that does nothing but hurt. Unfortunately this week we didn't decide we wanted the game until the last 15 minutes. On the plus side the last 15 showed that we could very much run over the top of a very tidy WASPS team. If we play the aggressive, tight marking brand of hockey that we showed in the final 15 for an entire game there is no doubt we can take teams apart

On another note the new walk out outfit generated a lot of praise so let us continue the great look.



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Mens Premier 2 vs WASPS (Won 6 - 5)

After beating Hale 2-1 last week it was important the team continued to build upon that momentum against a high quality WASPS outfit.

Some sloppy first half defending saw us trailing 3-1 seconds before half time before we converted a penalty corner after the HT buzzer to go in with the momentum at 3-2 down.

The second half was about pressure and intensity and the boys delivered and we scored two excellent deflected goals through Vickers and JBQ plus a PC conversion to take a high scoring contest 6-5.

Plenty of work to do but if we can continue to win the tough, tight contests we have plenty more to look forward to in the second half of the season.

Mens Premier 2 vs Wolves (Won 2 - 1)

Tough, tight game against determined opposition who played well above what their ladder position would suggest. After again conceding the first goal we pressed hard getting an equalizer just before half time to take the momentum in with us. Credit to our boys who dominated most of the second half and found the winner with 10 or so minutes remaining. The mid season form slump appears a thing of the past having taken 10 points from our last 4 games against high quality opposition. University at home this week will really test where we are at.

Mens Premier Alliance vs Fremantle (Won 4 - 2)

Best: TEAM

Goals: D. McEntee (2), B. De Bes, J. Wakefield

Melville, (a team where every second player is seemingly named Joshua), executed early opportunities and had Fremantle gasping for air. For the majority of the match the greater opportunity vested with Melville but the advantage was not fully realised. A tussle with potential moving between the 23 metre lines but when the ball went beyond the decisions were sometimes impatient, hopeful and not necessarily in the best interests of the team. A result that flattered the opposition and frustrated the victors, but the right one. Next please.

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Ladies Willow Bridge League vs Peel (Drew 3 - 3)

Best: S. Gale, T. Cousens, A. Seibel

Goals: S. Gale, E. Stratton, C. Surman

This week saw the start of the second round and no better way to start with, than 1 v 2 on the ladder. Peel took the early advantage but an equalising goal had us back on level terms at the half. End to end hockey meant we traded goals but not without some patches of strong defense at one end and "oh so close" at the other. To share the points today felt strangely like a loss and we look forward to getting that winning feeling back next week. "Let us not look back in anger, nor forward in fear, but around in awareness". James Thurber

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Ladies Willow Bridge League vs Rockingham (Won 4 - 2)

Best: S. Gale, M. Silvey, E. Stratton

Goals: S. Gale, A. Seibel, M. Silvey, E. Stratton

Gutsy (showing courage, determination and spirit). What a great way to describe the Willow Bridge team yesterday as they took on Rockingham at their home turf. The first half lacked the crispness of a Samboy Chip leaving us 1 nil down and with work to be done. 4 individual goal scorers topped off an energy recharged second half with everyone contributing to a 4-2 win. Credit to all the girls to withstand the physical and mental tactics of the opposition and do Melville proud.

"That's how you get a performance - they put trust in you." Richard Donner

Ladies Promotion 2 vs University (Drew 1 - 1)

Best: D. Dravnieks/S. Chiswell, G. Glaskin, G. Bowyer

Across the game this was a terrific team effort against a quality opposition. It was great to see all the players taking on board the coach's game plan and half time advice then raising their game play to another level.

Ladies Promotion 2 vs Rockingham (Won 1 - 0)

Best: D. Dravnieks, S. Chiswell, T. Latham/B. MacDonald

A narrow win under extremely trying conditions at a cold Rockingham Turf. The whole team put in a tremendous effort to hold out the opposition. Thanks to Marion and Maddie for staying to support the 2's. Well done.

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE

Mens Provisional 1 vs Old Aquinians (Won 3 - 2)

Best: B. Wake, K. Jamieson, C. Morrison

A very physical game as it always is against Reds however we did just enough to get across the line against a strong team. Our pre-game warmup was sloppy and it is a reoccurring issue. Once again we didn't come to play in the first 15 mins and it cost us a goal and created unnecessary pressure. Thanks Brad for saving our bacon many a time! Let's have a strong preparation for a season defining game next week!

Mens Provisional 1 vs Peel (Lost 0 - 5)

This week we were up against a likely top two team in Peel. It was a case of the boys playing the men and we were physically and mentally beaten... Although we had a lot of possession, we were intimidated, bullied and too easily bodied off the ball. Peel made the most of the opportunities they had upfront and their conversion rate hurt us. We need to bring a more positive attitude to game day and always believe we can win even when we are down.

Ladies Provisional 1 vs Victoria Park (Won 2 - 1)

Best: A. Hall, S. Jarvis, R. Harries/C. McCartney

Goals: A. Hall, R. Weddikara

A great way to start the second round with a win. We attacked with purpose to day and used space on the field well. The defence did extremely well to keep out Vic Park in the second half - there were very few shots on goal for the whole game. We just need to shut down skillful ball carriers and keep working on penalty corners.

