

Saturday 2nd May 2015

#### PREMIER LEAGUE

Ladies Premier 2 vs Old Aquinians (Lost 0 - 1) 2015-04-20 After a longer preseason than most, the girls were very eager to step out and play. We had the majority of the play with plenty of shots only just missing. Our ball movement around the field was very good. Well played girls.

Ladies Premier 2 vs NC Raiders (Lost 0 - 4) 2015-04-26 Today we didn't come to play. With a few missing players, thanks to a Sunday game on a long weekend, we knew we were up for a tough game. A big week on the training track then to bounce back on the weekend against Wolves.

# Mens Premier Alliance vs Fremantle (Drew 2 - 2) 2015-04-12 Goals: A. Rayfield, P. Rundle

Opening round, has much anticipation and excitement about the upcoming season. With a much more experienced 3s we were hopeful of a win but had a hard working Fremantle to contend with. We showed plenty of potential in the first half but also demonstrated it was still early in the season with some basic errors. These errors did not cost us on the scoreboard. We were actually creating some great attacking moves which is always pleasing to see. We ended the half at nil all. We started as we finished creating a lot of spaces in behind the Fremantle defence. We eventually opened our account through young Alex Rayfield. Then minutes later our other young talent Patrick Rundle finally slotted one past the keeper. We had all the momentum and we kept pushing forward to seal the game, this worked against us in the end as Fremantle put their first away from a short corner which they generated from a turnover.

Then in a blink of an eye their centre forward was able to earn their second corner which again they were successful with. We pushed hard in the dying minutes and nearly stole the game but we were unsuccessful. Mixed feelings at the end as a draw is better than a lost but to give up a 2-0 lead was somewhat annoying. Very pleasing signs and hopefully we get the W next week.

# Mens Premier Alliance vs Old Aquinians (Won 3 - 1) 2015-04-19 Goals: J. Coleman, A. Rayfield, J. De Wind

After all the other Melville teams losing on Sunday it was up to the 3's to regain some pride especially on our home turf. Unfortunately we started late as we had a no shows for umpires, luckily the 2s umpires were still around and thank them for doing the game in the end. The game started as we finished last week firing the ball around and looking better than most 2s teams. Our first goal was not pretty but a goal is a goal so cannot complain it came through young Alex Rayfield after seeing multiple people falling over especially Amac. The ball was going end to end but we looked like the better team and we were able to score our second as dewinda smacked one past the wall of Reds defenders and Jake the snake was able to slap it in. We went into the half time 2-0. The game opened up a bit more in the second half and Reds started to look a little bit more dangerous but luckily for us were not able to hit the score board. With about 10 minutes to go we were able to seal the game after new recruit Chris Gill from Bunbury did some silky skills beating several players and pasted off to dewinda to sink his first and probably his only goal for the season. Reds hit the scoreboard with 5 minutes to go after some lazy defending but the game was all but over. We play Wolves next week hopefully we can get another win under the belt.

#### Mens Premier Alliance vs Wolves (Lost 2 - 3) 2015-04-25

Goals: J. Coleman, C. Gill

The 3s this week headed out to Lemons for an ANZAC day clash against last year's premiers. First half was probably as worst half of hockey to date but luckily we were still in the hunt as it was even at the break. In the first half we showed patches of good hockey but

could not keep that up for a long period. In the second half things looked to get worse but luckily wolves were unable to finish off and some good saves from young Jono Rayfield in the net. We ended up losing 3-2 lucky to be so close but at the same unlucky not to draw. A very frustrating game for the team as all players seemed to be flat but maybe a lost we needed to have. We face CT Pirates next week which will be an interesting game as no doubt there will be some sore heads from the club party the night prior.

#### Ladies Premier Alliance 2015-04-12

Best: J. Gallimore, D. Dravnieks, E. Bigwood/A. Fullarton/J. Hyde/S. Matthews/C. Surman

Goals: J. Gallimore (2), A. Fullarton, L. Lefroy

What a great start to the season ladies! I think the votes say it allthis was a true team effort today. Our press was strong, we were composed in defence and we had some moments of individual brilliance. Improving our short game and a bit more time playing together will see us become a side to be reckoned with!



