



Saturday 24th August 2013

Weekend Games – Well some good men's games this weekend with a good win to the Men's 1, 2's and 3's. Although a bit of scare first up with the top squad coming from behind in the second half to finally put it away. Needless to say the half time discussion was more motivational than usual but seemed to do the trick

Our Top Squad Ladies had one of their hardest battles with full pressure to date. A 4 all draw, while not bad against last year's premiers Whitfords, was not all that good either. It did highlight a gap in our disciplines. To put it in a nutshell and as commented on at half time when you are 4 – 1 ahead at half time and even though you love to play hockey, then shut it down is a great tactic to play. I felt we were the better team all day but did not sense the swing of momentum near the end which allowed a couple of goals against the flow to be scored. Even so our girls did well and remain on top and we are proud of what they have achieved to date.

AGM – Please be advised the MCHC AGM will be held Thursday Evening 5 Sept, 2013 – 7:30 PM. Please be there or if you are away nominate a proxy. This will be in the club rooms.

Back to the Club Night – We are still on track, our next back to the club night **Saturday 24 August, 2013**. It is both Men and Women's Teams playing which is a rarity this year to have them aligned to the same venue on the same day which is at home. We look forward to seeing you between 4:00pm and 7:00pm for the main games. I throw out a light hearted challenge to get a chant (song) going. Come on peanut gallery show us what you can do and lead the way.

Presentation Night – Please be advised the senior presentation night will be held at Tompkins on the Swan 4th October. There will be further notification on this great night and ticket availability as we move closer to the date.

Last Minkey Game Friday Night - Friday evening 23rd August. The end of season Hook in 2 Hockey (Minkey) event will take place. We look forward to Parents, family and friends making a big night of it and wish all the kids best wishes for a fun night. They are usually great.

I wish you all a very good week and look forward to seeing you at Melville Hockey soon.

Gary Bowater - Melville City Hockey Club – President.

PREMIER LEAGUE

Mens Premier Alliance vs CT Pirates (Won 5 - 1)

Goals: M. Bowater (2), J. Hallam, A. Ricciardone, J. De Wind

With our place in this year's finals series already decided we needed to continue our good form to keep pressure on the top 2 teams and maybe somehow steal a top 2 finish. We started the first half the worse way conceding within in the first minute. Pirates were all overs us in the first and we were lucky to open out account after some fortunate umpiring. After a rev up from captain Gibbo at the break we hoped to race out of the blocks but it seemed to take a good 5 minutes for the words to sink in but as soon as they did, the real 3's came out. The game opened up, the ball started to do the work and the goals started coming. Josh Wakefield was having the game of his life at right half setting up the coach and 2 other team mates. With one round to go with have jumped into second spot and should all but seal the double chance on Saturday night against Fremantle.

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Ladies Promotion 1 vs Whitfords (Drew 4 - 4)

Best: S. Gale, N. Rollason, E. Stratton

Goals: H. Grant (2), S. Gale, E. Stratton

What a game. Another road trip, and yes I'm over them too, but to take on Whitfords at Joondalup was never going to be a walkover. Whitfords jumped out of the blocks with a quick goal but what ensued was a scintillating first half of hockey from the Melville girls. Finishing the half 4-2 was a terrific return. Whitfords clawed their way back into the match during the second half and edged ever closer with the final score a 4 all draw. A high quality game which we can learn from as we head towards September.

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Ladies Premier 2 vs Vic Park

No report

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE

Ladies Provisional 1 vs Hale (Won 1 - 0)

Best: S. Clark, S. Heal, G. Glaskin

Goals: S. Clark

We were hoping for any easy and a big win but we struggled to score goals again and came away with a 1 nil win and the much needed points. To beat Mods this week we have to convert more opportunities. Hopefully we can, and we can have a crack at the flag! Well done on the win girls and lets hit the training track this week and sharpen up on a few things.

