



Saturday 14th June 2014

PREMIER LEAGUE

Mens Melville Toyota League vs Wolves (Won 4 - 1)

It was with some trepidation that the Melville Men prepared for the game last weekend v Wolves. Wolves were last year's Grand Finalists, and were boasting a stronger team than in that Grand Final with their French International star. On the other hand, we have had numerous injuries and also with Matt Willis away, our depth was severely going to be tested. However, as the Hawthorn's Coach says: "One soldier down, another soldier steps up" it was the turn of a few other soldiers to step in and give of their best. Mind you selections weren't easy as we had many who put their hand up to be selected this week such as JBQ, Killa and Matt Tate, however team balance plus performance meant we went with the 16 that in the end defeated Wolves 4 to 1 surprising all pundits.

Clemo was magnificent in goals, he made the ball hit his pads, hands, shoulders and kickers every time they had a shot. You're our man Clemo - well done.

After scoring a hole in one v VicPark on PHS2, Christiaan decided to go out and buy a new club - a good workman can blame his tools, however, this purchase was nicely timed knocking in no less than 4 of the 4 goals scored. In anyone's book that is a top performance, but Christiaan still needs to do greater and more effective work in our press also. We can focus on the above two performances, but never forget the dour defensive effort and star qualities of workmanlike performances from Dirty, Jordy, Doogy, Doc and Smear. The coaching staff were very impressed by young Bryn deBes who is taking greater responsibility in his midfield role each game - his athletic ability, his hard work in defence and ability to break lines is an asset. Bryn is still working on a number of aspects

of his game, so this is a good story of development. Ross in Willis' absence decided to impose himself more on the game, and I suggest he gave more than the 10% requested to all, for Willis's absence. Brodes was influential on the day and his early energy was instrumental in getting the team going. I could continue on with descriptions of individuals performance, but it was really about all putting their best foot forward and giving Wolves no time to settle for the whole of the 70 minutes. Mission accomplished and a 4 to 1 win was recorded.

It's interesting after you win as there is nothing better than winning banter and producing a loud rendition of the Melville Club song. When you lose it's such disappointment and creation of critical analysis. I must admit though, that the boys are developing sound critical analysis so as to identify areas we lack and making sure we improve individual and team performance.

We then settled back to support our women in a very high quality game and are so proud of how they play and the milestones they are achieving this year. It was close in the end, but we reckon the girls are a very dangerous team and are going to cause problems when September action comes about.

For the Men we play Wasps next Saturday at PHS1 at 330pm. This is a big game against a team that likes to bash us around and who have been competition leaders up until this week. They are a quality side, check out their team list. It's a mammoth challenge for us and hopefully we can get as many supporters there for this one. You are so valuable to us in your positive support, thank you!

Ladies Melville Toyota League vs Curtin Trinity Pirates (Lost 1 - 3)

Best: M. Silvey, J. Close, B. Clark/M. Carmichael/H. Grant

Goals: H. Grant

A match against the top of the table Pirates was always going to be a test for the girls. The first half proved just that but we matched them well going to the break nil all. Three minutes after the restart and Pirates had two goals on the board. We were a little shellshocked and this proved the point that you cannot afford to lapse in concentration for the smallest amount of time as the consequences are huge. The group were fantastic in showing that

we weren't about to the throw in the towel however and pulled a goal back. Pirates were able to convert a penalty corner late in the game though with the final scoreline a 3-1 loss. Not a bad game by any means and one that we know we can improve on next time round. Keep working hard for the treasure girls.

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE

Mens Provisional 1 vs WASPS (Lost 1 - 4)

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

Goals: C. Ellis

A disappointing day in the proud history of the Melville 4's team. Missing key players and opportunities combined to see a youthful WASPS outfit edge us out. Good news is that we won the second half, the bad news is that we didn't win it by enough. Onwards and upwards.

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METRO LEAGUE

Ladies Metro 1 vs University (Lost 0 - 1)

Best: J. Olde, J. Coad, C. Coleman

The girls put in a super effort, trying hard to win for Annette's birthday. Uni put one away early and we had our chances but sadly went down 0 - 1. The team's Tough Award goes to Jo this week for a dislocation, popping it back in herself and then taking to the field again. Our best player this week and a true champion!