Ladies Provisional 2 Gold vs Fremantle (Lost 0 - 1)

Best: E. Remedios, S. King, A. Sperinck

Another good match. First game where we have had a lot of legitimate shots on goal during regular play, but unfortunately none got past the goalie. We were just sooooo close, only lost out in the last 5 minutes of the game, and that was due to poor umpiring. Never mind gals - next time!!!

Ladies Provisional 2 Gold vs Vic Park (Drew 0 - 0)

Best: J. McDonough, K. Sparkes, E. Remedios

Oh, if only we could score some goals!!! That is just the last piece of the puzzle that we are missing. Team is playing great together, we just can't finish it off. Last time we played Vic Park they defeated us hands down, but today we really stood up against them and held our own, if only we could score. The points would have been fantastic and seen us in serious contention for finals, but now we are just going to have to fight and win from now on. Big special thanks to Jenny who filled in as our goalie, there were some close calls there, but she was on fire!!!

Mens Provisional 3 Gold vs UWA (Won 4 - 0)

Best: J. Colgan, K. Hill, C. Criddle

Goals: J. Tate (2), S. Criddle, M. Welten

Great team effort this week, hard pressed through the centre at times but we were well on top all game. Good to see hard work from defence and offence for a full game. Even better to see Steve smoke a back stick deflection into the top left. Best to see Fry squeal like a girl when he copped one on the finger.

Mens Provisional 3 Gold vs Fremantle (Lost 1 - 2)

Best: C. Criddle, A. Lynch, J. Palmer

Goals: J. Palmer

Tough match, had a top start and got the first goal early but just couldn't maintain intensity for the full game. We lost structure and let Freo play the game on their terms. Teddy's birthday celebrations were marred, though with his new axe-murderer look I can't help but be a little glad things were low key after the match.



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Ladies Provisional 4 vs Joondalup (Drew 0 - 0)

Best: C. Corsini, J. McDonough, L. Walkemeyer

Another great game with the new system - well done! As we get more confident with the new style, we will be able to use the opportunities we have created. As long as we keep working back to help out the defence, we can't lose. Just need to score more goals to win!

Ladies Provisional 4 vs Vic Park (Won 1 - 0)

Best: N. Goodhand, L. Walkemeyer/P. Lock, J. Lymbery- Joyce

Goals: N. Goodhand

Excellent results today ladies, proving that the new system is working. We are smoothing out our rotations and as long as we keep up the work rates, I can sense more of these victories in the next few weeks. Well done everyone!

METROPOLITAN LEAGUE

Mens Metro 1 vs Wolves

No report

Ladies Metro 1 vs Whitfords (Won 7 - 0)

Best: D. Constable, M. Glover, A. Melia

Goals: D. Constable (3), M. Glover, L. Forbes, A. Melia, T. Rayfield

A good win played in good spirit against Whitfords. It was a day of the forwards with good passing and forward line movement resulting in 7 goals, of which 3 were scored by Debbie who deservingly took out our best player closely followed by Mhairi and Anna. A good team effort, well done girls.

Ladies Metro 1 vs CTP Pirates (Drew 0 - 0)

Best: L. Brearley, K. Hankinson, M. Margetts

A hard fought game as usual against Pirates. Both teams had the opportunity to score in both halves and there were a few "near misses". Brilliant defence saw our fullbacks and goalie take out the best player awards. Our forwards worked really well in attack too with plenty of the play but unfortunately unable to convert. Well done to our Goal Keeper Kylie with some awesome saves yet again!

Mens Metro 2 Gold vs Fremantle

No report

Mens Metro 3 Gold vs Southern River (Lost 0 - 2)

Best: D. Wake, J. Butcher

It rained, it poured. While we showed a few good moves, we couldn't seem to bring it together to make anything of the opportunities presented to us.

Clearly we had a few members wake up on the wrong side of the bed or maybe the wet weather was playing up with Tim's Gout, but tensions were high very early into the game - with Matt Willis kindly telling the umpires they were ruining the game (YELLOW CARD) and Tim's EXPLOSIVE rant (which he didn't get sent off for) being an indicator for how bad the umpiring was... No excuses, well do better next week...

Thanks to Teddy for filling in and lending his experience, welcome back anytime.

Mens Metro 3 Gold vs Newman (Won 5 - 2)

Best: R. Ayris, M. Willis

Goals: M. Willis (2), J. Wake (2), D. Hadley

A win...FINALLY!!!

And a good win at that. Great game boys, everyone played a solid game!

VETERANS

Mens Masters Midweek vs NC Raiders (Lost 0 - 3)

Best: A. Scanlon, A. Etelaaho, M. Lyons

I don't want to talk about it.

Ladies Masters 2 vs Mods (Lost 0 - 1)

Best: L. Anderson, T. Rayfield, J. Graham

We had our first loss. Oh what a feeling- awful. It was a game of missed opportunities and wasted passes. We also did some good stuff but not enough to score a much needed goal. Never mind girls we are a nice team to watch and next week is another game & another chance of another win. Let's keep in front, short & together!

Ladies Masters 3 Gold vs Joondalup (Won 8 - 1)

Best: S. Brockman, H. Doyle, J. Rosso

Goals: J. Rosso (3), S. Brockman (2)

I know I said last week we have a full team...oooopps no we have 9 players again. Thanks to Alison and Marie for helping out and Thanks to the girls for lifting when needed and playing a great game. The score says it all. Well done!