Ladies Provisional 2 (Gold) vs Canning

No report

Mens Provisional 3 (Gold) vs Fremantle

No report

Mens Provisional 4 vs YMCC

No report

Ladies Provisional 4 vs Southern River (Lost 0 - 4)

Best: L. Walkemeyer, J. McDonough, J. Powell/A. Chauvin

No report

METROPOLITAN LEAGUE

Mens Metropolitan 1 vs Vic Park (Lost 0 - 1)

Best: S. Willis, R. Weddikara, R. Williams

Finally had a full team.....didn't help with the result.

Ladies Metropolitan 1 vs Wasps (Won 2 - 1)

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

Goals: L. Forbes, C. Caydamar

No report

Mens Metropolitan 2 (Gold) vs OGMHC

No report

VETERANS

Ladies O35 Division 2 vs Rockingham (Lost 1 - 7)

Best: K. Mishra, D. Crompton, M. Farrow

Goals: S. Wilson

No report

Mens O40 Midweek vs Fremantle (Lost 1 - 6)

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

Goals: B. Rushton

Another tough match, against an exceptionally talented side - and we made the same mistake as on Saturday, allowing too many talented forwards get way too close to the hapless and woefully talentless Crowey ... who made more gaffes than Tony Abbott :(

Mens O40 Division 1 vs Wolves (Lost 1 - 5)

Best: D. Wilson, G. Scally, J. Cooke

Goals: N. Elliott

Disappointing result against an admittedly very talent side - biggest mistake was to continuously expose Crowey to strikers who knew what they were doing ... dozy bugger didn't have a chance ...

Mens O40 Division 2 vs Uni Associates (Won 2 - 0)

Best: R. Achemedei, A. Criddle, D. Beckwith/D. Doak

Goals: R. Achemedei (2)

Outstanding result against a very good side, and cemented our place in the up-coming finals.

Mens O40 Division 4 vs Kalamunda (Won 4 - 0)

Best: B. Kennington, I. Munns, G. Tai/C. Bontempo/A. Toogood

Goals: B. Kennington (4)

Good fair game compared to some of the teams we have played.

Kalamunda had some good players but we had much better use of the ball and were able to push back most of their attacking play and push forward from the centre. Bryan is continuing on his merry goal scoring streak and has been getting great support from Mark and Micheal.

Mens O50 Division 1 vs Harlies/Mods (Lost 1 - 6)

Best: P. Matthews, G. Hunt, M. Jensen

Goals: G. Coleman

Thank God for the cavalry! A huge thankyou to the 50/2 for coming to the rescue. Graeme, Eric, Billy and Pitch were great. The scoreline of 6 1 doesn't really tell the story other than we made things tough for ourselves with the turnovers we created. Lets put in a big one this weekend and finish off the year on a high.

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Mens O50 Division 2 vs Vic Park (Won 5 - 2)

Best: B. Morrison, J. Maher, M. Pitcher

Goals: J. Maher (2), M. Pitcher (2), B. Morrison

We were all surprised to come away with a win this week. I'm not sure if it had anything to do with Pitch arranging for his mate Danksey to give us the special flu injection during the week, or us putting in special effort for Bill's 59th birthday.

Mens O50 Division 3 vs Dale (Won 3 - 0)

Best: A. Wood, L. Welten, R. Preedy

Goals: S. McEntee, D. Porter, L. Welten

A typical game against Dale, a little rough around the edges and language unbecoming, Dale attacked some of our weaknesses via stealth eg Matty Hudson's yellow card. First half saw an early solo goal from Leo followed by a goal from Steve McEntee who was in the right place at the right time and punched it into the back of the net, then later David Porter was very dogged in front of goal to clinch the final nail in the coffin. We were a little ragged in the first half but managed to shorten up the play in the forward line and came home clear wins. Come on the finals. Great team effort.

