



Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2012

## President's Pen

There's not a lot to report this week as the juniors & minkey do not get into full swing until this weekend. The State U21s made the final against Qld unfortunately losing 3 to nil although a great effort to come second.

Our 1s men went down to Vic Pk 3 - 1 in a hard fought game against a quality side. Our 2s won 3 - 2 to salvage some pride. Our 1s girls, although dominating, could not get the ball in the net losing their first game of the season maybe a reality check but I am sure they will get back on track for next week. Our 2s girls are still undefeated & our goal is well in sight now.

This is a good time to thank all our volunteers who help out around the club, we would find it very hard to run this club without your support. Do not forget our AGM on the first Thursday of September & also our windup on **the 21st of September**, tickets are now available behind the bar so please do not leave it to the last minute as you may miss out. Early numbers makes it easier to cater for. The raffle books are almost sold so the prize will be drawn shortly. Entertainment books are still available at the bar, both are very good value for your investment not to say it helps the club in a small financial way. **Managers**, please note that team pen pictures are due by **August 13**.

This weekend our men travel to Narrogin to take on Curtin so if you have some spare time and at a loose end, come down & support our teams, Narrogin is a 2.5 hour drive and the game starts at 3 pm. The women take on Whitfords, so if you cannot make the men's, please support the women's game as it is very important to stay on top of the table.

That it for this week, we should be back to normal after this week. Happy hockey & good luck for this weekend to all.

Steve McEntee  
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## PREMIER LEAGUE

### **Mens Melville Toyota League vs Old Aquinians (Drew 2 - 2) 2012-07-07**

With the U21 athletes unavailable for selection this week saw both teams well below full strength. We were lucky, however, to have both of our soon-to-be Olympians (late Congratulations to Rusty...and Swanny) available to give us some added firepower. On the back of our very disappointing result last week, and with finals still the target, this game was a must win. We got off to a great start scoring within 2 minutes but couldn't seem to hold on to the lead, with Reds equalising soon after. We did manage to convert a PC to take a 2-1 lead into half time but once again got pegged back by a determined Reds outfit. If we can manage to stabilise after taking the lead and go on to increase it further we will find ourselves a lot higher up the ladder, as we would be comfortably in the top 5 if we could. Unfortunately this game goes down as another two points dropped when we should have taken all three, but the positive thing is we are starting to play an attractive and positive style of hockey, which has seen us dominate teams over the last month. It shows that if we believe in the style we want to play, we can match it with the best, and finals will soon be within our grasp. A definite must win game this weekend vs Guildford at PHS, Sunday 2pm.

### **Mens Premier 2 vs UWA (Lost 2 - 3) 2012-06-30**

Disappointing result against perhaps the best team currently in the 2s. Our match mirrored the 1s in many ways in that we had all the play but couldn't land the killer blow and when UWA had a sniff they took their chance. Improvement required on many levels if we expect to beat them come finals.

### **Mens Premier 2 vs Old Aquinians (Won 6 - 2) 2012-07-07**

With the unavailability of our U21s boys, some injuries and unavailability in the squad we were stretched a little thin against what we expected to be tough reds opposition. We welcomed in Dirty for his first game of the season (I think), handed a 2s debut to Ash Ranford (who scored a great goal and set up a tap in for his brother!), welcomed back Tim Geers from a stint on the sidelines with Glandular Fever and gave another opportunity for Bryn De Bas to show his wares at 2's level. And none of the inclusions disappointed. Overall a pretty good display against reasonable opposition, however we need to continue to work towards playing a full 70 minutes.

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## **Mens Premier Alliance vs Old Aquinians (Won 2 - 1) 2012-07-07**

Goals: M. Bowater, A. Ranford

Whilst the features and odour of the Melville team resembled the mules that traverse the Grand Canyon, only some chose to experience the Grand Melville Canyon. Having only seen photos of the other landmark, the canyon between the defence and offense is also impressive, but for a different reason. When the ball did venture forward it was at times unnecessarily urgent and without preparation, precision and readiness so opportunities remained just that, and the ball was quickly echoed in return. The points have been secured but I'd prefer to only see the real Grand Canyon, (and less of the mules).

