



Saturday 24th May 2014

PREMIER LEAGUE

Ladies Melville Toyota League vs Wolves (Won 3 - 1)

Best: H. Munro/B. Clark/M. Carmichael

Goals: H. Grant (2), B. Clark

The battle continued this week against Westside Wolves. Keen to rectify the slow start from last week, whilst the opposition were unable to score early, we did have some shaky moments. Both teams eventually scored in a somewhat lackluster first half and we went into the half locked at 1 all with plenty of work to be done. A stirring half time talk by senior members and coaching staff woke the sleeping giant and with some determination and grit and a sneaky PC goal by Briony to start the ball rolling we were able to run over the top of Wolves with a 3-1 win. This young group of ladies are learning what it takes to compete in the top level, week in, week out. A massive thanks also to the wider club community for your continued support of our group. It has been great to see you all every week encouraging the girls to do their very best.

Ladies Premier 2 vs Wolves

Best: D. Dravnieks, S. Billingham, T. Hoswell

Fantastic win against Wolves this week. The girls took on the challenge to refocus from last week, and it was great to see the hard work at training and the commitment to teamwork that they demonstrated throughout the game, pay off. Great way to set the mood for a back to club party! Looking forward to more wins like this girls.

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE

Mens Provisional 1 vs UWA (Lost 2 - 4)

Goals: M. Ashley, C. Ellis

After the highs of beating Aquinas last week, it was obvious that the team had continued celebrating the entire week which led to a 'performance' like the one we witnessed today. Poor result which, when combined with the oppositions continual efforts to umpire the game themselves, left a sour taste in the mouth of all involved. Hopefully next week all will be in peak physical condition in order to remedy this blip in the record.

Ladies Provisional 2 (Gold) vs Canning (Lost 0 - 3)

Best: R. Harries/W. Joyce, B. Antonio/K. Sparkes

Well, our first loss for the season and it was a bitter pill to swallow. The other team came out strong, but weren't unbeatable, they got in a few lucky goals and it just shook us as a team. We weren't the in-sync team that we normally are, so hopefully we will shake that off for next week's game!!

Mens Provisional 3 (Gold) vs UWA (Won 2 - 0) 2

Goals: G. Thomas, J. McMahon

No report

METRO LEAGUE

Ladies Metro 1 vs Wolves (Lost 2 - 5)

Best: J. Olde, K. Mishra, A. Walsh

Goals: L. O'Sullivan, T. Rayfield

Nice day for spectators, thanks to the Lathams for your encouragement, neigh x

VETERANS

Ladies O35 Division 2 vs Uni (Drew 1 - 1) 2014-05-07

Goals: S. Clark

No report

Mens O50 Division 1 vs Hale (Won 1 - 0)

Best: G. Ross, M. Jensen, W. Hudson/P. Matthews

Goals: A. Reynolds

It was a pleasure to play on a good surface and as a result some pretty good hockey was played by both teams. Our defence held up again against a potentially potent Hale forward line and to keep them to nothing was a testament to our skill and tenacity. Some excellent keeping by Wayno helped as well. Excellent communication from our fullbacks makes life for our midfield so much easier. Apples was pivotal in the 2nd half as we began to control the game and get some drive thru the midfield. It was great to see Andy back on the field and a well timed chip shot saw the only goal go in for the day. Thanks to Dave (Warpy) and Patrick for helping out. A few people returning next week and a few more wins under our belt and anything could happen...

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Mens O50 Division 2 (Gold) vs Pirates (Won 2 - 0)

Best: C. Slattery, G. Widdicombe, R. Nottage

Goals: G. Coleman, R. Knyn

A good win against India's national side. Probably Pitch's best game for the season. The biggest disappointment was the lack of rehydration facilities after the game.

Mens O50 Division 3 vs Hale (Won 1 - 0)

Best: T. Patton, G. Bowater/M. Hudson, B. Porter

Goals: J. McGready

What a difference a week makes. Probably our best team effort in this competitive and hard fought game against Hale. Every team member contributed today but special mention to Brett for saving the penalty flick.

Mens O60 Division vs WASPS (Lost 1 - 3)

Best: J. Smith, R. Domingo, S. McEntee

Goals: R. Domingo

Tough to lose this one to two late WASPS goals, after holding our own, with good possession hockey, for the majority of the game. But encouraging that we're starting to hold our shape and confidence for longer when we play top quality opposition. And are creating enough chances around goal to start winning against these teams, with a little more luck, and consistency maintaining possession under pressure.

JUNIORS

Boys 11/12A vs Hale (Won 4 - 0)

Best: J Rutigliano, J Ross, H Lock

Goals: J. Ross (2), A. Ranford, A. Rayfield

Impressive game by the boys. Got our first win for the season and was the first game the boys played as a team. The two 9/10 boys Alex and Hayden played outstanding for us and had big parts in the win.

