



Saturday 28th June 2014

PREMIER LEAGUE

Mens Melville Toyota League vs CT pPirates (Won 4 - 0)

What a week:

1. Australian Men lift the bar of International Hockey to a level never seen before and win the World Cup
2. Australian Women gain silver at the World Cup, best performance for about 7 years
3. Melville Women thrash YM
4. Melville 2s Men thrash CTP 2s
5. Melville 1s Men defeat CTP 1s 4 nil in Dan McEntee's 400th game for Melville.

I reflect below with one of my favourite poems:

"There's some that ride the Robbo style, and bump at every stride;
While others sit a long way back, to get a longer ride.
There's some that ride as sailors do, with legs, and arms, and teeth;
And some that ride the horse's neck, and some ride underneath.
But all the finest horsemen out -- the men to Beat the Band --
You'll find amongst the crowd that ride their races in the Stand.
They'll say "He had the race in hand, and lost it in the straight."
They'll know how Godby came too soon, and Barden came too late

They'll say Chevalley lost his nerve, and Regan lost his head;
They'll tell how one was "livened up" and something else was
"dead" --

In fact, the race was never run on sea, or sky, or land,
But what you'd get it better done by riders in the Stand.

The rule holds good in everything in life's uncertain fight;

You'll find the winner can't go wrong, the loser can't go right.
You ride a slashing race, and lose -- by one and all you're banned!
Ride like a bag of flour, and win -- they'll cheer you in the Stand"
Written by and acknowledgement to Andrew Barton Paterson

We have achieved a performance in the first round never seen at Melville in its history, 7 wins and 1 draw in 11 games with 28 goals for and 15 goals against, a big cry from 22 goals for and 96 against in the season before I joined the Club. As said on many occasions, the latter stats had to change to the current stats before we had a thought of being in finals. A positive goal difference has always resulted in a top 6 appearance and in most years a finals appearance. So, we are at the half way mark now.....and our small aims will be to continue with the above trends. As we know from experience, sides step up the ante in a big way in the second round as Clubs fight for finals spots or just fight for survival. As we know from the Wasps weekend, you can be slightly off which can create a long way off on the day. We will always need to be on!

We face a very tough Fremantle opposition next Saturday at home at Duracraft stadium, made all the tougher with our U21s out, this will once again create opportunity for our depth; and Fremantle with their Aussie players available will be running at full strength. It's a huge challenge.

Ride hard with us, this is a challenging track, we need your support at all times!!!

Ladies Melville Toyota League vs YMCC (Won 6 - 1)

Best: M. Eum/J. Close/C. Carter

Goals: K. Passmore, M. Eum, J. Close, C. Carter, K. Silvey, C. Bailey-Price

The final game of the first round saw us up against YMCC, who to be fair have struggled most of this season, but for us another game to consolidate and continue to improve across the field. The first half was played in horrid conditions and it is at this point where we must thank the ball girls and our tireless band of supporters for braving the elements. Whilst not entirely to blame, the weather did contribute to the nil all half time scoreline but we were certainly not

without opportunities to score and the defence was holding tight at the other end. At half time the point was reiterated that we must produce results if not in the first five minutes, the next ten and so on. And produce results we did. In fact every five minutes of the last half we scored with no less than six different goal scorers across the team. Unfortunately another lapse in concentration saw us concede a goal towards the end of the game and an area we will continue to work on and improve. A fantastic result nevertheless and to finish the first round in second place on the ladder is none too shabby. Good work gang #themelvillegirlsarehappy. We just need that final bit of polish in the circle. Despite it being 2 degrees and the late sat night fixture you all came switched on and ready. Great team effort girls.

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PROVISIONAL LEAGUE

Mens Provisional 1 vs Ellenbrook Falcons (Drew 1 - 1)

Best: K. Jamieson, M. Ashley, G. Robertson

A disappointing day where infighting dominated the game. Honourable mentions to Sum Yung (Guy) for taking it upon himself to drag the team back into the game and dislocating his big toe in the process and Stick for a sensual finish on a corner.

Ladies Provisional 2 (Gold)

Best: J. Gallimore, B. Antonio, R. Harries

This was our game to lose, and we did just that. We had them in the first half but completely fell apart in the second half, it was like a different team went out there. We just have to get back to our game of hockey, we know what we have to do and when we get it together we will start winning again.

METRO LEAGUE

Ladies Metro 1 vs Vic Park (Drew 0 - 0)

Best: C. Coleman, H. Doyle, M. Farrow

On a really wet day the dilemma was to play or straight to the bar. Luckily the skies cleared so we took to a water logged field ending up with a nil all result. Helen and Lindy made the most of the wet conditions choosing to play in all the best puddles. Special thanks to our stand in coach Sharon and to all our guest players.

VETERANS

Ladies O35 Division 4 vs Joondalup (Won 2 - 0) 2014-06-19

Best: J. Coad/C. Coleman, M. Margetts

Goals: M. Dry, D. Murphy

Won with only 10 players but should have won by more. Missed lots of chances but wins are good wins

Ladies O35 Division 4 vs Fremantle (Won 2 - 1) 2014-06-26

Best: J. Coad, H. Doyle, L. Osullivan

Goals: S. Totterdell, L. Osullivan

Well fought game. Always hard against Fremantle.