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### **Mens Premier Alliance vs Victoria Park (Won 4 - 1) 2012-07-21**

Goals: M. Bowater, J. De Wind, D. McEntee, C. Orr

We each make hundreds every day but during a game each decision is tested and the result sometimes shown on the scoreboard. For too much of the game because of decisions made Melville chose to practice defensive structure and transfer (which includes the forwards). Fortunately these decisions were not terminal. Sans pith helmets expeditions into Victoria Park territory whilst on occasion successful were not always structured, efficient nor precise. Think (fast) then play. Melville were victorious but without conviction or assuredness. Imagine what it could be if ...

### **Ladies Willow Bridge League vs Hale (Won 3 - 2) 2012-07-07**

Best: A. Clark, S. Bowyer, E. Stratton

Goals: A. Clark, A. Seibel, S. Tweddle

An up and down game today eventually saw the Willow Bridge girls come away with a 3-2 win. A penalty stroke accurately called by the bench in the second half enabled Anna to "slam" home one of the goals of the day. Not to be outdone, Hale hit back hard and the girls were forced to work overtime to ensure we came home with a win. We made hard work harder for ourselves today when at times it can look so effortless. Verabschieden Anna (hope I got that right).

"Rest when you're weary. Refresh and renew yourself, your body, your mind, your spirit. Then get back to work." Ralph Marston

### **Ladies Willow Bridge League vs Suburban Lions (Lost 1 - 2) 2012-07-22**

Best: T. Cousens, S. Andrews, A. Clark

Goals: C. Carter

The Willow Bridge girls were full of beans today as we welcomed Steph Andrews in her first game for the maroon, straight off the plane from Adelaide. Alas, we couldn't keep the winning streak going and while we could blame the reshuffle of players or the blue turf or the coach going off to the Olympics, Lions simply put more goals in the net than we did. Can't wait till next week and to hear the sound of the backboard more times than the opposition.

"All of us might wish at times that we lived in a more tranquil world, but we don't. And if our times are difficult and perplexing, so are they challenging and filled with opportunity." Robert F. Kennedy

### **Ladies Promotion 2 vs Hale (Won 1 - 0) 2012-07-07**

Best: S. Clark, R. Savill, G. Glaskin/D. Dravnieks

Goals: R. Savill

A game played in two halves - thank goodness for a much better second half! Our depleted team was much buoyed by the addition of five players who braved the cold weather at Hale. As always, our defenders held strong with excellent support across the midfield. Coaches comments - anything over a green card is inexcusable!

## **Ladies Promotion 2 vs Suburban Lions (Won 2 - 0) 2012-07-22**

Best: B. MacDonald, S. Chiswell, H. Menegola

Goals: B. MacDonald, R. Savill

Despite half of the team still recovering from colds or other injuries, the entire team played out a strong, hard fought out game of hockey to record a well deserved win - just what the coach ordered as we lead into the final few games of the main season!

## PROVISIONAL LEAGUE

### **Mens Provisional 1 vs John 23rd**

No report

### **Ladies Provisional 1 vs CT Pirates (Drew 0 - 0) 2012-07-07**

Best: C. McCartney, N. McGowan, K. Atkinson

Today was a game where everyone played well but lady luck was not quite with us when attempting to score goals. Great defence all around. Today both sides had to accommodate some interesting umpiring decisions but we kept our focus and never gave up trying. Short corner execution was much improved on previous weeks with one shot being saved on the line by an opposition full back. Thanks to Madie Harper for playing her first senior game - well done and again thanks to Amy for helping out at short notice.