Hopefully the boys can keep the momentum going into the next game and for the rest of the season.

Girls 11/12A vs Hale (Drew 1 - 1)

Best: L Lefroy, M Sader, R Harrup

Goals: B. Anderson

We made hard work of this one and were lucky to come away with a draw. We had a number of opportunities including at least six shots which gave us our second goal of the season. The girls impressed with a number of runaway penetrations into Hale's D but unfortunately were unable to capitalise. Its early days yet and there's still time to get it all together and a number of wins on the board.

Boys 11/12B vs YMCC (Lost 1 - 4)

Best: J. Paterson, T. Mansfield, J. Templeman

Goals: A. Howells

We started off solidly with the first goal of the night and didn't manage to progress any further after that. YMCC had a solid defence and gave us a good game. Our umpires had a difficult time due to poor visibility as the fog rolled in down at Lark Hill (not kidding) and was very thick towards the end of the game. Our boys are looking forward to a good game next week a little closer to home!

Girls 11/12B vs Ellenbrook (Drew 1 - 1)

Goals: A. Graham

No report

Boys 9/10A vs Hale (Lost 0 - 3)

A very disappointing result and one which clearly didn't reflect the dominance we actually had throughout the game. Unfortunately for us, it was our own silly mistakes that cost us goals. It was frustrating that these mistakes came from things we spent a lot of time addressing. On a brighter note, we played some of our best hockey this season in patches of the game and if we continue to play to this standard we will definitely start winning games.

Girls 9/10A vs Pirates (Lost 1 - 2)

Best: Hood, Snyman, Hagen

Goals: J. Snyman

Not the result we were looking for this weekend but there's only one way to go from here. Proved to be a tough opposition that made our press look quite sloppy through the middle. Implying points given in team talks and training into games is now key for the girls to keep moving forward. Heaps of work to go just looking forward to next weekend see how we get back up.

Girls 9/10A Promotion vs Joondalup (Lost 0 - 5)

This week we played the top side and despite the odds came away with a good result. It was pleasing to see that the girls are slowly starting to get the structure in place, and a bit more work is required with our midfield players to finish off our overall plays. It was good to see the girls now looking for the short option through the midfield, and some of the longer balls to our high strikers was well executed. We will need to work on fitness and mobility to ensure we can drive back into defence effectively to maintain pressure on the ball carrier. We are improving each week, and will continue to do so with some further commitment.

A big thanks to Tiana who played a solid game in defence, and to Kristen in a high striker role. And also to Alice who was ready to fill in due to a last minute withdrawal and ran hard the whole game in the midfield.

Boys 9/10A Reserve vs YMCC (Lost 1 - 5)

Best: C. Deaville, E. Tang, T. Ziegelaar

Much better effort from the boys this week, and the final score was not a true reflection of the closeness of the game. The defense was very solid, repelling many attacks, and the forward line looked dangerous, creating a number of opportunities that we could not capitalise on.

We still have a lot of work to do at training, especially in defense, as we are conceding far too many penalty corners, but overall the signs are good.

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Boys 9/10B White vs Kwinana (Lost 1 - 4)

Best: A. Edgar, L. Hill, M. Widger

Goals: M. Batten

It was a tough game this week. It is early days and the team is finding their feet. There is plenty of promising things happening and the ball movement is looking good. Great work to stick at it all game. Great job.

Girls 9/10C vs Hale (Lost 0 - 4)

Wow girls...another amazing team effort this week! The back line was under constant pressure and you never gave up, instead you worked together to keep out over 20 short corner attempts by the other team. And even though you didn't win this week the teamwork and determination you showed was great to see. A huge thank you to Sophie, Cailey, and Dempsey (and of course their parents) for playing up for us this week...you played so well and we couldn't have fielded a side without you. And finally an A for outstanding effort and a big congratulations goes to Vanessa for being there to coach us the morning after her wedding!!

Boys 7/8A vs Hale (Won 4 - 0)

Best: D. Paino, W. Stewart, L. Downey

Goals: L. Downey, D. Forbes, W. Stewart, M. Tate

Fantastic win today Boys. We worked really well up forward with some great inside passing. Great pressure on the opposition ball carrier right across the field did not allow them enough time and space to make too many clean passes. Keep your focus on your mid and back structures deep into the game so we don't get caught out! WELL DONE!

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Girls 7/8A vs YMCC (Won 3 - 0)

Best: A. Bell, J. Vanderzwan, K. Osullivan

Goals: K. Osullivan (2), J. Vanderzwan

First up, a big thank you to Chloe Forbes and Saoirse Hanavan for slotting into the team so well to cover for Chicken Pox Neasa and "I look good in a bridesmaid dress", Cassandra. Congratulations on a fine win. Not too many teams will get the better of YM this year. Abi, again demolished their defence down the right side and set up play beautifully. Kayla, at centre forward scored twice and also set up our press so well that we were able to force a handful of turnovers. Amelia's discipline in marking her player is first class - we will get her setting up forwards in no time. Eilidh and Sarah looked after the back half well and our midfield worked hard both ways all game. Keep getting yourself into the scoring zone, Crystal, and you will knock in the first of many goals. Our best game to date. Yes, there will be hitting practice at training.

