



Saturday 4th August 2012

President's Pen

Not a good weekend for the men or women's top squad, both had losses. The men travelled to Narrogin to play Curtin lost 3-1, I presume they had a better time after with Doogs and his family putting the boys up out on the farm. As I was away, I only got to see one match, with Pat & Don's girls playing Uni. Last time Uni whipped the girls but a great turnaround this time, with Uni only winning by one, converting a corner after time called. What a great comeback, well done to the girls & coaches.

I know I repeat myself but it is important not to leave the windup tickets to last minute, it makes it so much easier for Catherine Timmel to organise everything - she is once again doing a fantastic job and I think it will be a memorable celebration. The second raffle only has about 50 tickets to sell and I would like to draw it on Saturday week at our home game against Peel. There is only eight entertainment books left so if you have not got yours, they are behind the bar, just ask our new barman Ryan.

Congratulations to Lindi Coss on achieving her 500th game, another great effort.

As the season comes down to finals it would be nice if we all got behind our respective teams & show support for them as they move into the important end of the season. Especially the 1s girls as they need to be on top to have a chance to get into the top league. This would be a milestone for the club to have men & women back to back in the highest level of club hockey.

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PREMIER LEAGUE

Mens Melville Toyota League vs CT Pirates

No report

Mens Premier 2 vs CT Pirates

No report

Mens Premier Alliance vs CT Pirates (Drew 0 - 0)

The Melville armada sought to board and conquer the Pirates but each attempt was resisted. A fierce battle ensued with neither dominating and a truce was declared. Not a result to be bitter about but if the treasure is to be secured the Pirates must be scuttled.

Ladies Willow Bridge League vs Whitfords (Lost 0 - 3)

Best: A. Clark, S. Gale, S. Bowyer/S. Heal/M. Silvey

Today saw us up against Whitfords who took the early lead and one that we were never able to get ahead of. We pushed until the very end but as we all know there are no second chances on match day. Don't be too hard on yourselves girls, be reminded of all the effort that has put us in a position that every other team wants to be in and continue to do the absolute very best you can in every task, no matter how unimportant it may seem at the time.

"Be thankful for what you have and you will end up having more. But if you concentrate on what you don't have, you'll never, ever have enough." Oprah Winfrey

Ladies Promotion 2 - BYE

No report

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE

Mens Provisional 1 vs John XXIII (Won 8 - 1) 2012-07-21

Goals: A. Wragg (2), M. Ashley, S. Hennessey, C. Ellis, C. Geers, G. Thomas, K. Jamieson

It's always an interesting game when we play John XXII and this one was no different. After getting sucked into their silly games in the first half we came out firing in the second scoring a further 6 goals. This shows what we are capable of and we will need a whole 70mins of this next week to keep the season alive... Well done lads!

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Ladies Provisional 1 vs Old Aquinians (Lost 1 - 3)

Best: A. Sperinck, J. Greenacre, S. Wilson

Goals: K. Biffin

Quite a bruising affair today. Reds had some very good ball carriers that at times we could not shut down. We had chances to score but just couldn't get a strong shot away. Good things from the game were the return of Ash in goals, persistent attacking and positional play of our forwards. Areas to improve are passing accuracy and tighter marking on danger players.

Ladies Provisional 2 Gold vs UWA (Drew 1 - 1) 2012-07-22

Best: O. Jones, D. Russell, S. King

Goals: O. Jones

Oh if only we could score goals!!! The amount of good shots we had into the D was greatly improved, but alas we just couldn't get a stick to it to finish it off. We held the play well, though they scored early it was a lucky shot off a short corner, it was the only real shot they had. We are deinatly better than we are playing at the moment, just really need to dig deep for that last 10% and then we would be unstoppable!!

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Ladies Provisional 2 Gold vs Old Aquinians (Lost 1 - 3) 2012-07-28

Best: A. McCall, M. Regan, S. King

Goals: M. Regan

I've said it before and I'll say it again - IF ONLY WE COULD SCORE GOALS!!!! It was a really good game -we played out game and held them well. Had the majority of the play in the first half with them only having a few breakaways. But then in the second half we started to tire and they were just so fast that they just our ran us a few times.

