



Saturday 16th May 2015

President's Pen

The games on the weekend - Wow what a turn around. Our top squad men played one of the most exciting games I have seen in a long time. Reflected on the score board and demonstrated with a resounding win on the field. All the players gave it everything they had as they always do but definitely a peg above normal. While an exceptional game by all team members Clemo (our goalie) played out of his skin. As a bonus the team sported their new uniform which looked sensational and good reports coming back by our most selective members.

For the Top Squad Women's game unfortunately I arrived again a little late because of conflicting fixtures. I must say I was once again absolutely overjoyed to see a game of very high standard and our ladies playing at a level better than anything I have seen this season. 1 - 0 then 1 - 1 and then a magnificent short corner flick by Mathilda (Tilly) Carmichael with 3 minutes to go straight into the top right side corner. What an exciting game against the top team in the league CTP 2 - 1 win. Welcome back to Edwina (Eddie) Bone and Renee Taylor and our latest Import Player Maike de Jager - Welcome.

What was so impressive was both our men and women's games were complete team games played at a high level sparked with moments of brilliance and rare mistakes but definitely no give in intensity. Well done to both teams. I know you will say, oh Gary give it a break, but next is to back it up with the same intensity and determination. The thing is I believe we can. **Go Melville.**

Still lots going on at the club with Hook into 2 Hockey (H2H) starting on Saturday morning. It was great to see the 180 kids playing learning and just having fun. Thank you to the senior top players who put their efforts into conducting special skills sessions. Your efforts were noticed and commented on by many senior people in our club and Hockey WA. A few

hiccups with the lost little boy looking for his mum while Grand dad was chatting to the uniform staff. No names no court marshals but we did have fun with that one and caught up with an old friend.

If you are not already aware our Junior Development Office Jon Smedley is well into the program with the first draft of the Melville Brand of Hockey Manual written, many coaching sessions performed and now the coaching the coaches section happening on several nights to tie it all together. We have received many compliments from members on how this program is progressing to date. Johns efforts here are excellent and Emma Bell Junior Coordinator and the Junior committee along with John should be very happy on how the junior programs are going to date as they cover all facets of Junior hockey.

Just some club house keeping and updates as bullet point comments:

Uniform Panel is now working into Phase two of the uniform change for the club and progressing to member uniforms and the extra paraphernalia type garments which go along with this change. That is brought about by our lead supplier Canterbury progressing successfully to the next level of the contract.

The **Kitchen and Bar** is in full swing again on Thursday nights and other times so come on down and grab a delicious meal or drink. At \$10.00 a serve the value is fantastic and take away containers are available. You can also meet top players and coaches as well as they join us most Thursday evenings for the meal and a quite ale. If you can help we are now **desperate** for some volunteers to be supervisors in this area. If you can help please contact Maureen Welten or Graeme Coleman m: 0414441490.

Just a reminder for grass games. If you are the last game of the day please teams put your **goals** away.

Can't wait for the games. I hope you have a good week and look forward to seeing you **at the club**.

Gary Bowater
President

PREMIER LEAGUE

Ladies Melville Toyota League vs Old Aquinians (Lost 1 - 2)

2015-04-19

Best: M. Carmichael, N. Evans, P. Hetherington

Goals: C. Pickford

No report

Ladies Melville Toyota League vs North Coast Raiders (Lost 1 - 2) 2015-04-26

Best: E. Judd, M. Carmichael, C. Donaldson

Goals: E. Stratton

No report

Ladies Melville Toyota League vs Westside Wolves (Lost 1 - 2) 2015-05-02

Best: M. Carmichael, E. Bone, E. Judd

No report



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Ladies Premier 2

This week we came up against Pirates who have been the benchmark team in the 2's. Bad turn overs, basic skill errors and poor decision making cost us the result we were after this week. We now know the level of hockey we need to produce to get the result next time we face Pirates. Another big week on the training track.

