



Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2014

## PREMIER LEAGUE

### **Mens Melville Toyota League vs Vic Park (Won 3 - 0)**

Well it was our defensive group's Wally Grout last Saturday night after not allowing a goal against for the first time this year. After 8 games we only have conceded 10 goals where 5 were conceded in the first two games. This is now the best defensive record in the League, one which the boys are proud of, and one which the boys are keen to maintain. Clemo, Dirty, Jordy, BrynH, Doogie and Smear should be congratulated on this fine effort, but also no-one should forget how much a team effort is involved in keeping a defensive record. To this end our front pressing was poor in the first half on Saturday night and our back pressing by our frontline needs to improve if we are to go places this season.

We were 1 up at halftime after Narrogin newbie Seagull Shaun McKay scrounged his third in 2 weeks, but it felt like our strikers were playing like millionaires at a the greyhounds after missing opportunity to put the ball in the back of the net no less than 6 times, some shots heading in angles which would have posted hole in ones at Collier Golf Course.

The Head Coach went off like a monkey in a banana plantation at halftime, something rarely seen; and with a few precise adjustments by the coaching staff to tactical plans, our boys came out firing with two perfect pieces of play. Dirty to Doogie to Matt to Christiaan to back of goal for our second, and then a team press with a calculated aggressive risk press on a VicPark player by Christiaan saw a great turnover and lovely pass to Sam Geers who used his powerful upper body to lightly tap in our third.

The boys showed what they were capable of during this phase but we didn't go on with the scoreline so ended up winners at 3 nil.

Obviously, we are happy with another win, but there is so much recognition within the group that we need to improve in aspects of our game all over the field for us to achieve THE one and only ultimate dream. To this, I believe our guys continually want to learn and get better, but we will continually remind ourselves of the importance of this.

On a day where the clouds hovered all day, and many of our loyal band of supporters excelled in their own playing dreams, we were once again warmed by those that supported us during this game. Thanks to the girls team who also watched and supported us from the bank - we are very proud of your achievements each week - well done!!

Next game we play Wolves in what proves to be the most critical game of the season. We really need your support for this one and look forward to seeing you there. Thanks one and all!

### **Ladies Melville Toyota League vs Vic. Park (Drew 3 - 3)**

Best: M. Silvey/M. Carmichael/H. Grant

Goals: M. Carmichael, E. Stratton, H. Grant

You know things are possibly not going to go your way when you lose a player in the warmup. Ash I hope your ankle is ok. Super proud though of the girls to get off to a fast start as we had talked about with a couple of goals inside the first twenty minutes. Vic. Park weren't to be outdone as they responded and after a see-sawing battle the half time score was 3-2 our way. The second half provided some entertainment but not in the way we would have liked, with some behaviour not expected on the hockey field by the opposition nor the umpires for that matter. Vic Park were able to secure a third goal through a PC conversion and the game ended in an unfashionable draw. We certainly will be welcoming a return match. Enjoy the long weekend girls, it is well deserved. Xx

## **Ladies Premier Alliance vs Vic Park (Drew 0 - 0)**

Best: K. Atkinson, G. Gibson, T. Latham

Great Game Ladies, It wasn't easy playing Vic Park on their home turf. We managed to keep them to a draw. It was difficult as we had a few players out, however everyone drew together and played like a team. Just unlucky we didn't manage to find the back of the net. Well done though. A special Thanks to all the Fill ins.

## PROVISIONAL LEAGUE

### **Mens Provisional 1 vs John XXIII (Won 3 - 0)**

Best: G. Robertson, C. Ellis, A. Ellis

Goals: G. Robertson, G. Watton, J. Coleman

A difficult game against what can only be described as a team of long ball merchants. A combination of dazzling ball movement, exquisite skill and stunning good looks proved too much for the home team to handle and the result was never in doubt. Honourable mentions go to Cam for staying calm amongst the onslaught of slide tackles unlike some other (Stick).

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## **Ladies Provisional 2 (Gold) vs UWA (Drew 0 - 0)**

Best: K. Sparkes, J. Powell, R. Harries

Should have been a win. Controlled most of the game, but just couldn't capitalise in the D. All the skills are there, we just now really need to polish them off. Great work defensive team and fantastic work through the middle, moving the ball with the short passes and getting them to the forward line. Once again, should have win, but at least we didn't lose.

## **Mens Provisional 3 (Gold) vs Fremantle (Lost 1 - 4)**

No report

## METRO LEAGUE

### **Ladies Metro 1 vs WASPS (Drew 1 - 1)**

Best: J. Olde, A. Walsh, L. Coss

Goals: D. Murphy

Annette, our champion, put her body on the line to save a goal but resulted in a trip to the doctors with a suspected broken wrist.

