



Saturday 4th May 2013

President's Pen

Weekend Game Review

I will be brief on the games this week as some club housekeeping business to get through also.

Promotion 1 Women – What a welcoming surprise to watch this game. The skill level is great and far exceeded my expectations. The admission of the new players and combination of our very good existing players has raised the standard so that it is right on target. The heart and intensity came from the Ladies themselves and I must say there is no give in this team at all. We are proud of them all and look forward to seeing how this team does in the future. A great and dominant win was the outcome and sends a message throughout the league.

Premier 1 Men – This was also an exciting and fiery game. The truth be known we had them for most of the game but ended up with a draw 2 – 2. A rough and tough game at times but there was no backing down from our guys. Great goal keeping from both ends made a game that could have gone either way right up to the last second. This team continues to improve and I imagine we put this one down to experience and lessons learnt. There is no doubt that we are there and a force to contend with. Well done.

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Volunteers – We are in desperate need of volunteer **canteen and bar assistance** for Sundays. In that RSA help is required for canteen duties (at the bar) and from 12:00pm until about 7:30pm. RSA certified volunteers are needed to share bar duties. We can pay bar people but these slower turnover Sundays if handled by volunteers can assist the club greatly. The intent is to share with several people if possible so that only short stints of duty are required (approximately 2hrs). Please let me know if you can help. gary.bowater@bigpond.com

Events Calendar – There will be an events calendar coming out very soon. These events are deemed by the Club Committee and Social Committee as great event days and great days for club member participation. A lot of effort goes into these events so please join your fellow members and have some fun and support the club at the same time.

Volunteers – To the many volunteers who make this club so great I say thank you. The Kitchen Staff, Bar Staff, Coaches, Uniform Shop, Team Managers, Coordinators, Umpires, and platoon of behind the scenes people. Thank you for all of your efforts from the club and me personally. We not only have stars on the field but stars off the field as well. Also a special mention to the Turf Staff for the way you look after the facility and keep things ticking over in a very professional manner. We know it is more than just being a TD/GC.

GALA EVENT – Our first major back to the club day/night is Saturday 11 May, 2013. Top Teams, Life Members and Honoured Sponsors will be there. Please join your club for a great day of hockey and catch up with all your mates. There will be plenty of food available from the kitchen and the Bar will be open. See you there.

Have a good week.

Gary Bowater
Melville City Hockey Club – President

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PREMIER LEAGUE

Mens Premier Alliance vs OGMHC (Won 8 - 0) 2013-04-15

Goals: M. Bowater (2), D. McEntee (2), O. Mills-Edward, S. Ranford

The much anticipated first game of the season facing off against a spirited Old Guildford. With a very young team this year the opening minutes were full of pace and spirited runs. But it was the old head of Dan McEntee generating several opportunities, the first goal came from debutant Chris Hill. Melville went up 2-0 just before half time when Matty Bowater flexed his muscle and rocketed a tomma into the top of the net. In the second half the crowd saw the 3's of old smashing Guildford of the park and started to make the game look like a training drill. In the end Melville knocked away 6 in the second half with every striker getting on the scorecard. The 3's face a tough opposition next week in UWA but the boys should be confident after such a dominating performance.

Ladies Promotion 1 vs OGMHC (Won 4 - 0) 2013-04-20

Goals: E. Stratton (2), S. Gale, M. Silvey

2013, the season of expectation and today was just the start. Some familiar faces, some new faces and some international faces took to the field after a sold 2-1/2 months of pre season. Butterflies were aplenty but were soon blown away with three goals on the board in the first 15 minutes.

Efficiency levels were punished by not taking the first option, even though we still held OGMHC to limited opportunities. A late second half goal secured a satisfying 4-0 win.

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Ladies Promotion 1 vs Sub. Lions (Won 5 - 0) 2013-04-28

Best: M. Eum, B. Clark, A. Clark/C. Pickford

Goals: S. Bowyer, M. Eum, S. Gale, C. Pickford, S. Tak

The battle of Spain v Korea/Melville. A match that we were all looking forward to and one that did not disappoint. An exciting 5-0 win with congrats to Sehee, Miya and Courtney on their first goals in The Maroon. A bye next week to reset the Jip Joong.