Mens O40 Division 4 vs Freo (Drew 1 - 1)

Best: C. Bontempo, D. Wauhop/B. Gibbins, D. Stonehouse/B. Kennington/P. Paino/M. Whitley

Goals: B. Kennington

Hey a game we probably should of won. Full credit to Freo for their determined effort to draw the game with only a kicking fullback. We had our chances and a lot of teams are now evenly placed on the ladder, now I think we need to get back to our basic passing skills and not just hitting the ball forward. Thanks to Dean and Gerald and to Carlo trying to get the guys motivated. Good game guys in the the wet conditions.

Mens O50 Division 1 vs YMCC (Lost 0 - 5)

Best: M. Watson, W. Hudson, P. Dawkins

Surprisingly, Perry Lakes did not live up to its name given the downpour one hour prior to our game. YM can be proud of the way the grass field played (at least the one we were on). However the quality of the ground was not matched by the quality of our game. YM looked good, we looked average. We looked a bit frantic at times and didn't play with the poise I know we have. Our defence held up for most of the game despite the five nil loss but we lacked cohesion up front. Halfway through the season and still time to get our act together.



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Mens O50 Division 2 (Gold) vs Southern River (Won 4 - 1)

Best: M. Jolliffe, T. Brockman, R. Nottage

Goals: T. Neesham (2), R. Nottage, D. Loffell

Playing in pristine conditions, the goalies from both sides made some spectacular saves to allow only one goal each in the first half. Thanks to the imports of the week we managed another three goals in the second half, while Mike kept a clean sheet. The management was the difference between the two teams. Thanks to Dennis, Ted and Brad for filling in.

Mens O50 Division 3 vs JohnXX111 (Lost 1 - 2)

Goals: J. McGready

Tough conditions and only the bare 11 until Leo came to the rescue. Great individual goal from Jeremy but we just could not get that second goal.

Mens O60 Division vs Vic Park (Won 2 - 1)

Goals: L. Welten, R. Domingo

Great to have a win against a top four side, our first for this season. This was built from an excellent start, in which some composed, team possession hockey saw us 2-0 up after 15 minutes. And included a terrific team goal, from a quick chain of short passes which wrong footed the Vic Park defenders and goalie, and created an easy tap in opportunity from a few meters out. The game evened up from then on, with chances created at both ends. Thankfully, we all stuck at it throughout, and put in the effort to earn a good team win. Well done guys.

JUNIORS

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

Best: A. Ranford, C. Thompson, Z. Hayes

Goals: H. Edwards, A. Ranford, A. Rayfield, Z. Hayes

A good game for the boys on Friday night .a 4-0 win shows the gradual improvement of both individual skill and team work is progressing well . The young guys that filled in for us all had great games and gave their best. I think over the next few weeks we will match it with all teams.

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Girls 11/12A vs CT Pirates (Lost 0 - 7)

Best: T. Power, M. Miller, M. Stephens

A not unexpected result against one of the top two teams in the competition. However things were going reasonably well until half time when the score was just 2 nil. Then the wheels fell off. I don't think anyone was happy with the result but if we don't challenge the opposition and take them on that's what will happen. With the start of the second half of the season we now have the opportunity to win a few games.

Boys 11/12B vs Dale (Won 7 - 2)

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

Goals: E. Swan (3), J. McReady (2), T. Mansfield, A. Howells

Great win by our boys this week, well done. The boys handled themselves as gentlemen and did our club proud, as the opposition were quite physical and verbal this week. Our umpire praised the boys for not reacting to the opposition, but handling the situation with a mature approach. Extra time was played due to a couple of time outs from Dale.

Girls 11/12B vs Hale (Drew 1 - 1) 2014-06-08

Goals: C. Dawes

No report

Girls 11/12B vs Wolves (Lost 2 - 5) 2014-06-15

Goals: S. Urbano, K. Wynhorst

No report

Boys 9/10A vs Lions (Lost 0 - 4)

Best: A. Rayfield, H. Lock, H. Parkes

Yet another game with some patches of good play and nice teamwork particularly in the midfield, but the boys need to learn to sustain this effort for the whole game. More running and less jogging and ball watching is needed for round 2. Thanks to Mark for stepping in as coach this week.

Girls 9/10A vs Vic Park (Lost 1 - 8)

Best: Gebauer, Wade, Snyman

Goals: V. Wade

A hard pill to swallow regardless of what team you are playing losing 8-1. It is important that the girls keep their heads up and keep pushing forward. Vic park were always going to be a tough team to come up against however I hope the girls realize now the effort required to be competitive against the top teams, and not spreading themselves too thin for too many commitments. Get everyone back to training and we will bounce back for the this weekend coming.