Ladies Masters 3 Gold vs Fremantle (Won 2 - 1)

Best: L. Dymond, M. Margetts, L. Coss

Goals: J. Rosso, L. Dixon

Well played girls, it was a hard fought game in shocking conditions but we managed to keep them out. congratulations to Louise on her amazing goal!!!!

Mens Masters 40-1 vs WASPS (Lost 0 - 1)

Best: D. Loffell, A. Etelaaho, W. Harries/A. Starling

One that got away - we were all so off our games it was like we had a team of 11 Crowey's ... BIG sigh ...

Mens Masters 40-1 vs YMCC (Won 4 - 2)

Best: D. Loffell, M. Lyons, J. Cooke

Goals: J. Cooke, D. Loffell, M. Lyons, S. Willett

Great result, that, try as he might, not even Crowey could stuff up, against a quality opposition.

Mens Masters 40-2 vs Subs Lions (Drew 5 - 5)

Goals: R. Achemedei (3), A. Spear (2)

Who would have thought that after scoring more goals in this one game than the last 4 combined we would draw at five all. Some great goals by Ray and Andy but we just couldn't stop them from going in against us. A great game from David Beckwith in goals, plenty of work for him to get his eye back.

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Mens Masters 40-2 vs Whitfords (Drew 2 - 2)

Goals: R. Achemedei, G. Ross

Another game, another draw. We just can't seem to get a win. Don't really remember what it feels like. A good first half saw us in front but after half time we faded and let two goals in. Oh well there is always next week.....

Mens Masters 40-4 vs Westside Wolves (Drew 1 - 1)

Best: B. Gibbins, I. Munns, D. Wauhopp

Goals: R. Whitelaw

With a win under our belts from the week prior, we were lucky to have an army of 15 players, and play at home against Wolves. Previously, these have been tough matches and this one was no different. We pushed forward time and time again in the first half, to eventually be rewarded via deflection from Rob. We went to the break confident this could be our game. In the second half Wolves stepped up and Brett saved us at least two goals from being converted against us. Unfortunately, Wolves finally locked one away and we finished with a deserving draw. A great day on the field by Brett in goals, Ian & David W. Welcome to Mark B on going the team.

Mens Masters 40-4 vs Blades (Drew 1 - 1)

Best: S. Walker, S. Olde, D. Joseph/P. Paino

Goals: S. Olde

With an extended injury list and a couple of players away this week it was a great effort from the team playing against the top team. We were 1 up for most of the game and had our chances at the end of the second half. Thanks to Tony and ? for starting us off with commendable play from our backs Scott, Ian and Gerald and a couple of great saves from Brett set us up for a win! Unfortunately conceded a goal in the second half and were not quite able to get another one back. Well done Guys.

Mens Masters 50-1 vs Harlies/Mods (Won 3 - 1)

Best: B. Robinson, W. Hudson, P. Matthews

Goals: C. Howell, G. Hunt, A. Reynolds

A merged Harlies/Mods was going to prove a bit of an obstacle to get over but we did - in the end and we did it well. Some very solid defence and great keeping from Wayne kept Chris North and the boys out of scoring range most of the day. And some good midfield work set up some opportunities for us resulting in enough goals to make it a comfortable win. Thanks again to Leo for making himself available after their forfeit and for the other 12 guys who would have loved to have had a game. Great to have Jenno back covering with Wal and Whip. All over it was a great team effort and one we should draw on for examples of how to dig in and win a hard game as we go into the second half of the season. Good job guys.

Mens Masters 50-1 vs CT Pirates (Won 6 - 1)

Best: P. Matthews, K. Harper/P. Meacock, R. Scanlon

Goals: C. Howell (2), P. Dawkins, K. Harper, G. Hunt, P. Matthews

A solid win this week shows that we can score goals again. We probably should have got more but they will come if we keep persevering. A huge game played by all the defence and the midfield, with lots of open play. We are doing what we talk about and using the 1st option more and it seems to be working. Great to see Colin slotting a few and a classic cracker from Patrick helped break the back of the Pirates. That goal and Netts talking himself to a spot behind the goals after winning himself a short corner were all highlights in a game that puts us well and truly in the top four. Lets keep the form going....

Mens Masters 50-2 vs Mods/Harlies (Lost 0 - 1)

Best: M. Jolliffe, G. Widdicombe, E. Nell

Fought the game out well, but couldn't convert our opportunities. Some great saves by Mike in goals.

Mens Masters 50-2 vs Rockingham (Won 2 - 0)

Best: R. Knyn, M. Jolliffe, B. Morrison

Goals: R. Knyn, A. Marshall

A good win although a few more goals would have been useful. Some more great saves by Mikey.

Mens Masters 50-3 vs Dale (Won on Forfeit)

Mens Masters 50-3 vs Southern River (Lost 0 - 2)

Best: R. Bell, B. Porter, F. Williams

Well the game was mainly played in the Melville defensive half. There was enormous pressure on the halves, full backs and goalie. This was also reflected in the points awarded this week from the team. Sooner or later it had to break down. To win we must have scoring pressure on the board. Every member of this teams puts in 100% effort. To win we must have a cohesive, structured and attacking forward line. In short we have to score. There should be improvement in this area next week as we work out our structure.

