



Saturday 16th August 2014

PREMIER LEAGUE

Ladies Melville Toyota League vs Victoria Park (Lost 3 - 5)

Best: M. Eum/E. Stratton/K. Silvey

Goals: E. Stratton, C. Carter, H. Grant

The general consensus after our match on the weekend was if you have scored three goals you generally win the game but in this instance we actually lost by two. Whilst the effort of the girls cannot be questioned the decision making at times can be. The last three games of the season will prove pivotal as we head towards finals, an aim that we certainly hope to achieve. This week sees us up against CTP, the league leaders all season and a tough opponent at any level. A point to prove this week.

Ladies Premier Alliance vs Old Aquinians (Lost 0 - 4)

2014-07-26

Best: E. Griffiths, T. Latham, S. Matthews

Fresh off a win the previous week, we came out rather strong and with intent to win the ball, retain possession. We had chances to convert, but opportunities went begging. They then got a chance to go ahead 1-0 in the first half with a stroke in which they didn't waste. The second half however, we lost some of our ability to retain the ball and our movement of play suffered. Few times we did manage to get the ball in our D or past the attacking 25 line, which meant fewer chances to convert much needed goals. Red took their chances in and around the D, dominating with better and quicker ball movement and an eventual 4-0 win. They proved why they are the best side at the moment, but we proved to ourselves (even if in short bursts) with more intent, better passing and retaining possession, we can match it with the better teams.

Ladies Premier Alliance vs Westside Wolves (Drew 1 - 1)

2014-08-02

Best: E. Griffiths, G. Wade, T. Latham

Goals: E. Griffiths

It was a tough fought game in which we had some great early ball movement and a few short corners. We let them back into it a bit easily at times, allowing for a pretty even first half. They scored first, which seems to be a common factor in many of our games this year, meaning our goals are often equalisers, rather than leads. 1-nil down at half time, we had to gather ourselves and ensure we knew what we wanted to get out of this game. At times we were letting them run with the ball or be first to the loose ones a little too easily. We knew we had to find some of our Melville grunt. We did that and it proved a much better second half. Although we didn't win, Emma Griffiths scored her first goal for the club and gave us the draw we desperately needed. This game could be seen as one that got away or one that was saved. Whichever is your cup of tea.

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE

Mens Provisional 1 vs John XXIII (Lost 1 - 2)

Best: G. Watton, A. Ellis, J. Lawrence

Goals: G. Watton

Poor team performance which saw us lose to the bottom team.

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

Best: S. King, R. Harries, J. Gallimore

Goals: J. Gallimore, S. King, J. Powell

Great game, great win. Everything came together nicely and we worked together as a team. We have finally got our mojo back (better late than never) and if we can keep it for the next 2 games then we still have a chance for the finals. Just gotta give Freo a beating and then head down to Rockingham and teach them a lesson as well. Fingers crossed. Thanks to Nicola Ogden for filling in as wonder coach, and also to our fillins who helped us out as well.

Mens Provisional 3 (Gold) vs Southern River (Won 2 - 0) 2014-08-09

Best: C. James, G. Linstead, N. Malacari

Goals: C. James (2)

No report

Mens Provisional 4 (Gold) vs Fremantle (Drew 1 - 1) 2014-07-26

Best: A. Gallagher, T. McEntee, D. Kidd/C. Gallagher

Goals: T. McEntee

No report

Mens Provisional 4 (Gold) vs Kwinana (Lost 1 - 3) 2014-08-02

Best: C. Gallagher/L. Metcalf/J. Paterson/J. Templeman

Goals: D. McMillan

No report

Mens Provisional 4 (Gold) vs Dale (Lost 0 - 4) 2014-08-09

Best: C. Gallagher, J. Paterson/J. McReady, J. Templeman

No report

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METRO LEAGUE

Ladies Metro 1 vs WASPS (Won 3 - 0)

Best: C. Caydamar, K. Mishra, C. Coleman/J. Olde

Goals: C. Caydamar (2), C. Coleman

What a win, the girls played strongly and dominated the game, scoring some memorable goals!!!! They got even more memorable as the celebrations kicked on.... If luck goes our way, we are back in the four again.

VETERANS

Ladies O35 Division 4 vs Lakers (Won 7 - 0)

Best: C. Caydamar, J. Coad, K. Sparkes

Goals: K. Sparkes (2), C. Caydamar (2), M. Margetts, J. Coad, J.