### **Ladies Provisional 2 Gold**

No report

### **Mens Provisional 3 Gold vs Southern River (Won 2 - 1) 2012-07-21**

Best: W. Beddoes, M. Welten, J. Tate

Goals: J. Tate (2)

After converting 2/2 short corners in the first 15 minutes, everyone was gearing up for a day out. Unfortunately defence fell asleep in the second half and AJ started asserting his lack of finishing skills in the D to everyone's detriment. Good to sing the song again, looking forward to the run home to finals.



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### **Ladies Provisional 4 vs Joondalup (Lost 0 - 5) 2012-07-08**

Best: J. Hadley, S. Dsouza/S. De Melo, W. Joyce

With 7 players down from our regular team it was always going to be a difficult match. Some strong performances out there but we lost the linking play we have come to rely on with our regular players. Good work by the wings to be in the right places. Keep the ball out of the middle and use the width of the field and we shall be back on top of it!

### **Ladies Provisional 4 vs UWA (Lost 0 - 3) 2012-07-22**

Best: E. Howells, J. McDonough, L. Walkemeyer/S. Dagleish

Once everyone worked out where the UWA turf was and avoided random escapees from Graylands along the way, we managed to put in a very relaxed warm up for the early Sunday morning game. Never a good idea to play before at least 1 cup of coffee, and it took us half a game to wake up.... With Nic croaking instructions from the sidelines, we struggled to show our best form until the second half. Remember to keep using the width, work back in defense and man up for the next game. Let's finish the season with a few more wins on the board!

### METROPOLITAN LEAGUE

#### **Mens Metro 1 vs Vic Park (Drew 1 - 1) 2012-07-07**

Best: S. Willis, B. Rushton, R. Williams

Goals: M. Read

Disappointing result after being up 1-0, and facing a 10 man Vic Park in the second half.

There is no need to name names - no one wins.

### **Ladies Metro 1 vs Westside Wolves (Won 4 - 2) 2012-07-07**

Best: S. Brockman, L. Brearley, M. Margetts

Goals: D. Constable (2), J. Coad, L. Forbes

Melville had a slow start which resulted in Wolves scoring the first goal. Once we settled Lynda was able to score off a short corner and make it 1 goal each at half time. The second half saw more short direct passing which paid off. We had some near misses with Deb hitting the goal post twice before scoring 2 goals in the second half. Final score 4-2.

### **Ladies Metro 1 vs WASPS (Lost 1 - 2) 2012-07-21**

Best: L. Coss, L. Brearley, J. Coad

Goals: S. Brockman

Lindy Coss celebrated 500 games today complete with banner, team photos and groovy headband to wear. The milestone spurred her on to play a brilliant game and earned best player of the day. Congratulations Lindy! Unfortunately we could not pull off a win today. WASPS scored early in the first half while we were still finding our feet. We equalled before half time with some brilliant play by Leah, Mhairi and Simone who finally got the ball in the goals. It remained 1 all, despite our many opportunities and near misses, until the last few minutes of the game where WASPS scored to seal victory at 1-2.

### **Mens Metro 2 Gold vs Curtin Trinity (Lost 0 - 3) 2012-07-21**

No report

### **Mens Metro 3 Gold vs CT Pirates (Lost 0 - 4) 2012-07-07**

Best: M. Willis, J. Butcher/D. Kidd/T. McEntee

An unfortunate loss. We can definitely say we were the more dangerous on the field but as our fitness died so did our hunger. Being on the field with only 10 players reminded us of the fact that while we excelled in those conditions when we were younger, age it seems has caught up and we just can't run as long as we used to...

We had some great plays down the field but the opposition figured out how to use their extra man to draw our players away to get some good goals.

Special mentions: Thanks Deano for filling in this week and coming out of retirement. Looking at you keep you wouldn't think that you'd been out for so long....

David Wake - what do we say? Missing a game and leaving the team short of players so that you could line up for a Lady Gaga concert? Insert comments here"...." This one will definitely be in the year book :p

### **Mens Metro 3 Gold vs UWA (Won 3 - 1) 2012-07-21**

Best: M. Wake, M. Willis, T. McEntee

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

Where has this team been all season you have to ask. Clearly something we have been doing over the last few weeks is working for us as our form is really starting to come through, leading to some great plays down the field. A great game from everybody. Let's keep up this momentum for the rest of the season...