Mens Masters 60 vs Mods/Harlies (Lost 1 - 5)

Best: P. Hall, L. Welten, J. Smith

Goals: R. Domingo

We played the third placed side Mods/Harlies and did reasonably well with the inclusion of Steve and Leo giving us some bite in the forward line. The rain came down and Mods showed us the benefit of forward line efficiency with some good and average conversions. We lost Kelvin to a 'Hammie" and club legend Dave Porter pulled on the boots to give us a hand. We had a number of subs this week and we need to look at how they are managed as guys are playing out of position and in a number of roles each week. We need to settle the side for the task this week against the unbeaten top side. Pat Hall played a fantastic game this week and Ray was rewarded at the end of the game with our only goal.

Mens Masters 60 vs Westside Wolves (Lost 1 - 4)

Best: K. Platel, J. Smith, P. Hall

Goals: B. Cadd

Despite the scoreline, this was a much better effort from the guys against the unbeaten top team that boasts ex Australian and State players. We moved the ball around a lot better and reduced the amount of long ball which is wasteful against such players on a true deck. Keith Platel moved into the right inner position and played his best game for a long time, running himself to exhaustion. We were finally rewarded with a late "seagull" goal by Caddy. We have to play the second side this week and will need to continue in our efforts so as to improve on our poor performance against them in Round 1.

JUNIORS

Boys 11/12 Pool 1b vs University (Lost 2 - 3)

Best: B. De Bes, R. Vickery, C. Noone

Goals: S. Gibbins, F. Hay

We managed to play 60 minutes of good hockey, but unfortunately lost our concentration for 10 minutes and that was enough for uni to knock in 3 goals. At least it shows what the boys can play like when they put their minds to it. We still need to work on tighter marking in defence to slow their run down, but it was a big improvement from the least time we played them. Let's focus on the next 5 minutes after every goal is scored!

Girls 11/12 Pool 1a vs UWA (Won 1 - 0)

Best: A. Clark, J. Miller, A. McNess

Goals: R. Clay

A fantastic game on friday night against uni with a great improvement from the last match. After some great team work it gave us a well deserved 1 nil win! Keep up the awesome hockey girls.

Girls 11/12 Pool 1a vs Suburban Lions (Won 2 - 0)

Best: G. Bowyer, A. Seibel, M. Brockman/A. McNess

Goals: C. McCartney, G. Wade

The best game of the season so far! Can still be improved with some minor changes, which we will work on in the following weeks. Good outcomes in the circle and strong defensive play, well done girls!

Boys 11/12 Pool 2a Maroon vs CT Pirates (Lost 0 - 6)

Best: C. Evans, C. Noone, J. Cornwall

Another slow start by the boys with a 1-0 scoreline at half time. Dominated play for the last 10 minutes of first half but couldn't get the score on the board. Survived numerous penalty corners early in the second half but as Nick discussed after the game fatigue and failing to maintain structures allowed Pirates to score some late goals. Thanks to Jonathan, Tom and Cameron our double up players and Cahill for filling in. Special mention must go to Jonathan for volunteering to play in goal, great effort and much appreciated by the team. Well done boys resuming after a 4 week break due to byes. We look forward to next weeks game against Southern River.

Boys 11/12 Pool 2a Maroon vs Southern River (Lost 1 - 4)

Best: B. Gauci, C. Evans, T. Mansfield

Goals: B. Gauci

A very entertaining game with both teams playing attacking hockey. Once again it was the team that converted their opportunities that won, with Melville creating more than the opposition and dominating for longer periods of the game the scoreline doesn't reflect the game. Well done to both teams who had players suffering with illness for being able to maintain such a high standard for so long.

Boys 11/12 Pool 2a White vs Southern River (Lost 0 - 13)

Best: R. Ayris, A. Toogood, S. Elston

Another difficult week, our first game on Sunday with pressure on from 4 players plus the coach unavailable. With a restructure I umpired and Andrew Toogood coached, luckily by 10.30 we had 11 players plus a reserve. Huge thanks to Hamish, Tom, Nick and Lachlan who came to our rescue.

Throughout the game Southern River were far too strong in the midfield, once again leaving our defence under siege and in the end we conceded 13 goals. Great efforts from James, Lachlan and Rowan. Hard work shown all game from Austin and Angus, and no better example of hard running to the point of exhaustion simply to apply pressure on a tackle from Samuel. Once again a big thank you to Andrew for coaching.

Boys 11/12 Pool 2a White vs Westside Wolves (Drew 1 - 1)

Best: J. Whiley, L. Kannemeyer

Goals: L. Kannemeyer

Friday night's game against Westside Wolves was another test for the boys, coming off a big defeat from Southern River. With Angus turning up 2 minutes before the game we were only 2 down from our regular team. A big thank you to Mathew, Mason and Jackson for filling in . In particular to Mathew who played an outstanding game at full back. This was a great game from the whole team and reward from an excellent goal from Leigh in tight space. Also a brave effort from James after twice being hit in the knee.

The final result at 1-1 will allay any fears from the doubters.