Luckily only badly bruised. Good effort girls on a very windy and wet afternoon.

## VETERANS

### **Ladies O35 Division 4 vs Joondalup Lakers (Won 1 - 0)**

Best: C. Caydamar, M. Dry, M. Margetts

Goals: M. Dry

Great first goal to Marlene Dry

### **Ladies O35 Division 4 vs Pirates (Drew 1 - 1)**

Best: A. Walsh, H. Doyle, D. Murphy

Goals: A. Walsh

Unlucky draw but nice goal by Alice Walsh

### **Mens O40 Division 2 vs WASPS (Lost 2 - 3)**

Goals: A. Criddle, D. Doak

No report

### **Mens O40 Division 4 vs Rockingham (Drew 2 - 2)**

Best: A. Toogood, P. Paino, C. Bontempo/P. Willis/M. Lawrence/M. Whitley

Goals: M. Lawrence

Great all round team effort without our goalie Brett against the top team. After being a few players down we managed to keep them out with a magnificent goal from Michael and a great comeback game goal from Paul who played a fantastic game. I was able to fill in for the goal duties but was ably assisted by some some great defensive play by all the backs and halves. Well done guys

### **Mens O50 Division 2 (Gold) vs Kalamunda (Lost 0 - 3)**

Best: E. Nell, G. Widdicombe, A. Wood

A top of the table clash where we came second. A much closer game than the score suggests. We didn't convert our opportunities and Kalamunda did.

### **Mens O50 Division 3 vs Kalamunda (Drew 1 - 1)**

Best: B. Porter, G. Bowater, P. Oudejans

Goals: D. Porter

A game that we drew but should have won. We were all over Kalamunda peppering their goals but somehow we only managed to score 1 goal! Great goalkeeping from Kalamunda Goalie kept them in the game. Thanks to Andy for filling in.

### **Mens O60 Division vs WASPS (Lost 1 - 2)**

Best: L. Welten/K. Platel/T. Parker, S. McEntee/J. Smith

Goals: L. Welten

Only a goal in it at the end, but disappointing to lose against a team we would have beaten if we'd played as well as we did only last week. Also a blow to our chances of making the four, with a run of tougher opponents lined up after the Country Week bye. Let's hope this was just a passing off day. We can still challenge the top teams if get back to our best standards of positioning, passing and team play. Thanks to Mike Goodman for helping out, with a few regular players away.

## JUNIORS

### **Boys 11/12A vs Aquinas (Lost 1 - 2)**

Best: C Thompson, C Joynes, J Rayfield

Goals: C. Thompson (2), A. Ranford

Unlucky game for the boys. We found it hard to score , however the defence from everyone in the team was great and kept us in the game.

Hopefully in our next game we can get a few more goals.

### **Girls 11/12A vs AW Reds (Lost 3 - 6)**

Best: M Sader, B Anderson, R Harrup

Goals: B. Fitzgerald, R. Harrup, L. Lefroy

Three goals wasn't enough to beat the Reds who doubled our score with six easy goals. That effort places us equal last on the ladder with Hale, whereas a win would have put us into the top four. That's shows that the comp has three stand out teams and five on par with us. So with a bit more application there is still a chance to lift our performance and have a crack at the finals. We are a better team than the results of the first four games show, we just need to prove it on the field.

### **Boys 11/12B vs OGMHC (Won 8 - 0)**

Goals: T. Mansfield (2), J. McReady (2), E. Swan (2), L. Sinnott, A. Howells

What a game! Despite the weather, our boys played so well winning 8-0 unfortunately our win was dampened by the fact Ryan Breuer, one of our most valuable players fell and broke his right wrist during the second half. Ryan will be out for at least 6 weeks, we wish him a speedy recovery.

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## **Girls 11/12B vs North Coast Raiders (Won 5 - 0)**

Goals: C. Dawes (4), A. Widger

Another great win to the girls! It was a evenly contested first half with neither team scoring any goals, this was despite numerous shots(opposition goalie had a great game). Chloe broke the drought early in the second half and the team gained momentum working well together to score another four goals. Maddie worked well in defence with several decisive clearances, both Ciara and Sonia showed persistence and determination at inner, whilst Alice and Chloe had great games on the wing. Well done girls!

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

On face value a 1-0 loss is very disappointing considering the dominance we had on the game. I think they scored from their only shot on goal just about all game, but it is important to focus on the process and not the result. 9 times out of 10 if the process is right the result will take care of itself. Today was the 1 instance where the process was spot on but the result didnt fall our way. However if we contnue to focus on getting the process right the results will come, and that is the most pleasing aspect of today. Well done boys.