### VETERANS

#### **Mens Masters Midweek vs WASPS (Won 2 - 0) 2012-07-09**

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

Goals: R. Achemedei, M. Lyons

Another scrappy win. Only true bright spot was that Crowey, still the only person in Australia less popular than Gillard, somehow managed a clean sheet.

#### **Mens Masters Midweek vs Rockingham (Won 5 - 1) 2012-07-16**

Best: M. Starling, D. Hoad, J. Cooke/M. Lyons

Needing to score 9 un-answered goals to win the Challenge Cup, it was always going to be a hard task in this rescheduled game. With so many players away, it proved to be an impossible task - and for once it had nothing to do with Crowey's inability to save the simplest of shots ... Still, a win is a win, and we finished the first round in second spot on the ladder, our best result ever.

#### **Mens Masters Midweek vs Subs/Lions (Won 6 - 1) 2012-07-23**

Best: M. Starling, J. Cooke/D. Wilson, D. Loffell

Goals: M. O'Sullivan (2), M. Watson (2), B. Rushton, D. Wilson

Even though we had only 10 men and a blubbering, blundering, blithering, buffoonish, bellowing, bothersome, behemoth Crowey (ostensibly) in goals, we managed a solid win to help keep our goal difference reasonable.

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### **Ladies Masters 2 vs Joondalup (Lost 0 - 2) 2012-07-04**

Best: K. Mishra, V. Carmody, J. Graham/T. Rayfield

Oh what a night. We looked fantastic for 15 minutes. Then we went back to long hard hits straight to the opposition. We need short fast triangles and more fitness. Come on girls, 2nd round coming up, let's score some goals.

### **Ladies Masters 2 vs YMCC (Lost 0 - 4) 2012-07-11**

Best: J. Graham, V. Carmody, M. Farrow

Oh what a night. We looked so good in the first half and they only scored once in a moment of indecision. But in the second half we lost our way a little and let them score 3 more goals off short corners. We need to work on that and how to score goals. Come on girls, we look so good mid field.

### **Ladies Masters 3 Gold vs Pirates (Won 2 - 0) 2012-07-04**

Best: S. Brockman, L. Forbes, M. Margetts

Goals: J. Rosso, T. Forbes

A great game girls, we really started to gel as a team working together beautifully. Great work in goals Lindy you're moving around like a 20 year old.

### **Mens Masters 40-1 vs Old Aquinians (Lost 1 - 3) 2012-07-07**

Best: A. Etelaaho, S. Willett, R. Achemedei

Goals: S. Willett

Sadly even though we managed to palm Crowley off on to the Metro 1s, his replacement unfortunately pulled a hamstring (or calf?) just before half time, and Reds took full advantage of this after the break to score against a basically defenceless team. Under the circumstances, not a bad result at all.

### **Mens Masters 40-2**

No report

### **Mens Masters 40-4 2012-07-08**

Best: D. Joseph/S. Walker, G. Singh

Great team effort and good all round performance. Thanks to Bruce for helping with the subs. Thanks to David GK, Cameron, Andy, Tony for being on call to help out. The back players did an outstanding job and were able to rebound the play up to the forwards many times but the forwards not quite able to convert.

### **Mens Masters 40-4 vs Suburban Lions (Won 3 - 0) 2012-07-22**

Best: I. Munns/G. Singh, G. Tai/S. Walker, P. Paino

Good all round team performance. good passing and position play throughout the game. The backs played a significant role in providing opportunities up front.

Brett/Scott/Gerald/Carlos/Ian/Paul Congratulations to Dave, Freo and Shane of course on their goals!- but also to Mark being on a winning team. Maybe in a few more winning games.