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE

Ladies Provisional 1 vs Newman Knights (Won 3 - 0) 2013-04-14

Best: B. Coleman, G. Glaskin

Goals: S. Jarvis, M. Leighton, C. Timmel

It was a great win for the girls in our first game. Playing at Hale late on a Sunday arvo was not going to be easy to stay motivated, but to their credit the intensity was there from beginning to end. Our defence was rock solid all day with Tearne not having to worry too much, but when the cracking shot came she skilfully defended it and then maintained a clean sheet right through the game. The field goals scored were excellent and exciting, both coming from very good build ups and Claire's short corner goal was a variation perfectly executed!! Unfortunately a rolled ankle to Claire ended her game earlier than planned but Brianna stepped into the key role magnificently. It was great to hear the experienced players encouraging the 'slightly' younger ones all through the game, mostly offering positional advice.

Well done girls, a great win against a better than expected opposition - enjoy your umpiring this weekend!!

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Ladies Provisional 1 vs Old Aquinians (Lost 0 - 1) 2013-04-28

Best: S. Clark, G. Glaskin, B. Coleman

Our opponent Aquinas had come off the back of 2 big wins, so it was going to be a challenge for us to see where we fitted in the scheme of things. Only the 1 goal was scored and it was a cracking shot, unfortunately it wasn't ours though.

We showed good strength and fitness throughout the game to run it out to the end and all the simple things we have trained for and talked about, at times, showed.

Our finishing in the circle needs to get stronger and our desire to want the ball in the back of the net needs to improve.

Under pressure we need to stay composed and realise we have others around us to help us out of trouble. There was a feeling of disappointment in the changerooms after but what we showed on the pitch was promising and its still early. Well done girls lets go on from here and continue to play good hockey.

Ladies Provisional 2 (Gold) vs UWA (Won 0 - 2) 2013-04-14

Best: A. Sperinck, R. Harries/E. Joynes, J. Hadley/K. Sparkes

Not bad for the start of the season. Everyone played well and we had some really good runs up the wings but we just couldn't get it in the goal.

Looking forward to everyone meshing as a team so we can go out there and smash the next one. Good jobs guys.

Ladies Provisional 2 (Gold) vs Southern River (Won 3 - 1) 2013-04-22

Best: J. Hadley, K. Sparkes/N. Goodhand

Goals: K. Welten, N. Goodhand

After battling through last week we finally got the win we deserve. Well played girls, everyone played much better as a team with great passing and lots of talking. Lets count this as the real start to our season!

Ladies Provisional 2 (Gold) vs Old Aquinians (Lost 0 - 1) 2013-04-28

Best: R. Harries, K. Welten

Despite some dominant mid field play in the first half we couldn't quite put the ball in the other team's goal. In the second half the extra subs on the Aquinas bench started to have an effect. We still need to work the ball wide and find our wings. A close hard fought loss and good effort ladies.

Mens Provisional 3 (Gold) vs Souther River (Lost 2 - 3) 2013-04-13

Goals: S. Criddle

A good hit out for a team that has never played together. We should a lot of promise, hopefully we will build on our form in the weeks to come.

Mens Provisional 4 vs Rockingham (Lost 2 - 3) 2013-04-14

Best: E. Bowater, T. Andrews, J. Cornwall

Goals: M. Willis (2)

For the our first 'official' game on turf the ~~Scrubbers~~ Melville 7 did rather well. The team isn't used to playing on turf yet, but that will only come with practice *cough* come to training slackers. After we found our feet, in the second half, we moved the ball better and enabled Willis to score twice. Well done guys!

Mens Provisional 4 vs Ellenbrook (Won 1 - 0) 2013-04-20

Best: T. McEntee, T. Neesham, J. Cornwall

Goals: M. Willis

It was an excellent game boys, congrats on our first win on the turf. Although it was a little physical near the end (We do tend to drag the opposition down to our level...), there were moments where even looked like we knew what we were doing. We do now have a perfect record on our home turf; undefeated and no goals scored against us! We can happily retire the team now ;)

Mens Provisional 4 vs Curtin (Lost 0 - 4) 2013-04-26

Best: P. Morris, T. Neesham, D. Kidd

It was a tough game, Curtin played well. Don't take it to heart guys we can redeem ourselves next time!