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Girls 9/10A Promotion vs Riverside Lions (Won 1 - 0)

Goals: R. Vanderzwan

Teams that play well together and improve get results. This is one thing I believe strongly in, today's game showed that particularly well. Once again through all levels we played as a team and everyone gave 100% towards the result. From our goalkeeper's and fullbacks' excellent defensive work that was relentless, through to our midfield players who once again worked so hard and never gave up on a contest. Our high strikers continue to play their role very well with some fantastic runs into the forward attacking circle. Our goal today came from some really strong work midfield with an excellent touch to finish. When a team plays as well as our girls are at present it creates belief, that then leads to success. Keep believing girls, I certainly do

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

Best: Defence wins Championships

Goals: R. Bright, M. Harvey, D. Paino, M. Tate

Great win today Boys. The 2nd Half was a marked improvement!

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

Best: K. Osullivan, N. Flynn, C. Hobbs/E. Rayfield

Goals: K. Osullivan

It was, in some ways, a strange game. Their two goals came from penalty corners otherwise rarely threatened us. On the other hand, we dominated possession but only had three or four penalty corners for no shots on goal, a couple of half chances and the best goal of the day (Eva, Cass and Kayla take a bow). Our player positions are settling but not set. Soon we will be able to have players working together for games on end and we will see partnerships and understanding develop. The team play will then blossom.

Girls 7/8A Promotion vs Joondalup Lakers (Lost 2 - 7)

Goals: A. Baskerville, E. Quattrini

After tight first half the girls where out played in the second half.

Boys 7/8A Reserve vs Lions (Lost 1 - 9)

Goals: J. Scanlon

A strong Lions team had our defence under pressure right from the start. We finished the first half with a fantastic deflection goal. The boys had a much improved second half, following the days mantra of Push, Press and Drive. We need to work on consistency and our basic skills.

Girls 7/8A Reserve vs UWA (Lost 0 - 3)

A match of two halves! The first half saw the girls standing off tackles and 2 goals (that could have been stopped) resulted. Charlie in goals did a great job! In the second half the girls started to pass the ball around and play a good hockey. Back to training on Wednesday to practice getting stuck in from the starting whistle!

Boys 7/8B Black vs Whitford (Lost 0 - 5)

Best: K. Vester, W. Dundas, O. Sanchez

We always knew this was going to be a hard game and the anticipation of rain did not help either. Whitfords have a strong record this season and our undermanned team was backed up by some volunteers from the 5/6 C team. All of them played hard and well and added a lot; this also meant that we had players that didn't know each other and some of our positioning went a bit out. Excellent work from our defenders in hard conditions. The second half of the season we should see a lot of improvement as our developing players are really getting the hang of the game now.

Boys 7/8B White vs Lions (Blue) (Won 2 - 0)

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

Goals: R. Needham, B. Munnings

Sometimes a boggy ground, foul weather and all of the luck of the game just go against you and you still manage to win even though it looks ugly, well that was our day and it was a credit to the players that they kept battling on, even though it just wasn't working for anyone on the field this week. Congratulations to Ben Munnings on his first goal of the year as we look forward to next week in our quest for improved play week after week.

Girls 7/8B White vs Fremantle (Lost 0 - 4) 2014-06-22

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

The game was played in terrible weather conditions against a hard hitting Fremantle team. Melville had a few opportunities but were unable to convert these to goals.

Boys 5/6A vs Lions (Lost 0 - 14)

Flashes of good play today from the boys which was encouraging to see. James made a number of excellent saves in the first half keeping us in the game. Some great passing between players resulted in an excellent goal from Michael. Levi was brilliant in defence! Back to training to practice our passing and distribution skills.

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

Best: T. Growdon, M. Spires, E. Billingham/L. Christie

Goals: E. McCormack

What a cracker of a game! Matched up against the second placed Lakers, the girls had a bit of a sluggish start, but really cranked up before half time. They dominated for a majority of the game, making Rohan proud by spreading the ball wide and utilising the wing, with great success. The girls were also relentless in attack, especially in the D. They were very unlucky not to have popped in a few more goals! Overall, a fantastic team effort, with each player contributing their absolute all!

Boys 5/6B Gold vs Vic Park (Won 3 - 2)

Best: Team Effort

Goals: K. Holyoake (2), B. Owen

A good game today with the boys holding their structure and field positions well. The defence was strong all day lead by consistent tackling efforts from Tom Williamson and Angus bell. Two goals to Kayne Holyoake and one to Bailey Owen secured a pleasing 3-2 win.

Girls 5/6B Gold vs Lions (Blue) (Lost 0 - 1)

Another good effort by the girls. It was a hard fought game by two evenly matched teams, the Melville girls played well both in attack and defence. A special mention must go to Zoie for an outstanding performance in goal. Unfortunately the opposition just managed the winning goal in the last couple of minutes. Well done on the effort!

Girls 5/6C Gold (Maroon) vs Rockingham (Drew 0 - 0)

Best: N. Chisholm, L. Somerville, E. Wilson

No report

Girls 5/6C Gold (White) vs Vic Park (Lost 0 - 1)

Best: J. Leigh, P. Sumich, M. Brown

A good effort by the girls. Everyone tried hard but we just couldn't get the ball in the net. Well done to Jessica who did a great job playing goalkeeper today