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#### Ladies Premier Alliance vs Aquinas (Lost 0 - 1) 2015-04-18

Best: E. Bigwood, G. Bowyer, M. Dawe/S. Gallimore No report

#### Ladies Premier Alliance vs NC Raiders (Lost 0 - 1) 2015-04-26

Best: J. Miller, J. Gallimore, M. Dawe

Disappointing. Frustrating. Irritating!

For the second week in a row we have lost 1-0 after having had ALL of the play. Once we remember where the backboard is we will be unstoppable!

#### PROVISIONAL LEAGUE

#### Mens Provisional 1 vs Aquinas (Lost 1 - 2) 2015-04-12

Goals: H. Ellis

Tough first game, we played a great game and were unlucky to come away empty handed. Very encouraging to see a heap of new players going well!

#### Mens Provisional 2 Gold vs Aquinas (Won 3 - 1) 2015-04-12

Best: R. Williams, T. Barrett, A. Halliday Goals: J. Pickering (2), R. Weddikkara

After achieving promotion on the back of last year's success, we were faced with a fired up Reds side who are under an ongoing investigation after allegations were made that they did a pre-season. No such worries for Melville, as the obligatory run and stretch 15 mins before start was evidence enough that no such allegations could be made.

The first 5 mins was breathtaking hockey...literally, as we seemed run out of steam. The scores were opened with a Picko 'rocket' on a short corner giving us the early lead, with a contentious umpiring decision resulting in a equalising stroke to Reds (contentious in that Todd should have been sent off as well). A textbook Weddikkara seagull took us into the half 2-1 up. The second half was a struggle as there was a lot of clock watching as the legs became heavier. A late corner goal (even slower than the first) put it beyond doubt, and we headed to the bar to catch the second half of MKR.

# Mens Provisional 2 Gold vs Southern River (Won 3 - 2) 2015-04-18

Best: M. Deveson, K. Armitage, G. Watton Goals: M. Read, K. Armitage, G. Watton

There were a lot questions leading into this match, mainly centered around who and where is Southern River, and do we need to think about immunisation boosters? All that aside, our due diligence did discover that SoRiv as they prefer to be called, won this grade last year so we knew we were in for a tough encounter. With our inspirational captain deciding a family dinner more important than hockey, the bat signal was sent up — with the masked crusader Junior responding and reactivating himself for the occasion (rumour has it - he still has lofty ambitions of hitting the 500 game mark!) and performing admirably until he fell in a heap at half time. All in all a gutsty win that has sent shockwaves through the grade and the greater hockey community.

#### Mens Provisional 2 Gold vs Fremantle (Won 2 - 1) 2015-04-25

Best: R. Williams, G. Watton, B. Wake

Goals: G. Watton, N. Elliott

Correction from my last report, it would appear Fremantle are the reigning premiers and as such meant a tough day at the office. As has been customary for the last 3 weeks, we looked sharp out of the blocks but by the 15 minute mark things dulled dramatically. Managed two early goals and like the dockers hung on for grim death. Some good saves by Brad keeping things interesting, and Bear's official return to the fold were the highlights.

#### Ladies Provisional 2 Black vs UWA (Won 8 - 0) 2015-04-11

Goals: C. Dawes (3), S. Jarvis (2), R. Harrup (2), K. Sparkes The first match of the season for the 4's ladies was entered into with a little uncertainty of the opposition, as is normally the start with any new season. We guickly got into the swing of things though, thanks to a number of intraclub games, that had kept us on our toes through the pre-season, meaning we were ready to play sharp. attacking hockey. We started strongly, with a few quick passing plays into the D, but missed a few opportunities early. This was to be expected early in the game and a new group coming together. Chloe Dawes got us on the scoreboard just prior to the halfway mark of the opening half and from there the goals flowed. By half time Chloe Dawes had 3 goals to her name and Rachael Harrup 1 goal, which is great to see our highly rated juniors stepping up to the next level. The second half proved a bit slow to start again, but once another goal came about, it started to come together with Sarah Jarvis scoring 2 for the half, Rachael Harrup slotting in another nice one and Kate Sparkes getting in on the goal action. An 8-0 win isn't too bad to start the season and hopefully a sign of things to come. It was a great team effort overall and Morro would have been proud. A big thanks to Lozza Costa for filling in the coaching role and mostly sacrificing her own game for the day. Top stuff girls!!