### **Girls 9/10A vs Lions (Lost 1 - 3)**

Best: Foss, Dowsett, Stephens

Goals: J. Snyman

No report

### **Girls 9/10A vs NC Raiders (Won 3 - 2)**

Best: Gebauer, Wade, Snyman

Goals: M. Hagen, T. Power

No report

### **Girls 9/10A Promotion vs Will/Reds (Lost 0 - 6)**

It took a half of hockey for the whole team to realise that they were actually playing a game this week. We reverted back to many old individual habits which was telling with a 5nil down scoreline at half time. The second half was a big improvement, but our structure through the midfield still needs a lot of work. Especially when so many are missing key training sessions and are struggling to grasp the basic structure and team plays we are trying to develop. There were however some outstanding efforts, and it was pleasing to see these girls putting in such a hard work rate.

Once again we would like to thank our fill in players Bryanna and Annabel who played a fantastic game considering they don't know most of the team. Hope to see a full turnout this Tuesday at training.

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### **Boys 9/10B White**

Best: A. Edgar, T. Moulin, N. Bufton

Goals: M. Widger, S. Simpson

Great to have a win boys! It was great how you all kept working for entire game and never gave up. We lost some structure throughout the match and need to work on using the right side of the field more.

### **Girls 9/10C vs Mercedes (Won 3 - 0)**

Best: J. Thompson, B. Illman, I. Moncrieff

Goals: B. Illman (2), J. Thompson

A great team effort today against Mercedes. We saw some fantastic individual performances as well as great team work. Our two 7/8 subs were also amazing. Hard fought by Mercedes despite being down on players. Congratulations girls!

### **Boys 7/8A vs WASPS (Lost 1 - 2)**

Best: D. Paino, W. Stewart, R. Bright

Goals: M. Harvey

The first half, in fact the first 28 mins of the first half we completely dominated and dictated the game. Then, as we have demonstrated over the previous 3 games, we get inside the last 5 mins of each half and our concentration and intensity drops dramatically, we find too many of our MIDs pushing too high and forgetting DEFENSIVE RULE No.1 – WHEN WE DON'T HAVE THE BALL – FIND YOUR PLAYER and MAN UP!

Staying close to an opponent takes 100% concentration and 100% effort for 100% of the game.

### **Girls 7/8A vs AW Reds (Won 2 - 0)**

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

Goals: K. Osullivan (2)

We are all looking forward to turf hockey (Bunbury does put that time back one more week). On grass it was difficult to use space when the ball was locked in our attacking 25 for long periods as The Reds simply congested the area. Our effort was there but our elimination and passing skills were sluggish which made for a scrappy game. Hats off to Kayla for her goals with the second being a scorching shot past the keeper through the narrowest of gaps. Training this week will be, again working the weak side of an opponent. Chin up, Jade, it'll take more than that knock to keep you down. Enjoy Bunbury, girls. Play well against the School Sport WA team. See you there.

### **Girls 7/8A Promotion vs WASPS (Lost 0 - 3)**

Tough game for the girls against the topside WASPS, goalie McKenzy was kept busy keeping those goals out.

### **Boys 7/8A Reserve vs AW REDS (Lost 1 - 8)**

Best: Team effort

Goals: D. Page

This score does not justify the endeavour shown by the boys in this game. Cold, wet and homesick, the boys exhibited the Pride of Melville against much bigger, stronger and older boys. We even had Declan and Dan putting their bodies (well heads anyway) on the line to stop the ball. A great defence stopped the score from blowing out, with the Brodie definately taking a pounding from the Reds attackers. A good effort by all players.

### **Girls 7/8A Reserve vs Modernians (Lost 0 - 8)**

Certainly a game of two halves: we were 3-0 down after a matter of minutes and 8-0 down at half time. We were playing against the wind and the Modernians took full advantage. The second half was a different story with a much better performance, 0-0. Back to the drawing board this week at training!

### **Boys 7/8B Black vs YMCC (Lost 1 - 3)**

Best: K. Vester, J. Argent, S. Flexman

Goals: K. Holyoake

Today was our most even match yet and the boy's got the monkey off their back with a great goal and then followed it up with a few more good shots. Our defence was holding really well with the goals being scored off rebounds after Keifer make some very good saves. We need to regroup quicker when this happens. A few of the boys drifted out of position, but then played well in their new position. We still need to work on positioning. Thanks to Kayne and Jack for helping out; we look forward to having a full team in our own right.

