



Saturday 11th August 2012

President's Pen

I try to be positive on most reports but the performances of our top teams' - men & women - slump in performances & attitudes in the last 3 games are quite worrying to the coaches, myself and the supporting members alike. I do not know what is going on in their heads but there needs to be a quick turnaround, if not for the coaches but for the club that you represent that has put a lot of effort into these groups, support and monetary likewise. Come on guys, let us get back on track before we do too much damage to our goals for the season, only a few weeks to go, let's not blow it.

Enough of that now, as I have said, we are coming to the conclusion of our season and I will remind everyone each week of the AGM held on the 1st week in September, a Thursday training night 6/9/12 at 7.30pm please. No excuses, just be there - it is important.

The windup night is on the 21st of September, a Friday night, please refer to the advertising around the club & purchase tickets early for obvious reasons. The 2nd raffle will be drawn this weekend at the back to the club on Saturday night. Please come down & urge our top teams along with strong support, we need it.

All the best for Whippa on a speedy recovery, results are due this week to determine what action to take medically, we all wish you well and are thinking of you & your family.

We are waiting for the latest updated plans for the new club house and I would like to report that the work being done by the turf committee and housing project are going forward at a steady but cautious rate. A lot of

work has to be put in to achieve such a goal that we have set and I would like to thank all that are involved for their expertise & hard work.

We will have a few positions to be filled hopefully before the AGM (such as kitchen) for next year etc. We are going to post these on the web as position vacant and hope a few people will volunteer their time to help out in an ever increasing size of this club. I can assure you that it is a nice feeling to give back a little to the club that has given so much. This year we are trying to reduce everyone's workload by sharing the tasks which will take a lot of pressure off. Please help.

Steve McEntee
President

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PREMIER LEAGUE

Mens Melville Toyota League vs YMCC

No report

Mens Premier 2 vs YMCC

No report

Mens Premier Alliance vs YMCC (Won 6 - 3)

Goals: D. McEntee (3), J. Wakefield, M. Bowater, A. Ranford

The team was disquiet, with precision and accuracy missing-in-action for much of the game. Many of the participants warned of being ill-suited for the battle and it was evident the stars were not aligned. Whether it was variously the day, time or the brightness of the surface there was risk the contest would resolve into a battle of lethargy, similar to watching racing escargot. All was drawn together to record an unconvincing victory despite the disparity of the score.

Ladies Willow Bridge League vs OGMHC (Lost 1 - 2)

Best: C. Carter, E. Stratton, M. Silvey

Goals: B. MacDonald

The Willow Bridge girls finally got a run at PHS today although somewhat depleted with many of our stock injured or unavailable. The final score line unfortunately went the way of OGMHC 2-1 but an experience we will take with us as our last 3 games are held at PHS. We will know this turf like the back of our hand by the time we are finished with it. The real season starts now as we head into the final 3 rounds against the top 4 sides under the new system and our current position of 10-1-3, puts us in a terrific position. Enough of the pleasantries though, as the intensity increases so does the level of play, so turn it on girls quickly and smartly.

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Ladies Promotion 2 vs ECU

Best: K. Rule, S. Chiswell, D. Dravnieks

Goals: S. Billingham, G. Glaskin, M. Dawe

Great to see Craig's game plan showing positive results. Even the strategic tactic of letting Gaysie take the short corner hit saw the ECU girls caught flat footed and speechless as the ball rocketed into the back of the goals. A great example of good team work and sportsmanship ladies! Let's keep that goal scoring machine pumped as we run into the final games of the main season.

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE

Mens Provisional 1 vs Subs/Lions (Won 0 - 0) 2012-07-28

It was a tough game against the 4th placed side and would be a good indicator for where we sit coming towards finals. They ran all over us last time out but this time was a different story. We controlled the majority of the play and moved the ball around well however we needed a bit more composure upfront to make the most of our chances. If we keep this form up over the next few weeks we are still a shot for finals.

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Mens Provisional 1 vs Mods/Harlies (Won 2 - 0) 2012-08-04

A must win game and we did just enough and walked away with much needed points. This was the bottom team and we should have done a lot better. We have 2nd and 3rd in our run home and need to win these games. We need to lift our work rate and be more accountable for our man through the middle. Let's regroup and switch on for next week!