Ladies Provisional 4 vs Old Aquinians (Won 1 - 0) 2013-04-13

Best: Jamie/Jen, Wendy, Ella

Today was a great start for the 5's with a win to kick off the season. The game may have started a little slow, but by the second half we were working like a single unit. Defense fought well, and we conceded no goals, especially thanks to Jen, Wendy and Ella. The attackers had a number of short corners, and finally scored the first and only goal of the game with six minutes left on the clock! If we keep up the fight we showed today, we can do well this season.

Ladies Provisional 4 vs UWA (Won 3 - 1) 2013-04-21

Warming up in the rain, left the girls a little flat especially as UWA scored a soft first goal. However this fired the girls up and they managed to score in quick reply and following up with a dominant display in the second where the girls camped out in the oppositions half and scored another 2 goals. It was a great win for the girls continuing on the best start to the season that they have had in a long time.

METRO LEAGUE

Mens Metropolitan 1 2013-04-15

Best: A. Halliday, T. Barrett, R. Williams

Goals: M. Halliday (2), J. Pickering, A. Halliday

As we rolled up the requisite 15 mins before the game to be greeted by the opposition in full warm up mode, we had to question what grade we were playing. After the official protest was dismissed and the opening whistle blew, it became apparent that the rigorous pre-season was paying dividends, and with a Matt Read mistrap in front of an open goal things not only returned to the status quo, but also opened the fines for the new year. Mike Halliday (nickname pending) opened his M1's career with brace which no doubt he will replicate every game from here on in....good win, good start to the year.

Mens Metropolitan 1 vs Vic Park (Won 4 - 2) 2013-04-20

Best: M. Read, A. Halliday, S. Willis

Goals: M. Read (2), A. Halliday, R. Weddikara

The preseason bonding trip to the jungles of Borneo was the ideal preparation to take on Vic Park, at the newly crowned UNESCO World Heritage site that is Buzza (which explains why they can no longer mow it). Vic Park, who have been spoiled by a home pitch that is actually cut to a decent level, were no match for the leveller. A couple of lapses in concentration at the back gave them a sniff, but as time went on, their legs became weary, and we managed to overrun them. Highlights were an M.Read special, and the textbook Slug self-preservation which inadvertently resulted in him tapping it in whilst protecting his face....champagne.

Mens Metropolitan 1 vs North Coast Raiders (Lost 2 - 3) 2013-04-27

Best: J. Pickering, S. Willis, D. Pickering

Goals: M. Halliday, M. Read

A brave but underprepared band of brothers travelled to the barren wasteland that is the North Coast. Children have been told tales for years about the soulless creatures that inhabit the region and that making eye contact will in some way take a piece of your soul. Unfortunately not making eye contact was a mistake for Matty as one of the heathens from the north whacked him in the back of the head behind play. I would provide more info, but my upbringing prevents me from travelling that far north in case I come in contact with a West Coast supporter. Apparently we lost 3-2.



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Ladies Metropolitan 1 vs Wolves (Drew 1 - 1) 2013-04-14

Best: L. Brearley, T. Rayfield

Goals: T. Rayfield

Well for a first game we didn't do too bad as they had 17 young runners and we had the bare 11 who were not young runners. The first 10 minutes was a mess with everyone running around like chooks with their heads cut off, but then we settled and our experience and talent showed through. It was a draw on a hot day and we played better as we went. Good work girls. Welcome to Jo and Rose our two newcomers.

Ladies Metropolitan 1 vs Fremantle (Won 1 - 0) 2013-04-23

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

What a cold day on the sidelines. A bit scratch but the ground made it hard to pass. We seemed a bit disjointed but when we got it together we started to make the attacking more often and had some good shots, just need to move on the rebounds off the pads more. Good Goal Jo, whenever it was. What a great win!!

Ladies Metropolitan 1 vs NC Raiders (Won 4 - 1) 2013-04-27

Best: G. Forbes, L. Brearley/M. Margetts

Goals: G. Forbes (2), C. Caydamar, S. Brockman

Well what a game. We played really nicely as a team. Nothing to grumble about except perhaps our guest player Gillian scored or instigated most of our goals. Thanks for coming down Gillian, also to Annette Williams who played a great left half especially with such short term tuition. Thanks to Jo for coming back from Albany and a good game to everyone else.