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# Ladies Provisional 2 Black vs Westside Wolves (Won 5 - 2) 2015-04-19

Best: M. Woodforde, N. Klem, S. Jarvis

Goals: C. Dawes, S. Gallimore, S. Jarvis, L. Costa, E. Jones A great follow up game from our 8-0 win the week before. It was a tough Sunday night, away fixture, but we where switched on from the start. We started the game with the intent to continue where we had left off. We did so with 4 first half goals. We let them score one back mid way through the half, but scored again guickly ourselves. due to persistence and pressure around all areas of the field. This determination around contests was maintained throughout most of the second half, although they did challenge us early and scored the first goal of this half. Once we scored number five we felt a little more comfortable and with some strong defensive efforts maintained the score line until the end. The way we have played so far is a reflection of the positive attitude around the team, our commitment to training and a desire to play good, tough hockey. But we can always keep improving each week. Keep it up girls and look forward to our first home game for the season on Anzac Day Saturday.

#### Ladies Provisional 2 Black 2015-04-27

Best: M. Woodforde, R. Harries, C. Dawes

Goals: C. Dawes, S. Jarvis, M. Regan, R. Harrup

The first home game for the season got off to a guick start for the 4's ladies, with a goal scored by Rachel Harrup within the opening couple minutes of the game. This came from some quick ball movement and strong penetration into the D. The skill level dropped off a bit from their, with NC Raiders applying some good pressure through a couple of there stronger players, that we had failed to shut down. Sarah Jarvis then scored a handy deflection goal from a good, hard pass into the D, that sent us to 2-0 up at half time. After getting a bit of a rocket from Morro at half time, our ball use in the second half improved and the pressure and intensity around the ball improved with it. We shut down Raiders couple good players more and we scored a nice goal in play from Michelle Regan and a stroke to Chloe Dawes, from a nice breakaway from Caitlyn Surman. A 4-0 win was still a good result, but we will come away from this game with plenty to work on and knowing that we wasted a number of chances in the D today. A good training session on the cards.



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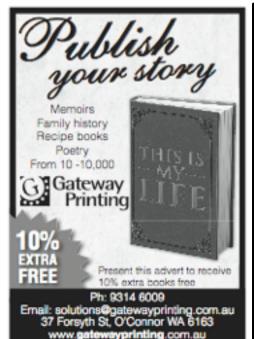
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# Ladies Provisional 2 Gold vs Old Aquinians (Lost 1 - 5) 2015-04-13

Best: E. Joynes, J. Hood

A strong start to the game, attacking up the left side. The weather held out for the first half and so did Melville. Towards the end of the first half Aquinas managed to score (after our debut goalie Jess Hood had saved about 5 shots).

The second half saw the pitter patter of rain - a bad omen for the team. Four goals to Aquinas was spread evenly across the half, but it wasn't all bad... Wendy decided to take one for the team, losing a shoe in a tumble. It was just the distraction we needed, as Ella took the free hit in to Larissa, passing to the top of the D to win our first short corner of the day. Camilla pushed out, Ella trapped at the top and had an epic shot on goal, but their goalie managed to get her pad to ball. But never fear, our seagull fill-in, Gaye aka "GAYESY" is here. She jumped onto those pads, and in midair smacked that ball into the back of the net - GOAL!!

We went down 5-1 but we have learnt our strengths and our weaknesses and are ready to practice, practice, practice on Wednesday so that all we can do is go up from here. Great effort girls, very proud :)

#### Highlights:

Gaye's midair smack down of a goal Bec's save on the line which was aimed right at her face Jess Hood's (GK) debut to Seniors (bloody brilliant!!) And Nia not knowing her lefts from her rights when asked to play right wing. Don't worry Nia, you'll get there :)

# Ladies Provisional 2 Gold vs Southern River (Lost 1 - 2) 2015-04-18

Melville had a rough start to the second game of the season against Southern River, with the sun out making it really HOT and with the opposition scoring a lucky shot within the first few minutes of the game. But our Melville girls didn't let that get them down. We had plenty of the play, using what we practiced in training. Making sure we used our centre-half in the middle to link up that switch and also

using our fullback's to switch the play as well. Our star striker Nia managed to have a sneaky little run down the middle which resulted in a talented hit on the reverse into the back of the net... TIE!!