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Great team game

Mens O40 Division 4 vs Rockingham (Won 2 - 0)

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

Lawrence, D. Joseph

Goals: B. Kennington, M. Lawrence

May have been the game that will secure us a finals berth. Good all round performances across the whole team. good to have avid back in the starting lineup. A long best player list this week. A couple of tough games coming up. Well done guys

Mens O50 Division 1 vs NC Raiders (Lost 1 - 3)

Best: M. Watson, S. Silvey, P. Dawkins/G. Ross

Goals: S. Silvey

We wanted to win this one to give us a chance at finals – I think! It was an even game all over the ground and maybe at times we had the better of Raiders but we couldn't find the back of the net like they could. Ramma went so close from an inch off the base line. The story goes from just missing to the ball having crossed the line and come out again (miraculously) without the umpire seeing it. Whatever the case we didn't win and that was a shame. Everybody seemed to get thru the game ok, so the old adage of needing to be fit for September is working well, however we might just miss the finals. A couple of big games left - let's see if we can buck the odds.

Mens O50 Division 2 (Gold) vs OGMHC (Lost 2 - 3)

Best: Bill Morrison, Rob Knyn, Terry Brookes

Goals: E. Nell, M. Pitcher

A much needed loss, to avoid playing finals. Unfortunately we will require the same mathematician the Eagles are using to keep their finals hopes alive, to work out our chances of avoiding finals. Being three nil down early in the first half, it looked like we could be a new entry in the record books. An inspirational talk by the mini bus at half time saw us almost level the score. The best game Bill has played in many years.

Mens O50 Division 3 vs Suburban Lions (Won 4 - 2)

Best: L. Alder, G. Bowater/B. Porter, R. Bell

Goals: L. Alder (2), G. Bowater, B. Porter

Under a little pressure in the first half. The opposition umpire asserted his authority with both players and supporters!! A good second half where although we let two goals in we quickly went on the attack and converted.

Mens O60 Division vs Wasps (Lost 1 - 2)

Best: G. Riley, R. Domingo/J. Smith/K. Platel, J. Orr

Goals: S. McEntee

A hard fought game, which we were unlucky not to lead by half time, after playing some of our best, short passing team hockey, to challenge and frustrate good opposition throughout the first half. The second half was more of challenge, with Wasps able to hold the ball in their forward half for long periods, and keep our deep defence under the pump with a long series of short corners. Although none of these went in, the pressure eventually told, as Wasps were able to scramble a late goal to claim their win. Bad luck guys. Not our day, but good that we continued our recent improvements, and made Wasps work really hard to beat us.

JUNIORS

Boys 11/12A vs AW Reds (Drew 4 - 4)

Best: M. Dixon, M. Tate, C. Joynes

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

Great game for the boys. We played as a team but didn't take our chances up forward once again. Hopefully next game we can score some goals

Girls 11/12A vs AW Reds (Won 2 - 1)

Best: J. Hood, M. Miller, B. Lawrence

Goals: E. Gebauer, A. Watson

Fantastic effort. We were still trying to get a team together five minutes from the start and played with just 11 compared with the oppositions 15. Not surprisingly the girls were tiring in the second half but they held off the Reds for the second win of the season and catapulted to 6th on the ladder. Could have easily gone the other way if not for a season best performance from Jess our goalie. Thanks also to our four double ups including Lauren Anderson who certainly held her own against the big girls.

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Boys 11/12B vs Joondalup (Drew 1 - 1)

Best: J. Cornwall, J. Templeman, H. MacPherson

Goals: J. Cornwall

A tough game with a few minor injuries, we held our own levelling the score resulting in a draw. We will have our full team back on deck next week, look out Dale!

Girls 11/12B vs North Coast Raiders (Won 7 - 1)

Goals: C. Dawes (3), A. Graham (2), S. Urbano, K. Wynhorst
With coaches Kat & Loz away, caretaker coach Matt Tate stepped in to help out. The girls did all their coaches proud achieving the best result of the season to date. Kate did a great job in goals, Avril was vocal giving great direction at full back and Kirra was 'on fire' in the mid field. More goals could have been achieved if we just believe in ourselves. On several occasions players passed the ball rather than having a shot themselves - have a go! Our fitness could also improve as we started to 'run out of legs' towards the end of the game. It was great to see that we had four different goal scorers during the game and that we are getting better with every game. Thanks to Trilby and Kirten who both played well and made great contributions. Well done girls!