Mens Provisional 3 Gold vs Aquinas (Won 1 - 0)

Best: M. Welten, W. Beddoes, T. Neesham

Goals: T. Neesham

Obviously a standard win at full time isn't exciting for us as we found ourselves defending 2 post-siren short corners for the second week in a row. Thankfully Fry's defensive footwork is more subtle than Fergy's and no strokes were given away. Disappointing not to get more goals considering the time spent in attack. Ted showed all the young boys how it used to be done in the glory days with a good goal and an even better solo up the field. Why he gave it to Mitch to screw up we'll never know, he must've thought he was passing to someone else.

Ladies Provisional 4 - BYE

METROPOLITAN LEAGUE

Mens Metro 1 vs Uni (Lost 1 - 6) 2012-07-21

Best: C. Robinson, J. Pickering, B. Joss

Goals: M. Read

Played well in patches - very short patches and completely switched off for the rest of the game.

Ladies Metro 1 vs Mods/Harlies

No report

Mens Metro 2 Gold vs UWA

No report

Mens Metro 3 Gold vs Kalamunda (Lost 1 - 2)

Best: M. Coelho, M. Willis, D. Kidd

Goals: M. Wake

A very tough game with everything being put on the line to stay off the bottom of the ladder. We just couldn't pull it together and make the most of the opportunities we had in front of us, our biggest issue this year it seems as we definitely had more chances than Kala.

We had plenty of excitement though with 2 dislocations and a broken nose, definitely the greatest amount of injuries I have ever seen in one game of hockey with Muzz trying to take desperate measures to fix his snoring problem by using his face to stop a Kala player getting to the ball. Well done Muzz, but maybe not the best idea....

VETERANS

Mens Masters Midweek vs Newman

No report

Ladies Masters 2 vs Hale (Drew 1 - 1)

Best: K. Mishra, V. Carmody, A. Hall

Goals: V. Carmody

We were running on empty tonight with Janice, Mhairi & Theresa injured, Jane away, Lisa with jet lag and Ali W carrying an injury but playing. Thank god for mini. We played like champions in the first half with some magnificent runs down the wing and so many close encounters with the goals that did not quite come off, but we only managed one scored by Vanessa as a result of one of her many solos. We held them pretty well most of the game and they scored their goal off a penalty flick. In the second half we were starting to tire. A good game by all the girls. Everyone played their hearts out. Well done girls. Some really good stuff.

Ladies Masters 3 Gold vs Vic Prk (Lost 2 - 4)

Best: L. Forbes, L. Coss, L. Dymond

Goals: L. Forbes, T. Forbes

We picked the coldest night in decades and a late game to take to the hockey pitch and try to play, with turf crunching underfoot we shivered through and vic park didn't have it all their own way, some great stuff girls against a stronger fitter and YOUNGER team.

Mens Masters 40-1 vs Kalamunda (Drew 0 - 0)

Best: K. Dempster, W. Harries, S. Willett

Depressing result - we played so poorly it was if we had 12 Crowey's in the team and not a hockey player in sight ... sigh :(

Mens Masters 40-2 vs John XXIII

No report

Mens Masters 40-4 vs Kalamunda (Lost 1 - 2)

Best: S. Walker, G. Singh, I. Munns

Goals: S. Olde

A game we should of won or even drawn when you look at how many times we went forward in the second half. Great effort from the backs Ian Scott Gerald Carlos Paul David and Brett. We seem to have great passing and position games and then the next we are all over the place. Bye next week and then we will play out the final games.



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Mens Masters 50-1 vs Fremantle (Won 5 - 1)

Best: P. Matthews, R. Scanlon, B. Robinson

Goals: G. Hunt (3), C. Howell, G. Coleman

With the finals approaching and some tough games still to play it was a good win against Freo on the weekend. We played smart defensive hockey when it was needed (except on one occasion) and used the ball well in the midfield most of the game. Some good goals came from smart work around the goal mouth. Thanks to Graeme and Big Lindsay for helping out so well. Another good goal from Graeme keeps his record intact.

Mens Masters 50-2 - BYE

Mens Masters 50-3 vs Blades (Won 7 - 0) 2012-07-28

Best: L. Welten, B. Porter, A. Wood

Goals: L. Welten (3), A. Wood (2), G. Bowater

A closer game than the score indicates. A great team game with the whole team giving a great effort. We need to concentrate on our fitness and wellness now coming into the home stretch with the team gaining great depth every week. Some classic goals finished with class. Well done all.