We fought hard to try and get another goal but unfortunately, Southern River managed to score 1 more goal in the last half which resulted in a 2-1 loss for Melville. But a great effort from all girls, and a massive thank you to our fill-ins again, Kate Sparkes, Jenna Powell, Courtney Fullarton and Rachel Harris.

#### Ladies Provisional 2 Gold vs WASPS (Lost 3 - 4) 2015-04-25 Best: E. Joynes, N. Stevens

While our coach was at home sick, we were working our tooshies off in the cold of the Duracraft Stadium on a Saturday night. We took the lead with a goal from a short corner scored by powerhouse Nia Stevens!!

But WASPS came back hard and scored two goals in the first half. Thinking they were ahead the WASPS were blown away by the equalizer goal scored off a rolling ball by Nia close to half time. Like a gunshot the ball flew straight and true, past the goalie to the crossbar... What a goal!!

The second half was hard-fought, WASPS scored early in the half off a short corner. Our passing was running the WASPS in circles. We had great leads up forward, linking passes together and putting Sharks on the back foot. The mid field were working hard - Jo's first game after the Paris Marathon was amazing - always present, she weaved in and out with her winger, tearing holes in the WASPS' defensive half. Ella and Sherlock (Holmes) worked it up the left hand side, deep into the WASPS defense. A free hit in the twenty-five found its way to Bec's stick in the D, and a gentle flick found the backboard!! Equalized again, but unfortunately not for long. The WASPS managed to score again making the total score 4-3 after a very hard fight by our Melville girls. We've definitely improved and we're only getting better. So bring on round 4!

# Mens Provisional 3 Black vs North Coast Raiders (Won 3 - 1) 2015-04-13

Great start to the season. We arrived with absolutely no idea of how our team might come together, but everyone stepped up nicely to turn around an outstanding result!

Special mentions to Liam Metcalf (great game - a number of awesome saves). Ross Hopkins and Darryl Young (welcome to the club - brilliant starts from both of you). Alex Wragg and Jack Hallam (we would be very happy to have you as regulars in the team).

# Mens Provisional 3 Black vs Uni Associates (Won 9 - 0) 2015-04-19

Goals: Z. MacLachlan (2), G. Thomas (2), S. Walsh (2), J. Hallam, R. Hopkins, A. Wragg

9-0! Same result as the first quarter of the derby! Brilliant game with a team that is still coming together. We had possession and press for most of the day, but it took focus and structure across the ground to get the first couple on the board. Once we were a few goals up, everyone relaxed and started trying the magic - 9 goals shows that quite a bit of that magic came off!

#### Mens Provisional 3 Black vs YMCC (Won 2 - 0) 2015-04-26

Our game this week was a great demonstration of the strong positive culture we want to foster in our club. The game was scrappy and some of the opposition were trying to cause trouble at every opportunity, but all our boys didn't buy into it and played a good clean game. Net result - 2-0 win!

Strong performance from Macca in goals and AJ up front kept the scoreline looking healthy.

#### Mens Provisional 3 Gold vs Aquinas (Lost 1 - 5) 2015-04-12

Goals: T. Neesham

No report

# Mens Provisional 3 Gold vs Southern River (Lost 1 - 2) 2015-04-18

Goals: J. Cornwall

No report

#### Mens Provisional 3 Gold vs Fremantle (Lost 2 - 3) 2015-04-26

Goals: S. Criddle, T. Neesham

No report

#### Mens Provisional 4 Gold vs Canning (Lost 1 - 6) 2015-04-11

Best: C. Gallagher, G. Scally, A. Bocking

Goals: M. Western

First game in and missing players but still plenty we can learn for the first game of the season. We gave the ball away far to much when they should have been simple enough passes. We didn't really have any options coming out of defence either which made it quite hard, to many times we got trapped in our defensive zone and instead of playing quick short passes we held onto the ball for far to long and eventually we would lose the ball. That was also another major issue going forward and defending as there were so many simple passes that were ignored and in the end we run ourselves into a corner and lose the ball. The goal was quite well worked though, we just worked the ball through the center of the field then it went wide to dan who put a perfect ball into mark who couldn't miss. If we could have hit those passes and been a bit more composed we would have been in the game. Better luck next week team!