Girls 11/12 Pool 2 vs UWA (Drew 2 - 2)

Best: S. Matthews, A. Gleave, C. McCartney

Goals: S. Matthews, E. Power

Well Done Girls - It was definitely a team effort tonight. Even the votes were for the whole team. A well deserved draw against a very competitive side. Keep up the good work

Girls 11/12 Pool 2 vs Hale (Lost 0 - 2)

Best: A. Gleave, C. McCartney, S. Gerrard

Well Done Girls - An excellent first game on grass. Passing and moving of the ball was much better in the second half, so close to scoring. We need to be hungry on the posts. keep up the excellent training with practise we can score.

Boys 9/10A vs Hale (Lost 0 - 5)

Best: Josh Antoncich, Conor Thompson, Matt Tate

If ever a scoreline failed to reflect the evenness of a game, this was it. Both teams created plenty of chances and Melville had more short corners but could just not convert. A pretty even first half left us two goals down with Hale scoring a late break away goal and Melville unable to score from some late short corners. The second half started with Melville piling on the pressure but again unable to score from a flurry of short corners but then Hale again scored on the break. Our manning up when our opposition breaks out needs to be improved. Our heads dropped a bit and Hale added a

couple of late goals but all we needed was a bit of luck on either side of the break and it could have been a very different result.

Boys 9/10A

Best: J. Antoncich, J. Rayfield, J. Rutigliano

Goals: J. Ross

A game of two totally different halves with the first half dominated by a stopper and skillful subs. Two goals and many more chances which we well stopped by goalie Jono Rayfield saw half time 2-0 down and looking like the final score line could get worse. But to the boys credit they shortened the game up and created space. They showed a lot more strength over the ball and at last looked like a good hockey team, a 1-1 second half.

Girls 9/10A vs Riverside Lions (Lost 1 - 3)

Best: C. Fullarton, L. Lefroy, B. Anderson/B. Lawrence

Goals: R. Harrup

Riverside Lions came onto the pitch fast and switched-on. Our girls managed to put the first goal on the scoreboard in the early stages of the game, but Riverside came back and scored 3 of their own. We had moments of good passages of play, but overall we lacked consistency. But there is always next week!!

Girls 9/10A vs Westside Wolves (Won 5 - 1)

Best: M. Miller, B. Lawrence, I. Nelson/A. Watson

Goals: R. Harrup, L. Lefroy, I. Nelson, M. Sader, A. Watson

Probably our best game this season. Every player worked hard and with determination. Our passing was much more consistent as we linked up and took control of the game. We had many shots on goals, and converted 5 goals from 5 different players. A great team effort, and difficult to single out best players this week.

Boys 9/10A Reserve vs OGMHC (Lost 0 - 2)

Best: J. Templeman, M. Cocliff

It was a good even game against OGMHC and our Melville boys probably had 70% of the play, however we could not convert and ended up losing 2-0. A solid effort from all players.

Boys 9/10A Reserve vs NC Raiders (Lost 0 - 1)

Best: J. Templeman, M. Cocliff, J. Howells

Our Melville Boys again had the greater percentage of the mid field play, however we are just not hitting the scorecard. A good team effort, but unfortunately a 1-0 loss. We are very close to a win!!!!

Girls 9/10A Reserve vs Fremantle (Lost 1 - 3)

Best: H. Robson, M. Harwood, C. Browne

Goals: A. Marler

No report

Girls 9/10A Reserve vs AW Reds (Lost 0 - 4)

Best: K. Gauci, S. Tantry, M. McLerie

No report

Girls 9/10B Gold vs Mercedes (Won 2 - 0)

Best: S. Maguire, S. Urbano, P. Cumper

Goals: S. Urbano

WE WON!!!!

Well done girls finally pay off for all your efforts.

This team is made up of an amazing group of girls that thoroughly deserved this win. Despite losing most weeks and sometimes by demoralising margins they still keep their heads up. They all turn up to training and they have an unbreakable spirit.

Needless to say the goal celebrations were very impressive by the girls and the dedicated supporters.

Well done coach Krystal (finally your efforts rewarded) and well done goal scorers Phoebe and Sonia.

Girls 9/10B Gold vs St Bridgids (Lost 0 - 4)

Best: S. Maguire, K. Olszewski, A. Graham

Cyclone Fremantle was the main opposition today. What is normally a beautiful ground to play on today Freo gave us its worst. Taking on the top team with the elements against us as well was a hard task. But the girls were strong and tough today. Going down 4-0 was by no means a disgrace against a very well structured opposition. Keep up the good work girls the wins will come.

Girls 9/10B Gold vs Southern River (Lost 0 - 5)

Best: L. Morphew, E. Ryan, M. Moulin

This week saw us taken on another of the top teams, with 2 state grade players that seemed to be everywhere and our girls trying their best not to lose them. Well done to Elena today taking on one of their big guns running hard and strong tackling. Loren had some outstanding moments today she had obviously been listening to Krystal and when she runs hard we look impressive going into attack. Strength going forward is what we need next week.

Keep up the Melville spirit girls.

Boys 9/10C

Best: B. Gilbert, T. Moulin, M. Utjesinovic

Once again a great game to watch boys, despite a loss to Kalamunda 10-0. Remember that they are the top ranked team in the competition. Coaches advice is that when you ran hard back into defense the opposing team did not score a goal. Great play today from Tom Moulin, Milorad Utjesinovic and Ben Gilbert(fairest and best player), who played against an opponent who seemed twice his height! Keep playing well guys. We'll get there in the end.