Mens Metropolitan 2 (Gold) vs WASPS (Lost 0 - 1) 2013-04-14

Everyone found their gear, no-one got hurt, and we managed to get 11 on the pitch...eventually. We will call it a success and move on from there.

VETERANS

Ladies O35 Division 2 vs Uni (Lost 1 - 2) 2013-04-17

Goals: G. Forbes

No report

Ladies O35 Division 2 vs Modernians (Won 3 - 0) 2013-05-01

Best: G. Forbes, L. Anderson/D. Goundrey/K. Mishra

Goals: L. Anderson, D. Goundrey, T. Rayfield

A hard fought victory on what looked like it was going to be a very wet night indeed. Every member of the team pulled their weight in this match. Some wonderful passing work up front between Gillian and Dehlia resulted in a very crisp opening goal. Not to be outdone the defence was solid in the second half keeping a clean sheet while under relentless pressure. I'm sure Deb has quite a few bruises to the legs as a result of her bravery on running out on the short corners. One was even used to reverse an umpire's decision!!! Well done girls a great match to be part of and to watch.

Mens O40 Midweek vs Newman Knights (Won 4 - 2) 2013-04-15

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

Goals: J. Cooke, M. O'Sullivan, M. Starling, M. Watton

Even though Crowey appears to have lost over a 100kgs over summer - enabling him to now move with the grace and panache of a beached walrus - he has still managed to keep his incompetence at an all-time high, thus managing to let through two goals that Stevie Wonder could have saved in his sleep. Its going to be a long season ...

Mens O40 Midweek vs Vic Park (Won 3 - 2) 2013-04-22

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

Goals: J. Cooke, M. O'Sullivan, D. Wilson

A good result against an underpowered, but still dangerous, Vic Park. Melville worked together brilliantly as a team, regularly working as a unit to setup probing attacks against the Vic Park defense, whilst simultaneously fending off the Vic Park attackers and Crowey's inept attempts at goal keeping. All-in-all a good night on the turf.

Mens O40 Midweek vs Joondalup Lakers (Won 4 - 1) 2013-04-29

Best: M. Starling, M. O'Sullivan, M. Watson

Goals: M. Starling (2), M. O'Sullivan, M. Watson

I gave best players to the goal scorers because truly we played quite pitifully - never have I seen a team give away so many turnovers and commit so many unforced errors in my life. How we managed to hold on to a 4-1 lead is beyond comprehension - truly we played as if we had 13 Crowey's in the team ... yes, it was THAT bad! :(

Mens O40 Division 1 vs YMCC (Lost 3 - 4) 2013-04-20

Best: D. Wilson, B. Hancock, M. Lyons/D. Ross

Goals: D. Wilson (2), A. Scanlon

A pretty good result against an exceptionally talented opposition - especially considering Crowey has come back for another, still claiming that he's a fair dinkum goalie.

Mens O40 Division 1 vs Modernians (Won 4 - 0) 2013-04-27

Best: A. Scanlon, D. Wilson, S. Willett

Goals: M. Lyons, B. Potter, A. Scanlon, D. Wilson

Outstanding result against an underpowered but nonetheless quality opposition. Crowey's rare clean sheet was testament to the outstanding defense of Aki & Hank and in no way indicates an atypical demonstration of goalkeeping prowess by the inept goal-square snoozer.

Mens O40 Division 2 vs Whitford (Won 7 - 3) 2013-04-13

Best: J. Cooke, A. Criddle, D. Beckwith/D. Doak

Goals: J. Cooke (3), D. Beckwith, D. Doak, C. Simpson-Bint, A. Spear

Not even Crowey could dampen our withering pace nor stem the tide of our torrent of goals. A great start to the season, and, fingers crossed, a good omen for the rest of the year.

Mens O40 Division 2 vs YMCC (Won 5 - 1) 2013-04-20

Best: R. Achemedei, D. Beckwith, A. Criddle/C. Simpson-Bint

Goals: C. Simpson-Bint (3), D. Beckwith (2)

Managed to both dominate the play and keep Crowey away from the ball (most of the time), thereby allowing a strong win ... and our best start to the season in years.