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Boys 9/10A vs Reds (Drew 2 - 2)

Best: A. Rayfield, J. Floyd, W. Reynolds

Goals: H. Parkes, W. Reynolds

Good to see us back playing the great hockey from 2 weeks ago in a match where we couldn't be happier with the effort and heart put in by every player. In what was a tough match, made tougher by losing one of our only two fullbacks pre-match, the boys did very well to take the game on and come from behind twice to earn a deserved point. What should be the main thing taken from the game is how dangerous we can be when we move the ball early from one side to another. Now to focus on improving the quality of our passing after forcing a turnover. Well done boys!

Girls 9/10A vs NC Raiders (Won 1 - 0) 2014-08-10

Best: A. Dowsett, C. Sader, M. Hagen

Goals: C. Sader

Another solid effort. Great defense that held out 3 short attempts in the last 2 minutes combined with some great attacking moves and a brilliant goal. Keep the momentum going as it still neck n neck to get in the finals. The jobs not done yet! Thanks to the 7/8 girls (again)

Girls 9/10A Promotion vs AW Reds (Drew 0 - 0)

The improvement flows on. Last time we played this team we were soundly beaten. This time was different.

Our first half started slowly with our opposition having most of the play. Once we settled down into our structure it allowed us to dominate the midfield and have some very effective forward presses. The second half the girls realised the game was there for the taking and we had many positive forward opportunities, narrowly missing a few. Our pressure in attack the second half was outstanding but it was our defence today that stood out, from excellent goalkeeping to a backline that supported well and applied many effective second efforts.

The draw was welcomed but not a true indication of how well the team played.

Big thank you to Ciara and Mia for helping us out today, you both played extremely well.

Girls 9/10C vs Joondalup Lakers (Drew 1 - 1)

Best: J. Christie, I. Moncrieff, S. Chisholm

Goals: J. Christie

The Lakers managed to restrict us to a 1-1 draw. Despite some great attack, the girls were just not able to steal a win. The Lakers defence was very consistent and able to keep us at bay!

Boys 7/8A vs WASPS (Won 3 - 1)

Best: R. Bright, T. Harvey, M. Harvey

Goals: J. Grimston, F. Stephens, D. Forbes

Great game today Boys. Good use of the ball and spreading it wide.

Girls 7/8A vs Westside Wolves (Won 5 - 1)

Best: C. Drayton, K. Osullivan, A. Bell

Goals: K. Osullivan (2), E. Cocks, J. Vanderzwan, N. Flynn

From the teams improvement last week and some positive training, I was looking forward to this weeks game.

From the outset across the ground the movement both on and off the ball was much better and some good forward presses and midfield work saw us score 2 goals in the first half. We could still improve our position with better placed passing and in the second half the team stepped up. A further 3 goals were scored due to some stunning ball movement and support, and to concede only 1 goal and a couple of short corners was a tribute to our defense. This was an awesome team win that showed how well the girls can play. A big thanks to Ivy who has helped out now for 2 weeks. Also a special mention to Sarah who flew in late last night from Tassie and still made the game this morning. Well done to the Melville girls on the bronze medal win in the U12s Stat school girls national championships.

Girls 7/8A Promotion vs AW Reds (Won 2 - 1)

Goals: G. John, L. Mellor

Great team effort. Training starting to pay off, girls had a really strong win.

Boys 7/8A Reserve vs OGMHC (Won 2 - 1)

Best: TEAM EFFORT!

Goals: D. Page, J. Scanlon

Fantastic game to watch! It was a whole team effort with all of the boys applying 100% pressure throughout the entire game. This effort and determination allowed us to crack through the strong OGMHC defence twice with goals to Dan and an impressive crack from the top of the D from Josh. Thanks to Josh Hood for stepping into goals for Brodie.

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

The score doesn't reflect the game we saw today. The girls took a while to wake up today! Our heads went down when the first goal went in but we saw a really good second half. Ailsa worked her socks off all game and we saw some brilliant defending from our stand-in goalie along with Izzy and Sam. Pheoble K had a really great game. Back to training on Wednesday as we search for our first win of the season.