Boys 7/8A vs Vic Park (Lost 0 - 2)

Best: B. Hall, J. Kirk, J. Watkins

A much better attitude and performance from the boys today. We were unlucky to go down to a Vic Park team who are not a two goal better team. The difference between the teams is that they took their chances and we didn't. A disappointing result but a performance to be proud of none the less. Another gentle reminder that if we listen and execute the things that the coaches say we will find the result - an all too familiar story this season unfortunately. Well done boys on a much improved performance.

Boys 7/8A vs Fremantle (Lost 1 - 2)

Best: J. Manassis, A. Rayfield, D. Forbes/N. Page

Goals: W. Reynolds

We think that the boys learnt a very valuable lesson today, that when we carry a positive fighting spirit and attitude on to the field and carry out the

coaches game plan properly we are as good as any team in the division. With a bit more luck in front of the goal we could have won the game. With some fantastic defensive performances we managed to keep them to 2. If we continue to take this same attitude into every game we will end up winning games and find ourselves in a position on the ladder we belong in

Girls 7/8A vs University (Lost 0 - 2)

Best: Gebauer, Kirk, Silvey

We had another tough game this week but were more committed to the game. Their ball distribution was good so we spent a lot of time in defense. Our second half was much stronger and we worked harder off the ball and on it. Eliane had a solid game in each of her positions and Dani had a fantastic save. Tori worked hard on the wing, as did Madi, with both rewarded with good penetration. We can still lift so look forward to more determination next week and some conversion.

Girls 7/8A vs Rockingham (Lost 1 - 2)

Best: Gebauer, Wade, Silvey

Goals: M. Hagen

We a discussion 2 games ago about needing to improve. What a turn around. The girls were feeling disappointed not to win and perhaps were unaware of how well they played. The effort all round was great and the Melville used the width of the pitch fantastically. Eliane must have had her best game ever and dominated the midfield. Our pressure on their free's meant we had less defensive pressure and our width up front helped our backs clear out. Great goal to Molly as a result of Olivia's firm accurate free hit. Let's keep this up and have a good 2nd half of the season.

Girls 7/8A Reserve vs NC Raiders (Lost 0 - 2)

Best: P. Brickhill, A. Ross, K. Dumas

It was a cold morning and everyone played a hard game, but unfortunately it was not the best game the girls had played as a team. With two players sick on the game day we were very lucky that Eva and Lauren from 5/6A girls were available to help us out. Well done to all the girls who tried to do the press after the last training session. I have my fingers crossed that everyone has kept warm this week and we have a full healthy team for next week!

Boys 7/8B Gold Maroon vs Mazenod (Lost 2 - 3)

Best: S. Hird, H. Scurry, J. Elliott

Goals: J. Elliott, H. Scurry

WOW! That has to be the best second half of hockey we have seen this year! An absolute cracker of a game. The intensity of the game went up 3 notches and it showed. Your defence was fantastic and your attacking was great! You blitzed the opposition in the second half and that showed in the score line. Just need to work a little on accuracy. If you keep playing the rest of your games like you played that second half, this competition is YOURS! Well done boys, fantastic effort!

Boys 7/8B Gold Maroon vs Southern River (Drew 2 - 2)

Best: S. Hird, C. Deaville, M. Hayward

Goals: J. Lukan, S. Hird

Once again, the boys really hit their straps in the second half of the game. You started to panic and get scrappy but managed to pull it together to force the draw with a spectacular goal from Jordan with help from all the forwards. Sean's goal with the short corner in the first half was a highlight. Some good running and you are moving faster with the ball. Keep it up boys!

Boys 7/8B Gold White vs WASPS (Lost 0 - 10)

Best: C. Sinnott, P. Giumelli, J. Parker

It can be hard to find positives sometimes, but the scoreline didn't reflect the reality of the game and of our effort. Very proud of our effort in defense, in spite of the score, and of the attitude throughout what was a lost cause from early on. This will help us be better players and a better team.

Boys 7/8B Gold White vs AW Reds (Drew 0 - 0)

Best: M. Scally, H. Rogerson, C. Surtees

Heck of a frustrating game - lots of chances and just couldn't score. Played a much better shape but couldn't - a familiar tale to many of us at Melville over the years. Next week boys.

Girls 7/8B Gold vs Lions Maroon (Lost 1 - 2)

The girls showed how brilliant they can play as a team in the first half by recovering from a goal down to equalise 1 all.

Passing and tackling in the first half was a highlight along with excellent support of one another.

We need to be able to carry that into 2 halves of hockey, then the results will come.

Girls 7/8B Gold vs UWA (Lost 0 - 2)

This week it was important that we improve in key areas of hockey that have been lacking in recent weeks. Our passing and calling was very much better and that showed in how many opportunities we had in attack. Our defense was improved with girls block tackling and supporting each other. It was also pleasing to see many trying their skills in all areas and this can only get better as weeks progress. Overall a great effort and a definite improvement, we should look at moving forward now for the rest of the season.

Boys 7/8C Black vs Joondalup (Lost 0 - 3)

Best: S. Skepper, J. Turner, L. Hill/G. Whitebrook

Well - today proved that everyone has improved as a hockey player. The boys followed up last week's game with the same drive and determination and great hitting. Some spectacular hitting from Jimmy and Liam and clever intercepts and passing from Sam gave us opportunities in attack. We had some real

chances at scoring. The only down sides were lapses in concentration that let the opposition have time to score. Ross, Josh and George S made great attacking moves and Jarvys passed well and played great position. Alec and Nathaniel both made some important saves. Joel and Will both made some critical counterattacks. WELL DONE!