Ladies Provisional 1 vs Whitfords (Lost 1 - 3)

Best: A. Sperinck, B. Coleman, R. Weddikara

Goals: B. Coleman

After the very long drive to Joondalup we were heartened to see the Whitfords 1s play the game before -so no double ups! We were even more heartened at half time where we were sitting 1-1 after a great goal from Brianna hanging on the spot receiving a pass from Renae at wing. We were even more heartened in the second half staying in the attacking zone and keeping defensive short corners out until . . . 10 minutes to go. They ran over the top of us with 2 goals from breakaways. Great fight today against relentless pressure. Thanks to Amy F, Maddie B and Marleen for helping today.

Ladies Provisional 2 Gold vs WASPS

Best: A. McCall/E. Remedios, S. King

Goals: J. Hadley, S. King

Well, today we managed to score 2 goals, which is pretty good for us, we were even winning for a while, but unfortunately they scored to equalise late in the second half and we just couldn't get another. Even the umpire commented that we should be winning and it seemed that we laid down after they scored. It was still a good game though, we did really well since they are 2nd on the ladder. A BIG thankyou to the 3 helpers we had, if it wasn't for you we would have been 1 short and I would guess severely defeated, so thanks

Mens Provisional 3 Gold vs Vic Park (Won 11 - 0)

Best: W. Beddoes, J. Tate, B. Wake

Goals: J. McMahan (2), M. Welten (2), J. Tate (2), J. Palmer (2), S. Criddle, J. Thomas, G. Thomas

Bottom side rocked up with 8 players.. First half was embarrassing considering how many opportunities we had, second was much better in structure and possession. There is still hope of winning the GF!!

Ladies Provisional 4 vs WASPS (Lost 0 - 5)

Best: S. Dsouza, J. McDonough, W. Joyce

Well it wasn't our best game, but with five regulars away it was always going to be a tough one. Still need to improve our fitness and our working back in defence. Some good use of triangle passing and driving up the sidelines. Thanks to Caitlin Toogood for filling in and helping us out. Hitting and scoring drills at training this week so don't miss out!

METROPOLITAN LEAGUE

Mens Metro 1 vs Mods/Harlies

No report

Ladies Metro 1 vs Mods/Harlies (Drew 0 - 0) 2012-07-28

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

What a game! We should have had 5 goals in the first half but we missed the nice pass across each time and came away with a draw. Then in the 2nd half we ran out of legs and didn't have the forward attack anymore, although we had most of the play in our half of the field.

Ladies Metro 1 vs ECU Rangers (Won 3 - 0) 2012-08-07

Best: L. Forbes, L. Brearley/M. Glover

Goals: L. Forbes (2), L. Brearley

It was nice to have a win after our draw last week. Forwards combined really well and should have had some more goals on the board. ECU game back in the second half but we managed to keep them out. And a big happy birthday to Simone!

Mens Metro 2 Gold vs Uni (Lost 1 - 6) 2012-07-28

Goals: T. Adams

Mens Metro 2 Gold vs Subs (Drew 2 - 2) 2012-08-04

Goals: C. James (2)

The first half wasn't the best game of hockey to watch. It was 0-0 at half time. The second half was a complete turnaround we scored first then they drew level then we hit the front again, only for them to equalize with about a minute to go. It was great to see the team play as a team. Fantastic effort guys.

Mens Metro 3 Gold vs OGMHC (Lost 0 - 2)

Best: T. McEntee, D. Kidd, J. Wake

Going into the game with so many injuries and missing players we were worried that we would see a similar thrashing to the last time we played Guildford but we were surprised. We held ourselves together and looked really dangerous with more opportunities on goal than the opposition had. We kept our structure and focused on the game, proving that we have what it takes to stand up with the best of them...

Special mention to Warren, Shane, Steve and Dean for filling in our ranks. You incorporated yourselves well into the team and created some great plays. Cheers boys

VETERANS

Mens Masters Midweek vs Newman (Won 4 - 3) 2012-07-30

Best: M. Starling, B. Rushton, A. Etelaaho

Goals: M. Starling (2), G. Templeman, D. Wilson

Disappointing result - will need to do better with (hopefully) finals coming up.



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Mens Masters Midweek vs Mods/Harlies (Won 8 - 3) 2012-08-06

Best: J. Cooke, M. Lyons, A. Scanlon/M. Starling

Goals: M. O'Sullivan (3), D. Wilson (2), J. Cooke, A. Scanlon, M. Watson

Solid result against a pretty useful opposition.

Ladies Masters 2 vs Subs (Won 3 - 0)

Best: V. Carmody, F. Mason, D. Goundrey

Goals: L. O'Sullivan (2), V. Carmody

We had the bare 11 again, but that's alright as we seem to play better with fewer subs. The girls ran, passed and used triangles beautifully and although we had most of the play we could not manage a goal. Come half time and Dehlia had a hit on the shoulder and Leanne could hardly walk so we stuck her as a high CF and she scored 2 quick goals from a couple of great runs by Dehlia down the left wing. Then Vanessa got hit on the knee which we thought would take her from the pitch but she got up, took the penalty as a run down the field and scored a goal. Great to watch.