Boys 7/8B White vs WASPS (Won 4 - 1)

Best: C. Soraine, J. Lawrence, O. McHoull

Goals: O. McHoull, R. Needham, M. Ogden, N. Thompson

This week saw a return to our best team play against a much improved opposition. It was a real pleasure to watch the way the team played as a unit with some of our best goals for the season resulting from great build up. Well done to every player and congratulations to Nathan for his first goal at Melville – nice finish. We are consolidating our hold on top spot – great effort boys.

Girls 7/8B White vs UWA (Blue) (Lost 0 - 2)

Best: C. Pickard, M. Frossos, M. Raja

Great game in perfect conditions, started short, but girls played well as a team, had several shots at goal but unable to convert.

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

Best: H. Bilclough, E. Elliot

The boys worked hard in the game today and the second half was significantly better than the first. When the boys start to pass the ball their game improves and their confidence increases. Back to training on Monday as we look for our first win of the season.

Girls 5/6A vs WASPS (Won 1 - 0)

Goals: M. Carmody

This week, was a week of many welcome returns of players. Kate Cowan returned from a 6 week break after a back injury, and Saoirse and Chloe returned from a very successful third placing in their State Schoolgirls competition. The game against WASPS was played 90% of the time in our half of the field. WASPS defended valiantly with all 11 players behind the ball which basically bottled up the circle making it difficult to penetrate and score. It was great to see many of our players play in different positions. I was extremely happy with the way we transferred the ball through our centre half and utilise both sides of the field. Our goal came from a well fought short corner. After a strong hit out by Georgia Farrow, Chloe Forbes played the ball to a variation which was eventually deflected into the goal by Maddie Carmody - her first goal in this grade! We have a tough final 3 weeks ahead but I'm excited by the challenges as I think we have developed into a team to be reckoned with!!!!

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

Best: S. Moncrieff, L. Christie, M. Swan

Goals: L. Christie (2), O. Patton (2), S. Moncrieff, C. Templeman

A bit of a slow start to the game, but boy did the girls find their feet with 10 minutes to go in the first half. They scored two quick goals after consistently pressuring the Lions in their half. Their short corner attack options were great, but in the end it was team work that paid dividends. They came out firing in the second half and their confidence soared, scoring another 4 goals. A brilliant effort and a pleasure to spectate, well done girls!!!!

Boys 5/6B Gold vs Lions (Lost 1 - 2)

Best: Team Effort

Goals: B. Parker

Another great team game today against the top of the table Lions. The boys got off to a great start with an early goal, but were unfortunately run down by a strong finishing Lions. The boys can pride themselves on great efforts over the last 2 weeks against strong teams. They have developed well during the season and are really producing some great hockey.

Girls 5/6B Gold vs AW Reds (Lost 1 - 2)

Goals: K. Studley

Girls put up a great fight against the UWA reds but were beaten 2-1. Charlie played a great right half back picking the gaps on the free hits and reading the play well. Thanks goes to Sasha and Nikki who played half a game as fullback as our regular fullback was away. They made up a great defence with our ever reliable Ruby. The reds scored 2 goals off short corners with a girl with a lethal hit on her. In the second half Kiana responded quickly to a reds mistake and scored a quick goal sending us into attack for the rest of the game but we just couldn't get the ball between the posts again. Girls played an excellent game and against a very strong opposition. Well played girls.

Boys 5/6C Gold vs AW Reds (Black) (Won 3 - 0)

Goals: J. Steele (2), N. Massie-Taylor

A workman effort from the U5/6 C Boys resulted in a 3:0 win over AW Reds with Melville continuing to demonstrate skill and tenacity above the expectations of the coaches and parents. Joe Birmingham earned a best player award for leading a strong defence and employing great communication to keep the defence coordinated. Daniel Wallingtonas picked up the other best player award with his solid effort repeatedly carrying the ball through the midfield to set up for numerous assaults on the oppositions goal. All players contributed selflessly to the win. Another superb campaign guys!

Girls 5/6C Gold (White) vs Rockingham (Won 6 - 1)

Best: E. Polglase, P. Sumich, F. McHoull

Goals: E. Polglase (5), P. Sumich

An exciting game to watch. 6 goals scored (5 from Ellie and a first time goal for Piper). All the girls demonstrated great ball movement and forward pressure.