### **Mens Masters 50-1 vs Hale (Won 6 - 2) 2012-07-07**

Best: C. Howell, K. Harper/R. Scanlon, A. Reynolds

Goals: C. Howell (4), P. Dawkins, K. Harper

Playing on a near perfect grass pitch at Hale brought out all the skills we have and from the outset we controlled the game and scored early. This put Hale on the back foot and when we heard thru Andy that the goalie was low on confidence and lacking form we tested him out to prove it and scored another 3 goals. Once again our defence was rock solid with Waldo patrolling the middle and Whip and Jenno marshalling the rest of us into position. The forwards took full toll once in the circle and they took the game away from Hale. With a few weeks off now we can get our bodies right for the tough run home to finals. Enjoy the break and see you in a few weeks.

### **Mens Masters 50-2 vs Wolves (Lost 1 - 3) 2012-07-08**

Best: B. Morrison, G. Widdicombe, R. Knyn

Goals: B. Morrison

Played in fits and starts with not a lot of system at times and didn't take our chances

### **Mens Masters 50-2 vs Kalamunda (Won 3 - 2) 2012-07-23**

Best: R. Nottage, E. Nell, M. Jolliffe

Goals: A. Marshall, M. Pitcher, E. Nell

A great win against the top side. One of our best games so far this season, where our defence held up well under pressure and we made some constructive moves forward. Last time we won against Kalamunda was in the grand final three years ago and I think one of our regular team members missed that game as well.

### **Mens Masters 50-3 vs Hale (Lost 1 - 3) 2012-07-07**

Best: F. Williams, T. Patton, B. Porter

Goals: S. McEntee

Not taking the umpiring into consideration the opposition played very well and controlled the centre. We on the other hand kept moving the ball back to the centre and were picked off time and again. This was a tactical error which we didnt get a hold of until the last quarter. Unfortunately this was not our only error. When things started getting tough our play and structure starting breaking down and so did our support for our fellow team members. We need to improve in these two areas.

### **Mens Masters 50-3 vs Kalamunda (Won 4 - 1) 2012-07-21**

Best: S. McEntee/F. Williams, G. Bowater, L. Welten

Goals: S. McEntee (2), L. Welten, A. Wood

Well a good game with absolute half line domination and great finishing at the scoring end. It is so good to see our new players improving each week and really stepping up with solid performances. Thank you to egg for helping out it gave us the high performance rotation needed. When we move the ball around using both the half line and back line we are unstoppable.

### **Mens Masters 60 vs Suburban Lions (Won 3 - 0) 2012-07-22**

Best: P. Speyer, T. Parker, J. Smith

For the first time this season we battled to field a full team but thanks to Mike and Murray plus Kelvin returning to test his hammie after a month we managed to have 12 players. We played a good game once we returned to short passing but missed a number of chance to score. Pieter returned to full back and played his best game for the club. Ray was a constant threat up front and finished with 3 goals. A good team effort, well done to all.

### **Mens Masters 60 vs Riverside Lions (Won 3 - 0) 2012-07-23**

Goals: R. Domingo (3)

For the first time this season we had a few problems getting a team together but thanks to Mike and Murray we finally fielded 12 players. We played a pretty good game and were always in control over the bottom side. We missed many scoring opportunities and always looked better when we short passed the ball. Ray was a constant threat in the forward line and scored 3 goals. Pieter went back to his full back position and played his best game for the year. A good effort all round but tougher assignment this upcoming week.

## JUNIORS

### **Girls 9/10B Gold vs Hale (Lost 0 - 6) 2012-07-01**

Best: A. Graham, E. Ryan, S. Maguire

A tough opposition and a well fought game. This was the second time against Hale, we certainly performed better on field this time. The first half was very close and we had quite a few opportunities to score - we just didn't seem to be able to find the box.

In the second half we faded which is reflected by the score. Alice had a cracker of a game in goals, and some solid defense was displayed by Isobel, Christina (thanks for filling in!) and Phoebe. We need to work on using the width of the field and making sure that we don't pass the ball to the opposition's stick side!

Thanks also to Aimee for helping us out.