Ladies Masters 3 Gold vs Rockingham

No report

Mens Masters 40-1 vs Vic Park (Won 5 - 1)

Best: J. Cooke, A. Scanlon, A. Etelaaho/M. Lyons

Goals: J. Cooke (2), M. Lyons (2), M. Watton

Great result, at an important time.

Mens Masters 40-2 vs Uni Associates

No report

Mens Masters 40-4 - BYE

Mens Masters 50-1 vs Victoria Park (Drew 3 - 3)

Best: P. Matthews, P. Meacock, G. Hunt/A. Reynolds

Goals: G. Bowater (2), S. Silvey

A great come from behind draw against Vic Park keeps us close to the top of the table with just a few weeks to go. Some magnificent goals from our super subs Gary B. and Steve S. Thanks a heap to Leo, John S, Pat H and Tony P as well for fitting into our team so well.

Mens Masters 50-2 vs Vic Park

No report

Mens Masters 50-3 vs Vic Park (Won 5 - 0)

Vic Park forfeited, thank you to all the players who assisted the other teams by filling in and turning up for a game even if you did not get a chance to play. I know we were all looking forward to our game.

Mens Masters 60 - BYE

JUNIORS

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

Best: J. Bocking, J. Davoren, F. Reynolds

Goals: J. Pierluigi, R. Vickery

If you take away the first 15 minutes we won that game 2-1, but unfortunately that's not how things work. We learned the lesson that if you don't play the entire game against a good opposition and give them a 2 goal lead, then it is a very hard task to catch up to them. Apart from the slow start we did a lot of things well, our work rate, channeling/tackling and intensity lifted a lot in the second half. And we started linking a number of passes together to create opportunities up front. We need to do these things for longer and we will be able to beat any team in the league.

Girls 11/12 Pool 1a vs Peel (Won 4 - 1)

Best: G. Bowyer, A. Clark, G. Wade/L. Lefroy

Goals: G. Wade (2), R. Clay, L. Lefroy

After a bit of slow start, the girls started to make their way into the game with a flashy goal. A good display of team work during this game, proven by the scoreline. Well done to Indi and Lucy who played up for us, thanks girls!

Boys 11/12 Pool 2a Maroon vs Newman (Drew 1 - 1)

Best: C. Evans, B. Joseph, B. Gauci

Goals: B. Gauci

Great game boys. All the spectators from both sides enjoyed watching. We are getting closer and closer to playing 70 minutes of really competitive hockey. Let's finish the season off strongly.

Boys 11/12 Pool 2a White - BYE

Girls 11/12 Pool 2 vs Rockingham (Lost 0 - 1)

Best: S. Gerrard, S. Matthews, N. McGowan/E. Power

Tough game against a solid Rockingham team, had some many opportunities but just could not score! Need to remember to be strong over the ball and maintain structure. Another week with many out injured, a long way to travel and unfortunately could not come home with a win. Thanks to Brittany, Courtney and Natalie from 9/10s for filling in!

Boys 9/10A vs UWA (Lost 2 - 6)

Best: A. Ranford, C. Thompson, J. Ross

Goals: M. Tate (2)

A strong first twenty minutes unfortunately failed to produce any goals. Uni started to gain control towards the end of the half which resulted in several short corners and we went to the break three goals down which was very disappointing. Plenty of chances at both ends in the second half produced five more goals but Uni justified their second placing on the ladder with a strong 6-2 win.

Girls 9/10A vs Victoria Park (Lost 0 - 5)

Best: A. Watson, L. Lefroy, B. Lawrence/N. Matthews

A tough game against the second top side, Victoria Park. We fought hard, but couldn't match the speed and teamwork of our opposition. We did earn about 4 or 5 short corners but didn't manage to convert them to goals. Final score was 5-0.

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Boys 9/10A Reserve vs Whitfords (Lost 0 - 4)

Best: Rich, Cam, Jack

All credit to the boys. Regardless of the circumstance these boys remain desperate, optimistic and enthusiastic. Knowing their season overhiring a conversation about finals was evidence of that optimism.

Past the centre-line was tentative, resembling searching for explosives with a prod here and there, and the boys were reluctant to take on the defence. Opportunity was found but remained as that, with very little troubling their keeper of the net. Defence was bailing the water out of the boat, but each wave of opposition brought more water.