Mens O50 Division 2 vs Rockingham (Drew 2 - 2) 2013-04-20

We were under siege in the first half, but managed to score from only one entry into the circle to make it one all at half time. Some inspirational advice at half time made us fire up in the second half to play some moderately good hockey. Rockingham could feel disappointed with a 2 all draw.

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Mens O50 Division 2 vs Rockingham (Drew 2 - 2) 2013-04-20

Best: B. Morrison, T. Brooks/E. Nell

Goals: A. Marshall, E. Nell

We were under siege in the first half, but managed to score from only one entry into the circle to make it one all at half time. After an inspirational half time talk we played some moderately average hockey in the second half to scrape through with a two all draw. Rockingham could feel disappointed with the result.

Mens O50 Division 2 vs Subs Lions (Lost 1 - 3) 2013-04-13

Best: R. Nottage, B. Morrison, T. Brooks

Goals: A. Marshall

One could have expected a much better result, with the intensive preseason workout this team went through. We could blame the conditions, the ground and the umpires, but unfortunately none of these factors contributed to our dismal performance.

Mens O50 Division 2 vs Modernians (Lost 0 - 3) 2013-04-27

Best: Bill Morrison, Colin Slattery, Neil Dedman

We played better than the score reflects. Struggling to put a full team on the park, we had many scoring opportunities, but did not convert. Neil played a great game in goals, in his return game, after a few year's off.

Mens O50 Division 3 vs Rockingham (Drew 1 - 1) 2013-04-13

Thanks to Andy Toogood and John Smith for filling in as subs after playing an early game. It was a very hot and humid afternoon that proved to be quite taxing on most players. A very close hard fought battle that ended in a draw. A great opportunistic goal from Tony Ganzer. Proving that being in the right place at the right time pays dividends. Pressure is now on Tony, as he is the current leading goal scorer, to maintain the top goal scoring position.

Mens O50 Division 3 vs Willetton (Won 2 - 0) 2013-04-20

Goal scorers: Tony Ganzer 1, Frank Williams 1

Another great team effort where there were no passengers, everyone played to the best of the abilities. Overall it was a very enjoyable games. Thanks to Johnno Orr and Steve McEntee for sharing the umpiring in Neil

Ashley's absence through knee injury, hope you get better soon Neil, and to Dave Porter for turning up to watch the game and support us and then having to put his kit on to play (just happened to be in the car) as we only had 11 starters.

Mens O50 Division 3 vs Victoria Park (Won 11 - 1) 2013-04-27

Goals: A. Wood (5), L. Welten (2), G. Bowater

No report

Mens O60 Division vs North Coast Raiders (Lost 1 - 3) 2013-04-14

Best: R. Bell/K. Platel, J. Smith, T. Parker

Goals: S. McEntee

A tough start to the season, on a sweaty day against good opposition. Rusty skills and match fitness were clear problems, but we did at least stick at it, and managed to keep Raiders scoreless in the second half. Still plenty of room for improvement, but signs of better things to come, via the basics of good positioning, passing and team play. Many thanks to Roger for a heroic effort in goals, in very trying conditions.

Mens O60 Division vs Aquinians (Won 6 - 1) 2013-04-20

Best: S. McEntee, T. Parker, K. Platel

Goals: S. McEntee (3), B. Cadd, K. Platel, K. Woodward

A good win, in which Steve's sharpness in front of goals capped off a much improved team effort. Everyone worked hard to fill their roles, and enjoyed the benefits of much better structure, control and passing than last week. Lots of positives to build on, starting with our next game against Wolves, the long term league leaders.

Mens O60 Division vs Wolves (Lost 1 - 2) 2013-04-27

Best: G. Riley, T. Parker, P. Speyer

Goals: B. Cadd

Disappointing to lose this one after matching the top team for most of the game. We stuck at it throughout, defended strongly, and created lots of scoring opportunities, but eventually lost to a penalty flick late in the second half. Another loss to Wolves by a solitary goal. But plenty of reason to think we can beat them next time, with more good position play and well controlled passing.