Boys 7/8C Black vs Whitfords (Lost 0 - 5)

Best: G. Whitebrook, R. Stewart, J. Daniels

The score of the game did not reflect how much the team has improved. After 4 goals in the first half, the game settled down to a very even contact in the second half where we had a few chances to score, but could not quite finish it off. Everyone's tackling and passing - especially hitting was much

improved and consistent. We just need to keep an eye on opposition players in the D to prevent scoring opportunities.

Boys 7/8C Black vs Mods (Drew 1 - 1)

Best: Sam, Josh, 1 vote for rest of team

Goals: J. Turner

First goal and first points for season and the least number of goals scored against us in a game. Well done! Each week the boys are improving which is great to see. Everyone did their bit today but special mentions to Samuel for being consistent throughout the whole game at centre half, a great goal and stick work by Josh, tight marking by Ross, an awesome save by Nathaniel in goals near the end when we had to hold them out, some powerful hitting by George W and Liam H, good position and play by our wings Stephen and Will, and some important and great tackles from Jarvys, Alec and George S.

Girls 7/8C vs Newman (Won 1 - 2)

Best: K. Etelaaho, R. Clarke, E. Hall

Goals: S. Brown

The girls played thier first game of the season on Turf. Considering they had three younger players to make up the team they had never played with before they did a great job.Well done to all the players and keep up the good work.

Girls 7/8C vs UWA (Lost 1 - 3)

Goals: K. O'Sullivan

Our girls have fantastic spirit and played a hard game right until the end.

Boys 5/6A

This was a well fought game and Melville was unlucky not have had the winning result. The whole team put in a good effort and there were good performances all over the field. Joel had a great game and made some fantastic saves. Luckily Josh was wearing his mouthguard when the ball shot up off a stick, it happened very quickly and emphasises why everyone needs to have their mouthguards in all the time including at training. The tackling was much better in the second half and this certainly helped with the two goals in the second half. Well Done !

Boys 5/6A vs Lions (Lost 1 - 4)

Best: T. Harvey, J. Scanlon, D. Forbes

Goals: J. Scanlon

It was a freezing cold morning at Perry Lakes which didn't help the team switch on in the first half but they soon grasped what Craig required of them and began to play well. They were really just unlucky in this game as there were many missed opportunities in front of goals. Mitch was solid as always and assisted many a turnover. Tim played fullback and shined in the new role earning him best player this week. A lovely undercut at goals saw everyone celebrating with Josh and made the score a bit more respectable. We have a great bunch of kids in this team and the improvements week to week are amazing thanks to hard work from the kids and a very dedicated coach. Thanks Craig Tate!

Girls 5/6A vs YMCC (Won 2 - 0)

Best: J. Vanderzwan, C. Drayton, A. Haigh

Goals: A. Bell, B. Miller

Congratulations on another win, girls, your game is really coming together. Two early goals from Bree and Abi really put the opposition on the backfoot from the start- always a good place to attack from. The defensive work was really impressive this week- Bacon, Jade, Ham and Jeff, I'm talking about you. Next week we need to focus on maintaining our forward momentum and not getting complacent, but overall, well done again girls!

Girls 5/6A vs Joondalup (Drew 0 - 0)

Best: C. Drayton, E. Rayfield, B. Miller

I think the 2 degree morning had us all wishing we were back in bed this week and it showed. We were a bit slow to start and struggled to connect passes, however as the girls began to defrost we began to get our run back. We were clearly the better team and it was a little disappointing to not get the 3 points but overall, not a bad result girls

Boys 5/6A Reserve vs Lions Gold (Won 2 - 1)

Best: Sean, Josh, Lochie, Zac, Lewis, Austin, Brad,

Goals: S. McKinnon, D. Moulin

With scores locked at NIL all at Halftime the game was really there for the

taking. The Lions dominated possession for the first 35 mins and had us squarely on the back foot defending deep; just as well we are good at defending! Sean, Josh and Zac on the last line were very stout and stopped many a scoring shot. I guess it was just a matter of time when one of their Boys found himself unmarked at the top of the D and with one of those slow motion bouncy hits that could go either way it decided to jump over Zac's foot; we were behind. That WOKE us UP! From then on it was Running attacks, great hitting, pressure inside the D and BAM!!! Daniel scored. Not taking a backward step we pushed forward again and again and with a quick push wide right from a free hit at the top of the D and Austin slapping the ball at the Spot a ricochet off the goalies pads saw a great tap in by Sam and we hit the front.

If there is one thing the A RES Boys will be remembered for is that “never give in” spirit – great to see – the Boys were fantastic!
WELL DONE BOYS!!

Boys 5/6A Reserve vs Lions Maroon (Lost 0 - 1)

Best: Z. McKinnon, S. Curran, J. Hardbottle

An enthralling game. Lots of pressure inside the D from both teams. With scores locked at NIL all at halftime it was always going to be close. In the second half our positional play broke down a little and we stopped passing and tried to beat every tackler on solo runs.