Contrary to popular execution the reverse stick option is not always appropriate, people cannot run faster than a passed ball, turning to the forestick side of the opposition doesn't work and defenders cannot blast the ball through the opposition (whom the half-backs/forwards are standing behind). The endeavour cannot be questioned. The execution needs to be considered.

If this team was to be polished the diamonds will be revealed.

Girls 9/10A Reserve vs Framantle (Lost 1 - 6)

No report

Girls 9/10B Gold vs Fremantle (Lost 1 - 4) 2012-07-31

Best: E. Hardbottle, E. Ryan, A. Graham

Goals: L. Morpew

Yet another competitive match where the score probably didn't reflect the game. 2 of the 4 opposition goals coming from lapses in concentration. The exciting news from the day is Lauren scored a great goal which was reward for weeks of running the wing in a disciplined manner. We are so happy for you Lauren as you really deserved the reward. Thanks to Emily again for helping us out you set up the goal and gave us drive in the forward 25. Well done girls keep improving.

Boys 9/10C vs Mazenod (Lost 2 - 3)

Best: R. Breuer, H. MacPherson, S. Stewart

This was a close game with a loss to Mazenod 2-3. The boys got out what they put in. If the near misses at goal had counted we would have blitzed it! So close so many times. Great play by Ryan, Hamish and Scott - chosen as our first, second and third best players. Terrific goals by Milorad and Harrison. A win next week would be fantastic. Well done on a great effort.

Boys 7/8A vs AW Reds (Won 4 - 2)

Best: W. Reynolds, B. Clark, N. Page, D. Whibley

Goals: J. Watkins (2), B. Clark, A. Rayfield

After the win today I was told the boys were getting a call up to replace the Kookaburras at the olympics!!! A stellar performance from all the lads today. Some gold medal worthy goals and some class play made today's game a stunner to watch, let's keep up the good work for another win next week.

Girls 7/8A vs CT Pirates (Drew 0 - 0)

This was a great game where the girls stuck to the plan of working hard in defense and using that to go wide in attack. Eliane had a fantastic game containing CTP in the middle channel and that built the pressure all over the park. Olivia and Tanya handled the back solidly and all the rest worked their socks off. What a pity our goal was disallowed so we came away with a draw. Awesome pressure on their circle in the last 5 minutes meant we were a threat right through the game. Well done to all the girls for their work rate and attitude against one of the top sides.

Girls 7/8A Reserve vs UWA Green (Lost 1 - 5)

Best: M. Kelly, A. Stroobach, E. Hardbottle

Goals: E. Hardbottle

The girls started off this game with a fantastic first goal off a short corner. They were working together as a pack, with short passes to Melville players down the right side of the field and all players getting back to tackle. Unfortunately as the half progressed a few UWA players were allowed to have free shots within our D, and the defence was put under a lot of pressure. The girls rallied after half time, and should feel very proud of the fact they didn't concede another goal for the next 30 minutes. Well done to all players for keeping your heads high and keeping the pressure on UWA in the second half.

Boys 7/8B Gold Maroon vs WASPS (Lost 0 - 1)

Best: J. Raja, B. Belke, C. Deaville

Another game we deserved to win. WASPS only won through a lucky shot in the opening minutes, not through skill or outplaying our boys. Your effort throughout the game was fantastic and it showed as the WASPS were visibly tired towards the end there and it was unfortunate that we were not able to put a score on the board. Joel did a great job in goals and saved more than a few from going in and really deserves Best on Ground.

Boys 7/8B Gold White vs Southern River (Lost 1 - 3)

Best: C. Surtees, J. Parker, S. Butler

Goals: J. Parker

Could have. Should have. But didn't. Another where ascendancy was gained early but surrendered far too easily. Each position and its responsibilities need to be clearly understood and executed if the opposition is to be prevented from attacking en masse. We were chasing rather than stopping. Leaving opposition forwards to do as they wish has an inevitable result. However when we were attacking through the middle with run it looked like hockey. Not a disheartening performance, but an illustration of the importance of teamwork and position, (and perhaps fitness – if you run forward you have to run back). For the boys, we have scored the first goal in the last 2 games. We now have to work on preventing the other team scoring so we get reward for the hard work.

Girls 7/8B Gold vs Fremantle (Lost 0 - 5)

Melville came up against the top side in the competition who caught us napping with two early goals. Fremantle moved the ball quickly and had our girls on the defensive for most of the game. Melville tried hard, but didn't show the same confidence in their ability as last week, and were caught ball-watching at times.