Mens O60 Division vs Kalamunda (Lost 1 - 2)

Best: J. Smith/G. Riley, P. Speyer/P. Hall

Goals: R. Domingo

Slow to switch on, and making plenty of early errors, we were unexpectedly under siege for the first 15-20 minutes. Eventually this pressure told, as we went down 1-0 to a smart short corner goal. The game was more even from then on, as we started to rediscover basic skills, and play with more composure. Following a good solo goal from Ray before half time, scoring opportunities were fairly even for the rest of the game. Unfortunately for us, Kalamunda converted one of these late, while we couldn't. A frustrating game, reinforcing the need to stay positive, support each other, and focus on the passing, position and team aspects of our play.

JUNIORS

Boys 11/12A vs Aquinas (Lost 2 - 4)

Best: Josh Antoncich, Josh Wakefield, Jake Coleman

Goals: F. Hay, J. Lawrence

The boys made a slow start to the game and found themselves two goals down at half time. They played a more aggressive second half, but only managed to score two goals from at least a dozen attempts. The focus for coming games needs to be on working the ball around to provide a quality shot on goal, instead of blazing away at any opportunity.

Girls 11/12A vs AW Reds (Won 2 - 1)

Best: L Lefroy, M Sader, E Gebauer

Goals: G. Bowyer, S. Gerrard

This was a must win match otherwise a finals position would have been out of reach. Although not assured it is now likely we will end the season in fourth spot with a couple of “easy games” to round off the season. We were down four players for the game but had some excellent subs with Monique Sader, Eliane Gebauer and Victoria Wade. After a couple of very ordinary games the girls showed what they can do and put in a 110% for the whole game and came away with an important win. Two of the subs were nominated for best players which just shows the quality of some of our more junior players. Finally, thanks to Ash McNess for coaching the team in the absence of Mav and Dirty.

Girls 11/12A Res vs Rockingham (Lost 2 - 3)

Goals: Z. Hopkinson (2)

No report

Boys 11/12B vs Rangers

Boys 9/10A vs Aquinas (Lost 0 - 1)

Best: L. Sims, C. Thompson, C. Joynes

Sometimes the scoreline doesn't reflect what you put in - we didn't play like the bottom team. Although it was nice to win an award the wooden spoon was not what we had planned.

Girls 9/10A vs NC Raiders (Won 3 - 1)

Best: H. Robson, M. Sader, E. Gebauer

Goals: H. Robson, C. Dawes, M. Sader

Well done girls on a great game.

Boys 9/10A Res vs Westside Wolves (Lost 2 - 3)

Best: A. McCartney, H. Lock/E. Tang, B. Brown/M. Dixon/J. Howells

Goals: B. Brown (2)

Our final game really demonstrated what a tight knit group of accomplished hockey players you've become. Everything we've trained so hard for (except short corners) was on display. OK, we made mistakes, but these were made in the attempt to better the overall team situation. There's no individuals in this team, everyone ran to support their team mates, and everyone distributed the ball to the team advantage. Special mention this game to Andrew in goals who had a blinder. Thanks for a great season guys.

Girls 9/10A Res vs CT Pirates (Won 3 - 1)

Best: Team effort

Goals: B. Vettori - Lum (2), A. Dowsett

It took the penultimate game of the season for the girls to provide their best showing. After a slow goalless first half which neither team dominated, the match sparked to life once Pirates scored 10 minutes into the second half. In the space of a few minutes Melville equalised and then went ahead with good field goals. The forwards showed how dangerous they could be when they mixed individual play with good passing. Another great field goal put the result beyond doubt – final score 3-1 to Melville. C'mon girls let's see you finish the season on a high!

Girls 9/10B (Gold) vs UWA

No report



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Boys 9/10C vs Fremantle (Lost 3 - 6)

Best: J. Hardbottle, R. Breuer, T. Pinkerton

Goals: R. Breuer (2), J. Hardbottle

Our team was beaten by a physically stronger Fremantle team 6 - 3 on what was a perfect day to play hockey. Our team played a great second half in which we scored our 3 goals, well done to Ryan and Josh and to all the team for getting it down there in the first place. Unfortunately we suffered a few injuries from wayward sticks and balls- Ben, Liam and Tom I hope you will recovered before the next game which will be a must win to make finals. Well done boys for not giving up and running all day, especially Joel (goalie) and Sam who were doing the 40 hour famine.