VETERANS

Ladies O35 Division 2 vs Fremantle (Lost 2 - 3) 2014-05-14

Goals: S. Clark, R. Hetherington

No report

Ladies O35 Division 2 vs YMCC2 (Won 4 - 0) 2014-05-21

Best: S. Clark, F. Power, M. Farrow

Goals: S. Clark, M. Farrow, F. Power, R. Hetherington

No report

Ladies O35 Division 2 vs Newman Knights (Won 4 - 1) 2014-05-28

Best: R. Hetherington, F. Power, M. Farrow

Goals: R. Hetherington (2), G. Glaskin, S. Wilson

No report

Ladies O35 Division 2 vs Joondalup Lakers (Won 1 - 0) 2014-06-04

Best: S. Clark/M. Farrow/M. Leighton/R. Hetherington

Goals: D. Goundrey

No report

Ladies O35 Division 4

Best: J. Rosso, J. Coad, M. Margetts/W. Joyce

Goals: L. Fairall (2), J. Rosso

Well played team effort Good win

Mens O40 Division 4 vs Lions (Won 2 - 1)

Best: C. Bontempo, I. Munns, B. Kennington/M. Whitley/B. Gibbins

Goals: P. Willis, B. Kennington

Great team performance against a quality team. Gutsy effort by all the backs when we were under so much pressure in the closing half hour. Especially Carlo taking it on the chin and coming back on to finish the game in impressive style. Nothing could also be taken away from the linking midfield players and the finishing off with goals by our forwards. Well done guys

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

Best: K. Harper, M. Watson, G. Ross

Goals: K. Harper

What a great game! All the things we have been talking about for 40 years suddenly seemed to work on Saturday. Better late than never. We completely dominated our opposition for the majority of the game and although the final score was 1 nil, it felt like we smashed WASPs. And how good did that feel? Again our defence held firm and we looked sharp with the outlets finding their mark and our skills not letting us down. Great work by the forwards and midfield with Chewy all over the ground and Harps, Patrick and Apples killing them in the middle. A few highlights or maybe lowlights added to the texture of the game with Harps nickname 'Barndoor' ringing true again and a 30 metre over the shoulder looped back pass to the top of our defensive 'D' by yours truly, for some reason caught our defence off guard. Andy casually picked his jaw and his stick up off the ground and repelled the incoming attack – as expected! A great win fellas.

Mens O50 Division 1 vs Old Aquinians (Won on Forfeit)

2014-05-07

Mens O50 Division 1 vs Victoria Park (Lost 1 - 2)

Best: S. Silvey, M. Watson/R. Scanlon, K. Harper

Goals: S. Silvey

It was a game we could have won. Too many swings and misses and a some bad luck with the post - it could have been our points. Great to see Steve S get on the scoreboard.

Mens O50 Division 2 (Gold) vs Vic Park (Lost 3 - 5)

Best: E. Nell, A. Wood, C. Slattery

Goals: G. Hunt (2), B. Morrison

We lulled Vic Park into a false sense of security by allowing them to score four goals in the first half. When it was 4-3, early in the second half, we had them where we wanted them. Unfortunately our cunning plan came unstuck when they scored their fifth goal. All the expert coaching from the sidelines was wasted on players who could not stick to the game plan. Thanks to Greg, Pete and Ken for filling in.

Mens O60 Division vs Wolves (Lost 1 - 6)

Best: J. Smith, T. Parker, K. Platel/P. Hall

Goals: R. Domingo

A tough game against the top team in our grade, whose skill and team work challenged us right through. We held our own for long periods, particularly in the second half, and, with a bit more luck, could have been a lot closer at the end. But will have to pull together, and play at our best, to have a chance of beating top teams like Wolves.

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Boys 11/12A vs Wolves (Won 2 - 1)

Best: H. Lock, C. Thompson, J. Rayfield

Goals: A. Ranford (2)

It was a tough game for the boys but we fought for the whole 70 minutes and got the win. Once the boys played to the game plan they look dangerous up forward and solid in defence. Special mention to Ash man for scoring two goals on his birthday!

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

Best: L Lefroy, M Miller, V Wade

Goals: B. Anderson

Numerous scoring opportunities resulted in just the one goal when the team pulled off a classic penalty corner aided by Bronwen's thumping trademark golf shot. All was going well until Rachel dived into the turf fracturing her shoulder following which Master Coach forgot to put on a replacement. With just ten players the Wolves broke through and equalised. Master Manager is equally to blame, it was just one of those nights.

Boys 11/12B vs Victoria Park (Drew 1 - 1)

Goals: A. Howells

Great game guys! Vic Park have not lost a game so far this season and we took them to task with a draw. Our solo goal of the evening was made by Andrew Howells. Our defence was strong in keeping the the opposition from scoring. Fantastic effort guys, looking forward to next weeks game.