Mens Masters 60 vs YMCC (Drew 1 - 1)

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

Goals: B. Cadd

A game in which we played well and dominated possession and field position for the first 3 quarters, but could only take one of our many chances. An unfortunate brain fade by fill-in goalie Geoff (yours truly) then let YM in for an easy equaliser with twenty minutes to go. It was then a grim fight to the finish in which we held on for a draw, in spite of the extra run and energy our opponents showed towards the end. Overall, a bit disappointing not to come away with the full 3 points, but lots of good team play to build on for remaining games.

JUNIORS

Boys 11/12 Pool 1b vs Hale (Won 6 - 1)

Best: C. Hunt, J. Lawrence, J. Davoren

Goals: S. Gibbins (2), F. Hay (2), J. Lawrence, R. Vickery

It was really good to see the boys come out after the 4 week holiday break and put together a solid performance. In the first half we put a lot of pressure on Hale's defence which caused a number of turnovers and limited their chances going forward. And we played at a good intensity that resulted in a 4-0 half time lead. The second half wasn't quite as convincing, only just winning it 2-1. If Hale had put away a couple more of their chances early on it could have been much closer. We can't afford to have these lapses against better opposition and over the next few weeks we will need to be on top of our game to string a few wins together. I have no doubt we can do it, it will just depend on if we turn up to play or not! But it was a good effort by all the boys.

Girls 11/12 Pool 1a

Best: A. Clark, A. McNess, K. Rule/L. Lefroy

Goals: A. McNess, G. Wade

An outstanding game, showing why these two teams are on top in this grade! Beautiful teamwork, hard running, and the hockey that was a pleasure to watch. A great effort by Georgia to finish off a good passage of team play, by providing a sliding equaliser goal! Thanks to Lucy and Monique for playing this week, great game girls!

Boys 11/12 Pool 2a Maroon vs ECU Rangers (Lost 1 - 3)

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

Goals: J. Cornwall

Well played boys. Another missed opportunity. Over the course of the game you controlled the ball for long periods of time and generated more good scoring positions. Looking forward to the last 3 games of an 8 game season.

Boys 11/12 Pool 2a White vs Newman (Lost 1 - 6)

Best: J. Campbell, S. Elston, A. Kelly

Our first game back after the break revealed us to be rusty in the first half. Newman's short corner execution was lethal as we battled to prevent shots on goal. At half time we were 5 zero down, with Andrew Toogood bringing in some reorganisation in the second half, the result we had a good deal of improvement, particularly in defence conceding only one further goal. Great efforts from Rowan Mathew, Ryan, Jacob, Andrew and Eddie. Far more attacking moves emerged as Samuel found himself free to score our only goal. Some good forward play from Angus, Samuel, Nick, Adam, and Austin.

A big thank you again to Mathew Dixon and Eddie Swan for being available to play for us.

Girls 11/12 Pool 2

Best: P. Greenwood, S. Matthews, N. McGowan/E. Wilson

Due to all the injuries in the team we were very reliant on our fill ins and we were also very lucky to get such as high calibre fill ins thanks to the 9/10 girls. We lost however due to not able to find the back of the net. Maybe next week with the guidance of Claire our fortune will change.

Boys 9/10A vs Westside Wolves (Lost 1 - 2)

Best: Josh Antoncich, Lachlan Sims, Will Ross

Goals: C. Joynes

In a hard fought battle for a top four place the boys were unlucky to go to the break without a lead, having held the upper hand and created plenty of scoring chances. A goal early in the second half gave us the lead but it did not last too long as increasing pressure from a determined Wolves side saw them reply quickly and then take the lead. Another frustrating result with nothing to show from a game that could have been won.

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Girls 9/10A vs UWA (Lost 2 - 3)

Best: I. Nelson, M. Miller, N. Matthews/M. Sader

Goals: M. Sader (2)

Our girls played a hard fought game today. They dominated the first 20 minutes, had many shots on goals, but UWA goalkeeper managed to keep them out. At half time the score was 0-0. At the beginning of the second half, UWA came out strong and put 2 goals within the first 20 minutes. But we came back at them with Monique Sader scoring 2 text book goals off short corners. Unfortunately in the dying seconds of the game, UWA were awarded a short corner and converted it , after the final whistle had gone.

Boys 9/10A Reserve vs Newman (Drew 3 - 3)

Goals: E. Swan (2), R. Beddoes

Our Melville Boys played a really good game and were unlucky not to win. We held a 3-1 lead mid way through the 2nd half. Unfortunately we let 2 goals from Newman through in the last half for the game to be drawn. The boys were looking for each other with their passing and it was a much improved effort. Mackenzie Love played a great game in goals and the midfield players combined well.