Mens Premier Alliance vs WASPS (Won 2 - 1)

Goals: J. Wakefield, S. Gibbins

After the success of the 1s and 2s on Friday night we were pumped and hoping we were able to make it 3 from 3. After the first push back the game was high paced and full of intensity, we realised this would not be an easy 3 points. We were the first to hit the scoreboard through Shaun Gibbins. Wasps responded and started to look dangerous upfront but we held it together and our strikers were able to pounce on a breakaway and generated our first PC, which we successfully converted through a breakdown variation by Josh Wakefield. Wasps were able to peg one back late in the half from a PC we went into the break at 2-1. In second half we were much improved and started to get more of the ball which in turn generated a lot more scoring opportunities but still our finishing let us down. The whole team stood up in the dying minutes holding out wasps that looked like stealing some points. Was great to see the entire team defend and slug out a win. Face top of the table UWA next week.

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE

Mens Provisional 1 vs UWA (Lost 0 - 2)

No report

Mens Provisional 2 Gold vs Lions (Won 5 - 1)

Best: B. Rushton, M. Read, M. Deveson

Goals: M. Read (2), J. Pickering, R. Williams, A. Halliday

Like the Fremantle Football Club, going in undefeated meant we were the hunted. Unfortunately for the hunters, they were struggling to field a side, and it wasn't until the 3rd minute until the keeper had found his way to the goal. As Ross Lyon would say we can only control what we can control, and we let the cobblers do the cobbling, and we bank the four points and move on...sorry got a bit carried away. Back on topic, we should have put a few more away (10 or so), but that's hockey....I think. And Slug's beard is only going to get worse.



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Ladies Provisional 2 Black vs Old Aquinians (Won 6 - 1)

Best: R. Harrup, S. Jarvis, M. Woodforde

Goals: R. Harrup (2), C. Dawes, S. Jarvis, J. Powell, K. Atkinson

We began quickly off the mark with a goal within the first minute of the game, but started to rush passes a little and poor disposal cost us the ball a number of times. We then went 2-0 up off a short corner, but let Red's in with a easy goal to be 2-1 much of the half. A late short corner converted after the half time whistle, saw us go into half time 3-1 and a bit more pumped up after that late one. The second half saw us playing a lot better and more like we did the week before, with the passing game coming together again and strong running, leading to 3 more strong goals for the half, one of which came from short corner. Not a pretty first half, a much better managed second half and a 6-1 win, that we were happy to come away with. Still much to work on, but good signs...so far.

Mens Provisional 3 Black vs Lions (Won 1 - 0)

Great to see the number of players returning to hockey this year, and with so many new players it is great to be able to string together a bunch of wins! This one was a lot more of an arm-wrestle - we had most of the play but took our time to finally put a goal on the board.

Ladies Provisional 4 Gold vs Kwinana (Won 1 - 0)

Best: E. Bradley, S. De Melo, L. Walkemeyer

No report

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METRO LEAGUE

Ladies Metro 1 vs University (Drew 1 - 1)

Best: K. Green, G. Forbes, M. Farrow

Goals: G. Forbes

Good game against a tough opposition in another physical clash. A huge welcome to the new gals Marloes and Rachel, we hope you had fun!!

VETERANS

Ladies O35 Division 2 vs Modernians 2 (Won 3 - 0) 2015-05-06

Goals: S. Clark, D. Goundrey, F. Power

No report

Ladies O35 Division 2 vs Fremantle (Won 3 - 2) 2015-04-29

Best: V. Carmody, S. Clark/K. Mishra, G. Glaskin

Goals: S. Clark, D. Goundrey, R. Hetherington

No report

Ladies O35 Division 2 vs YMCC (Won 5 - 0) 2015-04-20

Goals: D. Goundrey (2), L. Anderson, S. Clark, R. Hetherington

No report

Mens O40 Division 4 vs Lions 4 (Won 5 - 3)

Best: B. Kennington, P. Willis/G. Gelfi/B. Gibbins, P. Paino/A.