Boys 7/8C Black vs AW Reds (Lost 0 - 1) 2012-07-28

Best: G. Whitebrook, L. Metcalf, W. Robinson

Best: George W, Liam M, Will

Our first game in ages where we had a full side! Welcome to Atle for his first game and welcome back to Liam M in goals. Today was a very even contest where we had our chances and stopped all but one shots on goal. The side is improving each week and we just need to maintain our concentration and effort for 60 minutes. Make sure you are watching how the Kookaburras play!

Boys 7/8C Black vs Whitfords (Lost 0 - 2) 2012-08-04

Best: J. Turner, L. Metcalf, G. Softley

Best: Josh, Liam M, George S

Our only turf game today and we played really well. Josh played all over the field to set up plays, Liam M was great in goals, Liam H, Stephen and Alec did some fantastic defence, Jimmy's shot on goal was exciting - almost!, Joel and Jarvys made some attacking moves, Will played perfect position, Nathaniel used the ball intelligently, George was there to intercept and counter-attack, and Sam and Ross were always there when needed. It is exciting to see the improvement from EVERYONE!

Girls 7/8C vs Harlies

No report

Boys 5/6A (Drew 3 - 3)

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

Goals: J. Scanlon, M. Tate, R. Bright

The boys played hard today and had had a well earned draw. They played in different positions and proved themselves to be adaptable. Josh was a standout today and Tim Played well in centre half which is a new position for him. Mitch played most of the game in fullback with an injury and came forward in the second half to score a fantastic goal. One lesson we need to take from this game is never to be over confident and under estimate your opposition a game is never won until the final whistle. Well done boys we keep moving forward

Girls 5/6A vs Vic Park

No report

Boys 5/6A Reserve vs OGMHC (Drew 2 - 2)

Best: B. Dowie, J. Lawrence, S. Curran

Goals: C. Flynn, D. Moulin

A great even game today. Probably not as open as previous weeks but nonetheless very attacking. We did let ourselves down a little with our lack of marking our opposition players in the D which resulted in a couple of easy tap ins for the G's.

Great pressure from Brad today @ Inner with Sean and Joshua L being very solid down back.

Lewis and Daniel and Callum all did great jobs keeping their positions on the Wings. For these last few games lets really focus on maintaining our position/structure and the ball will come – don't run into your Team mates space : you just get in the way!!!!

WELL DONE BOYS!!

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

Goals: H. Brown (2), B. McGrath (2), O. Spear

The boys played an excellent game and were able to dominate from early on in the first half. We mixed it up a bit by letting some of the boys play in different positions (than what they are used to) and it did not hurt us at all. There was plenty of passing and fast running and all the goals were as a result of an excellent team effort. We had a slower 2nd half and were put under a bit more pressure by Freo, but we kept our cool and came away with a good win.

Girls 5/6B Gold Maroon

Best: A. Christian, C. Bodini, A. Cribb

Goals: A. Cribb, P. McWhae

An action packed game on turf against Melville white. Our girls worked well together: they continue to improve every week and pull out some moments of magic that keep us all on the edge of our seats. Two fast goals from Phoebe and Alyssa kept us in the hunt but the white team were too good for us this week. Well done girls.

Girls 5/6B Gold White vs Melville Maroon (Won 4 - 2)

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

We had a great Friday afternoon match at Melville turf against Melville Maroon. Both teams played well but Melville White were the winners. This win puts us in 2nd place which is a fantastic position to be in with 3 games to go. Well done girls and keep up the great work.

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

Best: Ben, Aden, Jay

Goals: T. Baita

The boys ventured to a cold and wet Perry Lakes for a very early start against a much improved Hale side.

During the week, Vanessa again worked on our long corners and “the defensive press”. It is as though the light finally came on, with the boys finding the right positions and making it very difficult for the Hale side to clear the ball.

We dominated play and had numerous opportunities to score, only to be thwarted by the Hale goalie. The boys continued to apply pressure and were finally rewarded with a goal in the final 90 seconds.

Ben, Ryan and Jay were unpassable in the half back line, Chris and Keifer continue to develop as wingers and Aden was a little terrier as usual.

The improvement in all the boys since the start of the season has been fantastic. They are rapidly developing into a very well drilled team.

Boys 5/6 Regional Gold White vs Wolves grey (Lost 0 - 2)

Best: N. Bontempo, K. Milson, T. Hamdorf

No report

Girls 5/6 Regional Gold vs AW Reds (Lost 0 - 5) 2012-08-04

Best: J. Leeming, L. MacNevin, A. Mishra

We saw some great team work today. Lovely strong tackles. Great job to Josie in goals.