### **Boys 7/8B White vs WASPS (Won 3 - 0)**

Best: O. McHoull, C. Soraine, B. Munnings

Goals: J. Needham, M. Ogden, C. Soraine

While dodging the wind and rain seemed the biggest challenge of the day this week, a determined WASP outfit also stood in the way. The first half was a very scrappy affair with little separating the sides and a good rebound goal from a short corner was the only difference in our favour. To the credit of the players, a half time pep talk from the coach (who duly delayed the second half by the love of his own voice) had an immediate impact. Suddenly the basic skills and control of the ball came into play and the other team found it virtually impossible to contain the Melville players who dominated the second half. A very heroic, game long effort from the opposition keeper prevented a route, none the less it was a very impressive effort from all of the Melville players as we continue to build our season.

## **Girls 7/8B White**

Best: T. Godin, S. Simpson, C. Pickard

A great game where the girls seemed to come together as a team and had two very impressive attempts at goal but without result. The continue to work hard until the final whistle. Although they did not walk away with a win, it was a wonderful effort from all who played.

## **Boys 5/6A vs WASPS (Lost 0 - 1)**

A really encouraging performance by the boys, a significant improvement on last week's game. The training by the coaches is really starting to pay off and the boys are starting to play as a team and pass the ball about. ASLI the boys played well, but Levi and Brandon had particularly good games with excellent tackling and distribution of the ball. Well done boys - victory is on the cards !

## **Girls 5/6A vs WASPS (Won 4 - 0)**

Goals: K. Cowan (3), C. Forbes

Another awesome game from the 5/6 A girls. On a windy, blustery day the girls did not falter. They played with just as much enthusiasm as always. The girls dominated the game from the first whistle. They found space up front with some great crosses of the ball from our right wing Georgia Farrow. These were often trapped by our players being in the correct position, then pushed at goal placing the WASPS goalie under pressure. Eventually the seal was broken, and the flood gates opened. Kate Cowan had an amazing game scoring her first hat trick for the season. She was well supported by her team mates with several girls having shots at goal which were saved by a very capable WASPS goalie or just missing. Chloe Forbes again continued her scoring prowess with a lovely shot from the right half position at the top of the D. I must mention our energetic, nimble goal keeper, Chloe Power who made a spectacular sliding save high on the circle when WASPS got a break away. Overall, an excellent team effort, especially with a number of girls playing in unfamiliar positions. Congratulations girls and have fun in Bunbury for the carnival! Good luck to Chloe Forbes and Saoirse Hanavan for their final trial at the Bunbury Carnival to make

the U/12 State Schoolgirls team. I'm confident you both can do it! See you all there.

### **Girls 5/6A Reserve vs Lions (Won 2 - 0)**

Best: M. Swan, M. Spires, E. Billingham

Goals: E. Billingham, M. Spires

Another fantastic effort from the girls against Lions 3. They were relentless in their attack and managed to restrict the Lions to their own half for most of the game. We sure got a lot of practice with short corners, so credit to the Lions for keeping the score down.

### **Boys 5/6B Gold vs Suburban Lions (Lost 3 - 5)**

Best: Team Effort

Goals: R. Barraclough, Z. Swinton, J. Williams

A tough game against a very strong opposition. The boys fought back to draw level in the second half on the back of some great runs out of defence from Angus Bell. Unfortunately the Lions were too strong in the end with 2 late goals, but a great effort from all the boys today.

### **Girls 5/6B Gold vs AW Reds (Won 3 - 1)**

Goals: K. Studley (2), S. Richards

The Melville forward line was dominant up front in the first half against the AW Reds.

The opposition came back towards mid second half and our fullbacks along with Goalkeeper Zoie defended well. The halfbacks also played well pushing the ball through to the forward line giving the girls a lot of play inside the D and were very close to scoring another couple of goals.

It was great to see the girls making a real effort to keep their positions, marking the opposition and looking to pass to players with space to run.

Well done to the team it was a well deserved win.

### **Boys 5/6C Gold vs WASPs Green (Lost 1 - 3)**

Goals: B. Abrahams

Melville White lost 3:1 in a blustery, wet encounter against WASPs. WASPs started strong and pulled away to a two goal lead in the first half. The Melville boys regrouped and showed a gritty performance in the second half. After conceding an early second half goal Melville upped their work rate to spend a lot more time in the opposition's 25. Brodie Abrahams scored Melville's only goal, but it was clear that the tide was turning in Melville's favour after a number of journey's into the WASPs D. Best players were, new recruit Ritvij Roy and goal scorer Brodie Abrahams.

### **Girls 5/6C Gold (Maroon) vs WASPS (Drew 1 - 1)**

Best: L. Cosgriff, A. Flexman, E. Wilson

Goals: G. Morpew

What a fabulous game girls! You played your positions, passed to each other and tackled with determination and strength. We had many chances at goals which went wide, and I am sure as the season goes on we will learn how to convert these chances. Next week let's work on getting our feet into good position to receive the ball and staying on our strong side. Every player should feel very proud of today's game - well done.