Toogood/D. Wauhop

Goals: B. Kennington (3), T. Neesham

Good all round performance against the top team Even though we had some help to make up the numbers Thanks to Andrew, Ted and co our core playing group had an an outstanding game. Hoping to have back some of our regulars and all the best to Ian and hope he can get back into the team soon

Mens O50 Division 2 Gold

Best: P. Meacock, C. Avent

Goals: G. Coleman (2)

A tough game against the top team. We didn't make the most of our scoring opportunities, hence had a draw instead of a win. Thanks to Wayne for filling in and Bill for keeping control of the game.

Mens O50 Division 3 vs Hale (Won 2 - 0)

Best: J. Christie, R. Knyn, T. Patton

Goals: L. Alder, R. Knyn

Good result against a competitive side. We still struggle to convert from our opportunities. Again had most of the play for the majority of the game.

Mens O60 Division vs Aquinians (Lost 0 - 4)

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

Another tough game, this time against a much improved team, with several top recruits adding to their talent pool. We tried hard throughout, but were never really in the game, after conceding two early goals. We need to pull together as a team, and support each other, to start enjoying our hockey more, and challenge more of the teams in our grade.

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JUNIORS

Boys 11/12A vs Wolves (Lost 1 - 2) 2015-05-10

Best: J. Ross, S. Bentley, J. Rayfield

Goals: T. Ziegelaar

The boys put in a good solid effort against a very good opposition. They fought back and equalised quickly after conceding the first goal. Great effort all round.

Boys 11/12A Reserve vs Westside Wolves (Lost 1 - 3)

Best: B. Cadle, G. Bloem, B. Brown

Goals: W. Reynolds

The 11/12 A Res Boys played Wolves away and unfortunately went down 3-1. A slow start by Melville with a few defensive lapses, and some clinical play in the attacking D by Wolves, meant we found ourselves 3-0 down early on. The last 10 minutes of the half saw Melville start to put together a few passes and create some attacking opportunities. A penalty corner was scored by Will, to take the score to 1-3 with 5 minutes to play in the first half. After half time, a much more determined Melville side took to the pitch and put the Wolves defence under immense pressure for the first 20 minutes. Despite some wonderful ball movement from one end to the other, to create some goal scoring opportunities, we were unable to get the ball past the Wolves keeper. Through no lack of effort, the score remained 1-3, with Wolves taking the 3 points. I believe if we had been able to put a goal in early in the second half, it could have been a different result, however it was pleasing to see the boys continue working hard until the very end.

Girls 11/12A Promotion vs Wolves (Won 6 - 0) 2015-05-08

Best: C. Browne, M. Ballard, T. Power

Goals: T. Widger (2), C. Dawes (2), S. Jackson, T. Power

Week 2 Result (Melville 6 - Wolves 0) - What a team we have!

Unlike our freeways the goal scoring (fog) has lifted.

Someone's crystal ball is certainly working - with correct predictions on all fronts.

- many more goals scored;

- a lot more for spectators to cheer about;

- an increase in hunger for goals; and
- movement up the competition ladder (now 3rd)

The combination of great team work, the return of some team members, two very capable double ups in Ash and Jade (thank you to you both!) and a notable increase in determination saw the team enjoy about 80% domination of the game.

Truthfully, the opposition were very lucky the score was not more devastating, as again we missed multiple opportunities. The good thing is that as we get our whole team playing together on game day - our goal conversion rate should improve. A very pleasing aspect was that you all earned those opportunities through good basic hockey and unselfish team play.

Well done girls - keep it up and continue listening to the coaches! Our dedicated spectators can look forward to some more impressive games to come and hopefully that will compensate them for suffering the Perth winter cold to watch their precious young ladies show off their stuff.

Thank you to Gareth Widger (Trilby's Dad) for umpiring and Allison (Chloe's mum) for the refreshments (PS: Kirst and Megs ate most of the snakes):-)

Boys 11/12B vs Kwinana (Lost 0 - 5)

Forfeited due to player numbers

Girls 11/12B vs St Brigids (Drew 1 - 1)

Goals: A. Graham

A great second game to the season playing on home grounds, Melville dominated the majority of the game and if we hadn't of missed a couple of goals the score would of reflected how well the girls played, nice goal from Alice.