Boys 9/10A vs Wolves (Lost 1 - 4)

Best: H. Lock, N. Page, J. Floyd

Goals: T. Dickson

Fair effort against the best team in the competition. We were 3—0 down after 25 minutes and then held our own through - even scoring a goal in the process. We continue to improve and are not far away now, we just need to stay true to the process and the results will come.

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

Goals: B. Irvine

Results on the scoreboard don't count, what counts is that we aim to improve every week. This week we achieved just that.

Our ball movement at times was the best I have seen, and it was especially pleasing that the girls were leading into space and many passes were accurate and well struck.

Defensively we were strong with some really good tackles. We also cleared our defensive area to great effect through the midfield. We had some fantastic opportunities created by the forwards in front of goal and were unlucky not to score more. Big thanks this week to our extra help from Lisa who played a fantastic game in goals, also to Zoe who had a solid game in fullback. Bryanna continues to impress through the midfield, and a special mention to Tiana who at very short notice helped out and as usual had a great presence in the midfield as well.

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

Best: E. Tang, B. Cadle, C. Surtees

Goals: E. Tang

Another game in which the score did not do justice to the teams effort. We held WASPS for long periods of time and only conceded goals late in each half when fatigue set in. We are improving in attack, but not just finding the back of the net.

Boys 9/10A Reserve vs Wolves (Lost 0 - 8)

Best: N. Deluca

Although the boys were totally outclassed by a vastly superior side, we can take some positives from the game. The boys never stopped trying and managed to create a few scoring opportunities. Our defense although under constant pressure help out for long periods of time.

It was clear that we need to do a lot of work on our basic skills and fitness.

Girls 9/10C vs Hale Royal (Lost 1 - 2)

Best: M. Kelly, I. Moncrieff, J. Christie

Goals: H. Jones

A fantastic first half for the girls, holding most of the possession and scoring a goal. Unfortunately Hale were able to turn the game around through the second half and brought home a win with 2 goals. Still a great effort by the Melville girls against a competitive Hale.

Boys 7/8A vs Westside Wolves (Won 2 - 0)

Best: F. Stephens, Z. McKinnon, D. Forbes

Goals: D. Forbes, F. Stephens

Great win today by the Boys. Magnificent defensive effort, especially in the last 10 mins where you absorbed many attacks. Great depth by the wingers really opened up our forward area and we had many an opportunity, with a bit more pressure on the Goalie we could have doubled the score. Gotta say what an awesome job Zac did in goals today - he was like a cat!!!

Girls 7/8A vs Westside Wolves (Won 1 - 0)

Best: L. Gleave, C. Hobbs, A. Swan

Goals: K. Osullivan

We started so well: good press, excellent intercept and pass, draw the defender and lay off to set up an easy goal. Cass, Neasa and Kayla take a bow. Then Bunbury fatigue? Who knows? Effort was there in parts, but the thinking was missing, sadly missing. It's not often that an individual stands out in a team game, but the quality of Lisa's game in goals stood head and shoulders above the next best player. We owe Lisa big time for saving this game for us. Finally, we need to practise what we want to do on the field, so this week each one of us needs to back their skill to hold the ball, make good decisions and execute quality passes to team-mates who have made good position off the ball. Train as you play girls.

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

Goals: A. Haigh

Well played game, girls improving each week

Boys 7/8A Reserve vs Wolves (Lost 1 - 3)

Goals: G. Hyde

A Tough game against a determined Wolves team. We had some chances but didn't convert them into goals. We need to work together more as a team and show more aggression to get to and win the ball.

Girls 7/8A Reserve vs Westside Wolves (Lost 0 - 6)

The girls started well with really good defensive play for the first 15 minutes. Indie made a great save in the first half but then let 2 in before half time. The girls continued to play well and had some brilliant attacking play - but appeared shocked to find themselves in front of the Wolves goal! A good effort which ended in a 6-0 defeat but the score certainly is not a real reflection on the game.

Boys 7/8B Black vs YMCC (Drew 3 - 3)

Best: W. Dundas, P. McQuaid, L. Betham

Goals: Z. Swinton (3)

We didn't dare dream of dodging defeat until disorganising diverted our detractors. After derailing the fixture our druther was a distinct deuxième in which a display of dogged determination and decisive daring-do delivered a deserved draw. The details are dispatched in this dodgy document declaring the do-or-die deed decided, but not disremembered. Danke to our deputised deltagers. Decidedly done dudes! (this translates roughly as: our fixture we changed, we got a rematch with YMCC, everyone played well, thanks for the help.)