Boys 7/8A vs AW Reds (Won 3 - 2) 2013-08-17

Best: D. Forbes, T. Dickson, J. Floyd/M. Tate

Goals: D. Whibley (2), M. Harvey

A really pleasing performance from the guys today. A positive approach filled with positive energy resulted in us playing the passing game that clearly works best. Defensively we were a bit switched off but that's been one of our strongest parts of our game this year so it's not overly worrying. Well done on another 3 points!

Girls 7/8A vs Vic Park (Lost 0 - 2) 2013-08-10

Girls played some great hockey but unfortunately were unable to score.

Girls 7/8A vs AW Reds (Drew 0 - 0) 2013-08-17

The girls played well but were unable to score so had to settle for a draw.

Boys 7/8A Res vs UWA 2 (Drew 1 - 1)

Best: A REAL TEAM EFFORT!!!!

Goals: C. Surtees

BRILLIANT!!! Magnificent game from the Boys. Taking on 2nd on the ladder UWA and really pushing them all game for the draw. The passing and working the ball into space, the transition from defence to attack shows just how far the Boys have come as a Team. The defensive work was excellent. Man to man, solid tackling and linking were all fantastic.

Girls 7/8A Res vs Wolves (Drew 1 - 1)

Best: C. Drayton, L. Mellor, K. O'Sullivan

A hard fought game this week with all the girls putting in a fantastic effort. A one all draw was brilliant considering Wolves are the 3rd placed team in the competition. The girls can be very proud of their achievement and team effort.

Boys 7/8B (Gold) vs Canning (Won 5 - 3)

Best: A. Wright, J. Hardbottle, O. Spear

Goals: J. Hardbottle (4), N. Bufton

This was just the most fantastic game of hockey this week. Everything all of a sudden seemed to click and you boys delivered some superb hockey resulting in a convincing win of 5-3! Our forward line was strong this week, moving the ball around well, doing some intelligent passing and putting up some great shots on goal. You can see how well it works when you are playing as a team and always looking for the best option to pass to. What a great effort by Josh H scoring an impressive 4 goals - what an effort! But it was the whole team that got us there - our fullbacks did some great work and it was fantastic to see the frees getting put out to the wings. It shows how that works better than going down the middle. All of the boys played well today, it was great to see you working as a team. Nathaniel, well done for scoring that goal - see how it paid off having you "At the POST!!!" It was nailbiting for the parents but it was the game we were all hoping for! Thanks to Graeme for coaching for us!

Girls 7/8B (Gold) (Maroon) vs Melville Whites (Won 1 - 0)

Best: T. Tindale, A. Drane, J. Christie

Goals: E. Shaw

What a cracker of a game! We knew it was going to be a tough one and boy were we right. A well matched contest played with lots of spirit and determination, ending with a modest win by our girls. The 'Whites' presented some great defense, but persistence finally paid off and our 'Emma' scored a convincing goal. The second half was unbearable to watch, as the challenge just got tougher, but our defense remained solid and we kept the 'Whites' at bay. Some great clearances and long runs down the field. I think every ounce of energy was spent by the end. Fantastic effort Maroons!

Girls 7/8B (Gold) (White) vs Melville Maroon (Lost 0 - 1)

Best: E. Quattrini, I. Piggford, M. Algar

No report

Boys 7/8C vs Canning (Won 5 - 0)

Best: B. Munnings, S. Simpson, R. Stewart

Goals: B. Munnings (2), R. Stewart, M. Vaughan, S. Simpson

Great result. Worked well as a team again this week. One more game to go!