Boys 9/10A vs WASPS (Won 6 - 0)

Best: Team Effort

Goals: W. Stewart (2), T. Dickson, K. Potter, M. Scally, M. Tate

Great weekend to play the Waspies - the top 3 men's sides beat them, as did the 7/8A boys, and now us! First win at the this level for

about 18 months - want to give some credit to the half a dozen or so boys and their families who have stuck at it over that period. We created chances and we finished them - which was fantastic. Work to do on our defensive structures and the second line of the press, but we are starting to play the brand of hockey we want to. No reason we can't make it two in a row. And well done Mac on a clean sheet.

Girls 9/10A vs Hale (Won 2 - 1)

Such a scrappy game. Again a game with many opportunities but needed more people in the DANGER ZONE. That's how Annie got her goal, so great work. Major message for the game: focus on what you can control, being work rate and communication, and not on what you can't control.

Boys 9/10A Reserve vs Modernians (Won 3 - 1)

Best: H. Parkes, J. Lukan, H. Sutcliffe

Goals: J. Lukan, H. Parkes, H. Sutcliffe

Following a delay due to the gates at UWA #2 pitch being locked the boys were a bit slow to start and went down a goal early on. It was great to see them not panic and gradually work themselves into the game, creating a large number of scoring opportunities.

When we are composed and strong on the ball, move the ball and lead into space we make the game look easy. The boys showed they are very capable of doing this, the challenge now is to do it for longer periods in the game. Another step forward and more positive signs that we will develop into a team that will be very hard to beat, just remember to have a plan. Good first up win for the team, well done.

Girls 9/10A Reserve vs Westside Wolves (Red) (Lost 0 - 4)

Best: J. Christie, L. Mellor, A. Ross

The girls were out played today by a Team that was more determined and hungry for the ball in the first half. They emerged with a bit more fire in their belly for the second half and showed that they can match up with Teams of this level if they desired it.

Boys 9/10B (Black) vs Westside Wolves (Won 2 - 1)

Best: J. Walkemeyer, M. Harrup, L. Farrow/G. Hyde

Goals: L. Farrow, S. McKinnon

We entered the opposition den for the first time this year and came away with the win despite a rather scrappy and high turnover affair. Credit to the boys for gritting their teeth and for the second consecutive week coming from behind to win the game. The brightest note is that all the boys know we can play a lot better and we have a team that will support each other to achieve those new highs as the season progresses. It is exciting to see players who are graded outside of the elite, growing their talents every week and loving their hockey, this is a team to be proud of Melville!

Girls 9/10B (Gold) vs Hale (Lost 0 - 1)

Best: B. Martin, E. Robinson, D. Jolliffe

Fantastic start to todays game girls! You started with great energy and intensity generating so many attacking passages penetrating the circle with real determination. Last week was a great start but this week you showed what you are made of. Hale had a strong side and at times it was tough going which i was very proud of.

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

Best: B. Harel, P. Lorraine, Z. McKinnon

Goals: B. Harel (3)

Well Done Melville Boys 7/8 A for a convincing win over WASPS. Ben Harel had a fantastic game scoring all three goals. Ben appears to have mastered the "Tomahawk" and had luck on his side for this game. Well done Ben! Zac had a busy game and saved many goals as our goalie and was a great contributor to the final result. Jacob John, Callum Brown and Patrick Lorraine played well with good efforts also from Bradley Dowie and Oben McHoull. Matt Willis has returned to coaching and he led the boys to their first win.

Girls 7/8A vs Rockingham (Won 7 - 1)

Best: Excellent Team Effort

Goals: N. Flynn (3), L. Cocks, G. Farrow, J. Jackson, G. John

A very dominant display of quality hockey by the whole team with Neasa being in outstanding form. Not only did she score a hat-trick, but she sizzled in the second half and set up numerous scoring opportunities and forced half a dozen penalty corners. We worked our right side offence well and we even moved the ball around the back (well done Ivy, Sarah, Saoirse and Lana). Good signs all around.

