



Saturday 19th July 2014

PREMIER LEAGUE

Mens Melville Toyota League vs UWA (Lost 1 - 5)

For the third time this year our front line pressing, and front line back pressing, forward tackling and back tackling was not carried out to the level required to beat the top teams, and so as a team we paid the penalty. It requires action by the front group of players now so that we don't need to continually harp on it.

UWA were very well drilled, very slick, but we matched them for reasonably long periods of the game. The above is a major aspect that we need to get right. It's about imposing ourselves on the game for 70 minutes.

2 to 1 down at halftime with a nicely taken team effort set up for a Dan McEntee goal, and 2 to 1 down twenty minutes into the second half. To end up 5 to 1 down is more about us not applying the pressure as above and two silly cards, one green and one yellow which proved costly.

We are in the race and must prove our point against Reds this coming weekend in a 6 point game by everyone playing with intensity for 70 minutes. See you at Duracraft Stadium on Saturday 2:30pm. There is not much joy in the Coach this week, but it can be redeemed.

Ladies Melville Toyota League vs UWA (Lost 0 - 6)

Best: M. Silvey/E. Bone/C. Carter

A tough opposition this week against UWA who have been a premiership team for many years at MTL level. We encountered some player changes right up until the last minute with "Princess" Britt MacNab joining us for her first game at MTL level. Two goals on the board by UWA within the first 10 minutes saw us grappling to stay in the contest and at times they passed the ball around us like we were cones. To end the half with five goals against was certainly a disappointing result. To tough out another 35 minutes was going to be just as tough but it did also provide the girls the opportunity to improve on their first half performance. Whilst we were unable to get on the scoreboard in the second half, we only allowed UWA a further one goal, a marked improvement. Whilst I could give a lot of "excuses" as to why we played as we did, should we have lost 6-0 irrespective, absolutely not. A two week period to regroup once again and bring the Melville way of playing back to the field.

Mens Premier Alliance vs Hale (Drew 1 - 1) 2014-05-10

Goals: A. Ranford

No report

Mens Premier Alliance vs OGMHC (Drew 3 - 3) 2014-05-17

Goals: P. Rundle, J. Wakefield, A. Ranford

No report

Mens Premier Alliance vs Vic Park (Lost 3 - 4) 2014-05-24

Goals: J. De Wind, F. Hay, M. Bowater

No report

Mens Premier Alliance vs Wolves (Won 6 - 3) 2014-06-08

Goals: F. Hay (5), P. Rundle

No report

Mens Premier Alliance vs WASPS (Lost 5 - 2) 2014-06-14

Goals: F. Hay, S. Gibson

No report

Mens Premier Alliance vs CT Pirates (Won 7 - 3) 2014-06-21

Goals: F. Hay (3), J. Hallam, J. Wakefield, J. Coleman, A. Ranford

No report

Mens Premier Alliance vs Old Aquinians (Won 3 - 2) 2014-06-29

Goals: R. Vickery (2), J. Wakefield

No report

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Mens Premier Alliance vs UWA (Drew 1 - 1) 2014-07-05

Goals: M. Bowater

With the pressure of holding Melville together after a terrible day at the super turf and UWA attempting the clean sweep, we needed to start strong and we delivered, we put the Uni defence under immense pressure and Wakefield had a golden opportunity to score the first but seemed to have stage fright in front of goal. We were able to generate several more opportunities but we were failing to convert. The momentum shifted late in the half and we were now the ones holding on for dear life. They were lucky enough to break the deadlock through PC flick which soared past GK Ash Ellis (blaming he couldn't see, I just think he is getting old). We went into the break 1-0 down. After some inspirational talk at the break, we started as we did it the first, making the ball do the work and players offering leads into dangerous positions. After several D penetration we were finally able to equalise through Matthew Bowater who decided to take on the Uni battery and made them look like training cones. The game stepped up a level and both teams were creating chances but always felt we had the upper hand. With some tired bodies on both sides the game finished a draw. The best game we have played this season by far but we did not finish off our good work. Next weekend we have a break and then we face fourth placed Peel at home, a must win game.

Ladies Premier Alliance vs Fremantle (Won 2 - 1) 2014-06-28

Best: S. Matthews, E. Griffiths, M. Sader

Goals: M. Regan, S. Tweddle

A solid game from the girls this week, with our first win of the season, after a number of frustrating draws. Use of the ball was a lot better than previous weeks. We scored the first goal of the game with a nice string of passes into the D, leading to a great pass from Elyse to Michelle on the post who finished nicely. Fremantle then rallied and we struggled a bit towards the end of the half with Fremantle scoring an equaliser. We came strong at them again early at the start of the second half and scored again from a nice shot on goal from Stacey, from a well fought short corner. Fremantle again came at us towards the end of the game and despite some hairy moment in defence, we managed to hold them off, much to everyone's relief. Great to finally have a win on the board.