Boys 5/6A vs Vic Park

No report

Girls 5/6A vs Victoria Park (Won 4 - 0)

Best: L. Cocks/K. Cowan

Goals: L. Cocks (2), G. Farrow, C. Forbes

It was great to welcome back Zoe who played a fantastic game and nearly even scored a goal! The girls all tackled hard, had great passes out wide and followed up which earned them the win today. Vic Park tested us at times but couldn't quite get through our strong defence. Special mention goes to Kate who never gave up in her pursuit of the ball and to Lucy who scored her first goal in the second half and then followed it up with another - well done!

Girls 5/6A Reserve vs Lions Gold (Lost 0 - 1)

The girls played a very strong defensive game against Lions Gold, and as in previous weeks, had their chances to score. It was cold and wet at Fremantle and the girls stuck to their tasks admirably. Result, 1-0 nil to Lions.

Boys 5/6B (Gold) vs Vic Park (Lost 0 - 4)

Tough game this week with only 10 players against Vic Park. The boys were taken by surprise in the first half and were 4 nil down at half time. However, a great effort by all the boys in the 2nd half resulted in us drawing the 2nd half. An honourable 4 nil loss.

Boys 5/6B (White) vs Wolves

No report

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Girls 5/6B (Gold) vs NC Raiders (Lost 0 - 3)

Best: J. Leeming/A. Riordan, S. Moncrieff

This was a tough game. The Raiders were very strong on the ball and never allowed our team to settle. We had a few chances, but generally had to do a lot of defending. Well done to the girls who ran hard all game.

Boys 5/6 Regional (Gold) vs Vic Park (Won 4 - 3)

Goals: J. Dunlop (3), R. Marshall

Another great game, winning 4-3 against Vic Park. This time without our star keeper Jordan, though giving Will a chance to show his stuff in goals. 4 great goals shared between the pocket rockets Jarrod and Riley. Well done team.

Boys 5/6 Regional (Sand) vs Dale (Won 3 - 0) 2013-08-10

Best: M. Harler, M. Burton, S. Beck

Goals: Z. Swinton (3)

The boys cemented their place as a top two side with an almost clinical demolition of third ranked Dale. A 3-0 win in which the goalie never touched the ball.

Boys 5/6 Regional (Sand) vs Southern River (Yellow) (Drew 1 - 1) 2013-08-17

Best: T. Berkovic, L. Drake-Brockman, K. Dyson

Goals: B. Abrahams

There was a bit of build up to this game. The two undefeated teams of the sand league battled it out in the closest thing these 5/6 boys were going to get to a final. It was quite a game in which the Melville defence was pushed.

It took some hard work to stay in the hunt when the team was reduced to ten, but Lachlan showed courage by coming back onto the field to help secure the draw and with it the continuation of the team's undefeated status.



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

Despite going down to Vic Park 3-0, the girls had another great game. Their skills have continued to improve no end and the forwards got a really good run this week. The first half had the 3 goals but the second half Vic Park was really well held off and the girls showed a far more determined effort. A very quick goal in the first 5 minutes shook the girls' confidence and quite a few costly mistakes were made which saw the second goal slamming in minutes later. The girls started to regroup and had a few stern reminders NOT to hit ACROSS the Goals and play wide. Anneka in goals was tireless and saved many goals. Caitlin's hitting just got stronger throughout the game clearing the ball up to the forwards. Jordan also played a fantastic game and was tenacious in defence and blocked tackle after tackle. The forwards ran their socks off and were all red-faced and puffing. The ball ping-ponged over both halves but no goal for us... Elena and Tessa showed some terrific sprints towards our goals, with Georgia and Charlie also showing great support and passing. The girls also showed improved defence in facing free hits, resulting in winning more possessions. We could get a win yet!

Girls 5/6 Regional (Gold) (White) vs WASPS (Won 3 - 0) 2013-08-17

Best: E. Odonnell

Goals: R. Quartermaine (3), E. Odonnell

The girls played a strong game for the entire match this week. Everyone put in a great effort, allowing Ruby(2) and Olivia(1) to score our goals. The team keeps getting better and better, but Olivia played an outstanding match securing best on ground this week.



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