Girls 7/8A Promotion vs Hale (Lost 1 - 2)

Goals: A. Haigh

First game on turf, the girls found it a bit faster against quality opposition.

Boys 7/8A Reserve

Best: Team Effort

A huge improved effort from the boys who defended strongly this week, especially with 3 players down. Thank you to the 5/6 A boys who filled in for us; Ben Harel, Callum Flynn and Daniel Moulin. Manning up, attacking the ball and holding their structure was much better this week.

Girls 7/8A Reserve vs YMCC (Drew 1 - 1)

Goals: M. Algar

A fantastic game for the A Reserves. The girls are really starting to play great hockey! Great passing play led to a lovely goal from Mia Algar. YMCC kept pressing and eventually despite numerous brilliant saves by Chloe scored a goal making it one a piece. All in all a draw was probably a fair result. Much to be positive about and a great game of hockey to look forward to next week.

Boys 7/8B Black vs Westside Wolves (Lost 0 - 6)

Best: C. Addison, A. Blechynden

To their credit the boys did not give in the game though the odds were against us. Half our boys were unwell, carried an injury into the game or took a hard knock during play, while the Wolves had two subs sitting in the shade. We were at quite a disadvantage, but very strong contributions from our developing players the team played a very good second half. Our penalty corner defence worked well today which is a good sign for the future. Our positioning is improving, but will need more work.

Boys 7/8B White vs NC Raiders (Won 7 - 1)

Best: C. Soraine, J. Needham, O. McHoull/M. Ogden/J. Richards

Goals: J. Needham (5), O. McHoull, C. Soraine

After a heavy loss against Fremantle last week, the boys were chomping at the bit to tackle Raiders and show what they were capable of doing. A bit of a change to our system was a challenge for the boys, but they took it on and through good team work and basic skills dominated the first half against a dogged opposition and were probably unlucky not to be a lot more ahead at half time. The second half saw Raiders become very defensive and this made scoring difficult, none the less the domination of the game continued and it was really good to see the teamwork and sharing of the ball until the final whistle. We still have lots of room to improve in our defensive work, but it was a great win and the boys should feel proud of the way they went about it.

Girls 7/8B White vs Wolves (Lost 1 - 4)

Best: C. Pickard, E. Odonnell, T. Godin

Goals: C. Pickard

A fast running game on the turf at Perth Hockey Stadium against a very tall team in the Westside Wolves. Melville fought hard and part way through the second half scored to make the score 2-1, however the Wolves fought back two score another 2 goals to make the final score 4-1 to the Wolves.

Boys 5/6A vs YMCC (Lost 2 - 3)

Goals: C. Flynn, M. Odingo

This was a promising performance from the boys and much improved play was seen all over the pitch. Our passing play started to come and great phases of attacking play resulted. Two fantastic goals, one from Callum and the other beautifully slotted in by Michael. The boys kept going to the final whistle and were unlucky to loose - a draw would have been a fair result. The boys are starting to play as a team all the coaching is starting to pay off.

Girls 5/6A Reserve vs YMCC (Drew 1 - 1)

Best: O. Patton, E. McCormack, S. Pillay

Goals: C. Templeman

A hard fought game against a strong YMCC team, with a drawn result. The girls were back to their best, playing with great spirit and as a Team. They demonstrated great defensive skills against a strong YMCC attack and got good results when pushing the ball out wide and down the wing. Their tenacity was really a highlight from the sidelines. Go Melville!

Boys 5/6B Gold vs WASPS (Yellow) (Lost 2 - 5)

Best: Team Effort

Goals: D. Bradshaw (2)

A tough game against a strong opposition, with the defence tested for the first time this season. The boys played well as a team. They passed ball around well and maintained a good amount of time in possession to remain competitive throughout the game. A disappointing result but lots of positives to draw from.

Girls 5/6C Gold (Maroon) vs Melville White (Lost 0 - 1)

Best: L. Somerville, A. Strangio, L. Cosgriff

Well done girls on a fine effort. First half was a little slow, but in the second half everyone played their positions, ran hard, fought for the ball and defended beautifully. Some great shots at goal in the seconds half as well. Next week let's concentrate on playing our positions, keeping our sticks on the ground and getting the ball to our wings

Girls 5/6C Gold (White) vs Melville Maroon (Won 1 - 0)

Best: A. Thomson, J. Leigh, E. Polglase

Goals: A. Thomson

The girls played a great game and demonstrated good passing and persistence. Congratulations to our goal scorer, Hannah, who was filling in from Grads.