Girls 9/10A Reserve vs CT Pirates (Drew 0 - 0)

Best: H. Robson, A. Harries, S. Somerville

Great effort today with almost all the play in our half. Unfortunate to not convert to a goal (or 4) but still a great game. Well done everyone.

Girls 9/10B Gold vs Fremantle

No report

Boys 9/10C

Best: H. Ollier, L. Sinnott, L. Pratt

An extremely cold start. The boys took time to warm up but then ran the game out well. Liam Pratt played solidly at the back and Liam Sinnott was dangerous near goals. Harry ran in a very good game. We lost 3-0 to Whitfords but a great game in all.

Boys 7/8A vs Westside Wolves (Lost 2 - 4)

Best: K. Potter, W. Reynolds, J. Floyd

Goals: W. Reynolds, T. Ziegelaar

Great game by the boys. Played well together as a team. Could have been a two all drawn except for two unlucky goals scored against us in the second half.

Girls 7/8A vs Wolves

No report

Girls 7/8A Reserve vs Vic Park (Lost 0 - 8)

Best: E. Hardbottle, G. Clavey, A. Stroobach

Once again our team has been struck down with illness. Special thanks for Jade, Cassandra and Josh who helped us out on the day. The girls and boy worked hard and didn't give up. Thanks to Paige for padding up and being in goals she was kept very busy.

Boys 7/8B Gold Maroon vs Canning (Drew 0 - 0)

Best: B. Belke, E. Tang, H. Scurry

Great game where we definitely deserved a win. Plenty of opportunity to score, just unable to follow it through. Ben did a great job on his 'giant' opposing player and managed to keep him well occupied. Well done Ben! Good to see that the skills did not diminish over the holidays, lets keep it going.

Boys 7/8B Gold White vs Mazenod (Lost 2 - 6)

Best: C. Surtees, J. Parker, M. Love

Goals: J. Parker (2)

An opportunity lost. Starting with great promise and most showing they listened at training, there was willingness and desire, and raw enthusiasm over-rode any shortcomings in team structure. Relinquishing the lead saw the team uncertain and in the final stanza we looked dis-organised and exhausted.

We panicked when we had possession, needlessly returning the ball to the opposition. Not disgraced but out-manoeuvred by a well organised offence. What did we learn? Pass wide out of defence, mark my player goal side, pass early, pass to a team-mate, play your position, autoplay, help your teammates and chill out when we have the ball. The harder you work the luckier you get.

Let's work harder and train as you want to play. Look forward to the next game.

Girls 7/8B Gold vs Vic Park (Won 3 - 1)

Goals: B. Irvine (2), E. Shaw

Melville were at their best against Vic Park and produced a great performance. An early goal boosted everyone's confidence, and from that point the girls never looked back.

The girls complemented their attacking play with solid tackling and sound defence. The passing was a real highlight, topped off by 3 terrific goals and the whole game was a pleasure to watch. Congratulations girls.

Boys 7/8C Black vs AW Reds

No report

Girls 7/8C vs Whitfords (Lost 0 - 4)

No report

Boys 5/6A vs Kalamunda (Won 2 - 1)

Best: M. Tate, F. Stephens, D. Forbes

Goals: F. Stephens, D. Forbes

Another really slow start today which gave the opposition a quick goal in the first few minutes, no fault of our goalie Joel who has been putting in a great effort at training, it made it through the whole team first. Maybe the opposition was underestimated a little today, they came out strong and we came out half asleep. Half time came and a good chat from the coach gave them some direction and the second half looked much better. Flynn's excellent reading of the play and good positioning gave him and the team a much needed goal to draw level. Many short corners later and we were still level at one all. Some strong and accurate passing from Mitch and Dylan set up some opportunities and finally Dylan popped the winning goal in. It was a celebrated goal by the boys and relief to the parents who had bitten off all their fingernails and had started to pull out their hair too. Going forward we need to focus on getting those shots at the goals quickly, when you get in the D, take your shot...too slow and you are shut down by the defenders, it really is as simple as that. You all need to get your bodies around the ball and give ourselves the best possible chance to receive and deliver the ball well. Tommahawks and back stick passes may look impressive but at this level they are a low percentage shot, often turning it over to the other side. Don't be lazy, if you have time move your feet and your body. Wake up early, have a cold shower or do whatever it takes to be more awake in the first half next week. To win games we need to be on the ball from the beginning not half time... Go boys, believe in yourselves, encourage your team mates, talk more on the field and who knows what you could achieve!!!