Ladies Premier Alliance vs UWA (Lost 1 - 5) 2014-07-05

Best: E. Griffiths, G. Gibson/C. Surman, T. Latham

Goals: B. Lawrence

A tough day on the park for the girls against a very strong UWA outfit. UWA showed their intent early by earning a short corner within the first minute and scoring their first goal not long after. Our defence were working on over-drive with many of the forwards also having to come back and assist, but the gaps and loose player proved telling with UWA scoring a little too easily at times. Our ball use was poor at times due to pressure from UWA and we struggled in patches to get it into our attacking half. Our only goal came not long into the second half, but was pleasing to get a score on the board, against the flow of play and considering scoring goals is something we have struggled with at times through-out the season. I think we'll write this one off, with lessons to come out of it. They showed us what it takes to be a top side and we look towards further improvement and closing the gap between our two teams in the near future.

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE

Mens Provisional 1 vs Suburban Lions (Won 2 - 0)

Best: M. Ashley, S. Gibson, J. Hallam

Goals: M. Ashley, L. King

Much like Nick Kyrgios' record breaking win over Rafa a few days earlier, the Mighty Melville came out on top after a monstrous battle against Suburban Lions. A 100% conversion rate from short corners and a deft finish from Lloyd left the home team wondering what hit them and, presumably, whether hockey was the right sport for them. Honourable mentions to Cam Porter's headband and customary card for fighting Lloyd's battles & the team for the biggest appeal you'll hear outside the Sri Lankan Cricket Team.

METRO LEAGUE

Ladies Metro 1 vs Fremantle (Won 3 - 1)

Best: M. Farrow/C. Coleman, L. O'Sullivan/J. Olde, M. Margetts

Goals: J. Rosso (2), D. Murphy

Always a physical game against Fremantle. We scored early and what goals they were...not a pathetic one in sight Jo!!! Maris received a well earned rest after updating the umpire on some rules, only the second time in 50 years....apparently. If games go our way, this win should see us in the four.

VETERANS

Ladies O35 Division 2 vs Modernians (Won 2 - 1)

Goals: S. Clark, R. Hetherington

No report

Ladies O35 Division 4 vs Hale (Drew 0 - 0) 2014-07-03

Best: L. Osullivan, J. Coad, J. Rosso

Not our best game but still not a loss

Ladies O35 Division 4 vs Lakers (Drew 0 - 0) 2014-07-10

Best: H. Doyle, J. Coad, J. Rosso

Not our best game but not a loss either

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Mens O40 Division 2 vs Uni Associates (Lost 1 - 2) 2014-07-07

Goals: A. Criddle

No report

Mens O40 Division 4 vs Lions 4 (Won 7 - 1)

Best: P. Willis/B. Kennington/M. Lawrence, C. Bontempo/I. Munns,
B. Gibbins

Goals: P. Willis (2), B. Kennington (2), D. Joseph, M. Lawrence, M.
Whitley

Good well controlled game from the start and some excellent
finishing from our forwards who are really passing well to each other.
Special thanks to Dean again this week and the other players from
the 40's to the players who helped with making up the numbers this
week.

Mens O50 Division 1 vs Old Aquinians (Won 2 - 0)

Best: M. Watson, R. Scanlon, R. Thorn/P. Dawkins

Goals: R. Thorn, K. Harper

With some very capable fill-ins, we managed to knock off the bottom team but 2 nil should have been 8 nil if we had hit the targets.

Thanks to those who helped - Andy, David and others. Enjoy the rest and freshen up for the remainder of the season. We are looking forward to the return of Whip after the holidays and from all reports the wrist is doing well.

Mens O50 Division 2 (Gold) vs Fremantle (Lost 2 - 5)

Best: G. Widdicombe, A. Wood, R. Knyn

Goals: B. Morrison, D. Loffell

A tough game against a strong opposition. All the expert coaching from the sideline was totally ignored by the players, who failed to adhere to the simple game plan. There will be some players miss out on selection next week as a consequence.



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Mens O50 Division 3 vs Willetton (Lost 0 - 2)

Best: J. Christie, D. MacPhail, T. Patton

Physical game against Willetton. A real team performance where everybody contributed 100%. Even though we lost 2 - 0 we can be proud of our effort against the ladder leaders. Special mention of an outstanding performance by Duncan in goals who helped keep us competitive

Mens O60 Division vs YMCC (Won 2 - 1)

Best: T. Parker, B. Cadd/G. Riley, S. McEntee

Goals: R. Domingo, S. McEntee

Great to win this one, with a few players playing different positions and no interchange, due to increased absences and injuries.

Thanks to Mike Goodman for filling in at short notice, so we didn't have to play short. Though well placed at 2-0 with 20 minutes to go, we struggled to hold up against increased YM pressure, including a disallowed goal, from then on. However, a good team win in the end.