#### Mens Provisional 4 Gold vs Kwinana (Lost 0 - 6) 2015-04-20

Best: T. Andrews, J. Butcher, S. Phillips

While the score probably doesn't reflect our efforts, a much better game from the week before. The first 15 mins saw some really good plays and we looked dangerous. We definitely had some opportunities on goal, passed up by a little lack of composure(Tim) when under pressure. When we had the run there were some good plays as we passed down the field and opened up some of those opportunities.

The sub rotations worked really well for us in the beginning but fell away as the fitness started taking its toll, something we couldn't seem to recover and had players falling out of position. Willis started his first game back in typical form, after several warnings from the ump got a yellow card with 10 mins left on the clock and Timbo showed his usual flair for aggression squaring up with the opposition after James coped a whack from behind. Another week down with lot's to learn from. Better luck next week boys!

#### Mens Provisional 4 Gold vs Dale (Lost 0 - 2) 2015-04-29

Best: A. Ayres, T. McEntee, A. Bocking

A very close game for the most part as we showed a lot of improvement from the week before. Good movement down the field, good control through the half's and solid defending from the backs. We had plenty of opportunities to score as we changed tactics and focused on getting the free in the D rather than a panicked shot on goal. Much better composure this week boys.

Tim showed his old self getting his first card for the season. He has had to make a separate sheet just for the tallying of cards seeing as it's now all the rage :P

# Ladies Provisional 4 Gold vs Southern River (Lost 0 - 3) 2015-04-13

Best: M. Smith, L. Walkemeyer No report

#### Ladies Provisional 4 Gold 2015-04-20

Best: K. Sayers No report

#### Ladies Provisional 4 Gold 2015-04-28

Best: M. Hoskin, S. De Melo, C. Corsini

Goals: N. Stevens, C. Eliott

No report

#### METRO LEAGUE

#### Ladies Metro 1 vs WASPS (Won 2 - 1) 2015-04-18

Goals: S. Wilson, D. Murphy

First game for Metros after a bye last week. After lulling the opposition into a false sense of security with our pre game warm up we then showed them how to play. Kylie was a sensational superstar in goals and Lindy threw everything at the ball, including herself and Marie does play well with despite a hand in the back. Special mention must also go to Athlene for the steal of the day, great to see you back on the field.

#### Ladies Metro 1 vs Raiders (Won 1 - 0) 2015-04-25

Best: C. Caydamar, M. Farrow, S. Wilson

Goals: D. Murphy

Two games two wins, the girls are looking mighty fine!!!

#### **VETERANS**

#### Ladies O35 Division 4 vs CTP (Won 1 - 0) 2015-04-23

Best: G. Forbes, L. Coss, J. Coad

Goals: G. Forbes

No report

#### Ladies O35 Division 4 vs Fremantle 2 (Drew 1 - 1) 2015-04-30

Best: L. Coss, M. Margetts, J. Coad/H. Doyle

Goals: D. Murphy

No report

#### Mens O40 Division 2 vs Lions 2 (Lost 1 - 2) 2015-04-11

Best: C. Robinson, S. Chapman, J. Holt

Goals: S. Chapman

A good effort by the team considering we have only got together this year and the guys a still trying to remember each others names. Special thanks to Cam Robinson for keeping for us and with a BOG performance. Thanks to Justin Holt for helping put this team together. Bring on this week, lets see how we go.

#### Mens O40 Division 2 vs John XXIII (Won 4 - 0) 2015-04-18

Best: K. Yeo, I. Neill, A. Shorter

Goals: A. Eager (2), B. Pickering, I. Neill

A solid 4-0 win against an older opposition who we owe a few beers to at our home game next round. Great fields to play on. Our first win of the season and the guys are improving as a team. Good to see Al score 2 goals and 1 each to first gamers Chooka and Monasis. Solid defense by the rest of the team. Not a bad effort with the song, but I think it needs more gusto. Well done fellas

#### Mens O40 Division 4 vs Rockingham (Lost 3 - 5) 2015-04-12

Goals: B. Kennington (2), D. Wauhop

Good first half effort with ten players.missing a number of players this game including the regular goalie. We were one goal up most of the game and only lost the game in the last 20 minutes. I think we have the players for a solid team this year and have mannaged to secure some talented and enthsiastic players to the team.