Girls 5/6A

Goals: A. Baskerville, E. Rayfield, J. Vanderzwan, A. Bell

I think all the parents will agree that the girls were exciting to watch this week. They were driven, aggressive and worked well as a team which resulted in completely dominating the play. If we can just carry on the hunger you all showed this week and work on utilising space, we will be unstoppable. A really great game girls, well done!

Boys 5/6A Reserve vs Whitford (Drew 1 - 1)

Best: L. Downey, S. McKinnon, B. Dowie

Goals: B. Dowie

A great game today. Very open and attacking from both Teams. Even after a long 5 week break it is excellent to watch the improvement from game to game with our Team play.

Boys 5/6B Gold vs Vic Park (Won 1 - 0)

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

Goals: H. Watkins

We finally managed to field a full team and what a result! The boys took a while to get going, but then dominated the game. They all played some great hockey with some fantastic long passes and some hard running in attack. The opposition were dangerous on the break away, but as always our defence was solid and reliable. Well done Ben McV, Blake and Ben McG(GK). A well deserved win against tough opposition, well done everyone.

Girls 5/6B Gold Maroon vs UWA Green (Lost 1 - 2)

Best: G. Munnings, A. Christian/Z. Polglase, C. Bodini/C. Marshall

Goals: Z. Polglase

We seemed to have the ball in our attacking 25 for 75 % of the game and we had about 15 shots on goal that were only kept out by the brilliance of the UWA goalie. The two goals they got were on the counter attack as a result of us pressing just a little too high in all the excitement in front of goal. Our fullbacks Charlotte and Georgia were rock solid again and our midfield of Felicity, Amelia, Ailsa, Zoe and Stella dominated the game. With Chloe and Reen up front we looked very dangerous. Your passing was fantastic and it is great to see you develop as a team. Keep going wide to the wings and make sure that your passes are accurate and early! Well done girls!

Girls 5/6B Gold White vs UWA Blue (Won 3 - 0)

Best: J. Hill, K. O'Sullivan, C. Forbes

Goals: K. O'Sullivan (2), E. Rolls

Well done girls. A fabulous win and a great team effort. The whole team is showing a huge improvement from the beginning of the season until now. The half time score was 2-0 which reflected the great passages of play which allowed Kayla and Ellen to score. The forwards in the second half were passing really well across the whole forward line. The score didn't totally reflect the final score of 3-0. Crystal in goals had a very quiet time which means our backs were also in great form.

Boys 5/6 Regional Gold Maroon vs Wolves (Lost 0 - 3)

Best: Sean , Keifer , Chris

The boys took on the top of the ladder Wolves this week and showed amazing team work and flashes of brilliance to hold them to only three goals. (When we last met them in Round 2 we lost 4-0 so we have definitely improved).

During the break we worked on our long corners and “the press” and although they still need some work they certainly made a difference to the game. When the boys remembered to apply the press, they placed the pressure on the Wolves and on several occasions were successful in overturning the play.

Our only downfall was in allowing the Wolves players to run the ball down the field without challenging them but after a half-time rev up the boys put the pressure back on them.

Sean was solid in defence and consistent with clearing the ball wide, Keifer and Chris have found their confidence on the wing and were instrumental in moving the ball down the field. The “Save of the Day”, which was applauded by the Wolves Coach, was an angled shot on goals which James managed to get his stick to and deflect over the backline!

The boys played well and fought hard in the second half. And although they lost, the score isn't a true reflection of what was an even game.

Boys 5/6 Regional Gold White vs Hale (Drew 0 - 0)

Best: M. Roche, J. Nicola, E. Martin-Proud

A game which could have easily been a won or lost turned out to be a draw. We had most of the possession and on some occasions the ball did not go over the half line for ten minutes. Even though we had most of the play we only had a handful of shots at goal and some credit has to be given to the Hale defence. If we focus on spreading out and holding our positions we will find ourselves a better team. Good effort boys.

Girls 5/6 Regional Gold vs OGMHC (Lost 0 - 3)

Best: G. John/J. Leeming, M. Hollander

Nice team work girls. Some great passing and a few great break away runs. Well done to Mary in goal keeping.