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

Best: Team Effort

This weeks loss to Modernians can be seen as a positive step forward.

We are showing improvement across the ground and especially during our second half were unlucky not to equalise. The girls were showing some good passing and decision making with some excellent forward passages. One more aspect was introduced being a basic defensive press. Its effectiveness was demonstrated in both the forward line and defence, and now gives us another platform to build on. Onwards to this weeks training, well done to the team, a real solid performance.

Boys 7/8B (Black) vs WASPS (Won 5 - 0)

Goals: A. Lukan (2), J. Hart, K. Holyoake, L. Scatchard

A dominant display by the boys resulting in a comfortable win. A number of positives came out of the win, our defense was as solid as a rock, our forwards swarmed all over the opposition, and our teamwork was much better than round 1. Despite the comfortably win, we have much room for improvement. We struggled late in both halves suggesting we are not as fit as we could be, and we still want to take on one player too many instead of laying off a pass.

Girls 7/8B (Gold) vs WASPS (Yellow) (Drew 1 - 1)

Best: S. King, E. Bodt, O. Farrell

Goals: M. Raja

The girls played at home on the turf against WASPS in an evenly matched affair. The first half saw plenty of defence required with Sam King, Cassidy Batten and Mia Borinelli cutting off many of the WASPS attacking moves, with the few that got through expertly kept out with superb goal keeping from Elena Bodt. WASPS determination saw them score late in the first half to take a 1-0 lead into the break. After a half time pep talk by coach Andy Bull the girls came out with renewed vigour and used some great passing out wide to find Mary Raja in the D, who calmly put the ball into the far corner for the equaliser. The girls continued to push hard for the rest of the half and had a number of chances to win the game but were unable to capitalise on them. The game ending in a fitting draw against a tough opposition.

Girls 5/6A vs Westside Wolves Red (Lost 1 - 2)

Best: C. Templeman, Z. Arthur, G. McCormack

What a great start to the season girls. After some initial nerves in the first half you settled down to improve in the second half. A good competitive game which bodes well for the season ahead.

Boys 5/6A Promotion vs NC Raiders (Won 4 - 1)

Best: Team Effort

Goals: D. Bradshaw (2), H. Bilclough, A. Yonge

First game of the year for our J5/6 A boys, and although a real mix of players with various levels of experience they have already started to gel well and came up winners 4-1 against NC Raiders. It was a real team effort with goals from Dylan Bradshaw (x2), Harry Bilclough and Alex Yonge.

Boys 5/6B Black vs Wolves (White) (Lost 0 - 1)

Melville 5/6 Boys lost 0:1 in a high tempo encounter against Wolves (White) notwithstanding several entries into the Wolves 'D' and a spirited Melville defence. The Melville boys showed a notable improvement in all aspects of their play over the last few weeks and indicated that they are going to be competitive in 2015. An very encouraging performance by everyone on the day.

Girls 5/6B Gold vs Wasps (Won 5 - 0)

Goals: N. Chisholm (2), S. Billingham, C. Brown, F. McHoull
The 5/6 B Girls played a very strong first match against the WASPS who put up a good fight. Darcie Farrow really shone with some fantastic hits in the D, but Natasha Chisholm stole the show in the second half with two goals. Finition Mchoull, Sophie Billingham and Charlise Brown were the other goal scorers for the game with one goal each.

Boys 5/6C Gold vs Fremantle (Lost 0 - 2)

Best: M. Horrocks, D. Swinton, T. Dyson

A fantastic effort by our team this week against Fremantle. A warm sunny morning meant our team ended the game sweating and exhausted. We are really starting to gel as a team with players working to help each other. Our basic skills are developing with some great passes and very strong defending. We played a great running game and certainly had our chances in goal. Great work by our goal keeper Torin Dyson with good support made goal scoring very difficult.

Girls 5/6C vs WASPS (Drew 0 - 0)

The J5/6C Girls had a good solid start to the season under Coach Cam Robinson. Whilst there was no score when they the final whistle blew they had some good forward play and nice passages of play. The girls should be proud of their first game.