Guy Dyson

Boys 7/8B White vs Westside Wolves (Won 6 - 2)

Best: O. McHoull, J. Needham, N. Thompson

Goals: O. McHoull (3), J. Needham, R. Needham, L. Page

A dominate performance by the boys was not truly reflected in the score-line which failed to disclose over 30 short corners and so many shots at goal that the opposition keeper was in fear of suffering ball poisoning, all despite the best efforts of the brave Wolves players. The most pleasing aspects were the maintenance of our team structure and the commitment to our game plan from every one of the players, it was very nice to watch the boys playing to their strengths and the oppositions weakness for the whole game. We still have some work to do on defence and maintaining our effort off the ball, instead of ball watching, as we begin to encounter the stronger teams in our grade. None the less it was a great effort with the all 11 players exhausted at the end, there are a lot of good signs as we build our season week by week.

Girls 7/8B White vs Suburban Lions (Lost 0 - 5)

Best: C. Pickard, M. McMeekin, T. Godin

A strong defensive game, where the girls worked hard but were unable to stop a strong attacking team in the Lions. Some great ball skills demonstrated along with some strong developing attacking skills. A solid team effort which saw the girls finish the game with a very positive attitude.

Boys 5/6A vs Westside Wolves (Lost 0 - 9)

Best: Ethan, Levi,

A really promising start to the game for the first 15 minutes. Great play from all the team unfortunately we conceded a couple of goals we should have stopped. Our heads went down and the goals kept coming in against us. Back to training on Monday boys!

Girls 5/6A vs Westside Wolves (Lost 0 - 1)

This weekend saw us have our first loss of the season against a solid Wolves side, whose defence was like a brick wall. Our girls played their hearts out, even to the dying seconds of the game, where we were still penetrating the circle and trying valiantly to score an equalizer. Every girl that stepped on the field this weekend gave it 100%. We had many opportunities but it just wasn't meant to be. We look forward to meeting them in the second round to level the score!

Special mention this week must go to Chloe Forbes and Saoirse Hanavan, and Sarah Hasselham (previous team member) who have all made it into the State U12 Schoolgirls Team. You should be very proud of your achievements so far as you have all worked extremely hard to represent your State. Well done!

Girls 5/6A Reserve vs Westside Wolves (Drew 0 - 0)

Best: O. Patton, S. Pillay, T. Growdon

The girls played a great match against the top of the table team, Westside Wolves. They held possession for a lot of the game, challenging the Wolves defence as well as holding out their attack. It was a great effort by the girls and a great drawn result. Well done!

Girls 5/6B Gold vs WASPS (Yellow) (Drew 0 - 0) 2

A hard fought game this week. We had the ball in the D a lot but couldn't manage to convert. Well done to Milah for holding her position well and running on for some good attack plays and Ruby for being a reliable fullback.

Boys 5/6C Gold vs Canning (Won 1 - 0)

Goals: J. Steele

Melville White Boys snatched a hard fought win over Canning in the last 5 minutes of the game. Both sides played a high intensity game but it was the Melville boys continued pressure in the opposition D that made the difference when Jack Steel dragged a ball around his body to score the only goal of the game. It is encouraging to see the lessons from training being employed. Melville White a improving on a weekly basis promising a strong performance in the second half of the season. Best players this week were Jack Steel for his impressive goal under pressure and Daniel McGahren for making good use of the ball and holding position.

Girls 5/6C Gold (Maroon) vs Victoria Park (Lost 0 - 3)

Best: L. Somerville, N. Chisholm, A. Wheeler

Well done girls, you are showing improvement every week. The scoreline does not reflect your performance - you were competitive and had your chances to score. Let's focus next week on working back into defense and how to take effective 16 yard hits. Particular mention should be made of Jasmine - it was lovely to see you back, Tabitha who showed great improvement after her efforts in Bunbury and the efforts of Lilly in goals. Keep up the effort everyone and keep smiling!

Girls 5/6C Gold (White)

Best: M. Brown, E. Polglase, F. McHoull

Goals: M. Brown, F. McHoull

Our first game with our full contingent of players (welcome back, Piper) and our first VICTORY. Michelle scored a goal early in the first half and Finnity scored the second goal 30 seconds before the end of full time. The girls were playing positions, passing into space and applying forward pressure. It was great to watch and the supporters enjoyed it immensely