All in all though it was a great effort against a bigger stronger opposition.
WELL DONE BOYS!!

Boys 5/6B Gold vs Rockingham (Won 3 - 0)

Best: M. Harrup, H. Brown, J. John

Goals: H. Brown, O. Spear, H. Watkins

With only 10 players on the pitch the boys faced an uphill struggle from the start. The opposition went on the attack early in the first half, but our boys all pulled together as a team and played some outstanding hockey. The defence was strong and the tackling and passing was superb. In the second half we went on the offensive and through fantastic teamwork, scored three awesome goals. Best game of the season boys, excellent work!!

Boys 5/6B Gold vs WASPS Gold (Drew 1 - 1)

Best: B. Gillett, B. McVeigh, H. Watkins

The boys had another tough game this week against a team above them on the ladder. With only ten players, they fought hard with some excellent tackling and long range passing. Despite their efforts the opposition scored. However, within minutes our fellas lifted their heads, attacked aggressively and got a well deserved equaliser. Another superb all round effort.

Girls 5/6B Gold Maroon vs Lions Maroon (Drew 1 - 1)

Best: G. Munnings/A. Swan, Z. Polglase, S. Lawson

Goals: S. Brown

Another great game by the girls, especially the second half. We forgot to go wide out of defence in the first half which saw the opposition take their opportunity to score a goal. In the second half we concentrated on moving the ball wide and attacking down both wings. After dominating the game with some excellent passing, we scored after a string of entries into the D and several short corners. Special mention to Sophie, who came with her game face on and played her best game for us this season. Well done Sophie!

Girls 5/6B Gold White vs Lions Gold (Won 1 - 0)

Best: C. Forbes, C. Thompson, E. Quattrini

Goals: C. Thompson

The first half looked like we were back at Melville at Minkey again. Our opposition were playing Minkey style and we followed suit. The second half we were back to spreading out, staying in our positions and passing to each other. Well done girls for making the changes after half time. Our goal was scored by Ciara on the left wing when she was beautifully positioned on the post just like Janezza had been asking the wings to do. Great win Girls! We are now in 4th position.

Girls 5/6B Gold White vs Wolves Grey (Won 2 - 1)

Best: C. Forbes, K. O'Sullivan, E. Rolls

Goals: C. Forbes, K. O'Sullivan

What a fantastic game to watch. All the girls played really well together as a team. The passing to each other was brilliant which meant that we were able to score 2 goals to win the match. It was a very even game with both teams getting an equal amount of play. Well done to Annabel in goals for some great saves. It is great to see the improvement of all the girls after 7 weeks of hockey. Keep up the great work girls.

Boys 5/6 Regional Gold Maroon vs CT Pirates (Drew 2 - 2)

Best: Sean Flexman, Ben Deacon, Liam Betham

The boys are really starting to gel as a team and understand the importance of holding their positions and manning up. Ben you tagged their centre-half to perfection resulting in the opposition subbing him off.

Some great team work and runs down the wings saw the ball remain in our scoring zone for the majority of the first half. Despite several valiant attempts to score the Pirates defence was able to limit us to just one goal.

Liam and Chris had a particularly good game today. As wings it's often hard to get players to hold their position and make leads ahead of the ball.

Both boys have shown how far they have come since their first game.

The highlight of the game would have to be the variations the boys tried on the short corners – something we have only discussed in our whiteboard sessions. BJ your position on the goal post was perfect and resulted in that goal we talked about.

A great result for two very evenly matched teams.

Boys 5/6 Regional Gold Maroon (Won 1 - 0)

Best: Cameron, Chris, Sean

With injury and illness taking its toll, many of the boys had to play in unfamiliar positions. Without fail, all stepped up and performed admirably.

The work put in at training is really starting to show. The boys are now holding their positions, manning up in defence and generally working strongly as a team.

With Cameron and Sean rock solid in defence, Jay and Oscar controlling the centre of the field, Chris and Keifer staying out wide on the wings, and

Aden creating havoc up forward, the Vic Park side was under constant pressure. Continually attacking through the wings, the boys generated numerous scoring opportunities and it was only a matter of time before they scored. The 1 nil score line did not do the boys justice. The improvement in the boys over the last couple of weeks has been fantastic, and we should be in for a great second half of the season.

Boys 5/6 Regional Gold White vs Lions (Lost 0 - 5)

Best: K. Milson, T. Alder, E. Martin-Proud

A hard game which saw Lions get a few early goals. Overall what hurt us the most was the fact that a few of our team were out sick this week. As a consequence of this we were desperate for players and luckily the girls were willing to fill in. A very big thanks to all the girls that filled in this week, we couldn't have done it without you. Even though we went down by three goals in the first half we still managed to come out with a positive attitude which resulted in a better second half. Best of luck for next game.

Girls 5/6 Regional Gold (Drew 1 - 1)

Best: M. Raja, S. Lillyman, J. Leeming

Goals: L. MacNevin

Good game girls. Keep working on holding your positions and we will be a force to be reckoned with. Well done Anneka in the goals.

Girls 5/6 Regional Gold vs Wolves Grey (Lost 0 - 2)

Best: G. John, A. Ziade, S. King

Wow, what a cold morning we had. The fields were iced over. Our poor girls could hardly hold onto their sticks because their hands were frozen. Well done for getting out there, it was very tough.