#### Mens O40 Division 4 vs Rockingham (Lost 3 - 5) 2015-04-12

Goals: B. Kennington (2), D. Wauhop

Good all round team effort. Short some key players for the first game but our new and old played very good positional play and were leading the goals scoring until the last 20 minutes. All gos well for when we are full strengh.

#### Mens O40 Division 4 vs Lions (Won 6 - 0) 2015-04-19

Best: A. Steel, C. Alvarez/C. Bontempo, I. Munns/D. Wauhop Goals: A. Steel (3), C. Alvarez, C. Bontempo, B. Kennington Good game, the new players have combined into the team really well and played a great team game. Overall a steady and consistent performance and team contributions from our regular players as well as from Carlos and Adam - who took on the opposition and scored three times. Well done guys

#### Mens O40 Division 4 vs Fremantle (Lost 1 - 5) 2015-04-25

Best: A. Steel, G. Gelfi/B. Kennington, P. Paino/B. Gibbins/M. Lawrence

Always going to be a tough match with a few key players out. Missed our passing game today. All the players worked hard today be we just weren't able to convert some of the chances we had. Thanks to Steve, Geoff, John and Bruce helping us out with numbers today. Will have to rethink our next game with more players coming and going next week. Hoping some come back from injury.

#### Mens O50 Division 2 Black vs Vic Park (Lost 3 - 6) 2015-04-11

Best: K. Harper, G. Hunt, P. Meacock

Goals: G. Hunt (2), P. Meacock

Not a good result in our first scratch match this season. Hopefully we will perform better in the season proper.

#### Mens O50 Division 2 Gold vs CT Pirates (Won 2 - 0) 2015-04-20

Best: A. Marshall, S. Silvey, A. Spear

Goals: G. Hunt, S. Silvey

Good to notch up our first win for the season. Our short corner variation, of hitting the ball to the top of the circle and shooting on goal, worked on two occasions.

# Mens O50 Division 2 Gold vs Willetton Reds (Won 3 - 1) 2015-04-25

Best: R. Nottage, A. Reynolds, T. Brockman Goals: G. Coleman, P. Meacock, M. Pitcher Pitch stole Egg's goal, goal hungry Whip scored again playing at fullback and Leo seagulled one from the goalie, giving us a convincing three one win. All this and our good luck charm, Bill, was nowhere to be seen.

#### Mens O50 Division 3 vs John XXIII (Won 6 - 1) 2015-04-11

Best: J. Christie, M. Ryan, G. Bowater/B. Porter

Goals: G. Bowater (2), D. Porter (2), J. Christie, M. Whitley

Started the season on a high. John XXIII were a strong team that beat us last year. Good to see how well the new recruits slotted in. All round solid team performance with good contributions from everyone

#### Mens O50 Division 3 vs Blades (Won 6 - 1) 2015-04-18

Best: J. Christie, G. Bowater

Goals: G. Bowater (3), J. Christie (2), M. Hudson

Great start to the season having scored 12 goals in two games.

Solid team performance with contributions from everyone.

#### Mens O50 Division 3 vs NC Raiders (Won 3 - 2) 2015-04-25

Best: J. Christie, G. Bowater, M. Ryan

Goals: L. Alder, M. Hudson, J. Orr

After two easy games NC Raiders brought us a dose of reality. Tough and competitive game. Great to see everyone contributing to give us a deserved 3 - 2 win

#### Mens O60 Division vs Vic Park (Drew 2 - 2) 2015-04-11

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

Goals: R. Domingo, K. Platel

A bit rusty to start, we still managed to battle it out well enough to share the points with good opposition, and show flashes of good play in the process. Plenty to improve on, but not bad as first games go.

#### Mens O60 Division vs Modernians (Lost 0 - 3) 2015-04-18

Best: G. Riley, K. Platel, P. Oudejans

A disappointing final score, from a game in which we were competitive most of the time, worked hard and put together some nice moves, but were still a little short of form and confidence, overall. Better results will follow if we keep working hard, support each other, and concentrate on playing as a team. Sincere thanks to Kingsley and Steve for stepping up to umpire, at short notice.

# Mens O60 Division vs N.C.Raiders (Won 5 - 0) 2015-04-25 Won on a forfeit.